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Three "Pals" Go to Court

FAIRFIELD ASSAULT CASES

THREE PARTIES CONCERNED.

HAD ALL BEEN "PALS" TOGETHER.

Three charges of assault were heard by the Northcote court on Tuesday, the circumstances being somewhat unusual. Two of the men were partners on a job, upon the completion of which one collected the payment. Whilst these two men were discussing the money in the presence of a third man, it was alleged that assaults took place, in which all three men were implicated. One of the men said that before the occurrence all three had "been pals together."

After hearing the evidence all the charges were dismissed by a majority decision.

THE CHARGES

William Foster, Jeffrey street, Fairfield, was charged with having, at Fairfield on July 20, unlawfully assaulted Eric Raymond Moorman.

William McClusky, Stanley street, Northcote, was also charged with having assaulted Moorman.

There was a charge against Eric Raymond Moorman, of Jeffrey street, Fairfield, of having assaulted William Foster.

Dispute Over Money

Mrs. Rosanove (for Moorman) said it would be alleged that on the day in question Foster and McClusky lay in wait for Moorman, and because he would not pay Foster £1/1/ which Foster claimed was his share of the proceeds of the job, that the two men "beat Moorman up."

Was Partner With Foster

Moorman said that he had been partners with Foster as house decorators, and they did a job for £2/12/6.

Collected for the Job

On the Saturday morning I collected the money. On Sunday, whilst on my way to Preston I saw Foster and McClusky. Foster said, "What are you going to do about the money?" McClusky said, "Come on, be fair." I said, "It's no concern of yours."

McClusky began to take his coat off and I declined to discuss the matter further.

On my way home at 5.40 p.m. Foster and McClusky were waiting for me on the corner of Victoria road and Westgarth street. Some discussion took place. Foster said, "Are you going to give up the money?" I said, "No."

"Come On, Bill—We'll Get It Somehow."

McClusky then said to Foster, "Come on, Bill. We'll get it off him somehow."

McClusky then grabbed my arms and held them behind my back, and Foster punched my face, making my nose bleed, cutting my face, and knocking out two teeth. Both men then started to drag me across the road on to a vacant allotment.

"Got Free and Ran"

At last I struggled and broke free and ran for my life, as I realised it would be no good fighting when there were two against me. I got home and after washing my face went to the Fairfield police station and reported the matter. I was advised to take out a summons.

Was Friendly With Both Men

Mr. H. H. Gray (for Foster and McClusky).—Previous to this you had been friendly with both men?—Yes.

You arranged to meet them at the corner about 6 p.m.?—Yes.

When you got to the corner there were others there also?—Yes; but they went away.

There was £1/1/ owing to Foster?—Yes.

Did you have any argument with Foster whilst there were others present?—He had an argument with me.

Did you walk across Westgarth street on the way to your home?—No, I was dragged.

It was Foster with whom you had the fight?—I didn't have any fight. I knew it was no good, as they were two to one.

Didn't Object to Demand on Sunday

Did an argument arise over Foster demanding his money on a Sunday?—No. I objected to him making his demand in public.

Was reference made to fixing up the matter on Monday?—Yes, I said I would do so.

Did Foster say, "Can't you fix it now?"—Yes. I said I wanted to make inquiries.

Is it a fact that McClusky had walked away, and as Foster turned to go also you clouted him on the ear?—No.

Moorman's Face Was Bleeding

Senior Constable Williamson, of Fairfield, said he saw Moorman at 7 p.m. on July 29. His face was bleeding and showed abrasions.

Mr. Gray.—It looked as though he had been fighting?—Yes.

Foster and McClusky Deny Assault

Mr. Gray said that McClusky would deny having touched Moorman. The fight was between Moorman and Foster. Both Moorman and Foster had been unemployed and had done a small job together, for which both men were to have gone together to collect the money on Saturday. Moorman did not keep his appointment to meet Foster, but went alone and collected the amount. On the Saturday when Foster asked for his share, Moorman said that as Foster had made his demand on a Sunday he could consider himself paid. The parties met again by appointment that same night, and after some words Foster said he would issue a summons for the money on the next day. As Foster turned to leave Moorman "clouted" him, and a fight ensued, in which McClusky took no part whatever.

"Wanted His Money"

William Foster said:—On the Sunday, about 5.40 p.m., when I asked Moorman for my share of the money for the job he said, "Consider yourself paid for making a demand on a Sunday. I've studied books," and then Moorman went on with a lot of rot.

McClusky, who was standing near, said "Why don't you give Foster what he is entitled to?" Moorman replied, "You keep out of this."

After further argument McClusky said to me, "Why don't you summon him?" I said, "I'll take out a summons to-morrow."

Was Clouted on Ear

I turned to go, and as I did so Moorman clouted me on the ear. I turned round and saw Moorman in a fighting attitude. I defended myself and retaliated.

Mrs. Rosanove (for Moorman).—Did Moorman have two teeth knocked out?—His teeth are decayed. I don't think he had any front teeth to lose. (Laughter).

Was his face bleeding?—His nose was.

He was not dragged on to a vacant block?—No.

What did McClusky do?—Nothing.

Not even act as referee?—No. He was some distance away.

McClusky has a reputation of being an amateur fighter?—I don't know.

Exchanges Between Counsel

Mr. Gray (to Mrs. Rosanove).—What has that got to do with the case? It is only atmosphere. You are always doing that.

Mrs. Rosanove.—I'm quite entitled to ask questions. Why do you say I am always doing it?

Mr. Gray.—I might have asked your client if he was a pugilist, too. (Laughter).

The P.M. (Mr. Stafford). — Will counsel kindly go on with the assault case. (Laughter).

McClusky Never Touched Moorman

Mrs. Rosanove (to witness).—You say McClusky never touched Moorman. Yes.

McClusky's Evidence

William McClusky said.—I was present with Foster when he met Moorman. I heard an argument over money, and Moorman refused to pay because it was a Sunday.

I then suggested that Foster issue a summons. We walked along across the road towards Moorman's place. I had gone a little way down the street and, hearing a sound like a blow. I looked round and saw the men fighting.

The P.M.—Did you see the first blow struck?—No.

Mrs. Rosanove. — Did you walk across the vacant allotment on your way home?—Yes, I always do.

Foster was indignant because he could not get his money?—He was calm.

Wasn't a Pugilist

Are you a pugilist?—No.

Have you done any boxing?—I have entered the ring as an amateur.

Albert Phillips, Rathmines street, Fairfield, said he was driving his car along Westgarth street and saw Moorman and Foster fighting. McClusky was several feet away.

Mrs. Rosanove.—Were their noses bleeding?—How should I know? I was not near their noses to see. (Laughter).

Cases Dismissed

By a majority decision all the cases were dismissed.

The P.M. said that he dissented from the decision.

ALLEGED THEFT OF FIREWOOD

ACCUSED MAN PROVES ALIBI

Alfred Ernest Stack now of Etnam street, Preston, but formerly of Youngman street, was charged at the Preston court on Thursday with having stolen a quantity of firewood from the railway yard at Bell station.

He pleaded not guilty.

The case was part heard on the previous court day, and was adjourned to enable Mr. R. T. Cahir, who appeared for Stack, to produce evidence as to Stack's whereabouts at the time the robbery was alleged to have taken place.

Mrs. Eileen Stack said that on the night in question she went with her husband to a picture theatre in the city, leaving home at 6.30 p.m. She heard about the alleged theft next morning.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rankin, Etnam street, Preston, said she gave her daughter money with which to go to the pictures.

Mr. Walker, J.P., said the case would be dismissed.

AN ASSAULT CHARGE

Stack was then charged with having assaulted Henry Alwood, a railways inquiry officer.

The evidence showed that Alwood was conversing with Stack over an alleged theft of firewood, and Stack suggested that they go to the police station. Whilst walking down High street, near the Preston town hall, Alwood said he was going to the Bell station, and not to the police station. Then Stack grabbed Alwood by the arm and they both fell over.

After hearing the evidence the P.M. (Mr. O'Grady) said the case was not a serious one, and a small fine of £1, with 5/ costs, would be imposed.

JUST A TRICK OF PERSPECTIVE makes it seem as if a player was being thrown into the air after the ball in a strong-man turn during the Clifton Hill v. Glenhuntly tramways football match. He was moving under his own power, however.

PRESTON COURT

THURSDAY, JULY 31

Before Mr. O'Grady, P.M., and Messrs. O. A. Walker and T. J. McMahon, J.'sP.

A Builder's Affairs

W. Fitzgerald, trading as Preston Fibrous Plaster Works, proceeded against William Oke, of Excelsior St., Regent, on a fraud summons for the recovery of £13/15/ and 6/ costs.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared to examine Oke.

Oke said he was a builder, and admitted that the order stated had been made. He had been building a home for his wife, and was working on it to finish it. He received no wages, and had only got £1 in the last month. The house had been sold, a deposit of £25 being paid, but the final settlement had not been made. When it was this debt would be discharged. Bills for plumbing and electrical work to the house had been paid by the solicitor who took over the financing of the house. The debt was a just one and he would pay it when the settlement was made on the house.

Mr. Cahir (for Fitzgerald).—How have you been living in the past month.

Oke.—On credit.

The P.M. said that under the circumstances the bench could not make an order.

Rode on Footpaths

Llewellyn Walker, Edwardes street, Reservoir, who on July 15 rode a motor cycle on the footpath in Gilbert road, Preston, was fined £3, in default 14 days' imprisonment.

Walter Edward Bowen, Broadway, Reservoir, who rode a bicycle on the footpath in Broadway, pleaded "guilty under victimisation."

Constable Macklin said he stopped defendant, who said, "I had permission to ride on the footpath."

Bowen said the road was very rough and boggy. His wife had interviewed the engineer, who had said, "I can't give you permission to ride on the path, but I would do so on account of the boggy condition of the road."

The P.M.—That can't override the law.

Sergt. Lang.—The road is very rough.

Fined 10/.

James Denning, Lake street, Reservoir, who rode a bicycle on the footpath in Gilbert road, was fined 10/.

For similar offences Frederick Cheesley, Willoughby street, Reservoir, and Henry, Joseph Webster Henty street, Reservoir, were each fined 10/.

OAKHILL AV. AND QUEEN ST. CROSSINGS.

STATEMENT BY PRESTON'S ENGINEER

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday the city engineer (Mr. W. H. Scott) submitted a report on private crossings as follows:—

The private crossings put in at the entrance to private property were not included in the scheme of street making until schemes brought out on and after February 17 last. Prior to that date the private crossings were a separate item quite apart from the scheme of street construction, and the owners were interviewed either by one of my staff or by the contractor. In the case of Oakhill avenue, they were not put in until the contractor had been asked verbally by the owners or occupiers for the same. In the case of No. 18 Oakhill avenue and others, the order was signed some time after the crossing was actually put in, and the signature is the same name as the person registered as owner or occupier. At that time there was no inspector in charge of private streets only, and since his appointment no crossing, to my knowledge, has been put in without first securing the direction in writing. After the notices were signed they were sent to the rate collector's office to note that there was a charge for a private crossing. The books in which the notices are made out were later returned to my office. I then understood that the various notices had been entered up, although the actual cost was not at the time included.

Cr. Robinson.—I understand the method of charging for crossings has been changed.

The Engineer.—Yes In future no crossings will be constructed unless the consent of the owner is first obtained.

Mrs. Social Climber: "I'm going to enter Bonzo in the dog show next week." Neighbor: "Do you think he will win?" "No; but he'll meet some nice dogs.'

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Activities at Preston

By The Rousebout.

Bell Park.

BELL Park, which is situated in the East Ward of the city of Preston, is undergoing further improvement and beautification at the hands of Mr. Eagles and his garden staff. About 200 new shrubs have been planted and the general appearance of the park speaks well for those having the care of same.

Mayoress's Guild.

AN Australian Tea in aid of Preston unemployed is to be held under the auspices of the Mayoress' Guild in the town hall. An enjoyable musical programme is being arranged and a large attendance is anticipated.

Alleged Sheep Stealing.

A CASE of sheep stealing appears in the crime record at the local watchhouse this week. William Wilson, farmer, Bell street, East Preston reports the loss of two merino and one Southdown lambs, valued at £3. Between 6 p.m on July 25 and 6 a.m. on July 26 the sheep were stolen from a shed at Mr. Wilson's residence.

Larceny.

GEO. Atyeo and Sons, stonemasons, Bell street, report that between 5.30 p.m. on July 24 and 8 a.m. on the following day a tyre, tube and rim, valued at £15 were stolen from the yard.

After the Ball.

MR. L. W. Williams, town clerk at Preston accompanied by Mrs. Williams attended the Charity Ball in the town hall on the evening of July 23. Mr. Williams left his house in Cramer street securely locked at 8 p.m. and on returning home at 3 a.m. the following morning missed the sum of £11/14/6. The front leadlight was broken, and by this means the thieves effected an entrance to the house. A side window was also broken.

The Serenaders.

THIS band of songsters has a fairly full list of engagements for the month of August including the following:- Thursday August 7 at the Queen Carnival in connection with All Saints, Preston; Tuesday August 12, The Seamen's Mission, Melbourne Thursday, August 21, Macleod Military Hospital; Saturday August 30, Colony for Epileptics, Clayton. The Serenaders give freely of their time and talents in entertaining those who would otherwise have little opportunity of passing a pleasant and sociable evening.

West Preston State School

FIFTY-EIGHT lads attending the West Preston state school are now members of the band connected with that establishment. The band did well in the recent contests conducted in the Melbourne town hall and although not prize winners succeeded in acquitting themselves in a highly creditable manner.

Miss Cox, organiser of the swimming movement in connection with the Education Department will pay a visit to West Preston state school on Friday for the purpose of seeing the work done by the girls in land drill, life-saving and resuscitation methods.

Fire Brigade Items.

THE fire alarm breaking fiend is still meandering round, causing the brigade no end of trouble in turning out when there is no occasion to do so. They had an unnecessary run to Reservoir railway gates at 2.48 p.m. last Sunday and the one vious day there was a false alarm from the corner of Gilbert road, and Regent street. In the latter case it was discovered that the culprit was a small boy of tender years, who was in a state of tears and confusion when taxed with having interfered with the alarm without rhyme or reason. The alleged culprit will be called upon to tell his little story at next sitting of the Children's Court.

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Reservoir Branch A.L.P.

THE above body has organised a series of dances, at popular prices which are held every Thursday evening in the Byfield treet hall, the proceeds being devoted to assisting local unemployed. The dances are gaining in popularity and are a means of driving away a wolf called hunger from quite a number of Reservoir homes.

Epping Road Railway Crossing.

MR. J. Cain, M.L.A., Minister for Railways has advised Preston council that inquiries are being made as to the provision of an alarm bell at Epping road railway crossing. He also advised that he was taking up the matter with the Railways Commissioners.

Metal for Private Streets

PRESTON council will give consideration to the price of metal charged for private street construction works when the estimates for 1930 are being discussed.

New State School Wanted

PRESTON Council, instigated by the West Preston Progress Assn. has resolved to make representations to the Education Department for the erection of another state school near Gilbert road and Regent street, Preston.

East Preston Social Club

CONSIDERING the bad weather last Saturday night, the attendance at the euchre and dance at Bradford Hall was encouraging. The club is looking forward to a bigger attendance still next Saturday. Arrangements for the picture night at the Gowerville Theatre are proceeding smoothly and a bumper house is expected. The combined committees of the club and the L.O.L. No. 12 are working hard to make the Gala Night a big success. Trophies and quantities of refreshments have already been promised.

Serious Allegation Not Sustained

AT the meeting of the Preston council on July 14, a letter was received from J. Shillern, chairman of the Preston Unemployed, making serious allegations against three officers of the council.

A committee consisting of the mayor and Crs. Crispe and Adams, was appointed to investigate the charges and after doing so came to the conclusion that they had not been sustained, and that the characters of the officers concerned were left clear.

The council on Monday adopted the investigation committee's report.

Charity Ball

MR. Williams, town clerk, makes the satisfactory announcement that a sum of about £150 will be available for the unemployed movement as a result of last week's charity ball.

Australian Women's Association

THE fortnightly meeting of the Preston branch of the above association was held in Bradford Hall on Monday. The secretary reported on meetings attended during the fortnight, and the president reported on a social evening of the South Melbourne branch on Thursday. Later a "Bobs" competition was arranged and the trophy donated by Miss H. Griffin was won by Miss Pearson.

Fox Trot Competition

PRESTON footballers' fox trot competition in the new town hall every Saturday evening continues to attract dancers from all over the metropolis. Another heat will eventuate to-morrow evening. Following the competition the usual novelty dance will be held.

HOLY TRINITY SOUP KITCHEN

(To the Editor)

Sir,—May I, through your paper, acknowledge the following donations:—Dr. Mendelsohn £5, Dr. Crawcour £2/2/, Dr. Bearham £2/2/, Mr. Tomkins £3, Mrs. Hall 5/, Mrs. Short 5/, Mr. Sanderson 10/, Miss Williams 2/6, Mr. Ryan £1, Mrs. Paine 5/, Mr. Dyte 10/, Mrs. Ellis 3/, Miss E. Pollock £1/15/, Miss M. Pollock £1, Mr. White 4/, Doris Blatchford 3d., Well Wisher 3/, Miss D. Stevens 5/3, Mr. Falkner 5/, Mr. T. Downing 10/, Thornbury Masons £2/2/, Mr. Curtain 10/, Miss Greta White 2/, Miss Primrose 3/, Miss E. Paine 3/, Miss Pickering 2/, Mr. O'Brien 6/ Mr. Colley 6/, Ivanhoe Friends £1/2/, Returned Soldiers, £1/1/, Miss Bang, 2/, Mr. and Mrs. Thorn 10/, Mrs. Luxton 4/, Mrs. Smith (Normanby Ave.) 7/, Mrs. Greig 4/, Mr. G. McWilliams 2/, Thorn Brothers, 8/, Miss Downie, c/o Miss P. 10/, Audrey White 1/, Len White 1/, Mrs. Riddell £1/2/, Mrs. Lawrence 5/, Johnson and McMillan 13/, Mr. Innes, c/o Mr. R. 10/, Mr. Rose 10/, Mrs. Deehan 5/, Mr. Laidman 2/6, Mr. C. Brown 5/, Mr. Wardley 10/, Ian White 1/, Mr. Jones 10/, Mrs. Ford 5/, Mr. Morley 5/, Young Man 2/, Mr. O. Snowden 5/, A.R. 10/, Mr. D. J. Whittaker 10/, Miss Bryant 2/6, Mrs. J. O'Kane and Mrs. P. Gleeson's house party £2/10/7. I wish to thank the above for their generous donations, also all those (too numerous to mention) who have sent clothes and food supplies to enable us to carry on in this time of distress.—Yours etc.,

A. B. RAVERTY.

RESERVOIR NEWS

Reservoir Football Club received a crushing defeat from the Whittlesea Football Club.

Mr. Hemburrow held an enthusiastic meeting on Wednesday night, and a committee has been formed to further his candidature in this part. Personal canvass by Mr. Hemburrow has obtained flattering results, his plank of the subdivision of the west ward appealing to local voters.

The arangements for the procession and fancy dress football match are well in hand. Messrs Flanders and McFarlane are the joint secretaries and organisers.

The usual fortnightly Pleasant Sunday afternoon was held at the Epping Road Theatre on Sunday last. The theatre was packed. Mr. Greenwood M.Sc. of the inspectorial staff gave a lecturette on "Some Phases of Education". Items were rendered by Mrs. Tucker (encored) Miss Dyring and Misses H. Clinnick and Jenkins, Mr. Wills moved, Mr. Vains seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Greenwood and the artists. A collection of £2/9/9 will be handed to the Relief Committee.

The "Made in Australia" shopping week will be observed in Reservoir from August 1 to 8. The school children will be given free pictures the films portraying Australia's manufactures.

The Ladies Guild held a social at the Byfield street hall. Church funds should benefit considerably. Mr. Hardie, superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School conversed a meeting of representatives from the local Protestant Sunday Schools to discuss celebrations for the Henry Raikes Commemoration. It was decided to hold a procession and rally at Edwardes Park.

A working bee of about 50 men assisted by two concrete mixing machines, dug and filled in foundations for a new Catholic Church on the Spring street frontage.

The first appearance of the Reservoir Minstrel Troupe at the Byfield St. Hall, was a distinct success. The corner men, Messrs Counsel and Boyce, were in splendid form. The circle consisted of Messrs. Lusk, Bennett, Cosgrove, Stevens, McKenzie, Rae, Snell, Jenkins and Smith, while single items were well received. Mr. T. R. Clinnick acted as interlocutor, with Mrs. T. R. Clinnick at the piano.

Messrs. Campbell Bros. of High and Edwardes St., Reservoir are concentrating their business activities at their Edwardes St. shop.

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE

(Contributed by Mrs. R. M. Hosking)

A wonderful children's party was held in the Thornbury Dispensary Hall on July 26. The attendance was a record, the gathering being over 500. The judges found it a hard task to do justice to all. There were over twenty prizes. We wish to extend our thanks to the orchestra, also the M.C., Mr. S. Smith, with Messrs. Lindsay and Rule, who acted as clowns and kept the children amused. Mr. C. Stevens found it impossible to take a flash-light owing to the large gathering in such a small hall. During the evening Mr. Aird distributed the prizes, and I would like to correct a mis-statement which Mr. Aird made in his speech. He stated the "good work of the organisers" of the children's party. Now, I wish it to be understood that Mrs. M. Davey, a member of the above league, was the sole organiser, with the help of her friends. Mrs. Davey wishes to thank all who donated and helped to make the party such a wonderful success. The only expense was the hall hire.

As president of the Ministering Children's League, I wish to thank Mrs. M. Davey and her friends for the successful gathering, and greatly appreciate their efforts to assist the league.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Welcome Social to Rev. and Mrs. Reeves

The school hall was filled to overflowing with members and adherents of the Congregational Church, Martin street, on Thursday evening, 24th inst., the occasion being a welcome social to the incoming pastor, Rev. D. E. Reeves. The chair was occupied by Mr. Jenkins.

Mr. Miller welcomed the newcomers and assured Mr. and Mrs. Reeves that they had identified themselves with a happy congregation. He had been connected with it for the last 30 years and there never had been any bickering. The Women's Guild had done fine work. They have raised £100 per annum and thus have met the liabilities.

Mayor Hayes said that he had had steady association with the Congregational Church from early times. He had to thank the Men's Club for their splendid effort on behalf of the relief fund. The result was remarkable when it was remembered that many who attended the concert have been contributing in other ways. He invited Mr. and Mrs. Reeves to attend the annual meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. He wished Mr. Reeves every success.

The chairman read several apologies.

Mr. Hall (superintendent, Sunday school), in a few humorous remarks, welcomed the new pastor and his wife.

Mr. Duward, on behalf of the choir and the Men's Club, also extended a hearty welcome.

Rev. J. Raverty welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Reeves. Matters in connection with the welcome of a minister were similar to those of a wedding ceremony—the contracting parties took each other for better or worse. He was sure the church would stand behind its minister in every way it could.

Rev. S. Dorman remarked that he had been a co-worker with Mr. Reeves and hoped he would have a long and successful ministry.

Rev. Reeves, who was received with long-continued applause, said he had already begun to know some of his flock. He appreciated the kind things said. He was sure a friendly membership would grow up, which was always the best for God's work. Every member must have an equal responsibility with the minister. He appreciated the fine body of workers the church possessed, especially the women workers. As a church he trusted all would co-operate. His earnest desire was to have a Christian Endeavor Society established. This would be his first move in the direction of training the young life to be able to pray and speak for themselves. The Men's Club is also a movement towards community work. He congratulated the officers of the church. He appreciated the attendance of the ministers of other churches, which promised well for co-operation. He thanked those present for the very warm welcome.

During the evening songs were given by Miss W. Green, Mr. Farrell and the Misses Johnston. The ladies of the congregation had prepared a nice supper, which was partaken of before the audience dispersed.

Preston Church of Christ

During August a series of special evangelistic services will be conducted on Sundays at 7 p.m. The general theme will be "The Man Christ Jesus," and each Sunday night an appropriate subject will be preached upon. On August 3 the subject will be—"Face to Face with Jesus," and the following Sunday it will be—"Clasping the Hands of Jesus." One feature of these services will be the special music and singing which has been carefully selected for its appropriateness to the subject each night.

Practical Christianity

A splendid thought has been put into practical operation by some of the country members of the Churches of Christ. This week several children from needy Preston homes, have been sent to the country by the Social Service Department of the Victorian Churches of Christ. They will be cared for and provided with everything necessary during the winter months, and thus will be given a delightful holiday while their parents are relieved of their keep. The children have gone to different places, such as Kaniva, Wedderburn, Pakenham etc., and even their fares have been paid for them by the Department, which is under the direction of Mr. W. H. Clay. Many needy children from other suburbs have also been thus helped by the country churches.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist

Col. A. T. Holden, C.B.E., is expected to return from Central Australia in time to preach at the Prince of Wales Park and the High Street Methodist Churches on Sunday. In order to do this, Mr. Holden is travelling as far as Adelaide by goods train and will reach Melbourne by the express on Friday.

Presbyterian Church Rossmoyne St.

A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, in the Rossmoyne St, Presbyterian Church school hall, of teachers and officers of the various Sunday Schools in Northcote and Preston to consider means of celebrating the 150th anniversary of the work of Mr. Robert Raikes, in founding the first Sabbath school in 1780. The form decided upon was a united service in three large halls in Northcote, Thornbury and Preston respectively when addresses will be delivered by different speakers regarding the good work initiated by Mr. Raikes. An effort will be made to obtain more scholars, to secure more efficiency in the schools; to increase the spiritual inspiration of teachers; for fuller decision for Christ among the scholars and increased membership in the churches. A committee was appointed to arrange details.

James Street Presbyterian Church

The induction of the Rev. D. Jones to the charge of the James Street Presbyerian church will take place on the evening of August 13.

All Saints, South Northcote

The evening service on Sunday was conducted by the Rev. Henry Mitchell, of the Bush Church Aid Society. On Tuesday evening the visitor delivered an illustrated lecture on the work of the Society, in which much interesting information was given.

High Street Methodist Church

The members of the congregation of the above church are looking forward to next Sunday when two noted Methodist preachers are appointed to take the services. Rev. Charles Tregear is appointed to preach at the morning service and Rev. Col. Holden C.B.E., D.S.A., in the evening. Hon. Samuel Mauger, J.P. will address the members of the Young Ladies Class and the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society in the afternoon at a quarter to three, and an invitation is extended to the public to hear this noted speaker. The Pastor of the church (Rev. J. J. Jennings) who is at present abroad, continually keeps in touch with the church during his absence. The latest letters from him describe his tour through England, Scotland and the Continent. He expects to leave England on August 30, and coming home via America, to arrive about the middle of October.

Congregational Church

Last Sunday being College Sunday, services were in keeping with the aims and needs of the college in connection of the denomination. The Pastor (Rev. Duncan E. Reeves) preached an eloquent sermon in the morning and the evening service was taken by Mr. Ewen Watt (a student of the college) who dealt with the aims of the institution. Mr Reeves occupied the pulpit at East Brunswick on account of sickness of the speaker appointed. The subjects to be dealt with next Sunday will be found in advertisement on the back page.

Civic Service at Preston

The Mayor and Councillors, together with officers of Preston council will attend a civic service at the New Presbyterian Church, Cramer St, Preston, on Sunday August 10, at 7 p.m.

New Church

Under the chairmanship of Ven. Archdeacon Hancock, M.A., Archdeacon of Melbourne, a meeting will be held at Bell State School on August 5 at 8 p.m., to make arrangements for holding Church of England services.

Presbyterian Church, Preston

Dr. Borland, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, on Saturday opened the church which has been removed to the corner of Jessie and Cramer streets, Preston. The church was moved from its original site to follow the movements of population. The land was bought for £2,000, and the cost of removing and reconstructing the church was £800. The Rev. A. J. Stewart is the minister. Before the opening ceremony Dr. Borland was welcomed by the mayor (Cr. McPherson) at a civic reception at the Preston town hall.

Dr. Borland warmly praised the fine spirit of co-operation between the churches and the various municipalities in their efforts to relieve distress.

FAIRFIELD NEWS

Alphington Benevolent Society.—On July 23 a card party and dance was held at St. Jude's Hall, Alphington, by which the sum of £10 was raised. A number of donations were received.

R.S.S.I.L.A.—A number of returned men in unfortunate circumstances have received help during the month, and some of these expressed thanks.

Card Party.—Members of the Parents' Club held a card party at Alphington Hall on July 24.

Fairfield Constable Transferred.—First-class Constable J. McGrady, who for some years past has been stationed at Fairfield, has been transferred to Fitzroy.

Social Club Party.—A successful evening was spent by the Victory Social Club on Saturday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, when the programme consisted of games, dancing and musical items.

FACTORY AS BAND ROOM

The Preston council on Monday received a letter from Mr. T. R. Clinnick, secretary of Reservoir District Band, stating that some time ago permission had been granted by Mr. H. P. Zwar, who had also advanced £100 to the band for uniforms, to use a factory in Broadway as a band room. An "informer" had advised the Health Department that the factory was being used for dances, and the Department had replied stating that "that were so the building would have to be registered as a public hall.

Mr. Clinnick's letter further stated that it seemed a deliberate attempt to entangle the band when the municipal elections were approaching, and that it would be found that the band was a resolute body, and would resent interference with its activities.

The council also received a letter from the Health Department, advising that the factory must be registered as a public hall if used for dances, and failure to do so would render those liable to a penalty of £100.

Wants Name of "Informer."

Cr. Robinson moved that the matter be referred to the committee of the council, and the Department be asked to supply the name of the "informer."

The mayor suggested that Mr. Clinnick be asked to attend. Certain statements had been made, and he would like the council to have all the information Mr. Clinnick could give on this matter.

It was decided to ask Mr. Clinnick to attend the meeting of the committee.

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Will all please accept this as a personal expression of deep gratitude. 35 Jessie St., West Preston.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL

Published Every Friday Morning

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1930

To "Sympathiser with the Unemployed"—Your letter will be published if you so desire it under your own signature, but not otherwise.

New Insolvent.—William James Moorhouse, of Rene St., Preston, builder. Causes of insolvency—Losses on contracts, not able to dispose of properties, want of employment and ill-health. Liabilities, £745/15/-; assets, £3,967/19/8; surplus, £3,222/4/8.

Preston and Northcote Amateur Athletic Club will conduct a relay race to Cranbourne on Saturday afternoon. Runners will be the bearers of a despatch from the Mayor of Preston to the President of the Cranbourne Shire.

Permits for new buildings issued by the Preston building inspector during the past fortnight totalled 17, of an approx. value of £3,745.

Acting on behalf of Joseph Goddard, formerly president of the Port Phillip Stevedores' Association, a resident of Crispe St., Preston, Mr. C. H. Auty, has issued a Supreme Court writ claiming £2000 damages for alleged libel against the "Herald" and "Weekly Times" Ltd., Melbourne.

ONLY 5/- VALUE FOR EVERY £1 SPENT.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—In your report of my personal explanation re Government grant for unemployment, the fact that I denied making the statement that the Council would only get 5/- worth of value for every £1 spent is not made sufficiently clear.

In my speech I showed that the Government by its restrictions re £ for £, provision of material and employment of single men for one day and married men for two days, was whittling away the value that the Council would get for the money it spent. An interjection was made "You would not get 5/- of work done." This interjection was attributed in your article as being my statement. At last Monday's Council meeting many councillors in the discussion on unemployment corroborated my statement that the mention of 5/- was an interjection.

In justice to me I would be obliged if you would make my position in the matter clear, as in a private and public capacity I am endeavoring to help the unemployed in every way, and was so doing on this occasion.—Yours, etc.,

WM. OLVER.

(Cr. Olver's statement that he did not make the remark that the Northcote Council would only get 5/- worth of value for every £1 spent, was borne out by the discussion at the last meeting of the Council. The statement certainly was made by way of interjection, and as the gallery on that night was packed, and interjections were frequent, it can be quite understood that the interjection probably came from the gallery, and was attributed to Cr. Olver in error. —Ed.)

Mr. Chas. Rawlinson, tailor, of 170 High St., Preston (phone JW 3035), draws attention to the excellence of his tailoring.

A grand concert will be given in West Preston Progress Hall on August 16 in aid of boys' gymnasium club. See advt.

At St. Mark's Church Hall, Preston, a grand fancy dress novelty night will be given. Mr. A. G. Hedger is hon. sec. See advt.

Tenders are invited by the Preston Council for the construction of Hawker Av., Ellison St., and part of Shakespeare Av.; for construction of Compston St. and for part of Burch St.

Mr. L. W. Williams, town clerk of the City of Preston, invites tenders for the right to sell refreshments, etc., at the kiosk, Preston Park, for 12 months.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION

PRESTON.

CENTRAL WARD

MR. ZWAR'S CANDIDATURE

Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., who is contesting the Central Ward seat at the forthcoming Municipal Elections is a man who is exceptionally well versed in matters appertaining to business affairs, and has a wide knowledge of matters connected with Local Government. He has been a resident of the Central Ward, Preston, for 18 years, and has therefore seen the Ward's development and knows its needs thoroughly.

Mr Zwar, who is Managing Director of the Parkside Tannery, is widely known throughout the city, and is regarded as one of Preston's leading citizens. His practical sympathy and advice always being at the disposal of those in need has made for him many very sincere friends.

Mr. Zwar has the distinction of holding more positions on public, sporting and other bodies than any other citizen of Preston, and the most remarkable feature of Mr. Zwar's public usefulness is that with the many public positions held by him he can be by no means classed as a figure-head in any one of them. His energy is so unlimited that his duties in connection with the various organisations are studiously carried out, thereby keeping himself well versed with details of the working of each.

Mr. Zwar has devoted a great deal of time to the Returned Sailors and Soldiers. So highly do they esteem him that they have conferred upon him the highest distinctions possible, and Mr. Zwar has the unique privilege of being, as well as a Life Guest of the Preston branch R.S.S.I.L.A., holder of the following:—Australian Certificate of Merit, R.S.S.I.L.A.; Australian Gold Medal of Merit, R.S.S.I.L.A.; Victorian Certificate of Merit, R.S.S.I.L.A.; Medal of Merit, No. 6 District, R.S.S.I.L.A.; Limbless Soldiers' Badge.

In conclusion, Mr. Zwar, if elected, is one in whom the ratepayers can place their utmost trust and confidence, relying upon Mr. Zwar's sincerity, loyalty to Preston, and his unbounding energy to safeguard their interests in the council chamber.

WEST WARD

MR. HEMBURROW AT WEST PRESTON

The Progress Hall in Gilbert road, West Preston, was the scene of the opening of the campaign of Mr. W. J. Hemburrow on Wednesday evening. The attendance was extremely good, the hall being almost filled.

The candidate briefly explained his policy, and impressed his listeners with his views and sincerity. He dealt at some length on the financial position of the council, which he considered deplorable. He stated he was definitely opposed to an increase of rates, and urged that all items of expenditure should bear the closest scrutiny. He supported the contract system, but where the ratepayers requested day labor he would concede it his support, as they were the people who paid. On fixed business such as the quarry he favored day labor. Politics in the council, he said, should not find a place, as councillors should hold office only as trustees of the ratepayers' money and always spend it to the best advantage, seeing at all times that value was in accord with the expenditure.

At the conclusion of his address Mr. Hemburrow answered a number of questions.

Mr. Gordon Irwin moved a vote of confidence in Mr. Hemburrow as a candidate for the West Ward, which was seconded by Mr. Andrews. Mr. G. McDonald supported the vote, as also did Mr. G. Stevens and others. It was carried unanimously.

The candidate briefly responded and thanked all present for their attendance and support.

The chairman (Mr. Hagger) thanked those present

EAST WARD

MR. ANDREWS SPEAKS

The selected Labor candidate, Mr. Andrews, addressed his third meeting. He prefaced his remarks by denying the rumor that he was in favor of salaried councillors. He was definitely in favor of money used at present for the social side of municipal activities being considerably curtailed. His whole efforts, if returned, would be directed to lowering service costs. He favored day labor as a means of providing decent relief for unemployed. He believed the engineer's department needed re-organising. He was uncompromisingly in fav r of 100 per cent. local employment. The claim by the council that provision for 75 per cent. local employment had been made was deceptive. When analysed it was found that provision for little more than 50 per cent. local employment had been made. Our local resources had not been fully exploited. Pitchers had been carted from Coburg while we had a suitable quarry at Preston. He would oppose the 2/ per yard profit on metal for private street construction. He would uncompromisingly oppose any increase in the rating. He criticised the raising of salaries of highly-paid officials while permanent day men were either being rationed or dismissed. In his opinion, the refusal to accept the £2500 Government grant was a disgrace. The sustenance cry was nothing short of humbug. If his policy of day labor, utilisation of local resources, financial re-organisation, re-organised administration and 100 per cent. local labor was applied work could be provided for the whole of the unemployed of Preston.

Mr. Thos. W. Andrews, who styles himself the energetic and progressive selected Labor candidate, elsewhere advertises his policy, which includes 100 per cent. local employment, day labor, efficient administration, re-organisation of the finances, development of local resources, lower rating, non-salaried councillors, development of the East Ward, etc. Mr. R. Rogerson is the secretary to Mr. Andrews' campaign committee.

NORTHCOTE.

WEST WARD

Mr. J. A. Hogan will address the electors on August 5 at the Methodist School Hall, Shaftesbury parade. Details advertised.

RE ELECTION PROPAGANDA

(To the Editor)

Sir,—On Friday evening, 18th inst., a resident of Preston, who is not a subscriber to the library, entered the building and requested the librarian to remove party propaganda, which he alleged was being displayed for party purposes. There were a number of people receiving and returning books at the time and heard this request. When I read the par. in your last issue, I recalled the message that was given to the librarian, and it was almost word for word to that which appeared in Friday's issue. Regarding his reference to "tripe," I fail to see the analogy. Perhaps your correspondent was thinking of the outside of the bullock, but not wishing to mention it, the other suggested itself. However, be it "tripe" or "sausage," it was not placed there by any party. The library hall is available to the first applicant, and is usually engaged a week prior to an election. It is used for meetings, and on election day as committee rooms. If any hand bills are in the library, it is not the place or duty of the librarian, or any one connected with the library to sweep them out. That is effectively done every morning by the person in charge of that department.

ANOTHER RATEPAYER

HOYTS MERRI THEATRE

A burlesque company from war days is the main setting of "Splinters," in which the leads are all played by men. "Second Wife" is the second feature, with Conrad Nagel and Lila Lee leading a strong cast.

On Monday comes winsome Billie Dove in "Careers," which offers this charming actress one of the most attractive roles of her brilliant career—that of a woman in Cochin-China who risks her honor to further the advancement of her husband who is in the diplomatic service. Carmel Myers, Thelma Todd, Antonio Moreno and Noah Beery support Miss Dove. In "The Cohens and Kellys in Scotland," Cohen and Kelly, ignorant of one another's plans, cross the Atlantic to the land of the bagpipes, with designs upon the plaid business. Kilt-clad and comical, they stumble into a nost of uproarious experiences culminating in the determination to commit suicide because their fortunes have been lost. How this works out is the comedy high-spot of the production.

For Thursday comes "Wise Girls," which deals with the trouble of a man with daughters to marry, and of a plumber with ambitions. Highly successful as a stage play in Australia under the name of "Kempy," this domestic comedy of J. C. and Elliott Nugent is not confined to the Bence home, but spreads through the neighborhood. It brings the laughs simply and naturally, because it tells of simple and natural people. "Men Without Women" is a thrilling story of the men who go down to the sea in submarines and possesses many striking novelties in theme and treatment, as well as being the first all talking film of this most dangerous field of nautical adventure. There are no women in the cast, and the main part of the narrative deals with a group of 16 survivors of the collision between their undersea craft and a blundering steamer, trapped in their iron prison at the bottom of the China Sea. Kenneth MacKenna and Watier Grail head the cast.

NORTHCOTE DRAPERY HOUSE CHANGES HANDS

Messrs. Sharpe Bros., one of the oldest established drapery establishments in Northcote, have disposed of their complete interests, which have been secured by The Beehive at less than half cost price. In order to mark this important event a grand opening sale will be held commencing on August 7. This will be the best opportunity ever presented in Northcote to secure bargains, and housewives should take advantage of this exceptional offer. A striking announcement appears elsewhere, and a comprehensive sale circular will be circulated next week.*

UNEMPLOYED RELIEF

Preston Council and Government Grant

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday the mayor moved a notice of motion:—

That the resolution of the council that the Government's offer of £2500 for relief works on the £ for £ basis be not accepted unless the sustenance grant is continued, be rescinded, and that the grant be accepted.

The mayor asked for generous consideration of the offer, more so in view of the council's adverse financial position. The need to provide work was most urgent, and the Government had said it could not find money for the grant and for sustenance as well. The local unemployed committee had undertaken to raise funds for sustenance for those for whom work could not be provided under the scheme.

Cr. Robeson seconded the notice of motion.

Cr. Newton said in view of a letter from the Preston Unemployed Relief Committee, he would be agreeable to the council accepting the Government grant, and he had always been prepared to accept it, provided arrangements were made for sustenance for those who could not be given work.

Continuing, Cr. Newton said.—I did not want the council to accept any scheme which would give work to a number of those in need, and leave the rest to starve. Many of the unemployed are not able to do the hard work which will be made available, and sustenance should be provided for these men. That has always been my attitude, and I was never opposed to the acceptance of the Government's offer provided a guarantee was given that sustenance would be continued for those for whom work could not be found.

Cr. Robinson said that the council had not the £2,500 to put up so as to take advantage of the Government's offer. If the offer were accepted and then the council could not find its share, Preston would not only lose the Government sustenance, but the Government grant as well. If the council accepted the offer it would be doing an illegal act, and one for which all councillors could be made personally responsible.

A Voice—Ha! Ha.

The Mayor—Order!

Cr. Robinson.—I object to the remarks from the gallery. They are derogatory to the dignity of the council.

The Mayor.—I'll **maintain** order

Cr. Robinson.—The Government is collecting the stamp tax for the relief of unemployment and should pass the money on to the councils without demanding £ for £. If the grant were accepted there were always a lot of men who could not do heavy work, and for these sustenance should be provided. If the council takes a firm stand it will get both the grant and sustenance as well.

Cr. Robeson.—Cr. Robinson has altered his views.

Cr. Robinson.—I have not. I still want sustenance as well as the Government grant.

Cr. Robeson.—At the last council meeting we were told there were 600 unemployed registered in Preston. Of these only about 300 are receiving sustenance, and that at the rate of 7/3 per week per head. Last week the cost of food was £123 for 332 men, and the week ending July 26 sustenance was given to 300. Whilst a lot of men are unemployed about three out of 10 are ineffective, being either absent or having got a job. This percentage would reduce the 600 to 520 amongst whom are a lot of single men. The council's policy of giving one day's work in three and a half weeks is doing much to relieve the situation. If the grant is accepted the council could give more relief, and those left will be given sustenance by the local relief committee.

On July 14 37 men were called for work, of whom 12 did not turn up and one came late. On subsequent days 420 were called and 320 reported for work.

Cr. Robinson.—Where is the council's £2500 coming from?

Cr. Robeson.—I don't answer silly questions.

At this stage there were some exchanges between Crs. Robinson and Robeson, and Cr. Robinson still asked where the council was to get its £2500.

Cr. Robeson (to Cr. Robinson).—Portion of it will be got from the £100 which you, as mayor, last year spent on 12 hat racks without authority. (Laughter).

The Mayor.—A profit of £4000 is anticipated in the Electric Light Department. I think some of this money can be used.

Cr. Adams said when asked for sustenance as well as the grant Mr. Kiernan had said that if there were men who could not be given work under the scheme the Government would have to help them. He felt the Government should give the £2500 unconditionally to the council. If the council had to put up £2500 for labor only and then provide material, the Government grant would be equal to only about £1 to the council's £3. It was most unfair that the Government should give the same amount of relief to cities like Malvern, with 300 to 400 unemployed, as it did to Preston with 600.

Cr. Maynard supported the motion, and was speaking when he turned to the mayor and said, "If the remarks I make are distasteful to you, Mr. Mayor, I'll sit down," and he did so.

The Mayor—Continue; but it is little use "flogging a dead horse." The motion will not be carried here tonight.

Cr. Maynard.—You should give me common courtesy and patience when I have the floor and am addressing the council. I won't "belabor the dead horse," as you put it.

Cr. Spratling.—What's the good of the £800,000 raised by the Government for unemployed relief? It will hardly provide a feed for all the unemployed round Melbourne. Three or four millions would be nearer the mark. I don't know where the council is going to get its £2500 from.

A Voice from the Gallery.—Where will you get your breakfast? (Laughter).

The Mayor.—Order!

Cr. Spratling—Let them talk.

The mayor said the resolution could not be carried by the council meeting that night. The Government was trying to do somthing to give relief, and even though that was little, yet it was a start. No municipality had been better treated by the Government than Preston, and in the early part of the work the Governmnt had paid a debt of £260 for sustenance incurred without authority.

Cr. Robinson.—I know I'm out of order and that the whole of this discussion is also, but I would like the council to be able to do something. I suggest that the Finance Committee be asked to devise ways and means to find the £2500 required before the council can take advantage of this grant. Although the Electric Light account is shown to be in credit £8000, this amount is balanced against the present overdraft, and to take £2,500 from the Electric Light account would be simply to increase the general overdraft.

The reason why a vote could not be taken was because the motion proposed to be rescinded was carried at a full meeting of the council. When it came to the time to put the notice of motion to a vote there was not then present a full meeting of the council.

MEETING OF UNEMPLOYED

The following resolutions were carried at a meeting held last week in Preston Park:—

(1) That this meeting of Preston unemployed expresses alarm and disgust at the attitude of a majority of councillors regarding the offer of the Government of a subsidy of £2,500 on the £ for £ basis for relief of the unemployed in the municipality of Preston. Such offer, if accepted, would, in our opinion, tend to give unemployed men a better measure of relief than the dole now handed out by the sustentation allowance, and we further agree that, in the event of the council again refusing to accept such subsidy, that such councillors voting against such acceptance at the next meeting of the council should tender their resignations with a view to re-election solely on the unemployed question.

(2) That the State Government be asked to make the unemployed question a matter of first consideration, as the relief granted is totally inadequate under the present scheme.

About 250 were present at the meeting.

FURNITURE AS FIREWOOD

Last Wednesday morning one cold resident of Preston was badly in need of a warm cup of tea prior to setting out on the almost daily hopeless task of seeking work. He looked round the room, and the only available article in the way of firing, viz., a chair, was chopped up and the wood made use of to boil the water in the kettle. Another local unemployed man, feeling the cold pinch, set to work and broke up the kitchen table, which was used as fuel. When these two instances were mentioned by a well-known charitable worker, it was suggested that it was hardly a fair thing to break up furniture for such a purpose, the reply was: "Well, what were the poor beggars to do? Perishing with cold, not having sufficient to eat, and no prospect of work! Can you blame them for trying to get a little warmth for the time being?" The worker referred to said if these cases were mentioned in the columns of the "Leader" it might have the effect of inducing some kind-hearted man or woman to send along a bag of wood, coal or coke.

Mr. Zwar, chairman of the committee, mentioned that the house-to-house canvass for weekly subscriptions was being continued with a fair measure of success, and local residents and business people are doing their best in sending along parcels of clothing and food, all of which are most acceptable. What is urgently needed at the present time are shoes and clothing for many little Prestonites, and mothers in more affluent circumstances can do a good turn in overhauling old kit-bags, cupboards, lockers, etc., and sending along to the relief depot articles of wearing apparel, for which the owners are not likely to have any use.

Women between forty and fifty years of age make very good and safe pilots of aeroplanes, although they may be slower to learn than their younger sisters.

GOWERVILLE AND STAR THEATRES

COLORING COMPETITION

The winners this week are Ron Southcombe, Edward Smith, J. Pittard, Bob Ward, Beryl Fry and Bessie Goldstein. Many other entries were received, but did not comply with the rules.

AN INDOOR SWING

Much pleasure can be given to children on winter days by putting two strong hooks and a piece of rope in the living room doorway, and letting them have a swing in the house that they enjoy quite as well as the outdoor one.

TENNIS.

Northcote Presbyterians played their last game in the winter competition of Northcote District Association on Saturday, when Northcote Methodists defeated them by 10 games.

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PRESTON COUNCIL

MONDAY, JULY 28

The usual meeting of the Preston council was held on Monday. Present were the mayor (Cr. G. C. McPherson, J.P.), and Crs. J. W. Adams, C. T. Crispe, L. Jones, G. E. Robinson, A. E. Newton, W. Spratling, R. H. E. Maynard and W. T. Robeson.

CORRESPONDENCE

West Preston Progress Association

West Preston Progress Association, (1) asking for attention to pot holes at Cramer street, west of Gilbert road; (2) asking for better light in Bell street, near Darebin Creek bridge; (3) attention to footpaths in Crispe street; (4) light for corner of Butters and Excelsior streets; (5) light for Frankston and Excelsior streets; (6) sanitary conveniences for Cramer street Park; (7) garbage service; (8) that utility pipes in High street, north of Murray road, be placed under the footpath.

The items were referred to the various committees dealing with them.

Cr. Robeson said items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 had already received consideration.

Regent Central Progress Association

Regent Central Progress Association, (1) re footpath in Jeffrey street, east side, from Mason street to Tyler street; (2) attention to drain at rear of Walsall avenue; (3) attention to construction of drain at rear of shops in Plenty road north, behind Smith's newsagency; (4) attention to pot holes in Plenty road, near tram terminus; (5) attention to pot holes in Tyler street, between Oakhill avenue and Plenty road; (6) light for Hawker avenue.

The mayor moved that 1 and 2 go to engineer for attention; 3 to P.W. committee; 6 to E.L. committee; 4 and 5 have been attended to.

Reservoir United Progress Association

Reservoir United Progress Association, requesting (1) light at Luscombe's crossing; (2) asking for further attention of the Railways Department to request for better train service to Reservoir between the hours of 6.5 and 6.30 p.m., and that an extra train be run between the 6.5 and 6.30 p.m. train service; (3) re Epping road railway crossing, asking what is the intention of the Railways Department in regard to this matter; (4) attention to channel in Royal parade; (5) ashes or toppings in Harbury street.

The items were dealt with as follows:—(1) Sent to E.L. committee; (2) Minister to be asked to receive a deputation; (3) already under consideration; (4) referred to engineer; (5) P.W. committee.

General

A. Wise, application for permission to establish a wood yard at corner of Cooper and Bellarine streets.—Referred to by-law prohibiting same.

L. Holt, asking for attention to footpaths in Matlock street.—P.W. committee.

C. Carlyon, re Barton street drainage.—P.W. committee.

J. P. Tyers, asking for attention to roadway at corner Gower and Alfreda streets.—Engineer to attend.

A. Cuthbertson (1) re drainage at corner McCartney street and Crookston road, also attention to footpath and roadway.—P.W. committee.

G. Foletta, for Salvation Army, re state of Mitchell street in front of Salvation Army Hall.—P.W. committee. Street on list for construction.

E. Jones, re state of road and footpath in Collins street.—P.W. committee.

V. Howell, asking that roadway and footpath in Gilbert road past narrow section be made.—P.W. committee.

H. J. Webster, re state of Gilbert road northwards to Henty street.—P.W. committtee.

James Dinning, re condition of Gilbert road, north end.—P.W. committee.

W. Bowen, re state of roadway at corner of Grange road and Bruce street.—P.W. Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cr. Robinson moved that accounts £468/0/6 be paid.—Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Cr. Jones moved that accounts £24,988/4/9 be paid.—Carried.

A lot of this amount is represented by transfers from Loan 15 back to the municipal funds.

J. O. Horn and 23 others, asking for attention to Pine street and footpaths; also letter from A. Freeman, asking for screenings for east side of Harbury street.—That all applications for the placing of ashes, etc., on footpaths be held over until the end of the current financial year.

Cr. Newton said the clause was ridiculous, because it would deprive the council of the right to give relief, even in urgent cases.

Cr. Jones said the council had not the money to buy and spread the ashes, but it was not the idea of the committee to definitely make a hard and fast rule.

The clause was referred back to the committee.

Cramer street, west of Gilbert road.—Referred to list of works to be carried out under unemployment works relief scheme.—Adopted.

Spring street, east side, from Murray road north.—Held over until money for works is available.—Adopted.

Channelling, north side of Dundas street, between Newcastle and Victoria streets.—That this matter be referred to estimates for year 1930-31. In the meantime the city engineer to consult with Northcote council on this matter.

Cr. Newton said that the object of referring the matter to the Northcote council was simply a way of deferring it. He did not want to see it shelved again.

The engineer said that the drainage in this case would have to be taken through Northcote territory.

Cr. Newton.—Not at this spot.

The clause was withdrawn.

Drain, north side of Raglan street, Newcastle street to Victoria street.—That making of drain be carried out as far as loan moneys available for this purpose will allow.

Cr. Maynard asked what moneys were available.

The Engineer.—Under Loan 8 sufficient money is available to do about two-thirds of the work.

Cr. Maynard.—How much?

The Mayor.—Order!

Cr. Maynard.—I asked a question and I want an answer.

The Mayor.—Order-

The clause was adopted.

Tenders, construction of Down street.—That tender of W. Pizer for £1,400/3/3 be accepted.

Cr. Maynard said that recently Essendon had shown a saving of £2061 on a block of streets by day labor. If Essendon could do that, then surely Preston could do likewise. He moved an amendment that the work be done by day labor.

Cr. Robeson seconded the amendment, and said Essendon had decided to do another £16,000 worth of street construction in Essendon. Preston had a vast army of unemployed, and day labor, besides doing cheaper work, would give employment. The council should be able to do the work cheaper than contractors.

Cr. Jones said the engineer compiled his estimates, not on day labor, but on the average contract figures. A number of local unemployd had submitted estimates for doing two streets by day labor, but these figures were well above the contract price.

The amendment was lost, Crs. Robeson, Maynard and the mayor voting for it.

When the amendment was declared lost there was an uproar from the gallery, which was quickly checked by the mayor.

Tenders for construction of Powell street.—That tender of J. Giddens for £531/7/6 be accepted.

The mayor moved an amendment that the P.W. committee consider the construction of this street by day labor. There was a difference of £28 between the contract and the estimate price.

This amendment was lost, the mayor and Crs. Robeson and Maynard voting for it.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE

Cr. Spratling moved that accounts £710/19/3 be paid.—Carried.

Street Lamps.—That the following be erected:—Corner Bendigo and Wilkinson streets; (2) Cooper street; (1) corner Sheffield and May streets; and (1) in Brown street.

Cynga street.—No action at present.

The foregoing were adopted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Cr. Newton moved that r-o-w at rear of houses in Newcastle street be referred engineer for attention. Houses were often flooded there.—Motion carried.

Drainage, Erval avenue and Jackman street to Newcastle street referred by Crs. Newton and Maynard.

Cr. Maynard said flooding had caused a good deal of damage to one house.

Cr. Crispe asked the engineer what it would cost to put the r-o-w in order.

The engineer said the r-o-w was made two and a half years ago. The water off the hill was the trouble.

Cr. Maynard moved that drain on north side of Madeline street, at McCall street, be referred to P.W. committee.

Cr. Adams moved that r-o-w, near Dundas street, rear Newcastle street, go to P.W. committee.—Carried.

The mayor said the financial position was serious, and though he was retiring in a month he was refraining from bringing forward matters that would cost money.

Footpaths in Young, Collier and Butter streets were referred to P.W. committee by Cr. Adams.

The question of erecting a street light at Sennett street, off Gower street, was referred to E.L. committee by Cr. Newton

Cr. Adams moved that quarry report be referred to the council, the engineer to report on the amount of metal crushed in the past 12 months. If salamander were included in the metal crushed it would affect the price of the metal.—Motion carried.

Cr. Crispe moved that salamander be put on Spring street footpaths.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Newton moved that application be made for an extension of postal deliveries in Balmoral Estate, and as far as Miranda road, Reservoir. The mayor seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Maynard moved that r-o-w off Dundas street, near Hotham street, be referred to the engineer for attention.—Carried.

Cr. Spratling referred to r-o-w between Swift and David streets, where holes required filling.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Newton drew attention to broken culvert at corner Murphy grove and Gregory grove.—Engineer to attend.

Cr. Robeson moved that old metal when available be placed in r-o-w between Gertrude and Adeline streets.—Carried.

Cr. Crispe said a garbage container at corner Dundas and High streets, which had been full for some weeks, should be cleared.—Engineer to note.

Cr. Robinson moved that the construction of r-o-w west of Plenty road, between Murray road and Beauchamp street, be referred to the committee of the council. Some of the owners were prepared to pay to get the work done.

The engineer said the lane was on last year's list. Arrangements would have to be made for more money by the council before the work could be done. The lower end would have to be done first.

Cr. Crispe said the r-o-w was not included in the list for which provision had been made.

Cr. Newton said that the gentleman concerned in this section was prepared to pay the whole of his amount, and would get the remainder of the money at a low rate of interest is the council wanted it.

The matter was referred to the P.W. committee.

Cr. Maynard asked when the remainder of trees in High street would be demolished.

The engineer said the committee of the council had agreed that the trees be removed only so far as the street was being reconstructed.

Cr. Maynard.—Then you got my resolution wrong.

The mayor moved that the Education Department be written to relative to a proposal that high school subjects be taught at Tyler street Central School, where it was understood two rooms were available.

Cr. Robinson said that for a long time the committee of the Preston Girls' School had been endeavoring to get a commercial teacher, but without success, as the Department said it could not provide the typewriters.

The motion was carried.

A similar resolution was carried concerning South Preston Central school.

CAR STRIKES POST

When the motor car which he was driving skidded and struck a post at the corner of High street and Belford road, Kew, on Monday, Mr. Frederick Whitelaw, of Mount street, Heidelberg, was seriously injured. He was taken to a private hospital.

American society girls have taken up a new "craze"—they are trying to get employment as typists, shop girls, etc., much to the disgust of those who have really to work for a living.

Street Construction at Preston

REQUEST FOR DAY LABOR WORK

When considering plans for the construction of Compton street on Monday night the Preston council heard a number of objectors. Several owners urged that the work be deferred until better times.

The plans were adopted.

Plans Adjourned

Ellison street, Hawker avenue, and Shakespeare avenue, from Bowden street to Plenty road, and right-of-way connection Ellison street and Hawker avenue.

There were again a number of objectors.

One speaker said he understood day labor was considerably cheaper than contract, and that some streets had been constructed by day labor for under £1 per foot. The estimate price in these streets was 23/ per foot, and he considered it would be done much cheaper by day labor, and at the same time the employment would be given locally. He understood Cooper street was made at from 16/ to 18/ per foot under day labor.

The Engineer.—You're quite wrong.

The mayor said that if the residents desired the street made by day labor the owners could ask the council to do it that way.

The mayor moved that consideration of the plans be adjourned for 14 days. He had discussed an opening near Hawker avenue with the residents, and he wanted the council to consider purchasing land to open a passage between Hawker avenue and Ellison street. A 10ft. to 12ft. thoroughfare would be all that would be needed, and the cost could be spread over the whole of the scheme.

Cr. Robinson seconded the motion. He had moved four weeks ago that the opinion of the Municipal Association's solicitors be obtained on this point, and the council was told definitely that the council could not legally alienate park lands for the purpose. The people should, however, be given an opportunity to consider the scheme.

The motion was carried.

Birch Street

Plans were also considered for the construction of Birch street, from Gilbert road to Oakover road. These were aadopted.

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OUR SERIAL STORY

THE SECRET OF THE IDOL.

By VIVIAN RENTON.

II.

I did not sleep at all well that night. Before retiring I had looked round the house, and the flicker of the candle had played strange shadow tricks on the face of the porcelain idol, the bulging eyes had leered evilly and had seemed to follow my movements round the room.

I had fitful dreams during the night and the porcelain deity was the central figure in all of them. Really, it seemed that the cursed thing had obsessed me. On awakening with a start for the third time, I felt that to court sleep would be but to court the hideous dreams again.

I parted the curtains of my window and gazed out over the sea. To the east the sky was beginning to show a riot of gold and shell pink and glory. The time was a quarter after four, for I heard the hall clock chime as I looked from the window.

I put on my dressing-gown and took up a candelabra and made my way downstairs, intending to go to my laboratory to finish some work I had been engaged upon the evening before. I rather welcomed the silent morning hours of uninterrupted work.

I had reached the landing below my room when I heard a sound that sent the blood racing from my heart to the sound of something crashing to the floor. Before I could pull myself together another sound followed, a cry so piercing, so fraught with terror, that I felt the cold perspiration prick out upon my forehead.

I am no coward, and my thoughts turned to my wife. I cleared the remaining stairs in three or four bounds and entered the room from which the sounds had appeared to come. At the same time my wife, startled from her sleep, followed me down the stairs.

It is not easy for me to speak of what we saw, and at the best the explanation is merely surmise. Upon the floor, his face frozen with the coming of death into a look of horror, lay my visitor of the morning. Beside him, shattered into a hundred pieces, the porcelain god lay upon the carpet.

But what clutched at my heart and set me shaking with terror, was something which, had I not the testimony of my wife to sustain that of my own eyes, I would hesitate to mention.

As we entered the room there was a movement at the breast of the dead Chinaman, and from his body sprang the weirdest animal I have ever seen. In two kangaroo-like jumps it leapt to the wainscotting, and sat there regarding us with eyes that glinted beneath bushy eyebrows like little devils looking out from the caves of hell.

I had but a short time in which to take in any details. Its body, grey in color, was perhaps eight or nine inches long, and the hind legs were extraordinarily developed. I had read of the old-time gerbil, or jumping mouse, and the creature before me was evidently of the myomorphic group of rodents. I only knew that no such specimen as the little animal by the wainscoting was native to England.

As we looked at it, speechless with terror, it leapt past us, and we heard the "thump, thump" of its body as it crossed the hall. Then the thought of all else was driven from my mind by a little moan from my wife, and, rushing forward, I was just in time to catch her fainting form in my arms, as Jules came rushing to the room.

III.

Ethel returned to London the next day. I, partly from curiosity and partly from necessity, remained at the Grey House. The police would require my evidence at the inquest.

This function took place in the Tinner's Arms, a local hostelry, and was attended by people from all parts of the country. The dead man had been unknown in the district, and inquiries as to a vessel with a Chinese cook having put in at St. Ives brought no results. Evidence was put forward of a Chinaman having been seen at Tremoor some few weeks before, and I wondered, on hearing this, what it had been that the old Colonel had seen when he looked over the wall on to the road. But I said nothing.

The verdict as to the cause of death was that the deceased had been killed after burglariously entering the residence known as the Grey House.

There had been evidence as to a fracture at the base of the skull which had been caused by the head of the man coming in contact with a brass fender, and I, who assisted at the post-mortem, let it go at that. I did not feel that any good purpose would be served by mentioning to a rustic jury the fact of the strange little animal I had seen, or of the two minute punctures in the throat of the Chinaman, which latter, I was pleased to note, quite eluded the eyes of the local practitioner who assisted me in my examination.

The man was buried at the expense of the parish of Tremoor, and a small mound in the churchyard is all that remains to remind the inhabitants of the tragedy in their midst.

The day following the inquest I packed up my things preparatory to rejoining Ethel in London. The pieces of the porcelain idol interested me. The thickness of the material was perhaps two inches in parts, and as thin as one inch in others. The cavity within was discolored and very smooth, and from it came a most unpleasant musty odour.

The face had been smashed by the fall, and I noticed that the eyes themselves had been removed from their sockets and had disappeared. I stood, wonderingly, gazing at the hollow spots, when I felt my hair rising on my head and the fragments of porcelain fell from my nerveless fingers.

From the hall came the thump, thump of some small body leaping across the boards. Seizing my bag, I fled from the house and put up that night at the Tinner's Arms. The next day I took one or two of the villagers with me for help—and perhaps for company—and completed the rest of my packing. That night the Cornish Riviera express whirled me back to the Metropolis.

All this happened some time back, and I am now no nearer an explanation than I was then. I can only say that my researches have shown me that the best known member of the myomorphic family of rodents is the cerboa rat, an animal with excessively developed hind legs and abnormal powers of jumping, who lives mostly in caverns underground.

I also know that among certain sects animals are held as sacred. As the cat was to the Ancient Egyptians, so the rodent may be to the East. It is a well-known fact that Indians have been able to remain buried underground or a week on end by their ability to suspend animation—and rocks have been cleft open during excavation work to find embedded in their centres things of life.

Judging from the inside cavity of the porcelain idol, it is my firm conviction that the animal Ethel and I saw had inhabited it ever since Colonel Mathieson had brought it from China—and perhaps for centuries before that.

The disappearance of the idol's eyes may be accounted for by the supposition that they were jewels, as are the eyes of so many heathen gods. My nightly visittor may have hacked these out and passed them to a confederate before the thing slipped from his fingers and, breaking, liberated its weird inmate.

I have never returned to the Grey House, and I often wonder whether it is still haunted by night marauders as it was in my time, and in the time of its former owner, Colonel Mathieson; and whether, in the dead of night, there sounds a thump, thump across the hall.

I only know that to this day my dreams are haunted by a little ratlike object which sits and glares at me with fiery eyes. Sometimes the eyes are fierce, sometimes there is a look of pathos in them—and the face from which they peer forth is small and wrinkled and like the face of an old, old man.

(The End)

TENNIS TOURNAMENT DANCE

An enjoyable dance was held at Normanby Hall, Thornbury, on July 23 for the purpose of presenting the trophies won during a tournament which was run by the "Blair Athol" public tennis court, McLachlan street, Northcote South. The mayor of Northcote made the presentations. The trophies were won by the following:—Gents' singles, R. Witham (silver cup donated by Mr. J. Mawhinney); runner-up, M. Benison (silver rose bowl); gents' doubles, N. Sharp and E. Peacock (silver cups); ladies' singles, Miss Phyllis Hunt (silver cup donated by Mr. Clarke); runner-up, Mrs. Pretty (crystal dish); ladies' doubles, Misses Loel and Boyle (silver specimen vases); mixed doubles, Dr. O'Collins and Miss Loel (silver cup and silver cake dish). Amongst the large gathering of guests were Mesdames A. Bailey (hostess), Prior, Maidment, Turner, E. Green, Pretty, R. Campbell, Shaw, W. Campbell, C. Tulk, Misses Tulk, D. Bailey, M. Bailey, C. and E. Mander, White, Lavers, Peters, Suary, Hunt, Boyle, Kenny, Dowdell, Waterson, V. Graham, Messrs. Mawley, E. Bailey, K. Sampson, Dr. O'Collins, Reynolds, Sampson, L. Tulk, Peacock, Sharp, Pretty, Mawhinney, Benison, Maidment. For services rendered by Messrs. Mawley and K. Sampson during the tournament Mrs. Bailey presented them with a suede tobacco pouch and a silver cigarette lighter respectively. The catering was by Mrs. Ohorenshaw.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS

36 MILES RELAY RACE

The definite course on Saturday, August 2, has now been fixed for the race, and will proceed via Northcote and Ivanhoe, and not Heidelberg as originally arranged. It was also decided for all the competitors to run in a pack to Bell street, and from there the first runner will take over for the first stage of 2 miles. The course will be as follows:—Leaving Preston town hall at 1.30 p.m. sharp, along High street, through Bell, Thornbury and Croxton to Darebin station, through Ivanhoe to Burke road, along Burke road through Camberwell and Gardiner along Lower Malvern road, through Glen Iris and Darling to Bellgrave road to Murrumbeena, along Dandenong road through Oakleigh and Dandenong and thence Cranbourne, arriving about 5 p.m. All the runners will run to a schedule and will be accompanied by the following cars conveying competitors. On arrival at Cranbourne the party will be met by the shire president and residents, and after tea a euchre party and dance will follow in the shire hall. Cr. Robinson (president) will represent our club whilst in Cranbourne. The majority of the party will return on Sunday.

RAILWAY SAFE BLOWINGS.

RESERVOIR LINE GETS A BAD TIME

For some weeks past the police and the railway authorities have been much perturbed by the persistent safebreakings which have occurred at railway stations, mainly in the inner suburbs. Since May 5 no fewer than fourteen such burglaries have been reported. In the early hours of the morning when the stations were deserted thieves have broken into the booking offices, and have rifled or blown the safes. In few instances have they recovered much for their pains. The maximum haul has been £31.

Considerable damage has been done to furniture and equipment, and in several cases safes, which the police say could have been opened with a toothpick, have been blown to pieces by explosives. Such damage has proved far most costly to the department than the theft of the few sums of money.

The stations entered since May 5 have been Pakenham (£30 stolen), Clifton Hill (£3 stolen), Northcote (£3/10/ stolen), North Carlton (£3 15/ stolen), Reservoir (£31 stolen), Port Melbourne (£3/10/ stolen), Mont Albert (10/ stolen), and Regent, North Fitzroy, Preston, Thornbury, South Melbourne, Glen Iris and Glenhervie. At the last seven stations no money could be stolen, as the locks jammed after the explosion, and could not be opened.

It is thought that the gang operating is composed of amateurs, but so far the amateurs have been successful in eluding the police vigilance.

Of the stations mentioned six are on the Reservoir-Melbourne line.

CLIFTON HILL ROBBERY

Charged with having, on June 22, stolen, in the dwelling of Edith Roe, married, of O'Grady street, Clifton Hill, a watch, clothing and other articles, Dudley Prince, 19 years, boot maker, was committed for trial on August 1 by the Collingwood bench.

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Husband and Wife Have Stand Up Fight

MENTION MADE OF DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS

WIFE SECURES MAINTENANCE ORDER.

A "stand up fight," the wife's throat grasped by husband, a threat to kill the wife, and an allegation by the husband that his wife broke a bottle over his head, were a few of the outstanding ingredients of a maintenance suit at the Northcote court on Tuesday.

The husband also stated that he had consulted the Crown Solicitor with a view to obtaining legal assistance to bring a divorce suit against his wife.

Maintenance proceedings were taken by Florence Morton, of Barry St., Northcote, against her husband, Norman Arthur Morton, Victoria St., Abbotsford, for the maintenance of herself and child.

The Wife's Story.

Mrs. Florence Morton, Barry St., Northcote, said: "About six weeks ago, on one Saturday night, I asked my husband to cut some wood. He said he would do it next morning, and when I asked him again he 'kicked up a fuss' and refused.

"Would Cut Wood Herself."

I said, "I'm full up of asking you; I'll go and cut it myself." I was doing so when a man who was boarding with us came out and did it.

I cooked the breakfast and asked my husband if he wanted any. He was still in bed and he swore and refused to have any.

Later he got up and swore at me and went out. When he returned I said: "Your dinner is in the oven."

Boots on Bed Cover Starts Row.

He did not reply, but went and lay down on a bed, putting his boots on the bed cover. I asked him not to put his feet on the bed and tried to lift them off, and he got annoyed and kicked me on the hand.

"Stand-up Fight."

The next thing we had a "stand-up fight." He knocked me down and kicked me under the bed.

Then he dragged me out again and grasped me by the throat, saying "I'll kill you, you ——."

At that the boarder said: "What is wrong," and my husband then accused me of infidelity, which I denied.

Head Knocked on Floor.

My husband then grabbed me by the throat and threw me on the floor. I bumped my head and remembered no more until a neighbor was giving me a drink of brandy.

Husband Expresses Sorrow.

My husband was then gone. He left a note on the table expressing sorrow for what he had done and stating "I deserve all that is coming to me."

Returned For Pawn Ticket.

"A few days later," said Mrs. Morton, "my husband came back and asked for a pawn ticket for his suit. I gave it to him."

My husband has always been very cruel to me. He has been out of work for 12 months, and I have been maintaining him for that time by keeping boarders.

We have one girl aged seven years. The last time I got any money from him was four months ago, when he gave me £1.

Defendant—I accused the boarder of carrying on with you?—Yes.

And then there was a fight?—Not between you and the boarder.

Didn't you leave the house that Sunday night with the boarder?—I stayed in the house for a week waiting for you to return.

The police have tried to patch things up between us?—Yes.

You sent all the time payment furniture back?—Yes, because I couldn't keep it.

The boarder knew where you had gone?—Yes. But don't forget the boarder was first your friend before I knew him.

Did I offer to take the child?—Yes, but you are not going to get her. She is my baby.

The P.M.—How are you living?—A friend is keeping me until I can get work—which I can't do.

The Husband's Version.

Norman Arthur Morton, headlight artist, said: "I am unemployed, and have done nothing since the timber strike. I am now residing with my mother at Victoria St., Abbotsford.

Divorce Proceedings Mentioned

I have made application to the Crown Solicitor for legal assistance, so that I can institute divorce proceedings against my wife.

Would Provide For Child.

I will provide for the child if I am allowed to see it occasionally.

The P.M.—You are entitled to that.

Wife Had Violent Temper.

My wife has a very violent temper, said Morton, and I sometimes have to use force to save her from herself.

Broke Bottle on Husband's Head.

Once she broke a bottle over my head.

The P.M.—Probably she had good cause to be violent from your own admissions. Still she seems to be able to stand up for her rights.

An Order Made.

Defendant was ordered to pay his wife £1 weekly for herself and 10/- weekly for the child; that he find a surety of £30, and to pay 6/- costs.

A NEIGHBORS' QUARREL

A MUDDY DAY IN BROADWAY

At the Preston court on July 24 Myrtle Victoria Lindsay, single, of Broadway, proceeded against Gladys Bowen, married, also of Broadway, on a charge of assault.

Lindsay said.—I was walking along Broadway with a friend on July 13. We were looking for a suitable place to cross the muddy road when Mrs. Bowen came behind me and pushed me. I turned and said: "Who the devil are you pushing? I'll smack your face if you do it again." With my friend I walked away, and suddenly Mrs. Bowen came up behind me and smacked me on the face, breaking one of my teeth. I retaliated and a few blows were exchanged. Mrs. Bowen then ran away.

Mr. E. W. Norris (for Bowen).—You are not friendly with the Bowens?

Witness.—No.

Bowen said.—The footpath at this spot is narrow, and on both sides of it there is deep mud. Lindsay was apparently looking for a place to cross and when I came near her she stepped into the mud. (Laughter). She quickly tried to regain the path, and she bumped against me. Lindsay then used bad language and got angry, but I remained calm. She assaulted me, striking me on the mouth and breaking my teeth. I only struck back in self defence.

Mr. R. T. Cahir (for Lindsay).—Are you sure you didn't push Lindsay into the mud?

Witness.—Yes.

Mr. Walker, J.P., said that Bowen would be fined 10/, in default imprisonment for 24 hours, and each party would pay his own costs.

Building a modern giant liner means work in the shipyard for 2,000 workers for 100 weeks, while the outside work represents one year's work for 12,000 men.

A JUNGLE ATMOSPHERE

The jungle has inspired the artist who designed the walls and carpet for the dining room in the new Hollywood home of Claudette Colbert, the Paramount player. The walls are panelled and treated in rich browns, gold and cream. The carpet carries on the design in the same colors, with the addition of tomato red. The padded chairs repeat the latter shade, and the framework of the chairs, table and dinner waggon is white. Cloth of gold is used for the long curtains to the French windows and a beautiful piece of sculpture, the only wall ornamentation, is placed in an alcove at one end.

Hotel laundries are finding that in many cases pillow-cases are badly damaged by the cosmetics and hair-oil used by visitors; these get on to the bed-linen, which rots when washed.

NORTHCOTE LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

A large number of ladies and gentlemen attended the forty-second annual meeting of the Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society and Dorcas Society in the Northcote town hall on Monday afternoon.

The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Rev. Duggleby.

The mayor of Northcote (Cr. W. Hayes, J.P.) took the chair and welcomed Mrs. Henderson (president of United Benevolent Societies), Mrs. Woinarski (secretary, Central Council of Benevolent Societies), and Messrs. Connor and Desmond (St. Vincent de Paul). The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Mr. J. A. Thomson and adopted, on the motion of Crs. Oldis and Hughes. Apologies were received from Hon. J. Cain, M.L.A., Mr. Heagly, Mrs. Reid, Fr. Gallivan, Crs. Green and Oliver, Rev. Constable, Rev. Cole, Mr. Duncan, Mesdames Oldis and Peacock, and Cr. and Mrs. Turner. A moment's silence was observed in remembrance of Mesdames Mackinnon and Hogarth and Rev. A. C. Kellaway, who had passed away during the year.

The annual report and balance sheet were taken as read, and Cr. Johnson, in moving their adoption, spoke of the splendid work rendered by the ladies in such troublous times, especially since the Government had handed over the distribution of sustenance to the unemployed. A total of 1,279 persons had been assisted, and £125 weekly is distributed from the relief fund. In referring to the dropping of "Ladies" from the society's name, the speaker hoped this would not come to pass.

Cr. Dennis supported, and congratulated the ladies on their arduous year of help, and trusted they would be long spared to carry on this labor of love. The motion was carried.

The mayor spoke of the widespread stretches the members had to cover, and of the work of the council's officers which had to be its own reward.

Mrs. Henderson thanked the meeting for the hearty welcome and hoped the members would carry on, although no monument was left of their beneficent work. An effort was being made to systematise all charitable institutions in this crisis, and a Girl Found to assist unemployed girls had been suggested.

Mrs. Woinarski spoke from the official point of view, and said young people should be encouraged to join these societies, even though it was natural to shrink from such sordid sights of broken humanity. Unanimity was the goal of all friendly societies and they were gradually converging towards it.

Mr. Connor congratulated the ladies and hoped they would be spared to forge ahead with their good work.

At this stage the Rev. Duncan Reeves (the new minister of the Congregational Church, Northcote) and Mrs. Reeves were welcomed.

A vote of thanks tendered by Mesdames B. E. Johnson and S. Dennis was passed to the acting mayoress (Mrs. J. David) for her capable and wonderful leadership during the year.

Mrs. David responded, saying it was a great pleasure to be among such willing helpers.

On the motion of Crs. Sutch and Hughes a vote of thanks was passed to the hon. secretaries and hon. treasurers for their immeasurable work, for which they deserve all the thanks and praise the citizens can give.

Mrs. R. Thompson and Mrs. Dennis replied suitably, and the infinite aid of Mr. J. A. Thomson in the clerical work was thankfully acknowledged.

Votes of thanks to the doctors, chemist, and the "Leader" were proposed by Cr. Oldis and seconded by Major Wilkinson.

Mr. Swift spoke of his kind welcome and of the general depression, and eulogised the town clerk's task in coping with such a situation. He proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy, which Cr. Dennis seconded. Rev. Duggleby responded, saying church and charitable works were interwoven, and it was the clergy's pleasure to help such a band of energetic workers. Mr. B. J. Abel supported, and said they appreciated the ladies' efforts always.

Rev. A. E. Illingworth tendered the thanks of the meeting to the mayor for presiding in such a courteous manner; and Mr. Perkins, in seconding, said the mayor had the interests of his city and people deeply at heart. The mayor responded, specially thanking the contributors to his special appeal, Mr. G. A. Johnson for auditing, and the town clerk for his control of the Government sustenance. In replying, the town clerk referred to the loyalty of his staff and thanked the mayor for his remarks.

Mr. Perkins closed the meeting with prayer, after which afternoon tea, at the mayor's invitation, was daintily served in the mayor's room.

During the year £1,482/13/8 has been handled by the Benevolent Society, of which provisions £1229/4/, firewood £60/12/5, blankets £18/6/5, and boots £43/18/1 are the main items. The credit balance is £109 4/9. Receipts are: Donations £494 18/3; grants, £410, from sundry functions £393/5/3, mayor's appeal £91 8/3, discounts £6/18/5, subscriptions £18/3/6, and balance in hand £68.

The Dorcas Society has aided 505 cases and has spent £26/12/1, leaving a credit balance of £16/7/5, which is highly creditable to those handling the finances.

MOTOR VAN INJURES CHILD

While crossing High street, Thornbury, near Normanby avenue, when on his way home from school last Thursday afternoon, a child named Keith Bailey, aged five years, of Beaconsfield parade, Croxton, was knocked down by a motor van.

The sufferer was taken to the Children's Hospital, where it was found that both legs were broken.

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HONORS OF THE DAY GO TO PRAHRAN.

AN INTERESTING AND HARD FOUGHT CONTEST.

(By "Follower.")

Prahran continued their run of success, adding Preston to their bag of victims by a three goals margin on Saturday. Prahran, on their own ground, were always in front, each quarter showing them drawing further and further ahead until the start of the last quarter, when Preston appeared to be in a hopeless position six goals behind. Whilst Prahran have little chance of rising to the four they are making a bid to be in the first eight, who will all have a say in playing in the semi-final matches.

THE TEAMS

Prahran.—Backs: Lucas, Koop, Lamprey; half-backs: Parris, Brewis, Flowers; centres: F. Smith, Osborne, Neck; half-forwards: Burke, Lord, Dunn; forwards: Donoghue, Prentice, Beaumont; followers: Rennie, Greenwood; rover: Jordan.

Preston.—Backs: McGann, Gray, Campbell; half-backs: Heffernan, Taylor, Reichman; centres: O'Doherty, Mille., Underhill; half-forwards: Seebeck, Mackie, Davie; forwards: Gall, Surtees, McCormack; followers: Escott, Monohan; rover: Summers.

Prahran appeared wearing black arm bands as a token of respect to their late trainer, who had the misfortune to be killed in a motor accident.

Preston had only one change, Miller replacing the captain (Goonan), who had undergone a slight operation last Tuesday.

Prahran Has First Use of Breeze

The home side had the advantage of a slight southerly breeze. The first ten minutes was even, and then Prahran slowly drew away. They were slightly faster, and kept in front of their opponents.

For the visitors Mackie was marking well, whilst Koop, playing full back, was proving a stubborn defender, frustrating several advances.

First Goal

Lord was following doggedly, and, forwarding to Bourke, he paved the way for six points.

Donoghue was prominent for the home side, though he found Reichman a difficult obstacle to overcome.

A free to Greenwood brought the ball back, and Prentice scored the majority with a running shot.

Attacking on the bounce, Prahran swept Preston aside, and Beaumont registered a single after the bell. The scores at the first change were:—

Prahran: 3 goals 6 behinds (24 pts)
Preston: 1 goal 2 behinds (8 pts)

Preston First Away

On the change over Prahran were first to move forward, and in a flash the elusive Smith sent the ball high up, and Lord, marking finely, made no mistake.

Faulty Tactics

Preston attacked, though marring their own efforts by the faulty tactics of the forwards.

Brewis repulsed at a critical time, but Summers brought the leather back and scored a single.

Preston on the Offensive

Continuing on the offensive, Preston attacked, but with little success, as Koop swept aside his rivals with determination.

Mackie Scores

Pressing forward the visitors managed to penetrate the defence and Mackie snapped a sixer.

Again an advance launched by Prahran was brought to fruition. Osborne forwarded and although Prentice failed in his effort, Beaumont made amends shortly afterwards by scoring full points.

Fumbling Play

Preston were doing most of the attacking, but their kicking was astray. Monohan spoilt a high mark by missing an easy shot, and Gall faltered. Instead of taking his shot he should have smartly passed over to McCormack.

Preston had Prahran fighting on the defence. The Preston forwards were inclined to bunch, and their opponents benefited as the ball dropped out of their hands. Prahran's anticipation was also superior.

Hurried Shot Missed

Surtees shot the ball across to Underhill in the centre. The latter forwarded to Mackie, who passed on to Escott, but the result was disappointing, as the youthful follower badly missed with a hurried shot.

For the third time during the quarter Prahran penetrated the defence. Smith sent the ball on to Osborne, then a free to Lord brought full points.

Prahran Doubles Preston's Score

Preston made another fruitless attack, and the scores at the interval were:—

Prahran: 6 goals 6 behinds (42 pts)
Preston: 2 goals 8 behinds (20 pts)

Prahran Continue to Press Forward—Preston in Difficulties

Prahran delighted spectators with a fine exhibition, full of vigor and snap. They attacked, and, Preston's backs fumbling allowed Lord to score an easy single.

A Thrilling Dash

Mackie, marking high, returned the sphere. Spectators then witnessed a great dash by Parish from the half-back line, finishing a fine repulse by passing to Greenwood, who capped an excellent drive by scoring the coveted number.

Prahran continued to attack, Preston, struggling desperately to hold their opponents, were being out-played.

A Lucky Shot

A burst by the home side had their admirers roaring themselves hoarse. Smart play by Smith enabled Prentice to score a goal. In an instant the ball travelled into their territory again and a pot shot off the ground by Bourke was steered all clear.

Taylor on the Ball

Taylor was brought on to the ball to stem the tide, and was immediately successful. Passing forward, Gall whipped in and added a sixer.

Prahran made an effort to maintain their superiority and sailed forward, and Reichman sent them back. This check was only temporary, however, as Lord, flying high, marked. His shot was unsuccessful, as Gray sent the leather clear of the danger zone.

Taylor passed to Mackie, who was marking excellently, but the move was thwarted by Brewis.

Prahran Further Increase Lead

Play journeyed back to the home side's territory, when a capital mark by Lord was brought to fruition with a place kick just before the term ended. Three-quarter time scores:—

Prahran: 9 goals 9 behinds (63 pts)
Preston: 3 goals 9 behinds (27 pts)

Preston's Great Rally—Prahran Stick to Their Guns

The last quarter saw Preston instil plenty of vigor and life into their play, and they fought desperately to save the situation, but at the outside even their closest supporters were not very hopeful.

Through O'Doherty Preston went forward, but Surtees and Escott spoilt each other by both flying for the ball. This happened several times during the day.

Forwards Crowd Each Other

Surtees was hampered in his movements by the other forwards continually crowding in on him.

Plenty of hard knocks were being freely given. Each side attacked in turn until Preston took command and had the home side on the defence.

A flying shot at the big sticks by Surtees was marked by Escott, who failed to appreciate the value of an open goal, as he could have easily gone ahead, but he preferred to take his time. He scored a sixer.

In a drive forward, Beaumont shot the leather to Dunn, whose skyscraping kick was excellently marked by Lord, and he added six points.

Seebeck Felled

Seebeck received a nasty knock, and play was held up to allow him to recover and take his free kick.

Players now warmed up and introduced plenty of vigor into the play. Donoghue was prominent in defence, and as a result of his effort Dunn goaled from a free.

Preston then took charge, and tricky play by Underhill enabled Campbell to make an opening for Davie. The latter, however, passed to McCormack, who managed a single.

Player Penalised for Wasting Time

Prahran attacked, but Lord, who exhibited undue care in placing the ball, was penalised for wasting time. Reichman profited by the error, and passed on to Miller, who forwarded to Surtees, and the twin flags signalled the result of his kick.

Goals and Goals

On the bounce Preston launched another successful onslaught, as a short pass by Gall to Surtees brought six more points.

Prahran made a fruitless effort to penetrate, but Monohan swept play on to Davie, who clapped on another sixer.

Preston became heartened by this run of success. Prahran drove forward, but Gray stopped progress. The ball was driven to Surtees, who again turned the opportunity to good advantage.

Preston Still 17 Points Down

Preston were still 17 points to the bad, and as time was almost up, despite rapid play they were unable to make up the leeway, although they made an impressive recovery.

Surtees' tactics in making a lead as he did in the last term would have been of much more use earlier in the game, and probably the result might have been different. For the forwards to continually crowd the game in front of their objective was decidedly against the full forwards.

The final scores were:—

Prahran: 11 goals 12 behinds (78 pts)
Preston: 8 goals 13 behinds (61 pts)

Goal-kickers

Preston.—Surtees (3), Gall (2), Mackie, Escott and Davie.

Prahran.—Lord (3), Prentice (2), Bourke (2), Beaumont, Greenwood, Jordan and Dunn.

Prahran played a very fast and open game, although prone to over-indulge in handballing and short passing. Preston's passing lacked direction, the ball frequently going to an opponent.

For the winners Lord again followed splendidly, and marked as well. Smith was nippy and effective, and Prentice, Donoghue, Osborne, Koop and Greenwood were the best of a very even side.

Preston's most serviceable players were Reichman, Taylor, Monohan, O'Doherty, Davie (despite the fact that he was playing with a painful whitlow on his finger), Mackie (whose high marking was a feature, Gail, Summers and Heffernan for his determination.

During the last term, unfortunately, a rather severe knock from Osborne broke Miller's collar bone. He was taken to the hospital.

TO-MORROW'S TUSSLE.

AGAINST BRUNSWICK AT PRESTON

Preston are confident of turning the tables on Brunswick in the Cramer street park to-morrow afternoon, when an exciting contest is anticipated.

The only probable alterations in Preston's team for Saturday will be that "Bolla" White and Goonan will replace Underhill and Miller.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

Club	P	W	L	P.C.	Pts
Oakleigh	14	11	3	75.16	44
Northcote	14	10	4	72.08	40
Yarraville	14	10	4	79.86	40
Williamstown	14	9	5	87.19	36
Port Melb	14	8	5	92.26	34
Preston	14	8	5	100.51	34
Brighton	14	6	8	93.95	24
Coburg	14	5	7	97.51	24
Brunswick	14	6	8	105.00	24
Prahran	14	5	9	130.84	20
Camberwell	14	3	11	126.09	12
Sandringham	14	1	13	164.12	4

LEADING GOAL-KICKERS

Seymour (Northcote) 66
Fraser (Oakleigh) 59
J. O'Brien (Williamstown) . 46

Others in the running are McCormack (Preston), 44; Simmonds (Northcote), 32; Surtees (Preston), 31; Davie (Preston), 29.

LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Oakleigh, 18.7, d Brighton, 14.20.
Yarraville, 13.9, d Coburg, 11.20.
Brunswick, 13.12, d Williamstown, 9.8.
Camberwell, 12.13, d Port Melbourne, 8.13.
Prahran, 11.12, d Preston, 8.13.
Northcote, 26.16, d Sandringham, 8.13.

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES

Port Melbourne v Oakleigh.
Coburg v Prahran.
Williamstown v Brighton.
Yarraville v Northcote.
Sandringham v Camberwell.
Preston v Brunswick.

PROTESTANT CHURUCHES

SOUTH PRESTON v PRAHRAN

The match between these teams was a good fast game, very even until half-time, when South Preston's final dash and stamina resulted in them winning easily, the scores being: South Preston, 17.12; Prahran, 8.3. Goal-kickers for South Preston: W. Davies (7), Richmond (2), N. Davies (2), Pike (2), Machar (2), Bowles and Fox.

Next Saturday South Preston (who are leading in the competition) play the last match of the first round against Napier street at Haxby's Park.

C.Y.M.S. ASSOCIATION

NORTHCOTE v COBURG

Ideal weather conditions prevailed for the meeting of Northcote and Coburg on the former's ground. There was a large attendance. Final scores: Northcote, 13.14; Coburg, 3.13. Every man in the home team earned his place, but mention must be made of the splendid exhibition given by E. Hart, F. Hart, H. Daniels, J. Baker, Mithen and Clayden. F. Murphy scored 5 goals.

Next Saturday's match is against Kew at McDonell Park.

BOURKE-EVELYN ASSOCIATION

Whittlesea, 6.10, d Reservoir, 4.13.
Midland Rovers d South Morang.
Epping, 10.19, d Kinglake, 1.3.
Donnybrook d Mernda.

ASSOCIATION SUB-DISTRICTS

NORTHCOTE ROVERS v CROXTON

On Saturday Rovers met Croxton at McDonell Park. A. Johnston captained the side the absence of F. Blanks (ill). The first quarter was very even each side's attacks breaking up on the back line. Croxton led with 1.1 to 1.0 at the first change. In the second term Croxton increased their lead to 4 points, the scores at the interval being 3.2 to 2.4. With greater accuracy forward Northcote kicked 3 goals to their opponents' 1.3 in the third quarter and had a 5 point lead. The defence of each side was proving formidable, the forwards failing in turn to get past the back men. Each side scored only 3 behinds during the quarter and Northcote ran out winners in a hard, low-scoring game. Final scores:—Northcote Rovers, 5 goals 7 behinds; Croxton, 4 goals 8 behinds. Goal-kickers. — Rovers: Page (3), Griffen (2). Croxton: Cook, Mayfield, Brockly, Tobra. Best Players.—Northcote: Glynn (half-forward, best and fairest), Stabb, Duckworth. Croxton: Dowd, Mayfield, Ward.

On Saturday Rovers will meet Camberwell at McDonell Park.

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR LEAGUE

THORNBURY DISTRICT v NORTHCOTE OLD BOYS

The above teams met at Thornbury East on Saturday. Thornbury had the best of the play in the first term, and, making better use of opportunities, scored 4.5 to 2 points. The second quarter was more even in general play, but Thornbury had the advantage in the air, and goals were scored by H. Clack, E. Hearnden and E. Jenkins, who was roving well. Old Boys started a systematic attack and quickly added 2 goals. Half-time scores were: Thornbury, 6.11; Old Boys, 2.6. The colors of both teams (green and gold) were much alike. Although the Old Boys' ruck appeared to be heavier, Thornbury had the advantage. H. Clack, E. Hearndon and H. Harper added goals for the locals while the visitors replied with three. Three-quarter-time scores:—Thornbury District, 10.16; Old Boys, 5.9. Although they fought hard Old Boys could not make up the leeway, final scores being: Thornbury District, 15.19; Northcote Old Boys, 8.10. Best players for Thornbury were P. Lane, G. Thompson, E. Jenkins, J. Cleary, K. Harper, E. Hearndon, F. Boxall, J. Lacey and V. Smith. Old Boys had good men in A. White, L. Emmerson, Fuge, Thorn, Varigos and Hedley. Goal-kickers.—Thornbury: Clack (3), Hearndon (3), Harper (3), Lacey 2, Jenkins, Baxter, Smith, Climas. Old Boys: Fuge (3), Varigos (3), Thorn, Delbridge.

Thornbury Club Notes

Now that Thornbury Football Club has disbanded the Thornbury District Club is the main club in Thornbury. B. Hart, who was second on the club's goal-kicking list, has been playing for Fairfield Juniors. As there is no match to-morrow the club will play a match against a Preston Club at Thornbury East.

NOTICE TO SECRETARIES

Reports of football matches must be sent DIRECT to the Editor to secure insertion.

A MEAN THEFT.

WATCH TAKEN FROM SCHOOLBOY

YOUNG MAN GIVEN SUSPENDED SENTENCE

The story of a mean theft was told at the Northcote court on Tuesday, when Edward Alexander Mahon, 18 years, Howitt street, Northcote South, was charged with having, at Fairfield on July 5, stolen a watch, valued at 5/6, the property of Lawrence Pepper, an eight-year-old schoolboy.

Lawrence Pepper, a schoolboy, aged eight years, said the accused took a wristlet watch from him outside the Fairfield Theatre.

Albert Lewis Lord, manager of the Fairfield Theatre, said on July 5, on receiving a complaint, he chased and overtook Mahon and accused him of having stolen a watch from a boy in the theatre. When asked why he had stolen the watch accused said, "I wanted to find out the value of it."

Senior Constable Williamson, of Fairfield, said he asked Mahon why he took the watch. Mahon said, "I only wanted to find out its value. I had not intention of stealing it."

Mahon said, "I don't know what made me do it. I had no intention of stealing it."

Senior Constable Williamson said that he had known Mahon for 12 months, and although he had been somewhat wild, after being cautioned he had behaved well.

The P.M. said a sentence of one month's imprisonment would be imposed, and suspended on a bond of £10 to be of good behavior for 12 months.

CYCLIST'S SKULL FRACTURED

While riding a cycle along Peel street, North Melbourne, on Monday, John De Forrest, aged 33 years, of Pender street, Preston, collided with a motor car.

He was taken to the Melbourne Hospital and admitted with a fractured base of the skull.

NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, JULY 29

Before Mr. E. R. Stafford, P.M., and Messrs. E. J. Jones, B. L. Johnson, H. Evans and F. Jones, J.'sP.

Maintenance Order Made

Mrs Jean Lillian Reilly, of Raleigh street, Thornbury, obtained a maintenance order against her husband, Joseph Reilly, whose address was stated to be care of the Carter's Arms Hotel, Northcote. The order was for 10/ weekly for each of three children.

Reilly did not appear and the order was made, with £2/7/ costs.

Noisy Motor Cycle

Charles Marty, William street, Abbotsford, was charged with having, on June 22, driven a motor cycle which emitted an offensive noise.

Traffic Constable Lewis said on the date in question the noise from defendant's cycle could be heard for at least 500 yards. When asked why the machine was so noisy he said, "I took off the 'fish tail' yesterday before going to a motor cycle trial."

Marty said he was just about to finish a trial after a run of 104 miles, when he was stopped by the police.

Fined £3.

Railway Trespass Case

Frank Taylor, St. George's road, Croxton, was charged with having, on June 24, trespassed on railway land at Croxton.

Evidence was given that as the train approached the station defendant got up the end of the platform.

Fined 10/, with 7/6 costs.

REDUCTION OF FINES.

CRITICISM AT PRESTON.

ARE FINES JUST OR EXCESSIVE?

The Preston council on Monday considered a recommendation as follows:—

Crown Law Department advising that a fine of £5 imposed upon R. J. Twigg for driving a vehicle over the footpath has been reduced to £2.—"That a refund of £3 be made.

Cr. Newton said these notifications were continually coming forward.

It seemed that the Preston court was imposing excessive fines, or else the Crown Law Department as a result of representations, was reducing fines that were just.

Continuing he said.—"I would like the matter referred to the committee for consideration. If it be fair to reduce the fine in one case surely the fines should be reduced in all cases. It seemed as if some people are fortunate in having someone to plead their cases for them whilst others had not and so cannot get such favorable treatment."

Cr. Jones explained to Cr. Newton that the Crown Law Department had promised in future to advise the council before reducing fines.

Cr. Newton said "My point is that if a man is fined and has someone to intercede for him the fine is reduced, whereas if he hasn't got a friend he gets no reduction.

Speaking of the applicant in this case Cr. Newton said "I don't know this man and I am not opposing a refund being made to him. It is the principle of the whole thing I don't like."

Cr. Robinson.—This man must evidently be the "pal" of the governor in council as the governor reduces all fines (laughter).

The mayor.—Order please

Cr. Robinson.—It is absurd that the justices should impose fines that they consider just and then for the fines to be reduced by the authorities If the fines are too light the justices should be 'sacked", and if the fines are just then they should not be reduced. It has only been in the past few months that I have seen so many fines reduced".

The mayor "When a person fined is destitute no Minister would be "worth his salt" if he didn't consider an application for a reduction in the fine.

It was decided to pay the £3 and to refer the whole question of the reduction of fines to the committee of the council for consideration.

This matter affects the council because all fines imposed for certain classes of offences within the city in which they occur are paid by the Crown Law Department to the municipality concerned.

THEFT FROM WOOLLEN MILLS

Alma Sharp, married, of Oamaru street, Northcote, was charged at the Collingwood court on Monday with having between January 1 and June 24 stolen a quantity of unfinished woollen material to the value of £2 from the Merino Woollen Mills, Victoria parade, Collingwood.

Plain-clothes Constable Goulding said that Sharp when questioned said: "I took the material to make clothing for my babies."

It was stated on behalf of the defendant that her husband had been unemployed since the stevedores' strike.

A fine of £5 was imposed.

A well-known writer said that a man should keep nothing from his wife. Well, as a matter of fact, he can't.

Northcote's Substantial Winning Margin

SANDRINGHAM BEATEN BY 111 POINTS

LOSERS OUTPLAYED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

SEYMOUR AGAIN SCORES 10 GOALS.

(By "Aequus.")

In dull but peaceful weather Northcote played Sandringham at Northcote Park on Saturday. There was little interest in the match, and consequently the attendance was small.

Rowe Absent

Northcote was weakened by the absence of Rowe and E. Briggs (both injured). Poulter and Huggins were given a spell. Stockdale, Milne, Hill and Goulett, all of whom had recovered from injuries, were included. The visitors, who were strengthened by the inclusion of Dockendorff and Bourke, fielded a powerful eighteen.

THE TEAMS

Northcote.—Backs: Hill, Cockram, Woods; half-backs: Stockdale, Perkins, Wilson; centres: Garrett, Corrigan, Nicholls; half-forwards: Gray, Briggs, Ross; forwards: Simmonds, Seymour, Milne; followers: Goulett, Honig; rover: Brown.

Sandringham.—Backs: Yemm, Porter, Orr; half-backs: Young, Bourke, A. Kenna; centres: Anderson, Jamieson, Lewis; half-forwards: Dockendorff, Smith, Johnstone; forwards: Rayment, Bridgeford, De Luca; followers: Quinn, Smithurst; rover: R. Kenna.

Umpires—Field: Lester; boundary: Barfoot, McGill; goal: McPherson, Axton.

THE PLAY

Northcote wore black armbands out of respect for Mr. Dennis, the father of Mr. J. Dennis, a vice-president of the club. Kicking towards the Fairfield end, the locals were first to move forward and Seymour kicked a point.

Crowded Play

The play was of a scrambling and crowded nature, the visitors favoring that style of game. Resourceful defence by Wilson and Cockram checked the opposition, while Young and Bourke held up the green and golds. For a few minutes the only score was a point forced behind by Northcote.

Northcote Score First Goal

Playing confidently in the centre Corrigan neatly passed to Briggs, and the big man piloted a good goal.

Dockendorff Splendid

Mainly by the outstanding work of Dockendorff the seasiders went forward. He scored a point and helped Kenna to a try which Cockram marked. Hill and Corrigan transferred play to the wings where Nicholls was doing well.

Restoration of Old Rule Pleases

The restoration of the old rule allowing a player to drop the ball when held was a decided advantage and quickened up the game.

Sandringham to the Fore

Playing with great dash, the seasiders were doing well. Anderson drove the oval to Smithurst, who made no mistake. The visiting followers were beating the local ruckmen rather badly. A sudden move by Garrett and Stockdale ended in Seymour receiving a penalty kick in front and six points followed.

Still Too Good

Sandringham were beating Northcote in the race for the ball. Wilson was unable to cope with Dockendorff, and the later led thrust after thrust. Poor kicking by Bridgeford and De Luca obtained singles where goals should have ben scored.

Simmonds Fails

Repeatedly Cockram and Hill saved the locals. Play was carried to the other end, where Simmonds failed several times to gain possession. He fumbled and slipped over and the backs easily cleared the goals.

Cockram Brilliant

Back to his old form, Cockram was never troubled to defend when required.

Goals Come Quickly

Northcote were now doing much better and were gradually overcoming the aggressive dashes of the visitors. When Simmonds failed, Honig nipped in for a goal and Brown and Seymour helped Briggs to the fourth. Then Corrigan ran in and punted the next. In the meanwhile De Luca had added two singles.

Corrigan in Form

The consistent Corrigan was having a great time in the centre and his opponent was outplayed. Hill, too, in defence showed considerable dash.

Promising Move Frustrated

A promising piece of play by Rayment and Kenna was dramatically stopped by a thrilling dash by Stockdale.

Big Lead

Just before the interval, Simmonds and Briggs, both from free kicks, obtained goals while Briggs also obtained a single.

Quarter-time scores:—

Northcote: 7 goals 3 behinds 45 pts)
Sandringham: 1 goal 5 behinds (11 pts)

A Goal Apiece

Commencing smartly, both sides scored through the agency of Milne and Bridgeford. Honig helped Briggs to a further sixer.

Central Play

Travelling up and down at a great pace, play was spectacular and had improved considerably. Neither side was able to penetrate the defence for some time, but ultimately Honig broke through and hit the post. Then Seymour marked beautifully from Ross for a goal. A good mark by Bridgeford gained a single.

Outpointed Everywhere

The seasiders scarcely crossed the centre from then on. Playing all over the visitors, Northcote established a tremendous lead. Nice unselfish play by Briggs and Ross gave Seymour two goals, while Garrett and Brown helped Simmonds to another. Great defence by Stockdale and Cockram disappointed Sandringham supporters when De Luca was on the verge of scoring.

The Lead Increased

Northcote made the lead 73 points when Simmonds snapped a goal, and Briggs (twice) and Simmons scored points. Half-time scores:—

Northcote: 14 goals 7 behinds (91 points)
Sandringham: 2 goals 6 behinds (18 points)

A Tame Opening

A quiet opening was followed by Kenna goaling. An easy try by Gray went behind. However, Honig played to Briggs, who made no mistake.

Fast and Open Play

Suddenly play improved considerably and play swung up and down the ground. Northcote's defence was very sound.

Goals Again Scored

Woods, whose form had been uncertain, was being roved to try and instil confidence. From a free near the fence Woods goaled cleverly. Excellent play by Nicholls and Corrigan was rewarded by an accurate kick by Seymour.

Clever Play

A successful rally by Jamieson, Smith and Quinn culminated in Bridgeford's fine accurate kick for six points.

A Beautiful Mark

A smart move by Corrigan ended successfully when Seymour took a wonderful mark and scored the possible. Twice Simmonds failed before Brown from a lucky snap scored a major.

Several Chances Missed

Both De Luca and Rayment missed easy chances, gaining singles only before De Luca, from a free, gained the maximum. Then Hill and Woods failed to back up when Cockram dashed out and Bourke easily managed a goal through the unguarded posts.

Out of Form

Both Brown and Woods were fumbling considerably, and Northcote were fortunate that the visitors did not profit by the mistakes. Minor scores by Milne. Brown and Briggs were obtained.

Northcote's Form Not Convincing

Although Northcote had a tremendous lead and were in no danger of defeat, the form was not of premiership standard. Often out of their places, the locals did some foolish things. Perhaps the lack of interest in the match affected the discipline.

Just before time Brown and Milne played to Seymour for a goal, while Briggs gained a single from a free. At three quarter time the scores were:—

Northcote: 20 goals 12 behinds (132 points)
Sandringham: 6 goals 10 behinds (46 points)

Honig Injured

Flying high on the bounce, Honig fell on his shoulder, and though he went forward, he was later enticed off the arena.

A Good Start

Faced with an 86 points' deficit, Sandringham set off to reduce the breach. They had an initial success for Dockendorff gained a behind and then Bridgeford goaled.

Three Successive Goals

Brilliant play by Goulett gave Seymour two opportunities, while Gray helped him to the third. His splendid marking and accurate kicking allowed three straight goals to be posted.

Ball Hits Post

As if to make variety, Briggs and Simmonds each hit the post.

A Collision

For a time two visiting defenders were laid out through colliding with each other. Sandringham were completely out of the picture, though Bourke was able to manage a behind. Porter badly injured his knee.

100 Points' Lead

Northcote's winning margin reached the century, mainly through the rucks and centres continually slamming the ball forward. Corrigan, Gray and Nicholls were always in the picture. From their movements Simmonds (twice) and Milne added goals.

A Belated Effort

A dying effort by the seasiders saw Bourke notch their eighth goal, while Smith added a point. Ross twice managed singles for the locals. Northcote were 111 points in front at the final bell, the scores being:—

Northcote: 26 goals 16 behinds (172 points)
Sandringham: 8 goals 13 behinds (61 points)

The Players

Though the issue was never in doubt, Northcote's form was patchy. At times the play was excellent, and then, in spasms, haphazard and careless. Though there was no enthusiasm to arouse the players to a high pitch, nevertheless the lack of consistency shows weakness. For the future matches thoroughness must be the objective.

A Splendid Trio

Corrigan, in the centre, Cockram, full back, and Seymour, full forward, were an unbeatable trio for the winners. The latter kicked 10 goals, while Cockram saved easily that number. Nicholls and Garrett helped Corrigan to make a superb centre line.

Is Wilson a Half-Back?

Perkins was out of form early in the game, but improved later. Stockdale and Hill were safe and sure, but Wilson again had to play second fiddle to his man. At Brighton Tulloh was too fast, and so was Dockendorff last Saturday. Wilson seems out of his place half-back, but back in the pocket he is more than usual and gives Cockram much assistance. Woods, unfortunately, is not up to last year's form.

Strong Attack

Briggs marked and kicked well for 5 goals, and Gray and Ross were accurate in their passes to the forwards. Milne and Goulett did well in the ruck, while Honig played his best game to date. Though Simmonds scored 5 goals he did not impress, while Brown had a day off.

Smart Forwards

The visitors had three good men in De Luca, Dockendorff and Bridgeford, though the former was inaccurate at goal getting. Anderson did some nice things on the wing, while Young and Bourke were the best defenders. Rayment roved well, and Quinn and Smithurst were useful followers.

Lester umpired the game well.

A FIGHT FOR SECOND PLACE

As there are no League club matches there should be a big crowd at Yarraville next Saturday, when Northcote go there to avenge their defeat by that team earlier in the year. Both sides are equal in points on the ladder, and a splendid game should eventuate. Northcote will be strongly represented.

V.J.F.A.

NORTHCOTE v SANDRINGHAM

About 2,000 spectators attended the beach oval on Saturday. The weather was good, but the ground was only in fair condition.

The Teams

Northcote.—Backs: Davies, Edsall, Tracey; half-backs: Boyden, Huggins; Easton; centres: O'Neil, Skilton (c.), Cole; half-forwards: Houldcroft, Johnson, Jowett; forwards: Pruser, F. Ludlow, Condie; followers: Woods, J. Ludlow; rover: Docking.

Sandringham.—Backs: Hurst, Dick, Henderson; half-backs: Thompson, Laver, Selan; centres: McCubbin, Ross, Smith; half-forwards: Murphy, Henderson, Eastbrook; forwards: Bendrick, Geddes, Johnson; followers: Coghlan, Bowman; rover: Hayes.

The Play

Skilton won the toss and had first use of the slight breeze. F. Ludlow scored first goal. Clever work by Sandringham's half-forwards gave Coghlan a chance, but he only scored a point. Huggins marked the kick in and forwarded to J. Ludlow, who took a towering mark and goaled. Some spite was beginning to creep into the game. A free to Thompson in front resulted in the ball being forced out. He took a great mark and scored full points. Docking, scouting round the ruck, snapped a goal, followed by another by Condie from a mark 40 yards out. The visitors took complete control for a time and goals were added by F. Ludlow and Pruser. Quarter-time scores:—Northcote, 6.4; Sandringham, 2.1.

Geddes marked well but failed to score, whilst attacks by the visitors resulted in goals by Pruser and F. Ludlow. Forcing the ball well forward Docking snapped a goal, followed by a point. The visitors' ruck was having the best of the duel. Skilton marked and with a long punt got the possible. F. Ludlow, eluding the back man, got another. At this stage an ugly incident developed. While playing on the grandtsand wing Jowett came in for some rough handling. Tracey went to his team mate's assistance and was met by two opposing players. On receiving a nasty knock he endeavored to protect himself but was surrounded by the seasiders, who gave him a rough handling. Players of both sides intervened and a brief melee took place, but the timely interference of the police stopped what might have been a general brawl. Spectators rushed the ground, but were soon put off. Tempers were now strained, and further furious play occurred. Playing the man resulted in many free kicks. Behinds were scored by Laver and Bowman before Johnson got full points. Laver, marking nicely, scored the possible. Docking passed to Johnson, who raised full points with a powerful punt. Up and down play ensued until Bowman snapped full points for the locals. Clever play by O'Neil made an opening, and F. Ludlow, marking over the pack, punted a goal, followed by another. The play had slowed down considerably owing to the heavy nature of the ground. Half-time scores:—Northcote, 12.9; Sandringham, 6.2.

The visitors, with better combination, soon had the upper hand, and F. Ludlow again got the possible, to which Bowman replied with a goal for the home side. Goals were now scored by Coghlan and McCubbin, but Northcote took complete control and completely routed the defenders. Goals by Pruser were followed by one by F. Ludlow, who broke the sequence with a behind. His next score was a fine goal from a snap. The home side were at a standstill. A goal by Docking was followed by nippy play by the home team, as a result of which Johnson scored full points. Three-quarter time scores:—Northcote, 19.14; Sandringham, 9.8.

The visitors opened the last term with a rush. Pruser eluded Geddes and snapped a goal. Forcing play forward Bendrick was freed but hit the post. Easton marked the kick in and passed to O'Neill, who, with his usual accuracy passed to Condie, who made no mistake. Pruser just missed a few minutes later. F. Ludlow scored a behind from a scrimmage in front. The ball now travelled up to the other end and Coghlin kicked a behind followed by a goal by Johnson. Playing round the wing, Laver marked well and booted a wonderful goal from a difficult angle. An attack by Northcote saw F. Ludlow mark well over the pack and score full points. Laver, who was playing well for the home side, marked nicely but could only manage a point. Pruser was responsible for the visitors' next score, then in a dying effort Sandringham scored a series of behinds. Final scores: —

Northcote: 22 goals 18 behinds (150 points)
Sandringham: 13 goals 17 behinds (95 points)

Goal-kickers

Northcote.—F. Ludlow (8), Pruser (6), Docking (2), Condie (2), J. Ludlow, Cole, Skilton, Johnstone.

Sandringham.—Laver (3), Bowman (3), Geddes (2), Johnstone (2), Henderson (2), Coghlin.

Best Players

Tracey, following and half-back, was always to the fore. F. Ludlow, as usual, played well and worked hard for his goals. He is now at the top of the list of goal-kickers, having scored over 60 goals to date. Pruser gave him great assistance. Huggins played well in the ruck, and when placed was the fairest man on the ground. Skilton played a most skilful game, and O'Neil was as clever as ever. Others to show out were J. Ludlow, Docking, Jowett and Woods.

Sandringham's best were Thompson, Coghlin, Johnstone, Henderson, Laver and McCubbin.

Next Match Against Yarraville

Yarraville, one of the most improved teams in the competition, are our next opponents. Northcote recorded a good win against this team at Yarraville and expect to repeat it.

The anticipated success was realised at the first house party held at Mr. T. Houldcroft's home, Hammond street, Northcote. The Trip fund will be increased by this fine effort.

On Tuesday, August 5, the second club social will be held at the Dispensary Hall. A good band has been engaged and many novelties will be introduced.

FOOTBALL. FOOTBALL.

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VARIED ATTRACTIONS.

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Hon. Secretary.

BASEBALL

B Grade.—Northcote, 12, d Kew, 5; Preston, 7, d Prahran, 1; Fairfield, 5, d Malvern, 2; Brighton, 13, d Ivanhoe, 6.

D Grade.—No. 1 Section: Northcote 16, d Kew, 7. No. 2 Section: Ivanhoe, 14, d Sandringham, 4.

CYCLING

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS

"Moa" 50 Miles Road Race

The above club held a 50 miles road race on Saturday, promoted by Mr. Brice, of the "Moa" Cycle Works. The race was thrilling from start to finish. Ken Cross, who rode off the limit mark (20 minutes) started punctually at 2.30 p.m. Holding his own for 40 miles, he had the misfortune to puncture, through which he lost four minutes. The following riders picked him up, but he continued on gamely to finish in third place. There were about 12 riders in the first bunch to finish, in which F. McLeod won by inches from J. Kean and K. Cross. There was still some excitement as to who would win the time honors, for which A. Walkley, T. Gascoyne and F. Thomas were riding strongly. Gascoyne, who fell early, and Thomas, puncturing early, were again with Walkley, but the latter defeated these two good riders for the time honors. McLeod was presented with a handsome cup, which he thoroughly deserved for his great ride. The final placings were:—F. McLeod (9min.), 1; J. Kean (6min. 30sec), 2; K. Cross (20min.), 3. Time, 2hrs. 19min. 58sec. Fastest time, A. Walkley, 2hrs. 13min. 10sec.

AMATEUR OPEN RACES

The "Dummett" 50 miles amateur race was held last Saturday. There were 139 entries, and 125 started over a course from Preston, through Bundoora, South Morang, Mernda, Yan Yean, Whittlesea, Wallan, and back. The limit men and others with large handicaps began with great pace. J. O'Brien (Northcote), 14.30, was the first to cross the line, being followed by T. Bradshaw (Essendon), 14.30; L. Greenough (Footscray), 14.30; H. Hodgetts (Greensborough), 16.30; P. Maloney (Glen Iris), 14.30; T. Lacey (Coburg), 15.30. Won by a length. Time, 2hrs. 12min. 20sec. Fastest time, F. W. Hose (Colac), scr., 2hrs. 2min. 32sec.

Junior Race

There were 76 starters out of 83 entries for the Lindsay Memorial 20 miles junior race. Riders from five minutes quickly overtook the limit men, who rode from 5.45. They formed a bunch of about 50 riders, but the pacemakers began to force the pace, and many withdrew. Results:—L. Johnstone (Fitzroy), 5.0, 1; A. Davies (Northcote), 5.0, 2; K. Graham (Carlton), 5.45, 3. Won by half a wheel. Time, 55.19. Fastest time, R. Duff (Geelong), 1.0, 52.44.

MOTOR CYCLING

Petrol Consumption Test

The Northcote Motor Cycle Club held a petrol consumption test on Sunday, July 27. Results:—350 c.c.: E. Cobb, 246 c.c., Zenith, 203.2 m.p.g.; H. Knight, 249 c.c., O.H.V. B.S.A., 201.6. Solo: E. Vass, 490, O.H.V. Norton, 160; C. Billings, 490, O.H.V. A.J.S., 147.2. Sidecar: G. Gosney, 493, O.H.N. B.S.A., 102.8; P. Ward, 996, Harley, 102.4.

EAST PRESTON MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

On Sunday next, August 3, the above club will go to Chelsea to compete in a dirt track meeting. Leave Ludeman's Garade, 127 Plenty road, at 10 a.m.

August 10, run to Mt. Donna Buang for snow sports.

ORDER TO WIND UP COMPANY

Mr. Justice McArthur, in the Practice Court on July 25, considered a petition under the Companies Act for the winding up of H. Stevens and Sons Pty. Ltd., of High street, Northcote, shop front manufacturers and designers.

The petition of Charles Frederick Johnstone, of Walsh street, West Melbourne, glass embosser, set out that the company was incorporated on October 10, 1928, with a nominal capital of £25,000 in £1 shares. The amount of capital paid up, or credited as paid up, was £4609. The company is indebted to petitioner £51 for work and labor done. He had made application for the amount owing, but the company has failed or neglected to pay. On June 20 last, at a meeting of creditors of the company, a statement was presented showing a deficiency of £5046/19/8. The company was unable to pay its debts, and petitioner considered that it was just and equitable that it should be wound up.

An affidavit filed by Edwin Henry Stevens, secretary of the company, stated that a resolution was carried by the shareholders on July 1 that the company should go into voluntary liquidation. This resolution was confirmed at a meeting on July 17.

His Honor said he would direct that the company be wound up under the direction of the court.

WOMEN'S BASKET BALL

Section 2.—Spring road, Malvern, 7, d Westgarth, 2.

Section 3.—Pascoevale, 3, d Westgarth, nil.

BOWLING NOTES

THORNBURY BOWLERS.

PERSONALITIES OF THE GAME

MR. R. ROGERSON

(By "Onlooker.")

All the fine sentiments one hears expressed at Thornbury about Bert Rogerson were endorsed by the members of Castlemaine Bowling Club recently when Thornbury members paid them a visit. Castlemaine is Bert's home town, and his friends there were delighted to welcome back one who had worthily upheld the town's best traditions. There is at present on the notice board of the club a sketch drawn by Thornbury's artist which shows Bert and his friends at their best. This visit will live long in the memories of those who participated in it, especially by Mr. Reg Clarke, Thornbury's financial adviser. How Reg succeeded in winning the most vital part of a rooster is a story that remains to be told. Bert has the complete confidence of Thornbury members. He is one of the auditors, and members are always satisfied when he certifies the balance sheet as correct. His summing up at the annual meetings is so comprehensive that every member can follow with ease all the details of the intricate workings of the club. Bert is also one of the trustees of the club's property. His appointment to this important position is in itself a sufficient demonstration of members' confidence and respect, and when we add to it his appointment as sole selector of the club it is apparent to all just what a valuable member Bert is to Thornbury. Although he would have been justified in appointing himself a skipper in A Pennant, Bert preferred to be the odd position man of the team, filling any vacancy that occurred. He is the ideal third man. His rink mates find their bowls arranged in proper order and leaders are attended to in that proper dignified way, befitting the importance of their position and the rink generally is made to feel that in Bert they have a team mate who leaves nothing to chance in achieving victory. His skill as a bowler ranks very high. He was a member of Vic Price's rink when Vic and Frank Gardiner went so very near winning the V.B.A. President's Trophy this year and in the Victorian singles Bert went a long way, eventually being displaced by Hill the ultimate winner. It would not surprise Bert's pals if in the coming season he was acclaimed the single handed champion of the state. The poet's contribution is as follows, and truly sums up Bert's character:—

I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true;
For the Heaven that smiles above me
And awaits my spirit too.

For the cause that lacks assistance
For the wrong that needs resistance
For the future in the distance
And the good that I can do.

Next Week.—Mr. William Bartly.

THORNBURY CLUB'S ANNUAL SOCIAL

The annual social evening of the Thornbury Bowling Club took place in Normanby Hall last Thursday evening, July 24. The president of the men's club (Mr. Eli Forth) and Mrs. E. G. Williams (president) and the committee of the Ladies' Club combined to entertain a large and representative gathering of bowlers and their friends. Apologies were received from Mr. Geo. Willis, who was absent through illness of Mrs. Willis, and Mr. W. E. Allen, who is undergoing an operation.

The evening was devoted to dancing and cards, and in appreciation of some very fine musical and vocal items members expressed the hope that more of these functions would be held, as they served to create a fine spirit of harmony between the two clubs.

In presenting the prizes, the mayor (Cr. W. Hayes, J.P.) referred in glowing terms to the wonderful work of the ladies in assistting the finances of the men's club. They had, during the season, raised £100, and he considered that the advent of the ladies was in the best interests of the club, and he seriously considered advocating that ladies be entitled to represent the ratepayers in the city council.

Mrs. E. G. Williams, in ersponding for the ladies, paid a tribute to the loyal support accorded her by the members of her club; she also appreciated the help of Mr. Geo. Willis and Mr. Ern Bailey in connection with the euchre parties held in the pavilion.

The ladies had their first competitive game during the season, and defeated Preston ladies. Cr. Hayes, in referring to this victory, said that the ladies would have to be careful in future, as he did not want his efforts to promote harmony between the two cities spoilt by our ladies beating Preston in that way.

Following is a list of the prize-winners:—

LADIES' CLUB

Championship, Mrs. F. Cogle; runner-up, Mrs. Ewins. Single-handed Handicap: Mrs. F. Cogle (trophy donated by Mrs. E. G. Williams). Century Handicap: Mrs. Holden (trophy donated by Mr. F. Cornish). Pairs: Mesdames Glanville and Harris (trophies donated by Mesdames Roberts and Holden). Non-winner's Handicap: Mrs. Harvie (trophy donated by Mr. J. Whalley); runner-up, Mrs. Roberts (trophy donated by Mrs. Cogle). The following ladies competed and won at Preston:—Mesdames Holden, Wright, Ewins, Roberts, Harvie, Bryant, Glanville and Fergusson.

MEN'S CLUB

Single-handed Handicap: H. Murden; runner-up, A. Weate. Junior Handicap: H. Dyte; runner-up, N. Outram. Century Handicap: M. Sharp; runner-up, H. Murden. Electrict Light Pairs: W. Bartly and W. Urquhart; runners-up, G. Willis and W. Morris. Progressive Rink Tourney: E. W. Forth, W. E. Allen, Mrs. Wright and T. Hollis.

Mr. Eli Forth, in responding to a vote of thanks, expressed appreciation for the way in which the artists had contributed to the success of the function. He also drew the attention of visitors to the fact that joining a bowling club was not a very hard thing to do. At Thornbury they had a club second to none in appointments and he expressed the hope that in the coming season many more citizens would avail themselves of the facilities offered at the club for healthy and helpful recreation. Intending members were urged to communicate with Mr. Geo. Allen, the club's popular secretary, Shaftesbury parade, when full particulars would be given.

PRESTON REVISION COURT.

STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR

ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN ROLLS BEING INVESTIGATED

At the revision court at Preston to revise the rolls and separate voters' lists for the various wards in Preston on Monday evening, the mayor (Cr. McPherson) made a statement, as follows:—

"In connection with this revision court to be held this evening, I have to state that owing to certain ratepayers alleging that some names on the voters' lists were unlawfully included therein, I consider it my duty as mayor of the city and chairman of the revision court, to consult the proper authorities as to my powers and duties should formal objections be made at the court. The authorities took such a serious view of the matter that the allegations were placed in the hands of the Criminal Investigation Department for investigation. That investigation is proceeding, and the matter has become the concern of the State, and is beyond the power of this council. That being so, I suggest there be no discussion on the subject, but submit this statement as a matter of courtesy to members of the council. The information came to me some days after the last meeting of this council, and I take this the first opportunity to place the statement before the council."

Cr. Robinson.—You'll allow no discussion?

The Mayor.—No.

Cr. Robinson.—It is, I think, a most unusual proceeding. You're stifling free speech.

The Mayor.—I place this statement before the council and I'll allow no discussion at all. This is purely a statement, and I'm acting under advice.

The incident then closed.

The voters' lists of the various wards were adopted, there being only one alteration, and that in the Central Ward.

BOARDED MOVING TRAIN.

"LUCKY TO BE IN COURT INSTEAD OF IN MORGUE"

POLICE MAGISTRATE'S COMMENTS

When imposing a fine of £2 J. J. Miller for having entered a moving train at Westgarth, the P.M. (Mr. Stafford), at the Northcote court on Tuesday, said to the defendant: "You are a very lucky man that you are able to come here instead of being at the morgue. The bench must, by the imposition of heavy fines, help the railways authorities to prevent people from trying to commit suicide."

The case was one in which Joseph J. Miller, of Susan street, Eltham, was charged with having, on June 11, attempted to enter a train at Westgarth whilst it was in motion.

Railways Special Checker Budge said that the train had started to move when Miller pushed through the barrier and made a flying leap for the train. He got a foot on the footboard and a grasp on the railway carriage, and the train had to be stopped.

Evidence was given that Miller was told to stand back and not try to board the moving train.

Miller.—I live at Eltham and if I had missed that train I would have had to wait for an hour for another one.

A fine of £2, with 12/6 costs, was imposed.

Space hath no limit, near or far,
Beyond the worlds we see;
One source have all the worlds which are,
And all the worlds to be.
Amid the dust from whence they sprung,
Float germs of harm to throat and lung.
Preserve your health, "First Aid" assure—
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AUCTION BRIDGE

LESSON NO. 28

1.—(a) 1, (b) ½, (c) ½, (d) 2, (e) 2½, (f) 2.
2.—The first bid made.
3.—Bids made after the first bid.
4.—(a) 2, (b) 2, (c) 2½, (d), 3.
5.—At least one, preferably 1½.
6.—A suit containing 5 or more cards with two honors, or 4 cards with three honors, one of which should be an Ace or King.
7.—Ace 4, King 3, Queen 2, Jack 1.
8.—When any of the following cards are held:—Ace, King x, Queen Jack x, Queen x.x.x.
9.—"A" Class bids are Spades and Hearts; "B" Class, No Trump; "C" Class, Diamonds and Clubs.
10.—Any of the following combinations are normal support:—Ace x, King x, Queen x. Any three cards.
11.—No, unless you can bid up to four or five.
12.—The pack must be shuffled, cut, and dealt by the same Dealer.
13.—Can I make any of Dummy's trumps singly? Must I finesse? Can I discard losing cards on winning ones?
14.—Leads from certain card combinations, such as King from Ace King, and others.
15.—Spades and Hearts are major suits. Diamonds and Clubs are minor suits.
16.—No, unless it is an Ace; even than a No Trump bid is often dangerous.
17.—No; most players count only four or more in one hand.
18.—When the fourth highest card is led, subtracting the number of spots on the card led from 11 will give the number above the card led not in the hand of the leader.
19.—On the right.
20.—The color of the packs should be written under "We" and "They" to prevent dealing with the wrong pack.
21.—(a) Singleton, 1½ probable tricks. (b) Blank suit, 2½ probable tricks. (c) Doubleton, ½ probable trick.
22.—No, do not lead from a suit containing honors not in sequence.
23.—When holding only two cards, playing the high one first, then the low one, to signal that you only held two cards and can trump the third round.
24.—Yes. When Dummy's trumps can be made singly, it often pays to lead trumps to clear dummy so that trumps cannot be made singly.
25.—Whenever possible on the second round. The card you are trying to capture may be a singleton.
26.—Always lead the top card from a sequence of three or more, so the leads should be Ace, King, Queen, Jack and 7.
27.—Yes, provided they overcall the doubled bid.
28.—Three, except when the hand contains two short, powerful suits, such as A.K.Q., A.K.J.
29.—At least four with your suit the trump or at No Trump.
30.—Not unless the hand is very strong; it's better to try and defeat the Contract or prevent game being scored.
31.—No, do not finesse to catch the Queen when holding nine or more cards of the suit.
32.—No, it's like stepping from the frying pan.
33.—Partner held only two cards, and can trump the third round. This is the "come on" signal.
34.—Yes, you have an even chance, so try for game.
35.—Delay leading as long as possible. The outstanding cards may be distributed J.10.9.2 and 8.4, therefore you should hold off in the hope that the hand with the four cards will have to discard and allow you to make four tricks in that suit.
36.—Yes, you must bid. The hand contains 2½ quick tricks and a biddable suit, therefore, if you don't bid you deceive partner, and he may be anxious to know who holds that suit for a No Trump bid.
37.—Yes, bid one Spade for the reasons given in 36. A five card suit, headed by Ace King, should yield four tricks, provided partner has normal support. Three rounds of Spades should exhaust the trumps, then the 4 and 3 would take tricks.
38.—Four probable tricks calculated by the systems given in Lessons 5 and 6. If you hold five probable tricks, you could raise twice.

(Concluded)

FATAL MOTOR SMASH.

MOTOR CYCLIST KILLED

Fatal injuries were received by Frederick Whiting, aged 23 years, of Raglan street, East Preston, when a motor cycle which he was riding collided with a motor truck driven by Nicola Mastraoidinni, of High street, Northcote, at the corner of High and Clarendon streets, Thornbury, on Sunday morning.

Both of Whiting's legs were broken, his skull was fractured and he received serious internal injuries. He died in the Melbourne Hospital shortly after the accident.

Witnesses told Constable Feldtman, of Thornbury, that the motor cycle was travelling at high speed, and that Whiting was apparently unable to stop in time to avoid striking the side of the bonnet of the truck. The motor cycle tore a hole in the bonnet, and Whiting was thrown on to the engine of the truck. The motor cycle was wrecked.

UNLIGHTED CYCLE MENACE.

SEVERAL OFFENDERS FINED

Many and varied were the excuses given by cyclists, who were caught whilst riding without lights, to the Northcote court on Tuesday.

Fled from Patrol

Jack Robinson, of Walker street, Clifton Hill, who was charged with having, on June 17, ridden a bicycle without a light, was fined 10/.

Constable Grundy said when Robinson saw the patrol coming he fled and turned up a right-of-way. The patrol followed and caught the fugitive when he fell over.

Late for Work

Reginald Brooke, Boothby street, Northcote, was charged with a similar offence.

Brooke said: "I was working late, and as its the only full week I've had since Christmas it was a chance to make a few bob."

The P.M.—Did you get paid for your overtime?

Brooke.—Yes.

The P.M.—Then you'll have to spend some of it to pay the fine. (Laughter).

Fined 10/.

His Lamp Was Stolen

For a similar offence Rupert Brengley, Dundas street, Preston, was fined 10/.

Brengley said: "I was training at football that night and someone stole my lamp."

Other Cases

Others fined 10/ for similar offences were Donald Mottram, Muriel street, Dennis, and Donald Deney, Station street, North Carlton.

Higher Fines in Future

The P.M. (Mr. Sttafford) said that this kind of offence was too prevalent. Unlighted cycles were a menace to both their users and to other road users. In the future fines would probably be heavier.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE I.O.R.

The fortnightly meeting was held in the Rechabite hall on July 24, Bro. E. Youl presiding over a good attendance. One new member was initiated and welcomed by Bro. W. E. Findlay. Since the last meeting a respected member of the tent in Bro. E. V. Hopkins passed away, and a motion of condolence to the relatives was carried, the members standing in silence. Correspondence from the District intimated that the tent had gained second prize in the membership competition for No. 4 District, whilst the individual prize was won by Bro. Findlay, of this tent. A gratifying feature of the competition was the fact that during the past wear 1444 new members were initiated into the order, the highest yearly total for the past five years. The annual report and balance sheet of the cricket club was presented, and members were advised that the annual meeting would be held in the hall on August 12. The balance sheets of the Dennis and John Vale Junior tents showed both to be in a strong position, both financially and in regard to membership. Progress scores in the junior indoor games competition were also presented by the secretary (Bro. S. Chanter). The delegate to the Prohibition League (Bro. J. Woodgate) reported on the annual conference of that body held recently, and outlined the future policy of the League.

After the meeting a happy gathering of members and friends participated in a social evening. A fine programme of old-time and modern dances, arranged by Bro. W. Walker, was thoroughly enjoyed by all, the music being supplied by Bro. E. Youl. After refreshments dancing was continued until the singing of Auld Lang Syne terminated a pleasant evening.

The next meeting will be held on August 7, at the conclusion of which further games in the indoor bowls competition will be played by both A and B teams.

Stoney: "Hasn't Irene got a fresh complexion?" Tony: "Yes, fresh every day."

TWO-UP SCHOOL

14 MEN BEFORE COURT.

ONE MAN FINED £25

The raiding of an alleged "two-up" school at a house at the corner of Kellett and St. David streets, Northcote, had its sequel on Tuesday, when William Johnson was charged with having, on July 4, had the care and management of a common gaming house.

Thirteen Other Men Chared.

Thirteen men—an unlucky number, evidently—whom the police alleged were playing "two up" at the house, also appeared to answer charges of having been found in a common gaming house. They were Charles Lackmun, McKean street, North Fitzroy; Alfred Thompson, Cardigan street, Carlton; James Rintoule, Montefiore street, Coburg; George Howard, Station street, Carlton; Thomas Bourke; James Poulter, Helen street, Northcote; Edward Graham, Westgarth street, Northcote; Robert Wright, Jacka street, Preston; Edward Symons, Normanby avenue, Thornbury; Fred Clotz, Hotham street, Preston; Willian Henry, Westgarth street, Northcote; John Cameron, Miller street, Fitzroy; and John Moroney, Neil street, Carlton.

Detective Sergeant Deeley prosecuted, and all the men pleaded guilty.

Story of the Raid

Plain-clothes Constable N. D. Law said at 11.30 p.m. on July 4, with other police, he went to a house at the corner of Kellett and St. David streets, Northcote.

"On going to the rear of the premises," he said, "I heard someone call out, 'Come on. Some money wanted in the centre.' In the house I saw the men before the court. There was a rug on the floor, and the room was fitted up as a 'two-up' school."

Detective Sergeant Deeley (prosecuting) said the men had been very open over the whole matter when caught, and gave no trouble.

First Time the Game Was Played

Asked if he had anything to say, Johnson said: "This is the first time that the game was played at my house."

"Must Be Stopped"

The P.M. (Mr. E. R. Stafford) said that the bench considered the offence a serious one, and the police were doing their best to stop it.

John was fined £25, in default three months' imprisonment. All the other men were each fined £2, with 4/6 costs.

One of the men said that they were all out of work and asked for time to pay. Johnson also asked for time to pay.

The P.M. (to Johnson). — Why should you want time? You're the one that is making the money out of the fools who go there. However, a month will be allowed in which to pay.

Of the men found on the premises, all who sought time to pay were allowed 14 days in which to find the money.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

BURGESS CUP

In the final round of the Burgess Cup matches Collingwood (381) won from Camberwell (379) and Preston A (363).

Preston's scorers were T. Griffiths, 48; S. Bell, 47; F. Featherston, 47; A. French, 46; N. Featherston, 45 D. Sullivan, 45; E. Featherston, 43; Bignell, 42.

CLUB SHOOTS

Northcote.—Second Stage Palling Trophy.—Kaye, 49 (2), 50; Appleby, 42 (8), 50; Weate, 45 (4), 49; McQueen, 41 (7), 48; Tongue, 45 (3), 48.

Preston.—First Stage of Captain's Trophy.—Perrett, 44 (7), 50; N. Featherston, 45 (5), 50; French, 46 (4), 50; F. Featherston, 47 (3), 50; Griffiths, 48 (1), 49; Bell, 47 (2), 49.

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NEWS OF THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

WEST PRESTON ASSOCIATION

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Wednesday evening, July 23. The president (Mr. W. Burland) occupied the chair, there being a good attendance.

Correspondence

A reply from the Railway Commissioners to a letter asking for better lighting facilities for users of the entrance from Powell street to the Regent station, west of the railway line, was considered unsatisfactory, and it was decided to again write for further consideration, as it was considered the distance was excessive without a light.

General Business

Re pillar box at Messrs. Cook and McKenzie's, newsagents, 119 Spring street.—On the motion of Mr. G. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Irwin, it was decided to write to the P.M.G. pointing out the urgent necessity for same, and asking for further consideration.

On the motion of Mr. Mutchmore, seconded by Mr. Winter, it was decided to request the council to improve the footpath in Cramer street, from Frank street to railway gates.

On the motion of Mr. N. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Delaney, it was requested that an inspection be made by the council's inspector of the grating over drain between Bruce street and Gilbert road, same being dangerous to children.

The treasurer (Mr. A. Towers) reported a credit of £3/11/6.

Mr. G. McDonald reported on the activities of the Central Council.

Mr. Chas. Chapman reported on the activities in reference to the Central Council's progress re the cricket competition.

Social Activities

Mr. A. Crowe reported that the house party on July 21 was a bumper success. This was mainly a result of the music by the Nutcracker Band, under the direction of Mr. Mutchmore. It was held by all to be a most enjoyable evening. A vote of thanks was conveyed to Mr. Mutchmore by the president, and with the co-operation of Mr. Mutchmore and the social committee, the social activities of the association, the social activities of the sound position.

Mr. Considine reported the continued success of the euchre parties every Tuesday evening.

Syllabus Cards.—Mr. F. McDonaid pointed out that syllabus cards for the ensuing six months are now available.

New Member.—Mr. Thurgood, of Regent, was suitably welcomed by the president.

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the ensuing year are now due.

PRESTON BOWLING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the Annual Meeting of the Preston Bowling Club on Saturday evening the following office-bearers were elected:—president Mr. H. E. Fox; vice-presidents, Messrs. Geo. Atyeo and Albert Carthew; honorary treasurer, Mr. F. Morgan; hon. secretary Mr. W. Tatchell; bowls secretary, Mr. F. G. Pike; committee Messrs. W. B. Howe, J. Wearne, G. Salfingetr, A. Welch, H. Henshaw, C. Condie; Selection committee, Mesrs. F. G. Pike, R. Crispe, R. Watson; auditors, Messrs. D. Ross, Geo. Pike; green director Mr. W. B. Howe; V.B.A. delegates, Messrs. Fox and Tatchell.

Mr. R. Lewis, retiring president, who is in Mildura apologised for his unavoidable absence and thanked the committee members and the Ladies Club for the assistance given to him during his term of office. He wished the club success during the forthcoming season.

Mr. Fox in returning thanks to the members for his election to the chair referred to the great need for increasing the membership of the club, and spoke of the enthusiastic support of the Ladies Club, which had at all times assisted in raising substantial sums to meet the financial liabilities of the club. He hoped that the ensuing season would be happy and prosperous one for both clubs, and in conclusion wished to thank the retiring president (Mr. Lewis) on behalf of the members, for his many acts of kindness during his term.

Mr. Howe in moving a vote of thanks to the office-bearers spoke of the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Fox in presenting the club with several tables, chairs, piano and floor covering. It was resolved to record an appreciation in the minutes.

The meeting decided in view of the fact that the club's finance needed a lift along that the subscriptions for existing members be raised to £4/4/; new members, £3/3/; electric light members, £2/2/.

It was also resolved to enter for the V.B.A. pennant competitions an A and two C teams and to hold the annual smoke night with presentation of prizes.

A letter is to be sent to the Ladies Club thanking them for their generous support during the past and hoping for a continuation of same. This resolution terminated a long and enthusiastic meeting.

PRESTON COUNCIL'S FINANCES

AN ALARMING STATEMENT

"DRASTIC MEASURES REQUIRED TO AVOID BANKRUPTCY"

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday evening the treasurer (Mr. L. W. Williams) reported that during the previous fortnight the collections totalled £18,969/13/11, of which £18,333/7/3 was classed as miscellaneous and included transfers from one account to another.

The overdraft was £40,981/19/5 (as per pass book £21,116/16/8). Private street construction account stood in credit £18,692/12/8, and the Electric Light account was in credit £9336 12/8.

Overdraft £21,000

Cr. Robinson.—With all the loan adjustments made the council has an overdraft of £21,000, and there is very little more money to be collected.

Another £1000 may be got in in rates, but that will be about all, and there are still several months to go to the end of the financial year. The total amount of the rate is only £45,000, and even if we struck an extra 6d. rate next year we would only get in an extra £9000.

"Position Alarming"

To say the least of it, the position is alarming, and something drastic will have to be done to save the council from bankruptcy.

Government Should Provide for Unemployed

The council has done all it can to assist the unemployed, and if the Government wants works done to give relief, then it is up to the Government to provide the money.

Cr. Robinson's Remarks Timely, Says Mayor

The Mayor.—Cr. Robinson's remarks are timely. The position is very serious, and I agree that the Government should come to the council's assistance with money for relief works.

The report was referred to the committee of the council.

A DRUNKEN DRIVER

FINED £20 AND LICENSE CANCELLED

At the Fitzroy court last week Joseph Sloan, motor driver, of Shaftesbury parade, Northcote, was fined £20 and his license cancelled on a charge of having driven a motor car in Clauscen street, North Fitzroy, whilst under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Arthur Merrifield, parking attendant, said on July 29 Sloan was in his car, which was being driven by another man. The car was parked and later he saw Sloan drive off in a very erratic manner.

Francis Hackett, of Lonsdale street, Melbourne, said he had left his car parked in Clauscen street, and, hearing a loud crash, found that Sloan's car had crashed into it. Sloan got out of his car and tried to get away. He smelt of liquor and appeared to be dazed.

Constable Maher said:—When I spoke to defendant he said, 'I am 'shot.' It was the other car hat caused the collision.

For the defence it was stated that the car's erratic course was due to a broken front spring. Sloan had taken some spirits because he was suffering from influenza, but he was not drunk.

In addition to the fine defendant was ordered to pay £1/7/6 costs.

PRESTON TRAMWAY SERVICES

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER HOLDING A DEPUTATION.

On Monday night the Preston council received a letter from the Tramways Board advising (1) that the conversion of the Brunswick street line has been commenced, and when completed the matter of east and west Preston services will be re-arranged (2) advising that the Board considers that it is inadvisable to have a closed in type of shelter shed in outlying areas.

It was considered that no good could be achieved by holding a deputation at the present time.

Cr. Robeson said the reply was unsatisfactory and he would like to see a deputation. When the Brunswick street line was electrified and the services re-arranged the Board should re-arrange the services to suit the needs of Preston, and now was the time to protest before the new time-tables were arranged.

Cr. Jones said that the council should consult with the West Preston Progress Association as to what services would be most suitable when the Brunswick street line was electrified.

The mayor said Preston wanted a better service, and the council had had many previous deputations. He thought an interview would be desirable at this time so that the council could learn the Board's proposals in rearranging the time-tables and the routing of the cars.

The matter was sent to the committee of the council.

Employer: "Have you any excuse to offer for such laziness?" Employe: "None that will work."

A SPECTACULAR FIRE

£10,000 DAMAGE AT FURNITURE FACTORY

FIREMEN HAMPERED BY POOR WATER PRESSURE

One of the most spectacular fires in Northcote in recent years occurred last Friday night, when a furniture factory owned by the Northcote Furniture Co. Pty. Ltd., in Merri parade, Northcote, was completely gutted.

The outbreak occurred about 11 p.m., and was first noticed by a boy passing over the footbridge near the Rushall station. He gave the alarm and the Northcote brigade, assisted by detachments from the city, were quickly at the scene.

Fire Has Strong Hold

By that time the fire had gained a strong hold, and the building was alight from end to end.

The water supply was poor, despite the fact that motor pumps were used, and little else could be done beyond confining the fire to the factory itself.

Flames Up To 100 Feet High

When the roof fell in the flames shot up into the air to a height of 100 feet, and the fierce blaze lighted up the district for miles around. Huge crowds gathered to watch the sight.

Completely Destroyed

The factory was of galvanised iron, and contained a huge quantity of furniture in the course of manufacture, and also much timber, the whole of which was destroyed.

Firemen Have Narrow Escape

When the roof fell in sheets of red hot iron flew in all directions, several firemen having narrow escapes.

Water to fight the outbreak was obtained from a four-inch main several blocks away, but even then only one hose could be used.

Water for Fire-Fighting

Mr. J. T. Williams, Chief Fire Officer, commenting on the poor water pressure, said that it was a pity that the provision of adequate water for fire-fighting was not the duty of one specific authority in Melbourne. He said the average summer water pressure in Melbourne was about 30 lbs. to the square inch, but often it fell as low as 5 lb.

Telephone Charges at Preston

REQUEST FOR REVERSION TO OLD RATES

At the request of the Preston council, Mr. F. Brennan, M.H.R., has promised attention to the Preston council's request that the original telephone ground rent charges should be reverted to until such time as the proposed exchange is established.

Cr. Robinson said the council did not seem to get any further in this matter. In Preston telephone users were mulcted 100 per cent. more in rent than were people in other areas. The Federal Government already had the land for an exchange in Preston, and the erection of the building, if proceeded with at the present juncture, would help to give relief to the unemployed.

The matter was referred to the committee of the council.

Clerk: "I am reckoning on getting a rise this summer." Employer: "You have reckoned wrongly, and a bookkeeper who reckons wrongly is no use to me—you are sacked."

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL GROUNDS.

MUNICIPAL CONTROL BODY SUGGESTED.

The Preston council on Monday received a letter from the town clerk of the city of Port Melbourne asking that the conucil appoint two representatives to attend a conference to consider the question of forming a Municipal Football Association.

Cr. Robinson.—Is this for us.

A voice.—Yes.

Cr. Robinson.—I'm going into goals then. (laughter)

Cr. Jones said the matter arose over the association's proposal to play the final and semi-final matches on a league ground. If the municipal control association was formed it would have a stimulating effect on the improvement of association grounds. He moved that the council should send delegates.

Cr. Robinson seconded saying the municipal councils had spent a lot of money on football grounds and when it became possible to get some return for that expenditure the councils should not be deprived of it.

Crs. Jones and Robinson were appionted to attend.

Cr. Robinson.—We'll put everything right (laughter)

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NORTHCOTE RESIDENT ABROAD

MR. JOHN WHALLEY WRITES HOME

Through the courtesy of Mr. Robert Whalley we are enabled to print the following interesting letters from Mr. John Whalley, who, with his wife, is making a world tour:—

London, June 1, 1930

It has been a very interesting but very strenuous week—matches every day, and in two cases travelling by train 140 miles (back and forth) and in another 130 miles to play them. From a bowling point of view we have been very successful so far, having won all our eight county games, including that against the champion county (Kent). I don't know how we will get on at the first test match on Tuesday, but I should say our chances are fairly good.

Though we pleaded for days off to see some of the test matches (cricket), the bowling authorities here have not given us a chance to do so, which, as you will realise, is a great disappointment. Our only holiday is Derby Day (Wednesday next), and as "standing room" is now being advertised at £3/3/, I don't think we will be going.

Yesterday we visited one of the most interesting towns we have been in—Banbury. You remember the rhyme—

"Ride a cock-horse to Banbury Cross,
And see a young lady ride a white horse."

It is a real bit of "old" England. Some of the inns, such as the Red Lion and "Ye Olde Reindeer Inn" go back to the year 1570. We were shown at the latter the room in which Cromwell held his council of war on the eve of the battle of Edgehill. At the White Lion Inn we saw a wisteria which covered the courtyard wall for a length of 240 feet. It is claimed to be the largest in England, and in full bloom, as we saw it, was certainly a magnificent sight. In the course of conversation with the landlady of Ye Olde Reindeer, I found that her son, who is in the Australian Air Force at Point Cook, was recently married to a Miss Brown at the Church of the Epiphany, Northcote.

After the match against Middlesex County at Twickenham on Thursday we were entertained at dinner at York House, a fine old mansion in beautiful grounds, given by Charles II. to his minister, Clarendon, whose daughter (Anne Hyde) became the wife of James II. It has had many interesting and celebrated occupants since. The whole property was recently acquired by Twickenham Borough, and so is now the splendid possession of the people.

Yesterday we went to Eastbourne to play Sussex County. It is a 65 miles train journey through typical English country now looking its very best, with the red and white hawthorn blooming and the meadows gay with buttercups and daisies. They met us on arrival with charabancs, and then gave us a fine drive in order to see their very fine town and its beautiful surroundings. (Eastbourne is one of the leading watering places of the South Coast.) After the drive we were entertained at dinner by the mayor and corporation in their very ornate town hall. Their green is beautifully situated, the unique pavilion, with its thatched roof, being almost embowered in fine old elms full of cawing rooks. They had a full band on the green to add to our welcome, and the mayor's official welcome to us and Alley's reply was broadcast over all England. These unusual demonstrations must have gone to our heads, for it was the first of the county matches we had lost. They beat us by 7. Alley heartily congratulated the victors, who naturally were very delighted at being the first team to down us. After "high tea" we got back to London at 11 p.m.

Bournemouth, June 8.

We only left London on Thursday and yet it seems an age, so much has been crowded into it. The same day we played bowls in Ventnor, on the southern extremity of the Isle of Wight. Passing through Portsmouth we saw Nelson's flagship, "The Victory," and a little later, crossing the Solent, Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock V., with which he hopes to wrest the yachting championship from America.

The Isle of Wight people gave us a wonderful time, even a princess (Princess Beatrice) contributing to the fund (L) entertain us. Ventnor is a delightful seaside resort, and we were put up at the Royal Marine Hotel, in which we found every comfort and very much to charm, for the flowers were beautiful and the articles of vertu, pictures, etc., were of the choicest. We had a fine game on a most picturesquely situated green, the town being right below and St. Boniface Down rising almost sheer 500 feet above. The green was gay with bunting, and hundreds came to see the game. Posters on the walls announced our coming, and it was very evident that the islanders regarded it as a big occasion.

At the banquet tendered us at the hotel after the game, the M.P. for the island, as well as the mayors and mayoresses of all the towns, were present, and it was announced that Lord Jellicoe would have been there only that he could not possibly get out of two prior engagements. Though the banquet was not over till nearly eleven o'clock we were then asked to proceed to the ballroom, where we were entertained with dances by the "champion dancers of Great Britain," by a comedian who we were told was a "dame from a Drury Lane pantomime," and other artists. Dancing also went on till the small hours. Fancy all this after the day we had had, leaving London (after packing) at 9 in the morning. Our autographs on their menu cards seemed to be quite prized by the local gentry of both sexes.

The whole lot of us would have just loved to have tarried at this delightful spot for a few days, but it was not to be. We had to play Hampshire County at the Athenley green, Southampton, the same day, after a glorious morning, and the train journey across the rich and beautiful island will be hard to forget. Crossing over to Southampton we passed the King's yacht lying at anchor, the Calshot seaplane base, also several Atlantic liners of 50,000 tons or so.

On the way out to the green we called in at Southampton green—the oldest green in the world, dating back from 1299. We were received in state by the "knights" of the green, clad in frock coats and top hats. It was a quaint sight. After signing our names in the visitors' book "Sir" Thomas Russell, in stately terms, gave us a history of the green, presented us each with the ancient club's badge and a copy of the old rules.

It appears that this "knighthood" is won in a curious competition amongst all the members, and which always commences on the 7th day of August,

Of Interest to Women

(Conducted by "PENELOPE").

ROMANTIC CIRCLE

DALTON—BARNES

Christ Church, Whittlesea, was the scene of an interesting wedding on Wednesday afternoon, July 23. The bride was Miss Fidelis Roberta (Dell) Barnes, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Robert Barnes, and the bridegroom Pilot Officer Robert Dalton, of the R.A.A.F., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dalton, of Whittlesea. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ankle-length frock of white satin and tulle frilled skirt over silver lace, embroidered with pearls and she carried a bouquet of white lilies. The bridesmaid was Miss Lorna Dalton, sister of the bridegroom, and she wore an ankle-length frock of pink satin, with felt hat and shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and sweet peas. Flying Officer H. R. Harding was best man, and, in keeping with the bridegroom, was attired in full dress uniform. Miss Paula Barnes, niece of the bride, was trainbearer, and she wore a blue frock trimmed with lace and pink ribbon. The church was decorated in military fashion with swords and aeroplanes. The reception and breakfast were held at the parish hall, which was tastefully decorated. Mrs. R. Amery, the bride's sister, greeted the guests, wearing a black satin coat over frock of same color, and she carried a posy of red berries and autumn leaves. The bridegroom's mother (Mrs. R. Dalton) wore a fawn and brown tweed ensemble, and carried a posy of red berries and autumn leaves. The Rev. A. J. Pearce, vicar of Christ Church of England, officiated at the ceremony.

CANAVAN—LANG

Last Saturday the Roman Catholic church at Thornbury was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding, when Miss Amy Lang, youngest daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Lang, Gower street, Preston, was married to Mr. Jack Canavan, youngest son of Mrs. J. Canavan, Somerset street, Richmond. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Vaughan. The bride who was given away by her father, made a charming figure in her frock of cream satin, and beautiful lace veil. She carried an up-to-date shower bouquet. Miss Thelma Lang, sister to the bride, was frocked in lemon satin, the other bridesmaid, Miss Nellie Canavan appearing in pale blue satin. Each young lady caried a pretty posy. Mrs. Lang wore a smart frock of black satin and the bridegroom's mother a modish frock of black marocain. Mr. Mark Canavan was the best man and Mr. Hughie Lang was groomsman. A family party sat down to breakfast at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lang The young couple will spend their honeymoon at Sassafras. Their future home will be at Oakleigh. Many wedding gifts were received, including a nice little sum of £50 from the members of the Canavan family.

EVENING MEAL FOR A CHILD

The following is a suitable evening meal (at 5 o'clock) for a child between the ages of, say, five and eight: —A boiled egg, wholemeal bread and butter, a piece of plain cake made with wholemeal, milk.

In season, a "fruit squash," made with raspberries and/or currants and milk is an excellent and popular dish.

The boiled egg really can be a standing item, as it suits the average child excellently.

Honey or good preserves on some of the wholemeal bread and butter can be substituted for the cake.

The child will be going to bed from one to one and a half hours after this meal, and should have nothing more then, excepting in special circumstances under medical orders.

Any food taken at bedtime will upset that normal course of the digestion of this recent meal. Even a drink of milk may do this, and may cause disturbance during the night for other reasons.

HELPFUL HINTS

By sewing a small brass ring on each corner of a rug and slipping the ring over a tack you can keep rugs down well, especially when there are children about.

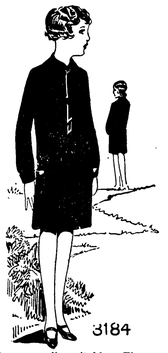
Orange, lemon, or grape fruit peel when dried makes good fuel for fires that are inclined to be sulky.

A little milk added to the "blue" water when washing white curtains makes them look much better after ironing.

FANCY'S FASHION

GIRL'S SCHOOL DRESS

Our illustration for this week features a useful dress for our young daughter, typically suitable for school or college wear. This is a very popular design and has been adopted by many high schools as their uniform. The dress has two box pleats at both front and back, and is made up on a yoke as the illustration shows. A neat turn-down collar finishes the neck, and a belt of the self material confines the dress at the hip line. Navy twill or flannel is the material usually chosen for making a school uniform, though grey or brown flannels and tweeds are sometimes used



and are equally suitable. There are also many other woollen materials which could be used with success. The pattern is one of Demaret's famous make, No. 3184, price 10½d., and is cut in sizes to suit girls of 8 to 10, and 11 to 13, and 14 to 16 years. Any of the local agents whose name appears on the list in another part of this paper can supply the patterns. Ask for a free copy of the Monthly Fashion leaflets, obtainable from the agents, or direct from the factory at Derby street, Collingwood. Send stamps for postage.

RECIPES

Meringues

Whisk the white of two eggs with ½ cup of sugar for 15 minutes; drop in teaspoonfuls on greased paper and leave in a moderate oven for 45 minutes, taking care not to brown.

Ginger Nuts

Melt 1 cup each of sugar, butter and treacle together in a saucepan over a slow fire, allow to cool, and then turn into a mixing bowl with 1 tablespoon of ground ginger, 2 tablespoons of ground cinnamon, 1 teaspoon of soda, and 2 teaspoons of cream of tartar. Mix well with 3 to 4 cups of plain flower, roll out, cut in shapes and bake.

Spiced Scones.

Ingredients: 4lb. flour, 1½ teaspoons baking powder. 2oz. margarine, ½ level teaspoon powdered cinnamon, 1½oz. currants, 1½oz. castor sugar, milk. Sift the flour, baking powder, and cinnamon into a basin. Rub in the fat and add the sugar and fruit, which should have been previously cleaned and picked over. Mix them well, then stir in sufficient milk to make a soft dough. Roll the mixture to a large round, barely three-eighths of an inch thick. Cut this evenly with the aid of a large plate. Then cut the round into quarters and then each quarter into three. Place the scones on a lightly greased baking sheet and brush them with milk. Then bake them for about ten minutes in a quick oven.

Crumpets

Mix 2 cups of plain flour, 2 teaspoons of baking powder, 1 teaspoon of salt, and 1 teaspoon of sugar with enough milk to make a creamy batter. Stir in the well-beaten whites of 2 eggs quickly, and allow to stand 7 or 8 minutes; then fry with a little butter in a small pan. When well honeycombed turn over and brown. Serve hot with butter or honey.

First Typist: "What on earth's the matter with the boss this morning? He acts like a wild man." Second: "He's crazy. Lost his lease and can't find another place." "Out of site, out of mind, eh?"

GIVE YOUR FACE AND FIGURE A CHANCE

A famous milliner said to me the other day: "I do not call it talent to make a charming hat for a pretty woman. I can make a plain woman look attractive.' She was hoping to make a hat for me, and she wanted to cheer me up. She did! I thought, truthfully, that clothes can do a lot to overcome Nature's deficiencies.

So I am going to give you some little hints to set you on the path—it is the little things which count—the ones you usually overlook, perhaps.

Beginning with hats—suppose you are blessed with a retrousse nose, never wear a hat with a point which comes across the cheek and subtly follows the line of your nose.

Where "Chokers" Are Wrong

If you have an exceptionally broad or round face, avoid a hat with points which turn down and out, and so accentuate your broad chin. Instead, choose a hat where the points either come down straight, giving the face length, or turn up straight with the same result.

And never dress your hair in a fluffy way, as this also broadens the face. See that your hair lies flat and smoothly on the cheek, or even behind the ears.

The back brim is low all round the neck, since, if your face is broad, your neck is probably short, and the new hats with the low back frill accentuate this. But if you have a long, thin neck, these sou'-wester hats are just right for you—so are high fur collars.

Your chin is particularly important in relation to your hat—a square chin should not be balanced by a round or pointed crown, but by a squarish one. A round chin wants a round crown. Remember that your hat must match your hair-set.

Then jewellery! If you have a short, fat neck, do not wear a choker necklace—one just at the base of the throat is best. Another point—if you are rather high or full-busted, do not wear a necklace which will follow the line of the figure and then hang away over the waist. It accentuates your outline. Also, if your hands are on the large side, never wear a tiny, dainty ring—choose, rather, one of the new large ones.

Tips About Stockings

From hands to arms! If the latter are short in proportion, always choose gloves which match your coat in color, and a plain gauntlet for preference, and so carry on the line. Contrasting gloves shorten the arms. So, too, do large gauntlet cuffs or frilly sleeves. Make the cuff plain and of the same material, if you want a cuff.

Legs are particularly important. Short legs should not wear contrasting stockings—they should tone with the dress or coat, and the shoe should ivoid a contrasting strap, which shortens the foot. Gaily patterned golf or sports stockings are only for thin legs—so never be tempted!

Similarly, you should avoid a contrasting belt unless you want to shorten your figure. A tall girl should not wear a high Eton collar—it immediately elongates her. By the same token, if she is flat-chested, she should introduce a few gathers or tucks on to the bodice.

The length of a plain bodice is accentuated by a long vest strapping, while a shorter strapping into which the bodice is prettily tucked, adds width, and while the skirt is flared, making the small bodice look like an intentional contrast!

The same tall, thin girl will find that the new high waistline is inclined to give her a tubular effect. For this reason she should break the line below the hips if possible. A brightly colored handkerchief in a pocket below the belt is an easy way, or some pretty patch trimmings.

Fichus are a stumbling-block to many, since a fichu can be very becoming—or very much the reverse. A broad fichu reading over the bust and then hanging away looks very nice indeed. How much nicer the same figure would look in the fichu collar, ending fairly high up. If, on the other hand, you are flat-chested, see that your fichu is broad, short, and, if possible, pleated. It will look charming.

Suppose that your bust is large and highish, and your hips quite slim—that is often the case—do not inlet a contrasting vest, and carry your long V opening right down to the waistline. This is supposed to be a slimming line, and it is; but in your case the V will broaden perceptibly over your bust, and then—wouff!—down goes the eye to the slim hips.

All wrong! Instead, let the pointed neckline end at the bust.

Forget Your Waist!

To apply these ideas to present fashions. If you are tall, choose one of the new toe-length skirts which is also full or has rills near the hem, but avoid one of the new tube-like evening frocks. The longer day-time skirt, by the way, is kind to fat ankles but carry the color line down and wear stockings of the same shade.

The little waist basque that is so popular is only for the slim, and be careful about the new high waist. In fact, don't bother about it at all. Unless your normal waist is very pretty, forget you have it.

They are amusing—these little tricks of dressing—but it is the girl who makes a study of them who looks attractive—more so, often, than her naturally better endowed sister!

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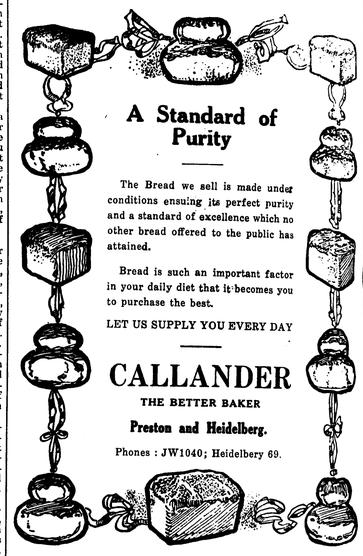

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NORTHCOTE RETURN BALL

LARGE GATHERING HONORS MAYOR AND ACTING MAYORESS.

At the Northcote town hall on Wednesday evening there was a very large gathering of citizens on the occasion of the return ball tendered to the mayor of Northcote (Cr. W. Hayes) and the acting mayoress (Mrs. J. M. David).

THE DECORATIONS

A color scheme of gold, orange and pastel mauve had been used by the decorative artists, and a gala effect without the usual harshness and brightness was achieved. Lattice arches in gold, gaily decked with Iceland poppies and asparagus fern, faced the walls, and above these swathes of mauve and lime shades, held by rosettes and baskets of wisteria, hung, while golden Chinese lanterns climbed in disorderly profusion between the arches and the swathes. Across the room from walls to centre-piece stretched fringed streamers, alternated with rows of large poppies, each lighted with an orange globe and terminating at the centre in a bunch of lighted flowers, which formed the central illumination. Pendant flowers in mauve and gold on a greenery trimmed frame composed the centre-piece, with a smaller replica at either end, from each of which hung a huge Chinese lantern. This introduced a bizarre effect, contrasting, yet toning with the whole color scheme. Leading to the stage were wide steps carpeted in dull red, which formed excellent seating accommodation. Young Norfolk pines and pot plants stood irregularly about the stage, and armchairs and settees were arranged so that the civic dignitaries might rest and watch the festivities in comfort.

In the upper tones green and yellow were used, with excellent results, and the streamers, together with shaded lights and stage backgrounds of deep green pot plants proved an interesting setting for the merry throng which visited there throughout the evening.

THE OFFICIAL ENTRY

Preceded by councillors, ex-councillors and their ladies, who formed a guard of honor, the mayoral party entered the ball room. The acting mayoress was escorted by Cr. Johnson, while the mayor accompanied Mrs Johnson. Mrs. David wore a charming shell pink moire silk taffeta costume, with insets of silver lace in the fitting bodice, which was attached to a full-flared skirt of ankle length. Large silver backed flowers were the only adornment. Pink carnations, mauve pansies and autumn leaves composed her bouquet.

THE PRESENTATIONS

At an interval the ex-mayor (Cr. B. E. Johnson, J.P.), chairman of the return ball committee, made several presentations.

He referred in glowing terms to the many good qualities of Cr. Hayes, who had been a councillor for some 28 years, and a resident of some 40 years. The mayor had taken a very keen interest in the welfare of the city, his activities covering a wide field. He was now completing his second term as mayor, having had a most successful year, during which time he had worthily upheld the dignity of this high office.

On behalf of those assembled, Cr. Johnson presented to the mayor a handsome grandfather clock and also a comfortable leather arm chair as tokens of esteem and appreciation. (Applause).

To the mayoress Cr. Johnson presented a beautiful solitaire diamond ring, and thanked her for the keen interest she had taken in her duties. The charitable work had been very heavy, and the calls on her time had been great, but she had gracefully adapted herself to the position and had filled it to the admiration of all (Applause).

The company joined enthusiastically in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows," and ringing cheers conveying hearty goodwill were lustily given.

Mayor Hayes said that it was one of the proudest moments of his life to be the guest of such a fine gathering, and one he would long remember. His mayoral year had been pleasant, though strenuous on account of the large amount of charitable work necessitated by the depression, but the various societies and public bodies had rallied to his support and had done much to lighten the burden for both the mayoress and himself. His fellow councillors had ever given him able and whole-hearted support, for which he was grateful.

He gave thanks to the return ball committee and to all who had been responsible for the splendid gathering; to those who had assisted in the charity work, and to the ladies who had come forward at all times to support the mayoress (Applause).

The mayoress, who was received

THE MAYOR OF NORTHCOTE
Cr. Wm. Hayes, J.P.

THE ACTING MAYORESS OF NORTHCOTE
Mrs. J. M. David

with prolonged applause, also responded, returning thanks for the magnificent gift, and for the kindly sentiments expressed by Cr. Johnson. She said the gift would remind her of many happy hours in Northcote. To the ladies who had always assisted and seconded her efforts she was very grateful. (Applause).

The mayor made a presentation of a handsome crystal vase to the town clerk (Mr. J. A. Thomson) and thanked him for his assistance. A splendid organiser, the town clerk had been the mayor's right hand man.

Mr. Thomson responding said whatever he had done had been a pleasure. He had done his best and was glad his efforts had been appreciated. (Applause).

THE COMMITTEE

The executive who carried out the arrangements consisted of Cr. B. E. Johnson (ex-mayor, chairman), Crs. S. Dennis, A. H. Oldis, F. E. Mitchell, W. Olver, J. Sutch, J. H. Green, A. J. Cornish, Messrs. R. J. Whalley, W. S. Neelands, A. E. Johnston, E. C. Yeoman, A. J. Roberts, whilst the hon. secretaries were Messrs. E. L. Sharp and J. A. Thomson.

The committee is to be congratulated on the manner in which the arrangements were carried out, nothing being left undone to ensure that the evening would be an unqualified success.

THE MUSIC

Miss Bolle's orchestra supplied the strains to which the dancers merrily tripped and throughout the evening played good tuneful rhythmical music, which made dancing a pleasure and delight to even the most apathetic performer. Encores were frequent, and the popular "Blues" measure served as an encore to nearly every dance.

THE SUPPER

So great was the attendance that it was necessary to have two sittings both in the small town hall and the old court house. The tables were tastefully laid out, silver vases of Iceland poppies being their only decoration. An ample supply of good things was provided. Mrs. Olorenshaw, of Normanby Hall, Thornbury, had charge of the catering arrangements, and the supper and buffet the guests did full justice to the daintily served repast. The attendants were efficient and served deftly and quickly, and Mrs. Olorenshaw is to be congratulated on her perfect organisation in such a necessary department of the evening's pleasure.

Bowling Green Raided

Thieves visited the Northcote Bowling Green pavilion on Wednesday, July 16, and again on July 23. A sheet of galvanised iron was removed from the roof and access gained to a brick cellar. A quantity of soft drinks, bottled beer and other articles were removed, including an overcoat belonging to one of the members.

Northcote State School Band

The silver cup and medals won by the Northcote State School (Helen street) band at the Radio Exhibition on July 24 are on view in the window of Mr. Geo. Burton, High street, Northcote. The band, which has only been in existence for 12 months, has made wonderful progress under the leadership of its bandmaster, Mr. W. F. King.

NORTHCOTE NOTES

Northcote Resident Injured

On Tuesday John Henry Crofts, a fireman, residing in Separation street, Northcote, was struck by a piece of iron which was hurled through the air when a rope on a winch of the steamer Lady Loch broke as the vessel was leaving Reid street pier, Williamstown, at the commencement of a trip to the lighthouses on the Victorian coast. Crofts was admitted to hospital suffering from a lacerated scalp and probable fracture of the skull. Ernest John Cooper, another fireman, was also struck.

Community Singing

Community singing on Thursday evening in the town hall was only fairly attended, and the contributions totalled £4/2/3. This is very disappointing. Mr. Nicholl being otherwise engaged, the announcing and stage managing was in the hands of Mr. Tom Davey, who gave a couple of baritone solos, for which he was recalled. Miss Ruby Barton, the only competitor in the young folks' competition, sang in a manner which carried away her listeners, who rapturously encored this promising seven-year-old singer. Miss Nellie Hazeldine varied the programme on two occasions by reciting in a capable manner.

"Delmag" Rammer

"I thought there was another war on," was a remark passed by a returned soldier when watching the Northcote council's new "Delmag" rammer at work. This machine was recently purchased by the council to ram pipe cuts in the roadway and has proved a great success. Its use enables a pipe cut to be filled and made as solid as the road. Certainly it is a bit noisy. "Nothing like it to bring the people out of their homes to see what's going on," said one of the men using it. The machine is the only one of its kind in Australia.

Swastika Social Club

A most successful evening, both financially and socially, was spent on Saturday, when the above club held its initial dance in the small town hall, Northcote. Everything conducive to the keenest enjoyment was provided by the secretaries and appreciated by about 120 dancers. A feature of the evening was the elaborate frocking, most of the ladies wearing ankle length frocks, thus lending an old world charm to the scene of gaiety. Miss G. Newton, who shared the duties of secretary with Mr. F. Greensland, wore a frock having a bodice of shell pink crepe satin allied to a full skirt of tiny net frills, caught at the hip with a bow of the same material. Miss F. McDonald, one of the committee, wore a modish frock of green georgette. Others noticed were Misses E. Brady, tangerine georgette; Pearl Morris, maize georgette and lace; M. Polock, pink taffeta, E. McDonald, red crepe de chene; S. Osmond, blue satin and tulle; T. Jones, autumn toned velvet and taffeta; N. Newton, mauve satin and embroidered net; I. Thorn, green moire velvet; E. Thorn, white taffeta and tulle; G. Lang, pink satin and spotted net. Following several requests another dance will be held at an early date.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By McFadzean and Ross, Station entrance, Reservoir, on Aug. 9, 5-roomed villa, at 45 Delaware St., Preston.

By James and Hobson, on Aug. 7 at 12.30, at 143 Ballantyne St., Thornbury, complete furnishings of 5-roomed villa; at 3 p.m., villa property, as advertised.

By C. H. Burnham, estate agent, Northcote, and Stott, Son and Watson, Northcote, on Aug. 9, at 3 p.m., on property, 19 Lewis St., Thornbury 3-roomed w.b. house, on land 45 x 90 also contents, including furniture etc.

Salvation Army, Preston

This week-end will be brim full of interest to comrades and friends of the Preston Corps, in that three of the oldest Salvation Army officers in Australia, namely, Colonels Hoskins, Bray and Edwards, will be with us for the Sunday, and will be conducting the following meetings:—11 a.m. Holiness Session; 3 p.m. Old Time "Free and Easy"; 7 p.m., Great Salvation Meeting, which will be conducted in the old town hall. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mr. Frank Brennan, M.H.R., Federal Attorney-General, who represents the Batman electorate, is now on his way to the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva. He is the leader of the Australian delegation. He is accompanied by his wife, who is very well known throughout the electorate, and his sister (Miss Annie Brennan), who is also a solicitor. Also in the party are the Solicitor-General (Sir Robert Garran) and Lady Garran.

Waine: "Your wife is certainly a wonderful talker." Lane: "Yes, she gives a good account of herself."

Cook: "How many eggs must I use in this dish?" Mistress: "Four The whites of two and the yolks of two."

Mrs. Sand: "Anyone would think I was nothing but a cook in this house." Mr. Sand: "Not after a couple of meals."

PERSONAL

The engagement was recently announced of Miss Mildred Cotchin, Preston, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cotchin, "Roseneath," Woodstock. Her fiancee is Mr. Harold Kennard, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Kennard, "Halroy," Bellarine St., Preston.

Mr. Edward Bailey, High St., Northcote, has received a letter from Mr. John Whalley from Wales, and he states that he is keeping Australia's end up in bowling. Out of 24 games played by Mr. Whalley he has won 18.

The friends of Mr. S. Gaston, High St., Preston, will regret to learn that he is confined to his room suffering from a severe illness.

Mrs. W. Glanfield, of Separation St., Northcote, has been spending a few days in Sydney. While in the northern capital Mrs. Glanfield seized the opportunity of having a trip in an aeroplane.

Mr. W. C. Truman, stationmaster at Westgarth, will retire at the end of this week. He joined in 1888, and therefore has 42 years' service.

Miss Sheila Stanlake, a pupil of Miss Iris Jones, has succeeded in passing the senior examination in connection with the L.C.M. as an elocutionist. Miss Stanlake gained 83 points out of a possible 85.

The death occurred on Saturday at his residence, Cooper St., Preston, of Mr. Arthur A. Robinson, at the advanced age of 70 years. He leaves a widow and members of the family are Harold (deceased), Jack, Louie (Mrs. E. G. Aldridge), Will, Alice (Mrs. J. Carroll), Harry (deceased, A.I.F.), Norm., Bessie (Mrs. H. Proctor), Perce, and Winnie (Mrs. J. Brown).

The engagement is announced of Alberta Mavis, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kitson, Smith St., Thornbury, to Lester Holloway, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Seward, "Wirroona," Glen Eira road, Elsternwick.

The death occurred at Compston St., Reservoir, on July 12 of Mrs. Margaret Gibbs, widow of the late Arthur Gibbs, Mrs. H. Glover, of Compston St., Reservoir, is a daughter.

There passed away suddenly at Abbotsford on July 17 Mr. Edward Braemar, of Gladstone Av., Croxton. He leaves a widow and members of the family are Selma, Dorothy (Mrs. Hynes), Marie (Mrs. Twomey), Kathleen (Mrs. Brady) and Thomas.

Miss Maggie Edwards died at Heidelberg on Saturday. She was a sister of Mrs. J. L. Davidson, of Reservoir.

A pioneer in the person of Mr. Joseph Laidlay passed to the Great Beyond on Saturday, at Greensborough. Mr. Laidlay lived at Henry St., Greensborough, and had reached the ripe old age of 79 years, of which 76 have been spent in Australia. He was widely known and respected and even to the end was possessed of all his faculties. Members of the family are Margaret, John, Ethel and Elsie. The interment was made at the Strathallan Cemetery, Preston, on Monday, the funeral arrangements being in the hands of Messrs. W. G. Apps & Son.

Mr. Frank Lea, of Charles St., Northcote, passed away on July 18 at a private hospital at Richmond. He was a son of Mrs. and the late George Lea.

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Charles ("Buddy") Rogers and Thelma Todd, who were film students together at the Paramount Picture school in 1926, are in the same picture for the first time since those days, both having parts in Paramount's all-technicolor production of the musical comedy, "Follow Thru."

BUSTER LIKES DRAUGHTS

Buster Keaton, king of comedians, likes nothing better than a quiet game of draughts.

Embroidery and needlework is the favorite pastime of the flapperish Joan Crawford; while juggling anything from water glasses to walnuts is the off-stage sport of Edward Nugent.

William Haines tells the story of a gentleman who had gazed on the wine when it was red, crossing the street of a small town when the town fire engine swept by.

It was an old-time engine, with sparks flying and smoke and steam arising. "Stop!" yelled the inebriated one. But the engine kept going. "Aw ri!" shouted the celebrant after it, "keep your old chestnuts, then!"

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As can easily be imagined from the title, the picture has an Irish background. In fact, it is the first talking picture to be filmed in Ireland. The cast is largely composed of Irish players, with the genial tenor playing one of the leading roles.

But it is the great McCormack voice that predominates throughout the picture. McCormack sings no less than eleven songs, ten in English, and one in Italian. These include his old favourites, as well as new numbers written specially for this picture. They are said to be so logically introduced throughout the story that the lyrics take the place of the dialogue and aptly interpret the plot of "SONG O' MY HEART."

Directed by Frank Borzage, who's "Seventh Heaven" is well remembered by picture-goers, the story carries a romantic charm most refreshing in these days of "back-stage" stories and "wise-cracking" comedians.

JOHN McCORMACK, The world's foremost Tenor, now in a talking picture for Fox Movietone.

Director Borzage has kept to a simple story of simple Irish folk, and thereby has invested "SONG O' MY HEART" with added charm.

More than three months were spent by the cast and production unit in Ireland, filming the exterior scenes. Many of these were made on Count McCormack's estate, Moore Abbey, near Monasterevan, County Kildare, in the villages of Rush and Lusk, not far from Dublin, and along the banks of the River Barrow. Returning to Hollywood, the interiors were completed and the sequences calling for the concert stage and hall in New York City.

Prominent in the supporting cast are the two Irish comedians brought to America from Ireland by Director Borzage — Maureen O'Sullivan and Tommy Clifford. Their rich brogue, as yet uncontaminated by the studios, will prove a delight. Others include J. M. Kerrigan and Farrell Macdonald, who carry the hearty Irish comedy. Alice Joyce, Effie Ellsler, and Emily Fitzroy.

PARAMOUNT TO PRODUCE JUVENILE TALKIES

A unique feature of Paramount's production programme for 1930-31 will be the creation of several screen stories of childhood, designed for grown-ups as well as youngsters. These productions will represent the first audible full-length pictures to deal with juvenile characters primarily.

This innovation will mark the return of Jackie Coogan to the screen as a talking star. Jackie will play the title role in "Tom Sawyer," a screen version of Mark Twain's humorous epic of boyhood. Junior Durkin will have the role of Huckleberry Finn in this production, and will repeat it in an adaptation of "Huckleberry Finn."

Jackie Coogan is now well along in the schooling which his parents felt should not be hampered by his professional career. Since his last appearance on the screen he has grown into a healthy, happy boy, who has kept all the engaging youthfulness which first made him famous.

The third picture of this type will be "Skippy," a talking version of Percy Crosby's famous kid cartoons. The youngsters for the title role and his supporting juvenile cast have not yet been selected. The production will be filmed at the New York studios, with Crosby assisting in the direction.

WESTGARTH TALKIES

"Cohens and Kellys in Scotland"

Probably one of the best and most versatile programmes ever screened at this theatre is being presented this week-end. "Splinters" is the very spirit of the British Tommy. Private Hal Jones was chosen by Army Headquarters to organise a concert party, so Splinters was born, and it lived to become the greatest of all war-time revues. The British Dominion Film Co. obtained Hal Jones and Reg Stone for parts in the film, and augmented the cast by adding Nelson Keys, Sydney Howard and Lew Lake to it.

The supporting picture "Alibi", contains, thrills, mystery, romance, suspense, action and novelty combined into a rapid-fire attraction that is sure to thrill any audience. Added attractions are a Mickey the Mouse Cartoon, "When the Cats Away" and exclusive sound pictures of "The First Test Match in England."

What should prove a big attraction on Monday next is "The Cohens and Kellys in Scotland." Kilt-clad and comical, they stumble into a host of uproarious experiences culminating in the determination to commit suicide because their fortunes have been lost. "Wise Girls" is the all-talking version of the highly sucessful stage comedy, "Kempy." An excellent cast includes Elliot Nugent, Norma Lee and Roland Young.

Next Thursday "Men Without Women", heralded as the most dramatic and remarkable talking picture yet produced, will be presented. There are no women in the cast, and the main part of the narrative deals with a group of sixteen survivors of the collision between their undersea craft and a blundering steamer, trapped in their iron prison in the China Sea.

All this coming week, exclusive sound pictures of the Second Test Match will be screened showing Don Bradman and the other Australian and English players in action.

CLARK AND McCULLOUGH'S COMEDY FOR RKO

Walter Wilson, one of the principals in Clark and McCullough's first comedy for RKO, appeared in the first five-reel feature ever made in the United States. The producer was Selig, and the place, Chicago.

Elliott Nugent and Eddie Nugent, both of whom are under contract to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer as featured players, are constantly being mixed up by screen fans. "I don't mind getting Elliott's fan mail, but I'll be darned if I want his bills," wails Eddie.

Joan Crawford Deserves Success

Joan Crawford, star of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Montana Moon," has so often been identified with the words "modern" and "dancing" that it may be a shock to some of her admirers to learn that the word which most aptly describes her is "ambitious." Miss Crawford was born with the double gifts of beauty and personality, in San Antonio, Texas. Her earliest recollections are of Lawton, where she stood in the wings with her father, so fascinated by the dancers, that she was hardly conscious of imitating their movements with her feet, which often were bare. She met financial difficulties early in life and she was a "slavey" in a private school in Kansas City, in order to earn her education. Despite hard work, however, she never missed dancing at nights, and she was a popular partner later at all fraternity dances at Stevens College Columbia, where she waited on table to pay her way. Miss Crawford always was beautiful and alluring, and could dance as if with fairy feet. She also had a tremendous drive of ambition to succeed on her own hook. She went to New York and was a notable success as a dancing chorus girl, playing in "The Passing Show", and at the Winter Garden. She was just starting to earn some extra money in a night club, when Harry Rapf, a studio executive of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer saw her, and sent her to contract. She made her film debut in "Pretty Ladies," appeared in more important parts with each succeeding picture, and from then on it was only a matter of time before her rare talents were recognised by the public and producers and she was starred in "Our Modern Maidens." So if Joan Crawford, today, is envied as one of the most successful actresses in Hollywood, it was not her modern manner or her dancing ability alone that put her there, but also an unusual amount of determination and energy.

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This Friday and Saturday, August 1 & 2. Saturday Matinee.
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With HAL JONES, REG. STONE and NELSON KEYS.
The first of the great New All British All Talkies.
UNUSUAL! UNIQUE! ASTOUNDING!
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MICKEY THE MOUSE in "WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY."
Exclusive Sound Pictures of the FIRST TEST MATCH.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, August 4, 5, 6.
COHENS AND KELLYS IN SCOTLAND
With CHARLES MURRAY and GEORGE SIDNEY.
Imagine it! The Cohens and Kellys in Kilts.
And BELLE BAKER and RALPH GRAVES in
SONG OF LOVE SONG OF LOVE
ALL TALKING, SINGING, DANCING HIT.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 7, 8, 9.
KENNETH McKENNA and FARRELL MacDONALD in
MEN WITHOUT WOMEN
The Movietone Melodrama of Submarine Thrills.
And ROLAND YOUNG and NORMA LEE in
WISE GIRLS WISE GIRLS
All Talking version of the Stage Comedy "Kempy."

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ALL TALKING ALL TALKING ALL TALKING
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FREE LOLLIES. FREE BOOKS. DOORS OPEN 1.45.

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COHENS AND KELLYS IN SCOTLAND.
ALL TALKING ALL TALKING ALL TALKING
BILLIE DOVE in
CAREERS CAREERS
ALL TALKING ALL TALKING ALL TALKING
Children under 16 not admitted.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 8, 9.
PAUL PAGE in
MEN WITHOUT WOMEN
ALL TALKING ALL TALKING ALL TALKING
A Greater Picture Than "Submarine."
Children under 16 not admitted.
ROLAND YOUNG in
WISE GIRLS. WISE GIRLS.
ALL TALKING. ALL TALKING. ALL TALKING.

"ARGUS," THE PROPHET.

AT STAR AND GOWERVILLE

That mysterious marvel of all time, "Argus" will fascinate patrons at the Star and Gowerville Theatres on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next. Argus is the only telepathist in the world and nothing is a secret to him, he can see everything and knows everything. By his strange powers he has baffled scientists, famous specialists and police and it is impossible to puzzle him. The management wishes to acquaint the public with the fact that it is against the law for anyone to undertake to tell fortunes or foretell the future. Argus does not tell fortunes, and if he answers any questions bearing on the future, it must be taken as an experience or amusement. In actual practice it is found that most of Argus' answers come correct, but it cannot guarantee that every answer will be correct. Argus holds the right to refuse to answer any question if he thinks fit. Argus speaks on all subjects, especially those that would benefit anyone, such as sickness, missing friends, law cases, examinations, change of occupation, employment, journeys, matrimony, crime transactions, inventions, patents, gambling, competitions, lost or stolen property—in fact, there is no question under the sun Argus could not answer, providing it comes under the aforesaid conditions. Members of the audience should have the questions written plainly, and not pass them on to anyone else, as the telepathy should only be between Argus and the person seeking information. There will be a musical telepathy act also in which Argus, blindfolded at a piano on the stage will play any item thought of by any member of the audience.

In addition to Argus on the stage, "Wall Street," an all talking dramatic hit, with Raiph Ince and Aileen Pringle will be screened.

For the week-end program coming on Thursday, August 7, Clive Brook and Evelyn Brent play the lead in "Slightly Scarlet" which is the main feature. It deals with a woman who finds herself powerless in the grasp of a masked thief. In attempting to escape this influence, she falls in love with a suave English gentleman who is Clive Brook. The surprise really is and events from then on comes when she discovers who make a most interesting story. Popular Laura La Plante in "Hold Your Man," an all talking comedy drama, completes the excellent entertainment.

DARMOUR LINES UP BIG CASTS

"And then the dawn came." For several years now movie patrons have been clamouring for better short features. The dawn of a new day appears just about ripe for breaking in this field of production, according to Radio Pictures' officials. Larry Darmour is playing a leading role in this drama. Following his announcement that he is to make a series of six two-reel shorts, starring Karl Dane and George K. Arthur, and six with Louise Fazenda, comes a sizzling wire from him that the casts are to measure up to the stars. He announces that he has signed Yola D'Avril for the first Dane-Arthur short, a war burlesque. Daphne Pollard is to be in the second subject of this series.

In the meantime Louis Brock, producing for Radio Pictures in the east, is busily engaged with short productions starring those inimitable comedians, W. C. Fields and Clark and McCullough.

Cyril Maude, who plays the title role in Paramount's film version of the comedy, "Grumpy," was born in London, England.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

This week-ends features are the Paramount drama "Marriage Playground," starring Mary Brian and Frederic March, and "Skin Deep" with Monte Blue, Betty Compson and Davey Lee in a sensation of the underworld.

Monday brings along "Pointed Heels," and "Careers." "Pointed Heels" has a good plot, gripping pathos, rib-racking humor and ear-tickling songs. William Powell is the suave semi-villian; Helen Kayne is the vaudeville performer; Fay Wray is the beautiful girl from the chorus who falls in love with Phillips Holmes, a young composer; and "Skeets" Gallagher is the fair-haired husband of the luscious Helen, who completes the comedy-team of Kane and Gallagher, with a technicolor revue. In "Careers," a foreign locale is provided for the talented actress, Billie Dove. The action taking place in Indo-China, among the natural beauties of the Orient. The story deals with the ambitious wife of a young magistrate, who seeks to obtain his advance in the diplomatic service by interceding with his superior officers. The startling events that follow this determination make up a plot that is novel and thoroughly interesting throughout. Antonio Moreno and Noah Beery are the chief of a strong supporting cast.

"At The Villa Rose" the mid-week change attraction is a melodrama in every sense of the word, and, while the serious moments are many, the picture has a delightful vein of humor running through it that is just as spontaneous as the fun that has characterised such British talkies as "Splinters" and "Rookery Nook." The glamour of Monte Carlo's famous Casino, where fortunes are lost and won in a twinkling of an eye—beautiful days on the Riviera—foreboding nights within Madame's Villa Rose, are some of the high-lights and the whole cast is English, including Austin Trevor and Nora Baring. "Slightly Scarlet," the companion picture, features Clive Brook and Evelyn Brent. It is a gripping romantic melodrama, filled with unusual dramatic twists and tense situations, and Brook is at his best as the mysterious Englishman, who captures the heart of a beautiful girl and then, because of his own secret identity, doesn't know what to do with it. The story is fast-moving and dynamic. Mickey the Mouse in "Wild Waves" is a refreshing cartoon of fun and frolic.

REGENT NEWS

The new kindergarten hall in Regent is now almost complete.

Miss Davis, of Nyowee street, Regent, is to be married by Rev. W. D. Anderson on Saturday.

The Regent Christian Endeavor Society visited West Preston and were entertained.

St. Mark's, West Preston

A meeting of St. Mark's congregation was held to make arrangements for a bazaar. The following were elected in charge of the various stalls:—Sweets stall, Mrs. Holden; hessian stall, Mrs. W. H. Smith; flower stall, Mrs. Uhlorn and Mrs. Joyce; lucky dip, Mrs. Burge; cake stall, Mrs. Parker; work stall, Ladies' Guild; produce stall, Mrs. Goodrich; jumble stall, Boys' Club; ice cream stall, Mrs. H. Smith and Mrs. A. Burge; G.F.S. in charge of afternoon tea.

Further announcements will be advertised in the "Leader."

Personality and intelligence are rated by experts as being much more important than mere good looks in girls who wish to take up a business career.

Ju-jitsu, or Japanese wrestling, is one of the very few sports in which woman can compete on a footing of equality with men. It is a question of skill and not strength.

Olive: "Now that we're engaged, darling, you'll give me a ring, won't you?" Reginald: "Yes, certainly, darling. Er—what's your number?"

THE COHENS AND THE KELLYS. The latest of the great comedy series, Paramount's film version of the comedy, Grumpy," was born in London, England. Charlie Murray are seen in Scotland, great comedy pair, George Sidney and

CHANEY, A DANCE HOUND

Mathematical puzzles are a hobby of Lon Chaney, famous M-G-M character star. Consequently one may find him "between shots" working on the latest, or if he feels so disposed, he may be doing a few intricate dance steps to the tune of the set musicians, for he was at one time in his career an instructor of musical comedy choruses.

The varied theatrical career of John Gilbert has given him a keen sense of humor, and his constant banter with set technicians is the source of many a hearty laugh.

Fred Niblo, director of "Ben Hur," was required to direct before the camera for the scene showing a talking picture being made in Buster Keaton's new picture, "Free and Easy," at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. The director was all day under the hot lights. "Gosh!" he said, "now I know that this acting is a tough game!"

LLOYD FIGHTS FIRE

Harold Lloyd and several prominent guests leaped up from their dinner one night recently to stage an impromptu and non-movie fire fight. A stubborn blaze that started from an incinerator in the rear of Lloyd's expensive Beverly Hills home, occupied the distinguished party until Beverly Hills fire-fighters arrived to do battle. Damage was estimated at £1000.

RKO PLANS NEW HOSPITAL

Radio Pictures' studio will soon have a new five-room hospital, according to plans now under way. The hospital will provide night and day service.

Claudette Colbert, Paris-born stage and film actress, now appearing in Paramount's "Manslaughter," speaks French and English without accent.

Gary Cooper, the film star, owns a large "boarding" ranch in his native state, Montana.

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Also on the same programme
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Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 7, 8, 9.
ALL TALKING PARAMOUNT SENSATION!
CLIVE BROOK AND EVELYN BRENT in
SLIGHTLY SCARLET
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And LAURA LA PLANTE in
HOLD YOUR MAN
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Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE

USUAL SERVICES.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY.

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Holy Communion 8 and 11 a.m.
Evensong 7
Preacher—The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Preacher—The Vicar.

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Morning and Evening—Rev. J. McL. McIntyre. Anthems will be rendered at both services.

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11 a.m.—Rev. C. Tregear
7 p.m.—Rev. A. . Holden, B.A.

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK
11 a.m.—Rev. A. T. Holden, B.A.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
7 p.m.—Pastor E. C. Perkins

CROXTON
11 a.m.—Rev. A. E. Albiston, M.A.
7 p.m.—Rev. C. Tregear

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11—Mr. Bruce Smith
7—Pastor A. E. Illingworth. "The Black Reality."

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11 a.m.—Rev. H. Williams
7 p.m.—Miss Allen

PENDER'S GROVE.
11 a.m.—Mr. W. H. Gray
7 p.m.—Mr. C. G. Sandland

OAKOVER ROAD.
11 a.m.—Mr. E. O. Risstrom
7 p.m—Rev H. Williams

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, at 12.30 p.m.—143 BALLANTYNE ST., THORNBURY, complete Furnishings of a 5-r. Villa, including 3-piece Bed. Suite (Pine), 6ft. x 3ft. D. Table and Cover, nearly new 9-p. Blackwood Suite, new 5ft. Oak Sideboard, 4ft. 6in. Arabian Bedstead, Wire & Mattress, 4ft. 6in. Kauri Wardrobe, Cedar Chest of Drawers, 5ft. x 3ft. Kit. Table, Couch, Kit. Dresser, Linos, Chairs, Blinds, Curtains, Pictures, Rugs, Cooking Utensils, 120ft. Gal. Iron, Ladders, Bicycle. Also D.S. MAXWELL FAMILY CAR, good order, owner driven.
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ADMISSION 1/-.

NORTHCOTE CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above club will be held in the SMALL HALL, TOWN HALL, Northcote, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1930, at 8 p.m.

A SPECIAL MEETING to revise the rules will be held at 7.30 p.m. the same night, prior to the annual meeting.

Nominations for Office-bearers for the coming season will close with the Secretary, Mr. A. E. Johnson, 36 Victoria road, Northcote, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 7.

(Signed) A. E. JOHNSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Phone: JW 4177.

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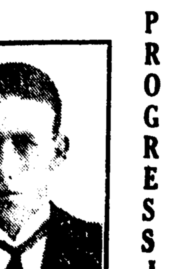

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TENDERS, accompanied by a cash deposit of (5%) five per centum of the amount of tender, addressed to the Mayor, will be received at the Town Hall, Preston, up till 4 p.m. on MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 1930.
CONSTRUCTION OF HAWKER AV., ELLISON STREET and PART OF SHAKESPEARE AVENUE.
CONSTRUCTION OF COMPTON STREET.
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Plans and specifications may be seen at Engineer's Office after 10 a.m. TUESDAY, 29TH JULY, 1930.
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CITY OF PRESTON.

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REGENT TALKIES

"Splinters," a side-splitting comedy of a war-days concert party, is the main feature of Saturday's matinee. The third series of "Collegians," an episode of "The Ace of Scotland Yard, and Laurel and Hardy in "Habeus Corpus," a rollicking fun-catcher, form the rest of the programme. This is a special wholesome matinee for the kiddies.

Monday brings "The Cohens and Kellys in Scotland." As for the story, suffice to say that the Cohens and Kellys, unknown to each other, start out for Scotland with the idea of making a fortune off the natives. They find that they were exceedingly over-optimistic in their intentions. In so tough a spot do they find themselves that they sink their ancient enmity to become partners again. The picture is studded with hilarious bits of business when these inimitable comedians try to outsmart the Scotch. The support is "Careers," with Billie Dove and Antonio Moreno. The story is laid in the tropical atmosphere of Indo-China and concerns love intrigue in the diplomatic corps. Incidental and colorful music adds much to the action and drama and Andre de Segurola, former Metropolitan Opera House star, sings in one of the scenes.

"Men Without Woman" comes on Thursday with Kenneth McKenna and Frank Albertson in leading roles. Men trapped in a submarine, without hope, awaiting death—some calm, some despairing, some even with grim humor—but each enwrapped with the vision of a woman he had known. Suddenly a staccato buzz—the signal spelling rescue—yet one of them had to remain below. Which would it be? In "Wise Girls" the story centres around a well-to-do family named Bence who live in a small town. "Pa" Bence has married off his eldest daughter, Jane, to Ben Wade, a "realtor," and is bending all his efforts and bank account to getting his second daughter, Kate, ready for the bonds of matrimony. The youngest daughter, Ruth, is submerged, awaiting her turn. Into this home is injected Kempy, a young plumber, who arrives to fix a water pipe—and then things happen. Elliott Nugent, Roland Young and J. C. Nugent are costarred.

CENTRAL PRESTON

On Thursday a football match was played between Preston and Thornbury unemployed at Preston Park. Preston won by 5 goals, making their third consecutive win.

Preston Church of Christ experienced something like a record attendance last Sunday evening. The attraction was a specially arranged pictorial cantata produced again by special request. The conductor, Mr. Lang, and church generally is to be complimented for the excellence of the programme.

On Tuesday a euchre night was held in the Memorial Hall to establish a testimonial for "Dad" Clayton, who was at one time town clerk of Melbourne, and has done a vast amount of work in helping returned soldiers.

The 7.3 a.m. train from Preston last Friday morning crashed into the buffers on the Prince's Bridge station, giving some of the passengers a shaking. Owing to the heavy fog the driver's sight was impaired.

Preston United F.C. last Saturday defeated Burnley on the latter's ground. Scores: Preston, 11.14; Burnley, 7.7. Preston's best: Rahen, Harding, Grierson, Aitken, McGlynn, Rogers, Cameron, Elder. Goal-kickers: Grierson (3), McGlynn (3), Kelleher (3), Aitken, Cameron. Burnley's best were Mullard, Richardson, Cherry. United now lead in their section, having won 11 out of 12 games. Owing to Thornbury withdrawing West Preston managed to get in the leading three, narrowly defeating Heidelberg on percentages, both having won 5 games.

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Mayor Calls Special Council Meeting at Preston

IRREGULARITIES AND INCOMPETENCE CHARGES TO BE INVESTIGATED

£1,700 OUTSTANDING ON STREET CROSSINGS.

At a meeting of the Regent Central Progress Association on Tuesday evening, the question of crossovers in Oakhill Av., Queen St. and Mason St. came up for discussion. It is claimed that crossings were put in in these streets when they were made without the consent of the owners, or without any written authority whatever. Subsequently (approx. six months after the street had been constructed) a man with a book called and requested the wives of owners to "sign on the dotted line—only a formal matter, don't you know." In many instances signatures were secured in this way after the work had been completed.

The council have now rendered accounts ranging from £4/16/- to £5/16/- for the work.

Crs. McPherson, Robinson and Spratling (Central Ward representatives) were present at the meeting at the invitation of the Association.

The following questions were asked the councillors:—

Mr. York asked—"Why were separate accounts rendered for crossings when the Mayor at the commencement of the job said that the cost of the crossings was included in the street construction costs?"

Cr. McPherson (who was the Mayor referred to) said that he had unearthed the crossing business. The finances of the municipality were at a low ebb and money was badly needed. He discovered some weeks ago that something like £1,700 was outstanding on street cross overs, and until a few weeks ago no accounts had been rendered for the work. The cost of crossings was not included in the contract price, hence the separate accounts.

Mr. Mott asked—"Why did the council wait until six months after the work was completed before sending an employe round to obtain ratepayers' signatures, and why was no duplicate left with householders?" The wives of ratepayers were induced to sign, not their own names, but their husband's names. On receipt of this so-called authority by the engineer, accounts for the cost of the drives were rendered."

Cr. Robinson said that the authority should have been obtained before the work was commenced and crossings put in. It was no good mincing matters, and it was a reflection on the administrative officers of the council.

Mr. Darling asked—"Why the discrepancies in the amounts charged for crossings. During the week-end five crossings were taken at random and measured, and the accounts rendered were examined, with the following result: 1. Width of crossing, 9ft., total account £5/11/- 2. Width, 9ft., total account £4/16/- 3. Width, 9ft. ½in., total account £5/3/3. 4. Width, 9ft. ½in., total account £5/9/7. 5. Width, 9ft. ½in., total account, nil.

In the case of the fifth person no authority was obtained. He happened to be home when the man seeking signatures came around. Result: No account.

Cr. Robinson said if the officers were found lacking or incompetent, they should be replaced.

Cr. McPherson said the revelations, if sustained, were most startling, and he would be prepared to call a special meeting of the council and officers, to meet in conference and have the matter fully discussed.

Mr. York asked—"Do the council think they are legally entitled to collect for the crossings?"

Cr. Robinson—There has been carelessness, and the Local Government Act has not been complied with. He would give no opinion as to the legality or otherwise of the claim.

After lengthy discussion it was decided to fall in with the Mayor's suggestion that a special meeting of the council and officers be called to thrash the matter out. The date was fixed for Friday, August 15, at 7.30 o'clock at the Preston Council chamber.

A sub-committee was formed to take the matter in hand.

This result is the outcome of the publicity afforded to the matter in the "Leader."

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PRESTON COURT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Before Messrs. O. A. Walker, T. J. McMahon, W. Hooper and E. Flanders, J.'sP.

No Light

George A. Eaton, Carlisle street, South Preston, on a charge of having ridden a bicycle without a light in Plenty road on July 17, was fined 10/.

Vehicles Cross Footpaths

James Peace, Livingstone parade, Preston, who was charged with having driven a horse vehicle across a slab footpath, was fined 20/.

G. Ritchens, Bell street, Preston, appeared on two similar charges in respect of Erin street and Austral avenue on June 26.

Mr. E. W. Norris appeared for Ritchens, who pleaded not guilty.

Inspector J. O. Iles prosecuted.

After evidence had been heard Mr. McMahon, J.P., asked if slabs had been damaged.

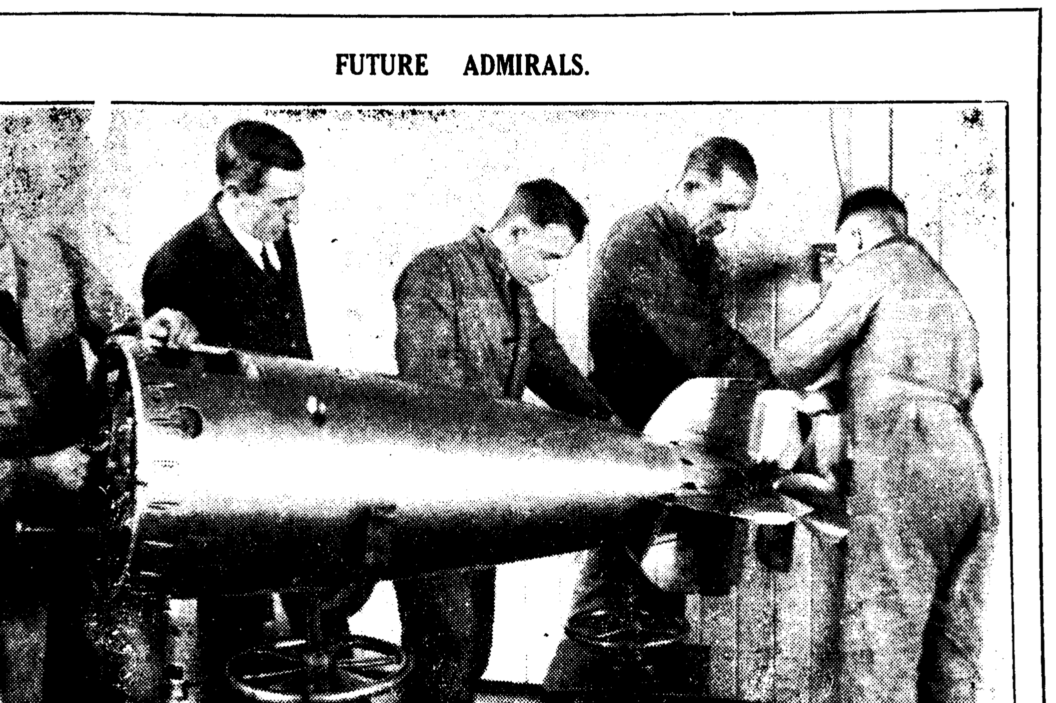
Mr. Iles.—Yes; 12/6 worth.

The charge in respect of Austral avenue was withdrawn, and a fine of £2, with 2/6 costs, was imposed on the other charge.

COLLISION AT NORTHCOTE.

Ernest Russell, aged 19 years, of Comas Gr., Thornbury, escaped with slight abrasions when a motor-cycle which he was riding collided with a motor car in Arthurton road, Northcote, on Friday. His mother, Mrs. Mary Russell, aged 43 years, of the same address, who was in the side-car, received severe injuries to the head. She was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital.

FUTURE ADMIRALS.



Workings of a Torpedo.—For the second term, beginning next week, six masters and 50 cadets from the Jervis Bay Naval College are expected at the Flinders Naval Depot, where instruction in the operation of a torpedo was given recently.

SIGNALLING IN THE FOG.

An emergency signalman with a fire at the side of the line to keep him warm in the chilly fog. The smoke of the detonator is visible in the rear while he signals the train with a flag.

—By courtesy of the "Argus"

Activities at Preston

By The Rouseabout.

"Snowdroppers" at Work

REPORTS furnished to the police show that "snowdroppers" have started operations again. The clothes line in the yard of a house in Mutimer street was raided in the early morning of August 6, and two shirts and half a dozen handkerchiefs, valued at £1, stolen. On the same date two shirts, three pairs of sox, two pairs of silk stockings and women's underwear, to the value of £2, disappeared from a clothes line at Hill grove.

Theft from Drill Hall

BETWEEN 7.45 and 9 p.m. on July 24 a military rifle, valued at £8 10/-, was stolen from the drill hall, Raglan street, Preston. Corporal H. A. Bathman hung the rifle on a peg in the hall at the hour named, and at 9 p.m. the rifle was missing.

Larceny from Sunday School

ABOUT 9 p.m. on August 4 Emily Skelton, shop assistant, Raglan street, Preston, left a wallet containing a yale key, door key, key of South Preston Methodist Church, note book, etc., in the vestry attached to the building, and when she looked for them a few minutes later the wallet and contents, valued at £1, was missing.

Wilful Damage at Park

ON the evening of August 3 eight locks were broken at the turnstiles at the entrance to Cramer Park, and the door of the kiosk was also broken.

Housebreaking Epidemic

MRS. Opie, wife of Geo. Opie, iron worker, Leicester street, Preston, left her house securely locked at 11.45 a.m. on August 4 and upon returning at 2.30 p.m. found the back door of the place open. A number of articles were scattered about the floor of the kitchen, but nothing was stolen, the thieves having been apparently disturbed in their movements.

Child's Money Box Stolen

JAMS Crawford, laborer, left his home in Evelyn street, Preston, at 10.30 a.m. on August 4, and on returning a couple of hours later found that an entrance had been effected by opening the back door of the house and a child's Commonwealth money box containing pennies and threepenny pieces to the value of 15/ had been stolen.

Theft of Notes

TWO one pound notes were stolen from the home of Kate Fullard, married woman, High street, Preston, between July 31 and August 1.

State School Burgled

THIEVES paid a visit to Tyler street State school between 6.30 p.m. on August 1 and 8 a.m. on August 2 and succeeded in getting away with an electric iron and fittings and a dozen knives. The value of the stolen property was £11/10/.

Lost From a Jinker

MRS. Egan, Emmaline street, Croxton, was driving a jinker on the corner of St. David street and Plenty road, Preston, on August 2, when she lost a brown leather case, containing a black handbag in which were four £5 notes, a £1 note and a small quantity of silver. Subsequently Mrs Egan notified the police that the bag and contents had been recovered.

War Service Department's Loss

MR. F. E. Segron, chief inspector in the War Service Department, has reported the loss of a pair of overhead fittings from a dwelling in Butler street, Preston. The stolen property was valued at £9.

Another Pan Stolen

A PAN and overhead fittings, valued at £8, were stolen from a house on the corner of Raglan and Butler streets, Preston. S. C. Andrews, contractor, Malvern road, Darling, reported the theft to Preston police.

False Alarms

THERE were two false fire alarms during the week-end—both from Northcote.

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Chimney Ablaze

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57th Battalion Smoke Night

ON Tuesday evening of last week General Brand at a smoke social at the Preston Drill Hall, presented the prizes of the 57th (Preston) Battalion Rifle Club. Its strength of 107 last year was 100 per cent. efficient. The winners were:—Club championship, Capt. R. George; runner-up, Cpl. R. Dickson. Handicap up, Cpl. Gracie. Scratch aggregate, Sgt. Wiltshire; runner-up, Cpl. Cassin. Most improved shot, Pte. F. George. Best cadet shots, Cpl. Thomas and Cadet Trissider.

Preston Charity Ball

A BALANCE sheet has been prepared of the Preston charity ball recently held in aid of the mayor of Preston's unemployed relief appeal. The receipts totalled £306/13/, including the mayor's contribution, £30; sale of 199 tickets, £261/19/6; donations, £11/4/, and sundries, £3/9/6. The main item of the expenditure, which totalled £153/6/, was for catering, £92/15/, whilst novelties accounted for £18/12/8. The nett return was £153/7/, which has been paid into the mayor's fund.

Chemist's Shop Entered

THIEVES entered the shop of Mr. A. G. Davis, chemist, at the corner of High and Regent street, Preston, on the night of July 21. Entrance was gained through a rear door, out of which a panel was bashed. Goods to the value of £30 were removed, and included toilet articles, cameras and hot water bags. This is the fifth time in three years that this shop has been entered.

Gardening Problems

BARTLETT'S (late Anderton's), 313 High street, Preston, advise residents that they are able to advise them on all problems appertaining to the garden. A full range of plants and seedlings is always kept in stock. Wedding and floral bouquets are specialised in.

Preston Ratepayers' Protection League

A GENERAL meeting of the Preston Ratepayers' Protection League will be held at Mr. Zwar's office in Cramer street on Thursday, August 14.

Three More Boxing Championships Come to Preston

MANY Preston residents were present at the V.R.L. Melbourne, on August 1, when three junior championships were won by Preston boys, trained at Hillman's Physical Culture School, namely:—Danny Hassett, 6 st. 7 lbs. class; Stanley Bowers, 6 st. class; Clem Sheppard, 8 st. 7 lbs. class. Practically every town in Victoria was represented. Billy Smith, the lightweight Australian champion weight lifter, has entered for the Australian weight for weight championship in about a month's time. All States will be represented. Mickey Burns has been approached again to enter for the State championship at the Comedy Theatre on September 3 or 5. He is undecided as to whether he will compete. His trainer declines to give any advice, so it is left entirely in his own hands.

Inter-Progress Association Debate

A DEBATE will be held between the East Preston Progress Association and the Regent Central Association at the Tyler street State school on August 13. The subject will be "What leads most to crime—poverty or riches?"

Accident in High Street

A MISHAP with a car was reported by Mr. H. de Laine at the meeting of the Regent Central Progress Association meeting on Tuesday evening. At 6.30 a.m. Mr. de Laine was driving his car down High street, one section of which was in total darkness, and the silent cop was also unlighted. Mr. de Laine's car passed over the cop, which stands about 8 inches above the road level, and broke a spring and a rubber. It was decided to get into touch with the E.L. department and see that this section of the road is properly illuminated.

Preston Telephone Exchange

THE matter of a telephone exchange was discussed by the Regent Central Progress Association on Tuesday evening. A decision was arrived at that it was quite apparent the department was humbugging with the matter and would give no relief from the present excessive rent charges to Preston residents. To all appearances there would be no chance of getting the exchange within five years. At the present zoning system Preston subscribers were heavily penalised because they happened to be a long distance from the Northcote exchange. Mr. York suggested that Mr. Frank Brennan, the Federal member, be written to with a view to having the Act altered in the case of Preston. Mr. Deacon supported, and said it was unfair to business people in Preston to penalise them in this way.

SCHOOL WELFARE SCHEME.

GOODS DESIGNED FOR RELIEF STOLEN

A DESPICABLE ACTION

In common with other State schools the Wales street Central school, Northcote, has a scheme in operation whereby the school authorities see that children attending the school whose parents are unemployed shall not go hungry.

Weekly Collections

Every week a collection is made of groceries, vegetables, etc., whilst extra lunches are also sent along by some parents for children who should happen to require them

Distribution on Fridays

On Fridays at the Wales street school it has been the custom to make a distribution of groceries, vegetables and other food to children in need to see them over the week-end, and for that purpose a committee attends at the school on Friday to make up parcels.

Goods Stolen

On Thursday, July 31, a window at the school was foreed, and entrance gained, it is thought by two persons. From the office of the head teacher (Mr. R. Vick) some tools were obtained, and with the aid of these a glass panel was removed from a door of the room in which the relief cupboard was kept. The intruders by this means were able to insert a screwdriver and remove the screws of the lock and so open the door. A large number of parcels of groceries—about sixty, it is thought—were then removed, along with two bines, a quantity of table linen, some crockery, a teapot, some first-aid supplies and a football.

The intruders did no damage to speak of, and it is apparent that it was food that was sought.

The football, teapot and some of the other articles were found on the following day discarded in the school playground.

A Previous Attempt

An attempt had been made a week before to gain entrance to the school, but without success, jemmy marks being left on one of the windows.

School Welfare Scheme

The welfare scheme in the schools was propounded and organised by the metropolitan head teachers, and a committee was formed with Mr. Ewens (H.T., Central Richmond) as secretary, and Mr. Penrose (H.T., Collingwood) as chairman.

Under the scheme schools are graded into three classes—A grade being schools which are not feeling the pinch and can help others; B grade consisting of schools which have their troubles but can meet them; and C grade being schools which require help.

Schools Help Each Other

The central committee then arranges liaisons between A and C grade schools, and the rest of the organisation is left to the schools themselves.

Relief for Children Only

The school organisations make no endeavor to relieve the adult unemployed, the children being their main consideration. It can hardly be expected that a child will learn much if it is hungry. This is the aim of the school welfare scheme. The schools also make collections of clothing and boots from the families more fortunate, and these are distributed to the needy children so that they at least will have boots and be kept as warm as possible.

Wales street school in this scheme comes under the category of a B class school, and the amount of assistance given by way of contributions is remarkable. In many cases the children have contributed one potato or one onion a week or as much as could be spared to help ameliorate the plight of others.

In view of these circumstances the action of the persons who broke into the school and stole the provision destined for the needy children is most despicable, and if caught sum justice should be meted out to them.

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MELBOURNE-CRANBOURNE RUN.

PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB'S FIXTURE

In spite of heavy rain which fell prior to the commencement of the race, a start was made at 1.5 p.m. from the Preston Town Hall. A large crowd was present when the first runner, F. Ratz, was handed despatches by Mayor McPherson, of Preston, and Mayor Hayes, of Northcote, on behalf of their respective cities for the shire president of Cranbourne. Time for the first two miles over to A. Robinson at Grange St. After a mile the despatch was taken by D. McEachern for a further two miles through Ivanhoe in the good time of 10.50. The time to this stage was 27.35—one minute behind schedule. E. Berry carried on and picked up 25 seconds over a mile. W. Weightman was then called upon to do the most difficult two mile stretch of the whole run; his time was 11.10. H. E. Fletcher took the baton through Camberwell, but at this stage the runners were two minutes behind schedule. T. Wise took over through Gardiner and Darling, and R. Butcher through Murrumbeena. F. Norman ran through Oakleigh and handed on to A. Mason at Clayton, five minutes behind time. F. Bates completed a good two miles in 10.50 and picked up 50 seconds. R. Johnstone gained 15 seconds over a mile and handed to J. Tannock for another mile. H. James retrieved a further 70 seconds on a mile and W. Perry 43. A. Gallagher ran two miles through Dandenong. The next runner was A. Fisher, who picked up 10 seconds. A. Seddon and E. Edwards then ran their mile and handed over to N. Orr, who picked up a further 20 seconds. At this stage the runners were then only 2.45 behind schedule. When Hankin and Robinson had run their sections the race was nearing the finish, and C. Thorne ran the last mile and handed over the despatches to the shire president (Cr. C. Taylor) 3 min. 1 sec. behind schedule.

The time occupied for the 34 miles was 3 hours 14 min. 21 3-5 secs, and club members hope next year to clip several minutes off this time.

The remaining runners held a run in over the last mile, and it was won by D. McEachern.

Outstanding times were—D. McEachern, 2 miles 10.50; F. Bates, 2 miles 10.50; A. Galagher, 2 miles 10.50; W. Weightman, 2 miles 11.10 over hilly country; E. Berry, 1 miles 5.5

A warm welcome was extended to the runners on their arrival at Cranbourne by the president (Cr. Taylor), who briefly congratulated the members of the club on their splendid performances during the run.

Cr. G. E. Robinson, of Preston, thanked President Taylor on behalf of the club for the cordial reception.

Cr. and Mrs. G. E. Robinson and Cr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams, of Preston, were amongst the numerous friends who accompanied the runners, there being about a dozen cars in all.

At night a dance had been arranged in the shire hall by the councillors and residents. During the evening the shire president read the despatches by the Mayors of Northcote and Preston and commended the club in general. Cr. Robinson responded on behalf of the club and Cr. J. W. Adams and Mr. Williams also expressed the club's heartiest thanks to the residents for their warm hospitality. On Sunday morning a visit was paid to the Melbourne Hunt Club, and the Lady Talbot Institute in the afternoon.

Members were farewelled at about 4 p.m. by a large crowd of residents. This trip was undoubtedly the most enjoyable function since the inauguration of the club.

BELL STAR CRICKET CLUB

The annual social night was held on August 4 at the Progress Hall, Preston, about 180 members and friends attending. Social items by Mrs. G. Sillery and Mr. Bell, accompanied by Master G. Sillery, were well received. Before making presentations the president (Mr. G. Sillery) extended a hearty welcome to all friends. He spoke of the club's progress and said that only two seasons ago a few enthusiastic men, using second-class tins for wickets, laid the foundation of the club, which is one of the most progressive in the district. The present made a presentation to the secretary (Mr. W. Wilson) and spoke in high terms of his valuable work. The secretary, in responding, said he greatly appreciated the remarks. He then introduced Mr. Webber, the club's past president, who made a presentation to the president of a smoker's companion. He hoped in the near future the club would be recognised in the world of cricket. Mr. Sillery congratulated the ladies' social committee, and spoke of the good work done by them. Mrs. Dockney, the secretary, had done her work well. The presentations were as follows:—Set of pipes, donated by Mr Buckley, bowling average, won by E. Dockney; tobacco pouch, donated by Mr. Borinoski, open bowling average, won by E. Kendall; silver cup (inscribed), donated by Mr. McDonald, best fieldsman, won by A. Bassett; safety razor outfit, donated by Mr. Paisley, most improved player, won by Mr. E. Elms; set of hair brushes, donated by Mr. Webber, most catches, won by Mr. W. Burns; gold medal (inscribed), donated by G. Sillery, batting average, won by W. Wilson.

ADULTERATED MILK.

At the Northcote court on Tuesday Alexander McIntyre, dairyman, of Thomson street, Northcote, was charged with having sold milk that was adulterated on July 2.

Mr. A. M. Lonie (Maddock, Jamieson and Lonie) prosecuted for the Northcote council.

Inspector R. Gunst said on July 2 he purchased milk from defendant's dairy for analysis, and later obtained a certificate from the analyst.

Mr. Lonie said the sample was deficient 2 per cent in total solids, and 6 per cent. in solids not fat.

McIntyre said he sold the milk just as he had received it from the wholesaler.

A fine of £3, with £2/14/6 costs, was imposed.

THE BOY SCOUTS

1ST PRESTON TROOP

On Saturday the scouts' football team picked for the Sydney trip played a match against other teams in the competition, the result being a win for the former by 6.13 to 6.11. The team for Sydney left on Wednesday and will be absent a week. Our captain, S. Dineen, was selected as skipper of the combined team, and the first match will be played on the Sydney ground this Saturday. Our four representatives are S. Dineen, E. Robinson, E. Booth and D. Newman. Scout and cubs will meet at the hall on Saturday afternoon and scouts in the evening. Two successful house parties were held last Saturday at the residences of Messrs. Burr and Smith. On Saturday evening a social will be held at North Preston Methodist Hall, proceeds being in aid of Miss Kilner in the popular girl contest. The evening is being arranged by Mr. Carthew. Voting in connection with the contest will be on August 30. Last Wednesday Miss Kilner held a social at the scout hall, and on Thursday a successful children's novelty night was arranged by the supporters of Miss Willis. On Monday Miss Burr will hold a dance at the scout hall. In connection with the cub contests just finished, the shield was handed to the winning six, the Bulls, under Sixer Jenkins, by P.L. Booth, donor of the shield. Sec. Leader was also winner of the individual contest followed closely by Pack Leader Barnett, Cub Pretty, Sixers McGregor and Blair. Another social will be held at the scout hall next Wednesday.

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Our mother, so sadly missed.
Sleep on beloved, and take thy rest.
—Inserted by her sorrowing daughters, E. and F.

MARRIAGE.

BARRY—GARDNER (Diamond Wedding)—On August 8, 1870, at St. Thomas' Church of England, London, Walter, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry, to Eliza, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner. Present address—16 Raleigh St., Thornbury.

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When notices are served on owners of blocks in Preston to clear noxious weeds, an intimation 's given by the noxious weeds inspector (Mr. H. W. Henckel) that if it is so desired arrangements will be made by the Preston council to have the work done by unemployed. Up to the present 100 blocks have been so cleared.

Preston Professional Cycling Club will hold a 25 miles race on Saturday for the club championship sash. All entry money (2/6 per head) will go to the Preston unemployed appeal.

Mr. A. G. Davis, Ph.C., M.P.S., F.V.O.A., notifies that both his East Preston shop and Regent shop are resident. Prescriptions are made up any hour of the day or night.

"Eleanor," 45 Kingwilliam St., Regent, advertises a number of tailored coats, costumes, frocks, etc., for sale at low prices.

The Ray-D-O Distributing Agency (R. H. Leek, manager), 115 Gillies St., Fairfield, undertakes the distribution of bills, circulars, bookets, etc.

Jika Cricket Association invites applications from teams wishing to enter the association in the coming year, and also from umpires.

The Northcote council invites applications from clubs desiring to use its several pitches for ensuing cricket season.

Messrs. Frank Hale Pty. Ltd., financiers, 324 High St, Northcote, have an interesting announcement elsewhere.

Hollywood Humor

HIS ASBESTOS POCKET

By
WALTER CATLETT
(Fox Movietone Artist)

Somebody recently started a scandal by passing the word around that the right hand pocket of my coat is always full of olive pits and burnt matches. Everywhere I went I heard it whispered: "Catlett is eccentric. Watch out for him. He does queer things."

As a matter of fact those burnt matches and olive pits are the result of a boyhood habit that can be easily explained. When I was a youngster I used to throw matches on the floor. I also used to eat olives and shoot the pit across the room with a flip of my tongue. My mother took me in hand and persuaded me that such things belonged in the trash basket.

To save time I worked out a system of filling my pockets with the pits and seeds and making one trip to the trash basket do for a whole day. I never outgrew the habit and I'm a heavy smoker and big olive eater.

One point the scandal-mongers didn't find out. The right hand pocket of the coat of all my suits is lined with asbestos. I started that after a dinner party in St. Louis where I dropped a smouldering match in my [illegible] and an [illegible] department.

[illegible] trying to break myself of the olive pit and burnt match habit because in the last few years I've come to believe that they are good luck talismans. The least you can say for them is that they would make a good sticky haul for a pickpocket.

In the windows of Messrs. Allan and Co., Melbourne, has been shown for some days past a photograph of the Preston school band. It has been much admired. The band comprises upwards of 50 members, and the photo was presented to them to their bandmaster (Mr. Henry Hellings) as a mark of appreciation.

THE ELECTIONS

PRESTON CITY COUNCIL.

Crs. Newton (East Ward), McPherson (Central) and Crispe (West) retire, and an election will be held on August 28. Nominations close in August 14.

WEST WARD.

MR. HEMBURROW AT WEST PRESTON.

Mr. Hemburrow has gained many friends and supporters as a result of his opening meeting. His emphatic and sincere style has appealed to all who have heard him, and several requests have been made for him to address groups of electors. His attack on the financial position of the Preston Council is regarded as being necessary and timely, and his message of economy both in and out of the council is meeting with the full approval of the electors of the West Ward.

He firmly advocates the resubdivision of the West Ward, as the area is regarded as being too big to receive proper attention. Contract labor (excepting where the residents wish day labor) is to receive his support, but such as the quarries to be conducted as before.

Mr. Hemburrow is holding an open air meeting opposite the Town Hall on Friday evening.

At the last meeting of the West Preston Progress Assiciation, the president (Mr. W. H. Burland) intimated that some members were under the impression that the association was running a particular candidate. He desired it to be distinctly understood that no candidate had the endorsement of the association as such. As a matter of fact, the three gentlemen who have announced their candidature are all members of the association, which is non-sectarian and non-political.

EAST WARD.

CR. NEWTON SPEAKS.

At a very large and enthusiastic meeting of friends and supporters, held at his committee rooms, 290 Plenty road, Preston, on Wednesday evening, Cr. A. E. Newton gave a short address. Mr. C. W. Jenner was in the chair.

Mr. Cook asked questions concerning what he termed unfair statements made by the "opposition" in regard to the Government's offer of a grant on the pound for pound basis for unemployed relief.

In reply Cr. Newton read a copy of the report of the whole of the debate, which made it quite clear that at no time did he vote for the definite rejection of the Government's offer. He wanted the council to accept the Government's offer, but at the same time wanted sustenance as well for those who could not be given work. The following extract, said Cr. Newton, is from the council's minute book, which is the official record of the council meetings. The extract is from page 766 of July 14, 1930:—"That the Government be informed that this council is prepared to make available £2,500 for unemployed relief works, a schedule of works to be drawn up, and that the financing of the proposal be referred to the Finance Committee."

An amendment was moved to the foregoing motion "That the letter (from the Government) be received, and that the council accept the proposal, providing Government sustenance is continued in respect of the number that cannot be absorbed in the scheme."

Continuing, Cr. Newton said that the amendment was carried, and that he had voted for it. He further drew attention to a report in the "Leader" of August 1, which, he said, clearly defined his attitude.

In answer to a further question, Cr. Newton said he had always opposed any form of increased rating, and if returned would continue to do so.

Encouraging reports were received from the committee, who are doing all they can to ensure Cr. Newton's reelection.

NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

The several returning officers for the South, East, Central, West and North Wards notify that nominations will be received for the aforesaid wards as per advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Those retiring are Crs. S. Pinkney (South Ward), B. E. Johnson (East), H. F. Mitchell (Central), A. C. Beard (West) and W. Hayes (North).

Cr. Beard is not seeking re-election.

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD.

MR. J. A. HOGAN OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN.

In spite of inclement weather a large gathering assembled in the Methodist school hall, Shaftesbury Parade, on Wednesday evening to hear an address by Mr. J. A. Hogan, candidate for the West Ward.

Cr. A. C. Beard presided and referred to the services rendered by Mr. Hogan to the ratepayers of the ward, and to the immense amount of time devoted to the assistance of the ward councillors in dealing with ward matters. He heartily commended Mr. Hogan as a young, energetic and capable worker, who would do his best for all and give a square deal.

Mr. Hogan, on rising to speak, was applauded and said:—

Owing to the retirement of Cr. A. C. Beard, and at the request of a number if ratepayers of the ward he had agreed to stand. For ten years he had resided in the ward, and had devoted himself to assisting in movements for the good of the ward and the city generally. With other residents he had called a public meeting to consider the foundation of a Progress Association, and the West Ward Progress Association was the outcome. He held the position of secretary until a few months ago, relinquishing it to take up the organisation of the Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club. He had interested himself very actively in the organisation of the unemployed carnivals of 1928-29, also this year, being secretary on each occasion, and these efforts have resulted in the raising of above £2000. He had acted for over four years as an honorary park ranger. The position of secretary of the car and waggon shop section of the Australian Railways Union has also been held by him for three years; he was president of the Rolling Stock Division, and has occupied a seat on the State Council.

It will therefore be seen that he was thoroughly conversant with the needs of the Ward. He was strongly in favor of speeding up the completion of the pipe track. He would endeavor to have the drainage troub and flooding on the intersections of St. George's road removed.

Playgrounds and Parks.—Provision had been made for parks and playgrounds, and much still remained to be done. He would fight for the completion of the levelling of 'Mayer Park. This work would be a splendid opportunity for the unemployment allocation.

Smith street Reserve.—This area should be levelled off and equipped for a children's playground. Pearl Reserve.—Now that the occupancy of this reserve has been confirmed, this area could have more permanent work carried out.

Communication with Brunswick, Etc.—He would fight for a traffic bridge to be constructed at Normanby avenue.

Bullen's Drain.—Covering had already been started. He would urge the further extension of this work north. State School, Beaver's road. —Land had already been purchased for this project. He would use every means to keep pressure on the Government to get the necessary educational facilities.

Police Protection.—In season and out of season, the West Ward Progress Association had been urging the establishment of a police station, or more adequate police protection. Vandalism and robbery had increased very much and economy at the expense of the ratepayers in this direction was false economy. The council could do a lot by bringing this matter constantly under the notice of the Commissioner, and if elected he would do his duty by the ratepayers in this direction.

Mr. Hogan also dealt at length with footpaths and intersections, street construction, unemployment, Northcote baths, etc., and concluded by promising to do his best for the whole city if elected.

At question time the candidate answered a number of queries. These, with interjections and replies, gave the audience quite a lively half-hour. The replies were direct and to the point, and showed that Mr. Hogan knows the needs of the ward and has practical ideas.

Mr. O. Neumann moved a vote of confidence in the candidate, which was carried with acclamation. A number present enrolled themselves on Mr. Hogan's committee and pledged support.

MR. ALAN C. BIRD

As advertised elsewhere Mr. Alan C. Bird, the Labor candidate for West Ward, will address ratepayers in the Holy Trinity schoolroom, Shaftesbury Parade, on August 11. Other speakers will also address the meeting.

A large and energetic committee is making an active canvass of the Ward. Mr. Bird is a keen student of public affairs, and is well versed in public questions of the day. He has lived in the ward for the last 19 years, and he has been for the last two years secretary of the Northcote branch of the A.L.P. He is also associated with other public bodies in Northcote, including the unemployed relief committee, to all of which he has given valuable assistance.

PERSONAL

Mrs. A. C. Stark, wife of the well-known Preston chemist, will leave on Thursday for a lengthy holiday in New Zealand.

Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn, of Bruce St., Preston, will leave on Wednesday for a holiday in West Australia. They will be accompanied by their son and Mrs. Zwar.

At the meeting of the Regent Central Progress Association on Tuesday the three Central Ward representatives (Crs. McPherson, Robinson and Spratling) were present. They were welcomed by the president (Mr. Barling), and a vote of thanks was accorded them at the close of the meeting for their attendance.

A letter was received by Mr. E. E. Fitzgerald, secretary of the Regent Central Progress Association, from Mr. A. A. McDonell (who is touring abroad). The letter was sent from Paris, and Mr. McDonell asked to be remembered to all his old Northcote and Preston friends.

Miss Kitson, who has been a teacher at the Rosebud school for some time, has been transferred to Epping. Last Saturday evening Miss Kitson was given an enthusiastic send off by the parents of Rosebud, and she was the recipient of some fine presentations. Miss Kitson's father, Mr. J. S. Kitson, of Northcote, who is District Scout Commissioner, and also a popular master at the Northcote High School, was present at Rosebud, and in honor of his presence there was a large roll up of boy scouts from Dromana.

Amongst those present at the meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday evening was the mayor of Ballarat (Cr. Bolster), who was accorded a warm welcome by Mayor Hayes. His health was the subject of a toast in the mayor's room later in the evening. In responding, he told how Ballarat, too, had its unemployment problems, and how members of the Grocers' Association, of which he was a member, the Commercial Travellers' Association, and the citizens had rallied to his support, stocking what was known as a Mother Hubbard Cupboard with groceries, etc., valued at between £3000 and £5000, as well as £800 in donations.

There passed away at Malmsbury on Sunday Mrs. Elenor Fraser, the mother of Mrs. R. Langley, of Northcote.

The death occurred on Sunday of Mrs. Veronica Mary McQueen, wife of Mr. Alexander McQueen, of 431 Clarke street, Northcote.

Prior to leaving Dookie to take up the ministration of the James street Presbyterian Church, Northcote, the Rev. A. T. Jones was made the recipient of presents from the congregation. Mrs. Jones also received tokens of esteem.

The death occurred in Ivanhoe on Sunday of Mrs. J. Jarrett, of Ivanhoe parade, who was better known as Madam Mary Conly. For many years she was closely associated with the Melbourne Philharmonic Society. She appeared in public frequently in Melbourne and Sydney and elsewhere in Australia. In England Madam Conly was associated with Madam Ada Crossley. They appeared at most of the English festivals. Mrs. Jarrett was a daughter of the late Mr. James Conly, head master of the Bell street State school. Madam Mary Conly was one of Australia's leading oratorio and dramatic sopranos, and took part in many celebrated concerts. The funeral took place on August 5 at the Heidelberg cemetery, a floral coach being packed with beautiful flowers. The pall bearers were Hon. Esmond Kiernan, Hon. Samuel Mauger, Lawrence Edwards, A. O. Watson, A. Broadbent, Hector Lightfoot, Edwin Hook, Robert Kerr, Charles German. Services were read in the home and at the graveside by the Rev. Dr. Charles Strong and Rev. Selwyn Evans.

Cr. L. Jones, of Preston, was confined to his room on Wednesday owing to an attack of influenza.

The late Misses Martha H. Lockwood and Wilhelmina N. P. Lockwood, of Whittlesea, bequeathed £150 each to the Melbourne Hospital and Austin Hospital, £100 to the Children's Hospital, £25 each to the Women's Hospital and Salvation Army, £15 to Christ Church of England, Whittlesea, and smaller amounts to other institutions.

FIRE AT ALPHINGTON.

On Sunday morning the Ivanhoe and Northcote Brigades attended a fire in a detached shed at the rear of a 10-roomed residence situated at Yarraford Av., Alphington, owned and occupied by Mr. M. Pollock. Firemen and residents extinguished the outbreak with a garden hose before any great damage had been done. The fire originated by the fumes from crude oil having come into contact with a naked light. The building was insured in the Scottish Union and National office for £2000.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Coghill and Haughton, 79 Swan St., Melbourne, in conjunction with G. Martin and Co., various properties as advertised.

On Aug. 9 at 3 p.m., on property, 19 Lewis St., Northcote, will be held an executors' auction, and also without reserve, the furniture and contents of dwelling. See advt.

By James and Hobson, on Aug. 13 at 3 p.m., on property, 110 Charles St., Northcote, 3-roomed house, as advertised.

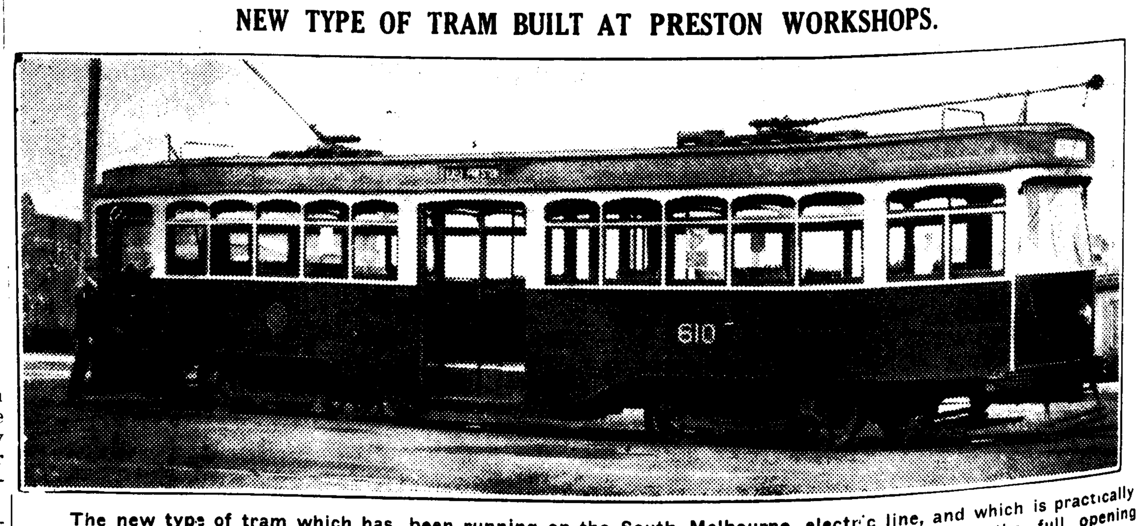
By Llewellyn Jones, 174 High St., Preston, on Aug. 8 at 2 p.m., at Preston Auction Rooms, furniture of six rooms, under instructions from the trustees of the estate of J. P. Kellam, deceased.

HARRIERS' ROAD RACE.

Presenting Despatches to Preston and Northcote Harriers before Saturday's big relay race.—The Mayors, Cr. W. Hayes, of Northcote (right) and Cr. G. C. McPherson, of Preston handing over the messages.

See letterpress Page 3.

NEW TYPE OF TRAM BUILT AT PRESTON WORKSHOPS.



The new type of tram which has been running on the South Melbourne electric line, and which is practically Australian made. Features of the tram are the wide central entrances on either side, and the full opening windows. If successful, it is intended that this type of tram will be adopted by the Tramways Board.

NEWS OF THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

(Contributed).

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on July 31. The president (Mr. W. Wharton) occupied the chair.

An offer was received from the Rating Reform League to supply a speaker on the matter of Unimproved Land Tax; also a set of questions from the Central Council of Progress Association dealing with the Greater Melbourne Council. Both were held over.

Dealing with the proposition by the Preston Associations to form a district cricket association, it was decided to take no action.

Correspondence from town clerk intimated that various matters were being dealt with. Improving footpath in Watt street is to be carried out as soon as material is available, and the matter of renovating roadway in Spencer street is left to the ward members.

The delegates to the Central Council reported on the activities of that body.

Protest Against Higher Rates.

Under general business a complaint was received that valuations had been increased in parts of the ward. It was considered that even though the road had been newly constructed property values had declined considerably during the last twelve months, and the present time was not opportune for increasing the commitments of the ratepayers. After a long discussion it was resolved to send a letter of protest to the council.

The secretary was instructed to inquire as to the Tramway Board's intention regarding the track between St. George's road and Lygon street, when the Brunswick street line is converted. It was considered that the line along Brunswick road will still meet the requirements of many residents of Northcote and Preston, and that a service should be maintained along that route.

Complaints were received that certain vacant blocks were being used as rubbish tips, and that lanes and channels required cleansing at more frequent intervals.

Cr. Beard bade farewell to members as their representative. A motion expressing the appreciation of the work done by Cr. Beard was moved by Mr. Deslandes, seconded by Mr. Beattie, and after several members had added their support, carried with acclamation. Cr. Beard suitably responded.

Members are urged to make a note of the date of next meeting, August 14. Social evening and nomination of office-bearers.

Regent Central Progress Association.

The monthly meeting was held at the Tyler street State school on Tuesday, the president (Mr. C. Barling) occupying the chair.

General

Mr. Thomson moved that the council be requested to erect a light in Joffre street on first pole from Queen street, or alternatively, make a rearrangement of the existing lights.

Mr. Hewitt drew attention to the uneven state of the footpath in Plenty road. The concrete slabs just put in are higher than the existing asphalt section.—Left in secretary's hands.

Mr. Muir drew attention to the fact that loads of screenings were left in Plenty road overnight and were not sufficiently lighted with danger lights. Council to be written to.

Mr. Glaskin asked that attention be given to the following:—New light in Plenty road near Balmoral Motors; attention to footpath on west side of Rubicon street, in Plenty road; missing street names in Wilkinson and Home streets.

Mr. Dean asked that attention be directed to the state of Wilkinson street.

Mr. Green referred to the condition of slabs in Kingwilliam street, and said tufts of grass were growing up between them.

An Interjector.—This was a day labor job (Laughter).

Mr. York referred to the unsatisfactory state of footpath at corner of Youngman and Nugent streets.

Mr. Topp asked if the cause of the electricity being cut off each Saturday between the hours of 1.15 and 2.15 p.m. could be explained.—It was decided to write to the E.L. department.

EAST PRESTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Davis presided on Monday evening. Four new members were admitted.

Mr. Davis reported attending the committee for relieving unemployed girls. The Minister had agreed to sustain those without relatives.

It was decided that the associtaion should emphatically protest against the council's action in failing to avail itself of the £2500 Government grant.

Mr. Rogerson reported that an attempt had been made to establish a Progress Cricket Association.

Mr. Andrews reported that the unemployed relief committee had requested council to accept the £2500 Government grant, promising to sustain any that could not be employed under the scheme. That committee had further requested the mayor to call a public indignation meeting if the majority of councillors proved obdurate. It was resolved that council's attention be called to each of these matters.

It was decided to ask for greater co-operation between the council and the Metropolitan Board of Works.

A motion endorsing the candidature of Mr. Andrews was carried unanimously.

The council is to be informed that garbage contract is not being carried out as specified covers have been placed on only two drays.

It was decided to ask the council to give immediate relief between Bell and Gower streets re footpath.

Members drew attention to the fact that the newly constructed portion of Plenty road is again in an unsatisfactory condition.

Fairfield Notes

Kitchen Tea.—A kitchen tea was tendered to Miss Vera Fry, of Gillies street, Fairfield, prior to her marriage, at the residence of her brother-in-law, Regent. Orchestral and vocal items, etc., were arranged, and dainty supper served. A large number of useful gifts were received.

Dance for Unemployed.—A dance was arranged for the unemployed on July 31 at the parish hall by Misses Pattison and Hellier, which resulted in £8/13/4 being collected.

Card Party and Dance—The "Keith Anderson" Rovers held a successful euchre party and dance on August 2 at Alphington hall. Several prizes were awarded for Monte Carlo and other dances. Ray Ford's band was in attendance, Mr. C. Penberthy was M.C., and supper was served.

Fairfield District Football Club Dance.—There was a large attendance at St. Anthony's Hall, Fairfield, on August 2 for the Fairfield District Club's dance. Mr. J. O'Hagan gave several items and Ray Dunn's orchestra was engaged. Mr. Bolger (secretary) had charge of arrangements.

Victory Social Club Social.—An enjoyable evening was held on August 2. Special prizes were awarded to Miss M. Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Creighton. Dean's band gave entire satisfaction, and Mr. Hall was a capable M.C.

Murray—Fry.—The marriage of Miss Vera Fry, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fry, of Fairfield, and Mr. Ewan McEwan, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray, of Fairfield, was celebrated on August 2 at St. Paul's Church of England by Rev. C. Pay before a large gathering. The bride was given away by her father. She was gowned in a becoming frock of white crepe satin, beautifully embroidered in silver and fully flared skirt to the ankles. A billowy tulle veil lined with pink fell in soft folds to form a train. A coronet of range blossom and tufts of orange buds were arranged on either side of the face. A lovely shower bouquet was carried. The bridesmaids, Misses Jessie Morrison and Mavis Fry (sister) were frocked alike in apricot georgette, with soft felt hats to tone. Little Miss Marjorie Rowe was a dainty flower girl in soft blue georgette. Mr. Cecil Morgan was best man and Mr. Walter Fry groomsman. After the ceremony guests were received at the Masonic Hall, Northcote. The bride's mother wore a smart ensemble of hydrangea blue crepe de chine with smart biscuit straw hat relieved with blue. The bridegroom's mother chose a black crepe de chine suit and grey felt hat. The beautiful three-tier cake was presented and made by the bridegroom's sister (Mrs Rowe).

POINTED PROVERBS.

A REASON OR AN EXCUSE

How easily the words slip out of our lips, at times, when we say "You must take the will for the deed." We feel as satisfied with that statement as if we have actually accomplished the deed, or as if the words had all the authority of the law or the sanctity of scripture behind them

But the will can be taken for the deed only when the deed cannot be performed. A pious desire to help is no substitute for bread and butter to a hungry man, from one who has plenty. It is only an excuse for avoiding duty, not a reason which is based upon justice. How modern are those words from the ancient oracle of God, which say, "If a brother or sister be destitute of daily food and one of you say unto them, 'Depart in peace, be you warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?"

Let's be honest with ourselves and with others. No amount of empty wishes will relieve distress or help where help is required. If we cannot help let us candidly say so. If we won't help, let us also be manly enough to admit it. But in all honesty if we can help let us fulfil the golden rule and "Do unto others as we would they should do to us."

Gardening Notes

GLADIOLI FOR EXHIBITION

(By G. E. Handley)

To secure the best results in growing gladioli for exhibition the following practical hints will be found helpful:—

Soil and Situation

In the autumn select the situation —the best position is one facing the east, and, if possible, sheltered on the north side. Work in to a depth of 15 inches a good dressing of cow manure if your soil is of a sandy nature, but if of a heavy nature, substitute horse manure, at the same time working in about 3 to 5 ozs. of bone dust and 3 ozs. of sulphate of iron or green copperas. Leave your beds exposed to the air and sun in a rough state for three or four weeks, and then plant a good heavy crop of either tares, cow peas or blue flowering field lupins. About the first week in November, or just when they are coming into flowering, dig them in, leaving your beds in a rough state until planting time.

Planting

In and around Melbourne exhibitors usually start planting about the first week in January, and continue planting every week until the first week in February. This usually gives them a succession of blooms over all our autumn shows.

Plant large size corms from 5in. to 6in. deep, in sandy or light soils; smaller sizes from 3 to 4 inches deep. Allow from 6 to 9 inches apart, and about 12 to 15 inches between the rows. Peel your corms before planting, and cover each with a handful of sand, so as no manure can come in contact with them.

Cultivation

Do not on any account water your beds after planting, as long as the soil is moist when they have been put in; it is just as well to give your beds a soaking three or four days before planting in very dry weather.

As soon as the foliage begins to show above the ground give a good heavy watering, following this up with a deep hoeing the following day. After they have been up for about two or three weeks, place a mulch of well-rotted cow or horse manure between rows. Continue fairly heavy watering if the weather keeps dry, and remember that one good heavy hosing and two hoeings are far better than all hosing and no hoeing.

Staking and Shading

Get some 5ft. palings and split them to about 1 inch in width. Place one at the back of flowering spike and tie it firmly but loosely to this. Place four others around this one to form a square, then get some 14 lb. paper bags, break the bottom and slip over the four outside stakes, gradually raising as the buds show color. This protects the flowers that are out and also helps to hold them.

About this time, or a little before, give your beds a dressing of muriate or sulphate of potash, about 3 or 4 ozs. to the square yard. This will make your flowers considerably larger; do not forget to water heavily after applying.

The following are a few of the best exhibition varieties, and if well grown will be hard to beat:—Queen Mary (greenish white), Mrs. W. H. Phipps (La France pink), Fichard Diener (geranium pink), Our Selection (orange scarlet, cerise blotch), Melissa (yellow, buff ground), Betty (orange rose), Comrade (salmon on slate), Dignity (soft rose(, Jessie (rose, white blotch), Lochnagar (slaty rose, white blotch), Dr. F. E. Bennetts (peach red), Betrize Michilena (orange), Sunset (orange apricot), Ivernia (pale pink), Marmora (Lavender grey), Gertrude (slaty orange), Snowden (pure white), Berty Snow (soft lilac).

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Another Thrilling Encounter at Preston Park

BRUNSWICK SNATCH LAST MINUTE VICTORY

PRESTON FORWARDS MISS MANY GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES.

ENTHUSIASTIC SPECTATORS GRIPPED LIKE A VICE.

(By "Follower.")

One of the closest contests seen at Cramer street park was witnessed on Saturday, when the locals tried conclusions with Brunswick, who came across full of confidence. The game was exceptionally interesting throughout, but neither side being able to gain any appreciable advantage. Brunswick were more successful in their crushes, and very rarely did they fail whenever congested play prevailed in front of their objective. Preston attacked strongly during the final term, giving every indication of pressing, and but for the misdirection of many easy shots they should have finished with a comfortable lead. However, they had the lead till three minutes before the final bell, when a decision by the field umpire in penalising White for holding the ball when lying on the ground (probably due to his having an interrupted view) proved a disastrous decision for the locals, for a mistake was made an immediate opening for the visitors.

At the termination of the first three quarters Brunswick were fortunate in driving home an attack by scoring a goal after the bell. With only 3 minutes before the final bell Preston were leading by five points, when another concerted drive proved fruitful, as they bagged a sixer, giving their opponents little opportunity of overtaking them.

THE TEAMS

Preston.—Backs: Campbell, Gray, McGann; half-backs: Reichman, Taylor, Heffernan; centres: Dodd, Goonan (c.), White; half-forwards: Davie, Mackie, Seebeck; forwards: McCormack, Surtees, Gall; followers: Eastt, Monohan; rover: Summers.

Brunswick—Backs: Murphy, Blackmore, Warden; half-backs: Bright, McCabe, Barker; centres: Kennett, Thomson, Whiteley; half-forwards: Beggs, Alessio, Kinnear; forwards: Branston, McInerney, Kinnear: followers: Penman, Eudy; rover: Fitzgerald.

THE PLAY

Brunswick Very Nippy

The first quarter opened up briskly, the visitors being a shade faster than their opponents, while their passing was much more accurate. Preston attacked strongly, and after Surtees had failed with two easy shots Davie, from a mark, found the opening.

Brunswick replied with a drive which ended in Branston passing to McInerney, who made no mistake.

The visitors made off again, but was penalised, and Thomson sent the sphere back to Whiteley, who hit the post with a running shot.

It was not long, however, before Kinnear made amends, as, marking nicely, he booked the coveted number.

Brunswick dominated the game for some time and gave the local defenders a good deal of trouble. Monohan, however, defended splendidly, and McCormack, eventually gaining possession, scored a single.

Preston displayed more vigor than usual. A free to Campbell sent the ball well forward, when Surtees marked splendidly, but spoilt his effort by registering only a single.

Seebeck Injured

In going for the ball Seebeck was awarded the mark, but he had the misfortune to injure his arm, which necessitated him leaving the ground. His place was taken by McMahon.

Many Disappointments

Blackmore was defending with his usual certainty, and Preston were repeatedly on the verge of success, only to see him turn them back.

Playing on the offensive, McCormack took advantage of an opening and scored full points.

Going forward again the home side were more than holding their own, but their forwards were not up to expectations.

Battling determinedly, Surtees added a single, then a dash forward by the Magpies, assisted by a free to Fitzgerald, put Kinnear in possession, just prior to the bell terminating the quarter, which ended as follows:—

Brunswick: 3 goals 3 behinds (21pts)
Preston: 2 goals 4 behinds (16pts)

An Even Quarter.—Several Spiteful Incidents

On the change over Brunswick attacked immediately, a single resulting. Then followed a couple of spiteful attacks which were the only blemishes to an otherwise even quarter, although at the inception Brunswick were decidedly superior.

Preston, however, livened up and play became more interesting, some fine duels being witnessed.

A free to Eudy gave the visitors six points, then a similar onslaught by Preston resulted in Davie, from a free, steering the leather clear at a difficult angle.

Roving magnificently, giving and receiving plenty of hard knocks, Summers initiated several forward moves. He passed to Mackie, but the lofty forward fumbled badly and Beggs cleared the goal.

Terrier-like, Summers again sent the leather to Taylor, whose long kick was marked by Escott, and he made no mistake with a punt.

For a time Brunswick were out of the picture until a sudden burst of spectacular, accurate passing culminated in Fitzgerald whipping in and goalling with a snap.

Preston's centre line was doing good work, but despite this Thomson continually initiated forward moves for Brunswick from the centre.

Playing well on the wing, Dodd quickly passed to Escott, who failed from a few yards out. Preston continued to attack but met with little success as opportunities were being wasted by faulty kicking.

Brunswick defenders relieved the pressure temporarily, but Taylor forwarded to Escott, who shot the ball to Surtees, upon whom fortune smiled at last as he piloted the leather clear.

McCormack Injured

Brunswick, through Whiteley, went forward, but McGann, dashing in, cleared the ball from the danger zone. Dodd passed to McCormack, who was kicked in the knee as he went for the ball. From a free he gained the coveted number, but afterwards left the arena, O'Doherty taking his place.

Brunswick dashed forward and Alessio scored a single, which was followed by a goal by McInerney, the result of a free. On the bounce the visitors rushed forward again and McInerney added another major.

Preston then went forward and Surtees marked well, but his kicking was disheartening to himself, to say nothing of his supporters.

Up and down play followed, neither side being able to materially increase their score. At half-time the scores were:—

Brunswick: 7 goals 8 behinds (50pts)
Preston: 6 goals 10 behinds (46pts)

Preston's Wasted Chances

On resuming Preston launched a spirited attack, but Brunswick reversed play and McInerney registered a single after cleverly eluding his opponent.

Brunswick again went forward, but Gray prevented further scoring. Campbell transferred play to Preston's territory, but a capital mark by Blackmore stopped progress.

Brunswick dashed forward, and faulty play by Heffernan, in attempting a hand pass instead of a long kick let McInerney in for his fourth big point.

Summers again paved the way for Davie, as, marking from Goonan, he scored the majority with a neat drop kick.

Whipping the ball forward, O'Doherty enabled Summers to score a single.

Through Eudy Brunswick advanced but were turned back by O'Doherty. The visitors fought desperately until a free to Davie eased the position. A wretched kick by Gall accounted for a single.

O'Doherty, with an electrifying dash, had the ball well up, but again Preston found Blackmore in the way. Summers and Monohan were conspicuous in breaking the succession of singles, the former tearing through to notch a sixer.

Brunswick replied with a single. The wet ball had become difficult to handle. Before Preston could beat their opponents off Fitzgerald steered the leather clear.

With the scores again level both teams made determined efforts to gain the advantage. Marking on the bell, Beggs put his side in the lead by a goal, the scores at the last change being:—

Brunswick: 10 goals 10 behinds (70 points)
Preston: 8 goals 16 behinds (64 pts)
Brunswick's Accuracy Brings Success

Spectators anticipated a thrilling finish, and they were not disappointed. They were kept on the tip-toe of excitement throughout the term, the result being in doubt right up to the final bell.

Preston attacked on the bounce, and Goonan short-passed to Escott, who made the scores even by goalling.

Brunswick relieved the tension temporarily until Summers sent the leather to Taylor, who put Preston in the lead by scoring a major. Rushing forward again, a pot shot by Davie was fruitless.

Bright saved finely, and Preston were soon on the defensive, Reichman playing grandly. Brunswick swept forward, and once more the scores were level as McNeill scored a goal.

On the bounce Taylor passed to White, then a brilliant mark by Davie sent the Red and White supporters roaring with delight; but the applause soon subsided as he spoilt the effort by scoring only a single.

Preston maintained their advantage and Escott had the spectators swaying with excitement as he booted a sixer. This acted as a stimulant and Preston attacked once more, but Blackmore saved right on the line.

Summers was again prominent and forwarded to Surtees, who marked the greasy ball well, but he caused dismay to the locals as he hit the post from but a few yards out.

Warden swept the attackers aside and passed to Thomson in the centre. Monohan effected a good save and forwarded to White. Gradually Preston drew nearer,

The move was frustrated by Blackmore, who sent the oval to Thomson. An unfortunate decision (for Preston) by the umpire, in giving a mark to a Brunswick player, made an opening for Kinnear, who, receiving from McInerney, scored a goal, putting Brunswick in the lead by three points, with but two minutes to go.

This left Preston a defeated team, due to the inaccuracy of the forwards, who missed several easy chances. In the last term Brunswick handled the slippery ball well, and out of three scoring shots three goals were obtained. Final scores:—

Brunswick: 12 goals 10 behinds (88 points)
Preston: 11 goals 19 behinds (85 pts)

Goal-kickers

Preston.—Davie (3), Escott (3), McCormack (2), Surtees, Summers, Taylor.

Brunswick.—McInerney (4), Kinnear (3), Fitzgerald (2), Eudy, McNeill, Beggs, Alessio.

The Players

For the winners Thomson was the pivot of many attacks; Whiteley, McInerney, Blackmore, Murphy, Bright, Alessio and Kinnear also played well.

For the losers Summers was irrepressible, and Reichman, Escott, Taylor, Gall, McGann, Gray, Davie and Monohan were always conspicuous.

Dr. Berman, president of the North Melbourne Club, who was a spectator, on learning of Seebeck's injury, immediately made his way to Preston's dressing room and offered his services. However, Dr. Walker, who is always in attendance, was treating Seebeck's injury. It is feared that he has sustained a cracked elbow.

McCormack received a knock on the knee, but it should not keep him out of the game for long.

ANOTHER TOUGH PROPOSITION TO-MORROW

PRESTON PLAY PORT MELBOURNE AT PRESTON

Another thrilling match is anticipated at the Cramer street park on Saturday, when Preston will do their utmost to turn the tables on Port Melbourne. Preston are anxious to avoid another defeat, and consequently will try to add the seasiders to their list of victims.

LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Northcote, 9.14, d Yarraville, 6.15.
Brighton, 11.14, d Williamstown, 9.13.
Port Melbourne, 12.14, d Oakleigh, 9.15.
Coburg, 13.13, d Prehran, 7.11.
Brunswick, 13.10, d Preston, 11.19.
Camberwell, 15.22, d Sandringham, 14.14.

LEADING GOAL-KICKERS

Seymour (Northcote)	71
Fraser (Oakleigh)	63
J. O'Brien (W'town)	46
McCormack (Preston)	46

Amongst others in the running are Simmonds (Northcote), 32; Davie (Preston), 32; and Surtees (Preston), 32.

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES

Coburg v Northcote.
Preston v Port Melbourne.
Oakleigh v Brunswick.
Prahran v Sandringham.
Yarraville v Brighton.
Camberwell v Williamstown.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

Club	P	W	L	P.C.	Pts
Northcote	15	11	4	72.89	44
Oakleigh	15	11	4	77.65	44
Yarraville	15	10	5	82.04	40
Port Melb.	15	9	5	91.41	38
Williamstown	15	9	6	88.88	36
Preston	15	8	6	100.72	34
Brighton	15	7	8	92.61	28
Coburg	15	6	7	94.58	28
Brunswick	15	7	8	104.35	28
Prahran	15	5	10	132.89	20
Camberwell	15	4	11	112.22	16
Sandringham	15	1	14	159.86	4

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER TOURNAMENTS

During the winter months Thornbury Club held their annual billiards and snooker tournaments. The games were well contested and created a fine social atmosphere amongst members. Results:—

Billiards.—Winner, Mr. Len Roberts; runner-up, Mr. Alf White.

Snooker.—Winner, Mr. G. Growcott; runner-up, Mr. E. W. Rose.

C.Y.M.S. ASSOCIATION

NORTHCOTE v KEW

In the presence of a fair number of spectators Northcote met Kew at Mc. Donell Park. The locals were without F. Jones, who was representing the club in the inter junior union games. Favored by a fair breeze Northcote attacked first and within a minute Hunt posted full points. Playing well together the locals were always faster, and Murphy, from a well-judged mark, punted second goal. Kew now took a hand, but good work by F. Hart and McDonald had the ball again, forward, and Mithan, soaring high, marked well and made no mistake. Clancy, shepherding well, left Murphy in for another goal. The game was all Northcote's now and when Murphy and Clayden goaled—the latter from an excellent place kick—the locals looked like piling up a record score. However, drizzling rain settled the game as a spectacle, and it developed into a wild scramble. Mithen was in the limelight for good ruck work and excellent marks, while Northcote's centre line, comprising E. and F. Hart and McDonald, handled the wet ball skilfully. Near the close of the second quarter Clayden left the ground injured and was replaced by Stephens. Kew more than held their own from the second quarter onwards, but towards the close of the term the locals went away and won by 17 points. Final scores:—Northcote, 8.8; Kew, 6.3. Although the rain spoilt the game and hampered the players, it does not excuse Northcote's reversal of the first quarter's form. Kew were superior during the second and third quarters, and they owed their success to the fact that they played straight down the centre, whereas the locals more often than not had the ball hugging the wings during these quarters. It is difficult to pick out the best players, but for consistency Northcote's centre line stood out. F. Murphy, before the rain set in, was positively uncanny, while F. Clancy played a shrewd game at half-back. Baker was a dashing half-back, and Mithen must be mentioned for all-round play. Gibson shaped well roving, while H. Andrews saved well on occasions. Nevertheless, his position is full back, where he has no superior in the competition. It is hoped that E. Reilly, who has been a splendid performer in the past, will strip next match against Williamstown on the Town oval.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES

SOUTH PRESTON v NAPIER ST.

W. Davies Scores 100th Goal

South Preston K.S.P. finished the first round with a practice run, being satisfied to win by a few points. Once again South Preston are in the final four, being on top with 13 wins out of 14 matches. Their percentage was far ahead of any others, scoring 180 goals 120 behinds (1304 points) against 82 goals 93 behinds (586 points). This fine average has been maintained for many years, and speaks volumes for the team spirit, always a feature of the South Preston team. W. Davies, full forward, for the third year in succession, has exceeded the 100 mark, scoring 107 goals in 14 matches. Final scores:—South Preston, 12.13; Napier St., 11.12. Goal-kickers: W. Davies (10), Fox Pike.

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BOWLING NOTES

THORNBURY BOWLERS.

PERSONALITIES OF THE GAME

MR. W. BARTLEY

(By "Onlooker.")

Strangers visiting Thornbury Bowling Club of late would have noticed a man, with dangling shirt sleeves, concentrating all his efforts in an endeavor to coax from a barren ground a semblance of that green sward so dear to the hearts of bowlers. His name is William Bartley, and he is the honorary green director of the club. Recently retired from the headmastership of Preston State School, "Bart" is now devoting a great deal of his time to club matters, and Thornbury is fortunate in having a man of his calibre in charge of the green. He is an expert on soils and grasses, and on most things connected with the garden. His display of roses at home could only be obtained by one with special knowledge. Even now the green at Thornbury is giving promise of being one of the best greens in the metropolitan area, and the boys are counting the days to the opening. During last season "Bart" filled many important positions in A and B pennant games. His great knowledge of the game enables him to fill any position in such a way that the prestige of Thornbury is upheld, both socially and otherwise. He plays with a very wide drawing bowl and many of his opponents have been astounded at the way he can draw around short stuff on the jack. Next to bowls the rod and reel claims his attention. When on these occasions he is accompanied by George Willis, who is a wonderful salesman. George also backs "Bart" up when he relates fishing stories to his club mates at Thornbury. Before retiring from the Preston School "Bart" was instrumental in creating a brass band amongst the boys. His friends are wondering if he could not utilise some of the musical talent at Thornbury Club and start a band going. There could be one more inspiring sight than "Tiny" Carlyle leading his men out to do battle, preceded by a band. But whether as bowler, handwaster or green director, "Bart" is esteemed by members, who hope he will enjoy many seasons of play on the sward of the club he loves so well. The poet said he once heard "Bart" make the following prayer:—"Lord grant that I may play a game of bowls so good, or catch a fish so big, that even I, when speaking afterwards about it, may not be tempted to annease my vanity with verbal embroidery."

Next Week.—Mr. Mark Sharp.

PRIDE OF NORTHCOTE I.O.R.

CROWNING OF QUEEN

A queen connetition, which has been running in connection with the Pride of Northcote Women's Tent of the I.O.R. for some months was brought to a most satisfactory conclusion on August 2, when the crowning ceremony was performed by Cr. B. E. Johnson, in the absence of the mayor, in the small town hall. There was a large attendance, despite the inclement weather.

There were three queens at the outset of the competition, but one recently withdrew, leaving the Queen of Sport (Sis. B. Wild-smith), who was crowned queen of queens, and who raised over £27, and the Queen of Peace (Sis. E. Knight), who raised over £12.

Cr. Johnson, when crowning the queen, heartily congratulated Sis. Wildsmith on her success and said that although both could not win, Sis. Knight was also to be congratulated on so fine an effort. On behalf of the tent Cr. Johnson presented each queen with a large box of chocolates, and thanked them for the hard work they had put in during the contest.

Sis. Knight, in a sportsmanlike speech, congratulated Sis. Wildsmith and on behalf of both queens thanked all present for the loyal support they had given.

The rest of the evening was spent in dancing, and supper was served by the ladies. The following artists contributed to the programme:—Miss Drakeford (songs), little Mavis Ariss (elocutionist) and Mr. Pratt (ventriloquist), all of which were heartily appreciated. A happy gathering broke up at 11.15, when everyone voted the evening a complete success.

THIEVES AT DIAMOND CREEK

GROCERY STORE ROBBED

When Mr. C. Milthorpe opened his grocery shop at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning he found that thieves had entered the premises during the night and stolen groceries, tobacco and cigarettes to the value of £40.

Everything Taken But Barber's Chair

Entrance had been effected by forcing the front door of a barber's shop adjoining. This shop, which is conducted by Mr. E. Libbis, a son-in-law of Mr. Milthorpe, was ransacked, and £15 worth of goods stolen, the thieves taking everything but the barber's chair.

NORTHCOTE COUNCIL

MONDAY, AUGUST 4.

The usual meeting of the Northcote Council was held on Monday. Present were the Mayor (Cr. W. Hayes) and Crs. B. E. Johnson, S. Pinkney, J. H. Green, S. Dennis, J. O. Hughes, W. Olver, A. J. Cornish, H. F. Mitchell, J. Sutch, W. Glanfield.

An apology was received from Cr. Beard.

Train Stops.

Victorian Railways stating that time tables are arranged to avoid trains coming to a standstill on all viaducts and bridges, but that it occasionally happens that operating failures or traffic disorganisation due to fog and other causes necessitate trains stopping in unusual places.

Cr. Green suggested that the Department should put a wire fence on the bridge to act as a guard.

It was decided to write to the Railways making this suggestion.

Unemployed Relief.

Municipal Association re unemployment relief forwarding a copy of the reply of the Minister of Public Works to the representations made to him from the Metropolitan Sectional Council. The reply of the Minister indicated that after full consideration the Government regrets not being able to make the alterations suggested, viz.—that the amount allotted by the Government be spent entirely on wages and the municipalities supply all plant, material and supervision.

Cr. Sutch said the reply was most unsatisfactory.

The Mayor said that the Government was making grants in the country with buildings out of the same fund, and he wondered if the Government was insisting on the same conditions there as in the city.

Cr. Dennis said the reply was disappointing. In most cases the councils were called upon (including materials) to find £1/10/- to £1/15/- for every pound found by the Government. The councils had framed their estimates and had little money with which to find employment. He moved "That this reply be considered unsatisfactory, and the committee consider if some further action can be taken to secure better terms."

The motion was carried.

"Tidy Up" Week Suggested.

Northcote branch A.L.P., suggesting that the council arrange a "Tidy Up Week," so as to clean up the municipality, and old clothing, furniture, etc., could be solicited for the unemployed.—P.W. Committee.

Postal Agency Wanted.

East-North Ward Progress Association, forwarding a copy of a letter sent to the P.M.G's Department, making representations for the provision of a postal agency in Victoria road, near Clifton St., and requesting that the council will lend its support to such matter.

Cr. Olver moved that the council support the movement. The establishment of a postal agency would help development in this area.—Motion carried.

Posts Pulled Up.

Fairfield North State school committee, drawing attention to the practice of drivers of carts pulling up posts which protect footpaths in front of the school, and suggesting that posts should be strutted to prevent same from being pulled up.

Cr. Olver moved that the surveyor report on this matter to the P.W. Committee. It was only recently that the posts had been put back, and they had been pulled up twice.

Motion carried.

West Ward Progress Association.

West Ward Progress Association.—(1) re uneven state of pitchers in lane rear of Smith St., at St. George's road; (2) re condition of lane between Kemp St. and Woolton Av.; (3) re condition of channels in streets west of St. George's road.

Letters referred to P.W. Committee.

Protest Against Valuations.

West Ward Progress Association, protesting against the increase of valuations on properties, particular mention being made of properties in Miller St.

Cr. Dennis moved that the writers be advised that if aggrieved they had a right to appeal.

Cr. Mitchell seconded.—Carried.

Tramway Information to be Sought.

West Ward Progress Association, desiring the council to obtain information from the Tramway Board in regard to the tramway line operating along Holden St., between St. George's road and Lygon St., when the conversion of the Brunswick line is complete.—Information to be sought.

GENERAL.

J. M. Dunbar, drawing attention to the need for a traffic button at the corner of Clarendon and High Sts.—P.W. Committee.

F. J. O'Donnell, re condition of path north side of Separation St., between Whalley and Munro Sts.

J. Keenan and others, re litter in Dundas St., caused by falling gum leaves, and requesting that more suitable trees be planted.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Olver said that just recently a young man had been killed at this spot. Many accidents occurred there because people "cut the corner," and if a guide were put in it was felt that the number of accidents would be greatly lessened.

Matter referred to P.W. Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

General accounts £1,496 19 11 and street construction accounts £2,134 ... Loan ... accounts £386 ... were passed for payment.

The following building applications were granted—H. Jose, Gladstone ... additions at rear; H. Brothers, ... dwelling ... Rucker St.

Final apportionments for the construction of Newman St. from Leamington ... to a point west of Comas ... and part of Comas Gr. were adopted, the final cost being £2,411 ... (£466 ... less than the estimate); Hartley St. £1,748 14 1 (£314 ... less); Munro St. ... (£53 less); ... St. from Wakanui St. to Victoria road and Camara St. and Hakanui St. £4,117 ... (£394 11 11 less).

Construction of drain along easement between Ryan St. and St. George's road from Sumner Av. to Smith St.—Notices for this work to be served. Objections will be heard by the council on September 1.

Alignment of Arthurton road in front of J. L. Dunlop's property—Agreed to provided the applicant paid the cost.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Accounts £384 ... were paid.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

Accounts £140 13 3 were passed to be paid.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Additional accounts to the foregoing totalling £321 19 3 were ordered to be paid.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Turner asked when ashes would be spread in Watt St.—The engineer: "I'll get it done this week."

Cr. Mitchell referred to right-of-way at rear of shops near Arthurton road, where the excavation had been done and left open. He moved that the engineer see what could be done. —Carried.

Cr. Hughes moved that a water extension be sought in Normanby Av.—Carried.

Cr. Cornish referred to hole in footpath Hartingdon St.—P.W. Committee, also pipe cut in Herbert St.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Green said a pipe cut in right-of-way, Union St. to Westgarth Theatre, the pitchers had been badly replaced.—Engineer to attend.

Cr. Green referred to the use of American bitumen, and said that Australian tar was now being treated to make a synthetic bitumen. He moved that the P.W. Committee consider the matter, the engineer to report.—Carried.

Cr. Jones spoke of hole in path in Clarendon St.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Pinkney asked that pipe cut in South Cres., near Westgarth St., receive the engineer's attention.—Carried.

Cr. Pinkney moved that dangerous holes in Robert St. receive attention. The street was in a deplorable state.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Pinkney moved that the engineer report on the amount of money required to put in order the footpaths in the South Ward. He wanted to show that the amount provided annually by the council was inadequate to keep these paths in order.

Cr. Dennis seconded.

Cr. Turner—I suggest that an addendum be added—"and that the Finance Committee be asked as to the possibilities of finding the money."

Cr. Oldis said that some unemployment money might be spent on works of this kind.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Turner moved that the provision of ashes for temporary repairs to paths be considered by the Finance Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Oldis moved that the filling of a trench on either side of Bastings St., between High St. and Waterloo road, be referred to P.W. Committee.

NOISES FROM A DAIRY.

REGULATING MILK CARTS

Some time ago John George Humphries, of Mansfield street, Thornbury, brought a County Court action against Percy W. Tomkins, a dairyman, carrying on business next door. Humphries claimed an injunction restraining Tomkins from making disturbing noises in carrying on the dairy. He also claimed damages. The jury awarded a farthing damages, and Judge Williams said that he would reserve the question of an injunction. That would afford the parties an opportunity of coming to an arrangement.

On July 31 Mr. Flanagan (for Humphries) asked for judgment for his client with costs. Mr. Ashkanasy (for Tomkins) asked that the matter be allowed to stand over for a while.

After argument Judge Williams gave judgment for a farthing damages, with costs. He granted an injunction prohibiting the departure of milk carts from the dairy between 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock in the morning, the injunction to be suspended for two months from date. He awarded plaintiff £10 10/- costs.

SOCCER

Grade 2.—Coburg, 3 (Bell, Warman, Banks, through own goal), drew with Preston, 3 (Jessop, O'Connor, Tomlinson).

Grade 3.—Alphington, 3 (Pritchard 2, Laker), defeated Heidelberg, 2 (Stewart, Harvey).

MOTOR REGISTRATIONS

PROPOSAL THAT POLICE ISSUE NUMBERS

Proposals to invest the Motor Registration branch with power to issue number-plates to motorists will be contained in the amending Motor Car Bill, to be introduced in the Legislative Assembly by the Chief Secretary (Mr. Tunnecliffe). The department, it is proposed, should issue all number plates on the registration of a car, and motorists will be required to return them on the expiry of the registration. This system, it is considered, will facilitate the work of detecting unregistered cars. Increased powers to deal with thefts of motor cars, and increased penalties for such offences will be provided. Additional provisions will be included to prevent the alteration of motor engine numbers and other identifying marks by which stolen cars can be distinguished. It is hoped that the act will have the effect of increasing substantially revenue from motor vehicles by reducing the prevalence of the offence of driving unregistered cars.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Sargood Shield

In a further stage of the Sargood shield shoot on Saturday, the 57th Batt. (Preston) led, closely followed by Engineers No. 1 and the 58th Batt. (Brunswick-Coburg), who were last month's winners. Scores:—57th Battalion No. 1 (Preston).—Capt. George 32, Cpl. Windley 32, Sgt. Jordan 31, Cpl. Dickson 31, Cpl. Gracie 30, Cpl. Downie 30, Sgt. McDonald 30, Pte. George 29, total 245; Engineers No. 1, 235; 58th Batt. (Brunswick-Coburg) No. 1, 227; 29th Batt. 227; 57th Batt. (Preston) No. 2, 218.

Kellow Shield

In the first stage of the Kellow shield 46th Batt. (Ripponlea) scored 233; 29th Batt., 227; 32nd Batt. 225; 57th Batt. (Preston) No. 1, 210; 60th Batt. (Westgarth) No. 1, 207.

Club Shoots

Northcote.—First Stage Purvis Trophy.—Tongue, 44 (5), 49; Hargreaves, 36 (11), 47; Kaye, 41 (5), 44; Randall, 41 (2), 43; Waters, 34 (7), 41; McQueen, 33 (8), 41.

Preston.—Final Stage Bell Trophy. —Bell, 45 (5), 50; Sullivan, 44 (7), 50; Chynoweth, 47 (5), 50; Bignell, 43 (4), 47; F. Featherston, 42 (4), 46.

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THIEVES FOILED AT NORTH FITZROY

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Thieves who forced admittance to the office of Henry Palmer and Sons, wire mattress manufacturers, Nicholson street, North Fitzroy, last Friday night, made unsuccessful attempts to blow open two safes. The lock of one safe was blown off, but the door remained fast. In the lock of the other safe was found a quantity of gelignite, which had failed to explode. Bags found at the rear of the building were used to muffle the explosion.

The police believe that the attempts were made by amateur thieves who have been operating in the city and suburbs for several weeks.

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RESERVOIR NOTES

At the Reservoir Relief Committee meeting £2/9/9 was handed in as proceeds of the last P.S.A., making £12/12/9. The next P.S.A. will be held at Spencer's Theatre on Sunday. Mr. Drake will be the speaker.

The Reservoir District Band endorsed the action of the secretary in his letter to the council re the factory at Broadway, and his statement to the council on Monday night, when the secretary was asked to explain its context. Their appreciation to Crs. Robinson and Adams was also noted.

Mrs. Cosgrove, of Thornbury, gave a brilliant musical evening in aid of the Reservoir District Band. The funds will benefit by £5/10/.

RESERVOIR'S RELIEF EFFORT.

FANCY DRESS PROCESSION AND FOOTBALL MATCH

The fancy dress procession and football match promoted by Reservoir people for unemployed relief funds, took place on Saturday. The procession started from Edwardes Park gates. The route was lined with onlookers. The Reservoir District band led the parade, which consisted of decorated cars, carts, prams, burlesques and dozens of comical characters. The mayor of Northcote was present, together with Cr. McPherson, mayor of Preston, and Mr. Zwar, J.P., the two latter acting as judges. The prize for the best individual character was awarded to Mr. Spencer as Pelaco, and the most humorous to "Mother and Son" excellently burlesqued by Messrs. Marlow and Heath). The best decorated car was won by Mr. Carver, of Reservoir. The judges donated two additional prizes, one being awarded to a fine burlesque on the Kelly Gang, and the other as previously mentioned.

The football match was a screaming farce. Mr. Tatterson acted as umpire in a dignified top hat and frock coat. A display of buckjumping, in which Messrs. Tatterson and Evans and a horse of peculiar temper participated was unrehearsed and caused an uproar.

Mr. Joiner acted as president of a court, and dealt with minor offences against the spirit of the carnival. The mayor was introduced by Mr. T. R. Clinnick, president of the relief committee, and he and Mr. Zwar thanked the residents for their presence and interest. The rain poured down and stopped what promised to be a novel afternoon's fun. The Kelly Gang had arranged "hold ups." A mock wedding ceremony, a trotting match between E. Tatterson's "Seldom Run" and D. McFarlane's "Bolter," and other novel events had to be abandoned.

The joint secretaries, Messrs. Flanders and McFarlane, deesrve praise for its success, while Messrs. Garing and Evans, as marshals, kept the whole show moving. Mesdames Upton and Kennett acted as collectors. The result was so promising that it is thought the idea should be perpetuated. Thanks are recorded to the Carlton United Breweries, who defrayed the cost of dodgers and tickets, and to the "Leader" for its publicity and courtesy at a time when such was urgently required.

CONTRACT v DAY LABOR

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I notice in the local papers a report of a speech by one of the candidates for municipal honors at the forthcoming elections, in which he touches on the contract versus day labor controversy. Naturally you would have thought that he would have made himself conversant with the true facts. Had he done so, and had he the best interests of the ratepayers at heart, he would have found that, as far as the City of Preston is concerned, streets made by day labor are a great deal cheaper and more soundly constructed than by the contract system. A little while ago one of the debaters at a debate between two Progress Associations picked out two streets for comparison—one, Paterson street, made by unemployed day labor on the system of week on and week off, and the other, Oakhill avenue, made by contract with up-to-date machinery. These two streets cost about the same per foot to construct, but the debater forgot to tell his audience that Paterson street is 26 feet wide, whilst Oakhill avenue is only 24 feet; Paterson street was an old road, and a lot of old metal, etc., had to be removed, whilst Oakhill avenue was sand and red soil. Two feet more earth in width had to be moved, and two feet more metal in width had to be put into Paterson street than into Oakhill avenue. To show which is the most solidly constructed, Paterson street carries all classes of traffic, even to the 8-ton metal lorries from the Preston quarries, whilst there is a notice displayed, for everybody to see, prohibiting the passage over Oakhill avenue of any load exceeding two tons. Furthermore, the cost of making the crossings into the adjoining householders' properties was included in the cost of making Paterson street, whilst everybody knows the great outcry by some of the residents of Oakhill avenue because they received an extra account for the making of crossings into their properties. However, I must congratulate the residents of Oakhill avenue for the nice lawns they have made between the footpaths and the kerb.—Yours etc.,

J. A. CLINGIN.

22 Paterson St., Preston.
August 5, 1930.

CHURCH NEWS

Church of Christ, High Street

On Tuesday last a very fine church social was held and an address was given by Mr. R. Rickerby. On Tuesday next Dr. W. H. Hinricksen, of Thornbury, will give a lecturette under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, on his travels abroad. A silver coin collection will be taken for the work of the society. Visitors will be heartily welcomed.

Church of the Epiphany

The lecture on "Heads and Faces," to have been delivered by the Rev. J. J. Brown, had to be postponed on account of the lecturer's illness, and will be given on the 21st inst.

All Saints', South Northcote

August 25 will be the 70th anniversary of the opening of All Saints' Church for public worship. It is proposed to hold special services.

Another of the popular series of pictorial services will be held on Sunday night, when Rev. A. H. Constable will take as his subject "Ashamed of Their Hope."

Women's Christian Temperance Union

The monthly meeting of the Northcote branch was held in the Presbyterian school hall, Thornbury, on 5th inst. There was a good attendance. The president (Mrs. Johnson) occupied the chair, and the meeting was addressed by Mrs. Fullard, of the Educational Staff of the Union. Last year 2000 new members were enrolled. Mrs. Fullard closed her address with an exhortation to her hearers to remember the slogan: "For God, for Home and Humanity." During the afternoon Mesdames Clark and Gardiner and Miss Drakeford rendered solos which were much appreciated.

Methodist Church, High Street

An enjoyable Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was spent last Sunday, when the Hon. Samuel Mauger, J.P., addressed the combined Young Ladies' Class and the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society. Mr. Mauger gave an excellent address, his subject being "The Tragedy of Waste." He spoke of the great waste which is occuring in Australia at the present time in all spheres—national, governmental, municipal and private. Several members of the audience at the close of the address spoke on the subject, and a hearty vote of thanks was conveyed to Mr. Mauger by the chairman (Hon. J. G. Membrey).

The three branches of the Christian Endeavor movement are all flourishing and are doing much valuable work. The number of members is steadily growing.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist

The visit of Col. Holden last Sunday morning was a pronounced success. The previous Sunday he had preached in Central Australia to a congregation of blacks. The secretary of the church was able to secure Col. Holden for October 6, when he will lecture on "Life in the Never Never."

Next Sunday is the Christian Endeavor anniversary. Members of the Christian Endeavor Societies will assist at both services. The preachers will be Mr. S. Harris (of Queen's College) in the morning, and the Rev. J. T. Duggleby at night.

Northcote Congregational

Two interesting addresses were delivered last Sunday by Rev. Duncan E. Reeves. The morning subject was "Take, Do, Show," and was an introduction to the communion service which followed. The evening address on "Ropes and Stakes" was a message to the modern mind, and provided food for thoughtful souls. To those who have no particular place of worship we extend a cordial welcome to come and hear a man with a message full of common sense, vigor and enthusiasm. A meeting held at the manse during the week decided to form a Christian Endeavor Society, and this should be in full swing at an early date. The church is assisting at the great Eatsern Fair which is being held at Collins street, city, during the week. Keen regret was expressed by many of our folk at the sudden death of Miss Watts, of the Elsternwick church. The deceased was at our induction social the previous week, apparently in good health. Elsternwick church and the denomination in general have lost a wonderful worker.

Thornbury Church of Christ

A very enjoyable concert was held in the above church on Tuesday night under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild to aid the building fund, and a substantial amount of money will be the result. The artists, who were encored for every item, were as follow:—Misses Lilian Booth, Truda Russell, Jessie O'Neill, Ivy Broadley, Mrs. Bert Palmer, Messrs. Joe Delaney and Bert Palmer. The preacher (Mr. H. Swain) presided.

SPUN GOLD HOSTESS GOWN

Hostess gowns are very popular this season, and one of the most charming is worn by Natalie Moorhead, of Paramount fame. It is composed of spun gold lace and has a very large cape, which falls well below the waistline and has three rows of scallops, bordered with gold ribbon. The gown is fitted very closely to the figure, over a gold slip, and sweeps into a small train at the back.

LATE FOOTBALL

SECOND EIGHTEENS

PRESTON v BRUNSWICK

Played at Brunswick on Saturday. Preston won the toss, but Brunswick were faster to the ball. First quarter scores: Preston, 3.1; Brunswick, 2.2. The second quarter was in favor Brunswick, who scored 4.3 to 2.1. In the third term Preston settled down. Their back line drove off many attacks, Spargo brothers, Ellis and Kupsch being prominent. Preston's forward work improved also. Scores during the quarter: Preston, 4.2; Brunswick, 1.3. The last quarter was very hard. Preston finished the strongest, while Brunswick's kicking was astray. Scores in this quarter were: Preston, 2.3; Brunswick, 1.5. Best players:—Spargo Bros., Underhill, Kupsch, Dowling, Smith, Ewing and Fitt. Goal-kickers: McEachern (5), Fennell (3), Marmo, Lee, H. Underhill.

RAMBLERS' MATCH

NORTHCOTE H.S. OLD BOYS v PRINCE OF WALES PARK

On Saturday last a match between the above teams was played at Merri Park. The average weight of the two teams seemed about the same, but was distributed very unevenly. Northcote were first away and Walker twice goaled—from a side snap and a shot off the ground. Two more points were added then play swung to the other end, where from three tries the Park team scored only three minors. Northcote transferred play and Walker added two more goals before J. Randall scored a goal for the Park. In the second quarter P.W.P. attacked vigorously, but only a point resulted. Kidd (Old Boys) drop-kicked a goal, followed by a like score by Walker from a free in front. At half-time Old Boys led by 6.5 to 1.4. On resuming rain fell in torrents and the ground became very sticky. Still Northcote continued to outplay the Park team and Kidd (2) and Thorn (3) added goals before H. Cornish came through for P.W.P. and took advantage of an open goal. With the field properly soaked P.W.P. had a hopeless task, and they battled on gamely, but their individual efforts were no match for the fine combination work of the ex-students. Walker again goaled, then N. Randall got a run on, and there was no stopping him until he had sent the ball througn the goals. Northcote had the best of matters at the finish and goals by Broadbent and Bolwell made the final scores of an uneven but friendly contest:—Northcote H.S. Old Boys, 14 goals 9 behinds; P.W.P., 3 goals 7 behinds. Goal-kickers:—Old Boys: Walker (6), Thorn (3), Kidd (3), Broadbent and Bolwell. P.W.P.: J. and N. Randall, H. Cornish. Outstanding players amongst a very even team for Old Boys were Thorn, Emerson, Kidd, Walker, Fuge. P.W.P.'s best were Risk, N. Randall, Oates, Edgar, Watson, L. Cornish.

The match for N.H.S. Old Boys on Saturday is a competition game against Parkville. Players are requested to be at the school a 1.50 p.m. sharp.

Jock: "Why do girls kiss each other?" Joan: "Just to keep in practice, I suppose."

"How do you like the talkies, Martin?" "Well, when they don't talk they ain't so bad."

AN AUDACIOUS THEFT.

TILL RIFLED WHILST OWNER IS BUSY

On Monday evening the till at the petrol service station conducted by Mr. Bert Stewart, at the corner of Bell street and High street, Preston, was looted in an audacious manner.

Two Men in Car

About 7 p.m. two men arrived in a motor car and ordered some petrol and then some oil. When this was put in one of the men told Mr. Stewart to put in some more oil, and then some more petrol. Mr. Stewart did so, and the man tendered the corect amount of money in payment.

£10/10/ Stolen

When Mr. Stewart returned to his office he found everything apparently in order, but the till had been rifled and £10/10/ was missing. It is thought that a third man rifled the till whilst the other two kept Mr. Stewart busy.

Previous Cases

This is not by any means the first case of its kind in the Northcote and Preston districts, and as these men seem to specialise in victimising garages, proprietors should take steps to safeguard themselves against such robberies.

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Miss E. Morris, 236 High street.
Mr. S. M. Cohen, 337 High street.

Croxton
Mr. A. Wales, 509 High street.
Mrs. M. Bain, 259 St. George's road
Miss E. Dixon, 679 High street.

Thornbury
Mr. B. Anthony, 811 High street.
Messrs. McCasker and Eaton, 863 High street.
Mrs. M. Davis, 397 St. George's road.
Mrs. M. Speer, 147 Miller street.
Mrs. Hircot, 120 Dundas street.

Preston
Mrs. Hadfield, 128 Plenty road.
Mrs. Beardsley, 500 Plenty road.
Messrs. Newbegin and Smith, Plenty road.
Mr. E. G. Green, cnr. High and Bell streets.
Mr. H. May, 361 High street.
Mrs. L. Emery, 276 High street.
Mrs. L. Clements, 474 Murray road.
Mrs. Stratford, 544 Murray road.
Mrs. E. Anderson, 16 Gilbert road.
Mrs. T. M. Kelly, cnr. High and Mason streets.
Messrs. Newbegin and Smith, 496 High street.

Reservoir
Mrs. E. Pola, High street.
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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL

MONDAY, AUGUST 4.

The usual meeting of the Northcote Council was held on Monday. Present were the Mayor (Cr. W. Hayes), and Crs. B. E. Johnson, S. Pinkney, J. H. Green, S. Dennis, J. O. Hughes, W. Olver, A. J. Cornish, H. F. Mitchell, J. Sutch, W. Glanfield.

An apology was received from Cr. Beard.

Train Stops.

Victorian Railways, stating that time tables are arranged to avoid trains coming to a standstill on all viaducts and bridges, but that it occasionally happens that operating failures or traffic disorganisations due to fog and other causes necessitate trains stopping in unusual places.

Cr. Green suggested that the Department should put a wire fence on the bridge to act as a guard.

It was decided to write to the Railways, making this suggestion.

Unemployed Relief.

Municipal Association, re unemployment relief, forwarding a copy of the reply of the Minister of Public Works to the representations made to him from the Metropolitan Sectional Council. The reply of the Minister indicated that after full consideration the Government regrets not being able to make the alterations suggested, viz.—that the amount allotted by the Government be spent entirely on wages, and the municipalities supply all plant, material and supervision.

Cr. Sutch said the reply was most unsatisfactory.

The Mayor said that the Government was making grants in the country with buildings out of the same fund, and he wondered if the Government was insisting on the same conditions there as in the city.

Cr. Dennis said the reply was disappointing. In most cases the councils were called upon (including materials) to find £1/10/- to £1/15/- for every pound found by the Government. The councils had framed their estimates and had little money with which to find employment. He moved "That this reply be considered unsatisfactory, and the committee consider if some further action can be taken to secure better terms,"

The motion was carried.

"Tidy Up" Week Suggested.

Northcote branch A.L.P., suggesting that the council arrange a "Tidy Up Week," so as to clean up the municipality, and old clothing, furniture, etc., could be solicited for the unemployed.—P.W. Committee.

Postal Agency Wanted.

East-North Ward Progress Association, forwarding a copy of a letter sent to the P.M.G's. Department, making representations for the provision of a postal agency in Victoria road, near Clifton St., and requesting that the council will lend its support to such matter.

Cr. Olver moved that the council support the movement. The establishment of a postal agency would help development in this area.—Motion carried.

Posts Pulled Up.

Fairfield North State school committee, drawing attention to the practice of drivers of carts pulling up posts which protect footpaths in front of the school, and suggesting that posts should be strutted to prevent same from being pulled up.

Cr. Olver moved that the surveyor report on this matter to the P.W. Committee. It was only recently that the posts had been put back, and they had been pulled up twice.

Motion carried.

West Ward Progress Association.

West Ward Progress Association.—(1) re uneven state of pitchers in lane rear of Smith St., at St. George's road; (2) re condition of lane between Kemp St. and Woolton Av.; (3) re condition of channels in streets west of St. George's road.

Letters referred to P.W. Committee.

Protest Against Valuations.

West Ward Progress Association, protesting against the increase of valuations on properties, particular mention being made of properties in Miller St.

Cr. Dennis moved that the writers be advised that if aggrieved they had a right to appeal.

Cr. Mitchell seconded.—Carried.

Tramway Information to be Sought.

West Ward Progress Association, desiring the council to obtain information from the Tramway Board in regard to the tramway line operating along Holden St., between St. George's road and Lygon St., when the conversion of the Brunswick line is complete.—Information to be sought.

GENERAL.

J. M. Dunbar, drawing attention to the need for a traffic button at the corner of Claremdon and High Sts.—P.W. Committee.

F. J. O'Donnell, re condition of path north side of Separation St., between Whalley and Munro Sts.

J. Keenan and others, re litter in Dundas St., caused by falling gum leaves, and requesting that more suitable trees be planted.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Olver said that just recently a young man had been killed at this spot. Many accidents occurred there because people "cut the corner," and if a guide were put in it was felt that the number of accidents would be greatly lessened.

Matter referred to P.W. Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

General accounts £1,406/19/10 and street construction accounts £2,134 6,11; Loan 21 accounts £308/6/7 were passed for payment.

The following building applications were granted—H. Jude, Gladstone St., additions at rear; H. Brothers, dwelling on land 66 x 120, Rucker St.

Final apportionments for the construction of Newman St., from Leinster Gr. to a point west of Comas Gr., and part of Comas Gr., were adopted, the final cost being £2,812 7,11 (£483/4/6 less than the estimate); Hartley St., £1,748/14/2 (£314 1/10 less); Munro St., £713 (£93 less); Clifton St., from Wakanui St. to Victoria road, and Oamaru St. and Hakatere St., £4,117/10/1 (£334/11/11 less).

Construction of drain along easement between Ryan St. and St. Georges road, from Sumner Av. to Sutch St.—Notices for this work to be served. Objections will be heard by the council on September 1.

Alignment of Arthurton road in front of J. L. Dunlop's property.—Agreed to provided the applicant paid the cost.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Accounts £354/8/9 were paid.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

Accounts £140/13/3 were passed to be paid.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Additional accounts to the foregoing totalling £928/19/3 were ordered to be paid.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Turner asked when ashes would be spread in Watt St.—The engineer: "I'll get it done this week."

Cr. Mitchell referred to right-of-way at rear of shops near Arthurton road, where the excavation had been done and left open. He moved that the engineer see what could be done.—Carried.

Cr. Hughes moved that a water extension be sought in Normanby Av.—Carried.

Cr. Cornish referred to hole in footpath Hartingdon St.—P.W. Committee; also pipe cut in Herbert St.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Green said in pipe cut in right-of-way, Union St. to Wetgarth Theatre, the pitch-in had been badly replaced.—Engineer to attend.

Cr. Green referred to the use of American bitumen, and said that Australian tar was now being treated to make a synthetic bitumen. He moved that the P.W. Committee consider the matter, the engineer to report.—Carried.

Cr. Jones spoke of hole in path in Clarendon St.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Pinkney asked that pipe cut in South Cres., near Westgarth St., receive the engineer's attention.—Carried.

Cr. Pinkney moved that dangerous holes in Robert St. receive attention. The street was in a deplorable state.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Pinkney moved that the engineer report on the amount of money required to put in order the footpaths in the South Ward. He wanted to show that the amount provided annually by the council was inadequate to keep these paths in order.

Cr. Dennis seconded.

Cr. Turner—I suggest that an addendum be added—"and that the Finance Committee be asked as to the possibilities of finding the money."

Cr. Oldis said that some unemployment money might be spent on works of this kind.

The motion was carried.

Cr. Turner moved that the provision of ashes for temporary repairs to paths be considered by the Finance Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Oldis moved that the filling of a trench on either side of Hastings St., between High St. and Waterloo road, be referred to P.W. Committee.

NOISES FROM A DAIRY.

REGULATING MILK CARTS

Some time ago John George Humphries, of Mansfield street, Thornbury, brought a County Court action against Percy W. Tomkins, a dairyman, carrying on business next door. Humphries claimed an injuction restraining Tomkins from making disturbing noises in carrying on the dairy. He also claimed damages. The jury awarded a farthing damages, and Judge Williams said that he would reserve the question of an injunction. That would afford the parties an opportunity of coming to an arrangement.

On July 31 Mr. Flanagan (for Humphries) asked for judgment for his client with costs. Mr. Ashkanasy (for Tomkins) asked that the matter be allowed to stand over for a while.

After argument Judge Williams gave judgment for a farthing damages, with costs. He granted an injunction prohibiting the departure of milk carts from the dairy between 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock in the morning, the injunction to be suspended for two months from date. He awarded plaintiff £10/10/ costs.

SOCCER

Grade 2.—Coburg, 3 (Bell, Warman, Banks, through own goal), drew with Preston, 3 (Jessop, O'Connor, Tomlinson).

Grade 3.—Alphington, 3 (Pritchard 2, Laker), defeated Heidelberg, 2 (Stewart, Harvey).

MOTOR REGISTRATIONS.

PROPOSAL THAT POLICE ISSUE NUMBERS

Proposals to invest the Motor Registration branch with power to issue number-plates to motorists will be contained in the amending Motor Car Bill, to be introduced in the Legislative Assembly by the Chief Secretary (Mr. Tunnecliffe). The department, it is proposed, should issue all number-plates on the registration of a car, and motorists will be required to return them on the expiry of the registration. This system, it is considered, will facilitate the work of detecting unregistered cars. Increased powers to deal with thefts of motor cars, and increased penalties for such offences, will be provided. Additional provisions will be included to prevent the alteration of motor engine numbers and other identifying marks by which stolen cars can be distinguished. It is hoped that the act will have the effect of increasing substantially revenue from motor vehicles by reducing the prevalence of the offence of driving unregistered cars.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Sargood Shield

In a further stage of the Sargood Shield shoot on Saturday, the 57th Batt. (Preston) led, closely followed by Engineers No. 1 and the 59th Batt. (Brunswick-Coburg), who were last month's winners. Scores:—57th Battalion No. 1 (Preston).—Capt. George 32, Cpl. Windley 32, Sgt. Jordan 31, Cpl. Dickson 31, Cpl. Gracie 30, Cpl. Downie 30, Sgt. McDonald 30, Pte. George 29, total 245; Engineers No. 1, 235; 59th Batt. (Brunswick-Coburg) No. 1, 227; 29th Batt. 227; 57th Batt. (Preston) No. 2, 218.

Kellow Shield

In the first stage of the Kellow shield 46th Batt. (Ripponlea) scored 233; 29th Batt., 227; 32nd Batt. 223; 57th Batt. (Preston) No. 3, 210; 60th Batt. (Westgarth) No. 1, 207.

Club Shoots

Northcote.—First Stage Purvis Trophy.—Tongue, 44 (5), 49; Hargreaves, 36 (11), 47; Kaye, 41 (3), 44; Randall, 41 (2), 43; Waters, 34 (7), 41; McQueen, 33 (8), 41.

Preston.—Final Stage Bell Trophy.—Bell, 45 (5), 50; Sullivan, 44 (7), 50; Chynoweth, 47 (3), 50; Bignell, 43 (4), 47; F. Featherston, 42 (4), 46.

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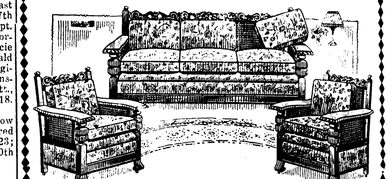

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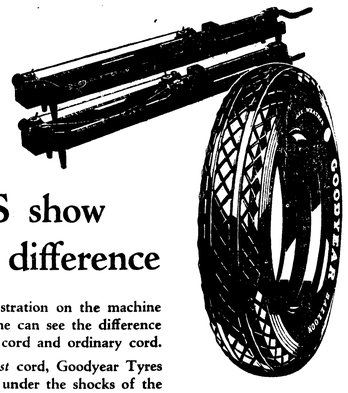

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RESERVOIR NOTES

At the Reservoir Relief Committee meeting 12/9/9 was handed in as proceeds of the last P.S.A., which was held at Spencer's Theatre on Sunday. Mr. Drake will be the speaker.

The Reservoir District Band endorsed the action of the secretary in his letter to the council re the factory at Broadway, and his statement to the council on Monday night, when the secretary was asked to explain its context. Robinson and Adams was also noted.

Mrs. Cosgrove, of Thornbury, gave a brilliant musical evening in aid of the Reservoir District Band. The band will benefit by £5/10/.

RESERVOIR'S RELIEF EFFORT.

FANCY DRESS PROCESSION AND FOOTBALL MATCH

The fancy dress procession and football match promoted by Reservoir people for unemployed relief funds, took place on Saturday. The procession started from the Edwardes Park gates. The route was lined with onlookers. The Reservoir District band led the parade, which consisted of decorated cars, carts, prams, burlesques and dozens of comical characters. The mayor of Northcote was present, together with Cr. McPherson, mayor of Preston, and Mr. Zwar, J.P., the two latter acting as judges. The prize for the best individual character was awarded to Mr. Spencer as the afternoon Meadames Clark and Gardiner and Miss Drakeford rendered solos which were much appreciated.

Methodist Church, High Street

An enjoyable Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was spent last Sunday, when the Hon. Samuel Mauger, J.P., addressed the combined Young Ladies' Class and the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society. Mr. Mauger gave an excellent address, his subject being "The Tragedy of Waste." He spoke of the great waste which is occuring in Australia at the present time in all spheres—national, governmental, municipal and private. Several members of the audience at the close of the address spoke on the subject, and a hearty vote of thanks was carried to Mr. Mauger by the chairman (Hon. J. G. Membrey).

The three branches of the Christian Endeavor movement are all flourishing and are doing much valuable work. The number of members is steadily growing.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist

The visit of Col. Holden last Sunday morning was a pronounced success. The previous Sunday he had preached in Central Australia to a congregation of blacks. The secretary of the church was able to secure Col. Holden for October 6, when he will lecture on "Life in the Never Never."

Next Sunday is the Christian Endeavor anniversary. Members of the Christian Endeavor Societies will assist at both services. The preachers will be Mr. S. Harris (of Queen's College) in the morning, and the Rev. J. T. Duggleby at night.

Northcote Congregational

Two interesting addresses were delivered last Sunday by Rev. Duncan E. Reeves. The morning subject was "Take, Do, Show," and was an introduction to the communion service which followed. The evening address on "Ropes and Stakes" was a message to the modern mind, and provided food for thoughtful souls. To those who have no particular place of worship we extend a cordial welcome to come and hear a man with a message full of common sense, vigor and enthusiasm. A meeting held at the manse during the week decided to form a Christian Endeavor Society, and this should be in full swing at an early date. The church is assisting at the great Eatsern Fair which is being held at Collins street, city, during the week. Keen regret was expressed by many of our folk at the sudden death of Miss Watts, of the Elsternwick church. The deceased was at our induction social the previous week, apparently in good health. Elsternwick church and the denomination in general have lost a wonderful worker.

Thornbury Church of Christ

A very enjoyable concert was held in the above church on Tuesday night under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild to aid the building fund, and a substantial amount of money will be the result. The artists, who were encored for every item, were as follow:—Misses Lilian Booth, Truda Russell, Jessie O'Neill, Ivy Broadley, Mrs. Bert Palmer, Messrs. Joe Delaney and Bert Palmer. The preacher (Mr. H. Swain) presided.

SPUN GOLD HOSTESS GOWN

Hostess gowns are very popular this season, and one of the most charming is worn by Natalie Moorhead, of Paramount fame. It is composed of spun gold lace and has a very large cape, which falls well below the waistline and has three rows of scallops, bordered with gold ribbon. The gown is fitted very closely to the figure, over a gold slip, and sweeps into a small train at the back.

CONTRACT v DAY LABOR

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I notice in the local papers a report of a speech by one of the candidates for municipal honors at the forthcoming elections, in which he touches on the contract versus day labor controversy. Naturally you would have thought that he would have made himself conversant with the true facts. Had he done so, and had he the best interests of the ratepayers at heart, he would have found that, as far as the City of Preston is concerned, streets made by day labor are a great deal cheaper and more soundly constructed than by the contract system. A little while ago one of the debaters at a debate between two Progress Associations picked out two streets for comparison—one, Paterson street, made by unemployed day labor on the system of week on and week off, and the other, Oakhill avenue, made by contract with up-to-date machinery. These two streets cost about the same per foot to construct, but the debater forgot to tell his audience that Paterson street is 26 feet wide, whilst Oakhill avenue is only 24 feet; Paterson street was an old road, and a lot of old metal, etc., had to be removed, whilst Oakhill avenue was sand and red soil. Two feet more earth in width had to be moved, and two feet more metal in width had to be put in to Paterson street than into Oakhill avenue. To show which is the most solidly constructed, Paterson street carries all classes of traffic, even to the 8-ton metal lorries from the Preston quarries, whilst there is a notice displayed, for everybody to see, prohibiting the passage over Oakhill avenue of any load exceeding two tons. Furthermore, the cost of making the crossings into the adjoining householders' properties was included in the cost of making Paterson street, whilst everybody knows the great outcry by some of the residents of Oakhill avenue because they received an extra account for the making of crossings into their properties. However, I must congratulate the residents of Oakhill avenue for the nice lawns they have made between the footpaths and the kerb.—Yours etc.,

J. A. CLINGIN.

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August 5, 1930.

CHURCH NEWS

Church of Christ, High Street

On Tuesday last a very fine church social was held and an address was given by Mr. R. Rickerby. On Tuesday next Dr. W. H. Hinricksen, of Thornbury, will give a lecturette under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, on his travels abroad. A silver coin collection will be taken for the work of the society. Visitors will be heartily welcomed.

Church of the Epiphany

The lecture on "Heads and Faces," to have been delivered by the Rev. J. J. Brown, had to be postponed on account of the lecturer's illness, and will be given on the 21st inst.

All Saints', South Northcote

August 25 will be the 70th anniversary of the opening of All Saints' Church for public worship. It is proposed to hold special services.

Another of the popular series of pictorial services will be held on Sunday night, when Rev. A. H. Constable will take as his subject "Ashamed of Their Hope."

Women's Christian Temperance Union

The monthly meeting of the Northcote branch was held in the Presbyterian school hall, Thornbury, on 5th inst. There was a good attendance. The president (Mrs. Johnson) occupied the chair, and the meeting was addressed by Mrs. Fullard, of the Educational Staff of the Union. Last year 2000 members were enrolled.

Mrs. Fullard closed her address with an exhortation to her hearers to remember the slogan: "For God, for Home and Humanity." During the

LATE FOOTBALL

SECOND EIGHTEENS

PRESTON v BRUNSWICK

Played at Brunswick on Saturday. Preston won the toss, but Brunswick were faster to the ball. First quarter scores: Preston, 3.1; Brunswick, 2.2. The second quarter was in favor Brunswick, who scored 4.3 to 2.1. In the third term Preston settled down. Their back line drove off many attacks, Spargo brothers, Ellis and Kupsch being prominent. Preston's forward work improved also. Scores during the quarter: Preston, 4.2; Brunswick, 1.3. The last quarter was very hard. Preston finished the strongest, while Brunswick's kicking was astray. Scores in this quarter were: Preston, 2.3; Brunswick, 1.5. Best players:—Spargo Bros., Underhill, Kupsch, Dowling, Smith, Ewing and Fitt. Goal-kickers: McEachern (5), Fennell (3), Marmo, Lee, H Underhill.

RAMBLERS' MATCH

NORTHCOTE H.S. OLD BOYS v PRINCE OF WALES PARK

On Saturday last a match between the above teams was played at Merri Park. The average weight of the two teams seemed about the same, but was distributed very unevenly. Northcote were first away and Walker twice goaled—from a side snap and a shot off the ground. Two more points were added then play swung to the other end, and three from three tries the Park team scored only three minors. Northcote transferred play and Walker added two more goals before J. Randall scored a goal for the Park. In the second quarter P.W.P. attacked vigorously, but only a point resulted. Kidd (Old Boys) drop-kicked a beautiful goal by a like score by Walker from a free in front. At half-time Old Boys led by 6.5 to 1.4. On resuming rain fell in torrents and the ground became very sticky. Still Northcote continued to outplay the Park team and Kidd (2) and Thorn (3) added goals before H. Cornish came through for P.W.P. and took advantage of an open goal. With the field properly soaked P.W.P. had a hopeless task, and they battled on gamely, but their individual efforts were no match for the fine combination work of the ex-students. Walker again goaled, then N. Randall got a run on, and there was no stopping him until he had sent the ball through the goals. Northcote had the best of matters at the finish and goals by Broadbent and Bolwell made the final scores of an uneven but friendly contest.—Northcote H.S. Old Boys, 14 goals 7 behinds; P.W.P., 3 goals 7 behinds. Goal-kickers:—Old Boys: Walker (6), Thorn (3), Kidd (3), Broadbent and Bolwell. P.W.P.: J. and N. Randall, H. Cornish. Outstanding players amongst a very even team for Old Boys were Thorn, Emerson, Kidd, Walker, Fuge. P.W.P.'s best were Risk, N. Randall, Oates, Edgar, Watson, L. Cornish.

The match for N.H.S. Old Boys on Saturday is a competition game against Parkville. Players are requested to be at the school a 1.30 p.m. sharp.

Jock: "Why do girls kiss each other?" Joan: "Just to keep in practice, I suppose."

"How do you like the talkies, Martin?" "Well, when they don't talk they ain't so bad."

AN AUDACIOUS THEFT.

TILL RIFLED WHILST OWNER IS BUSY

On Monday evening the till at the petrol service station conducted by Mr. Bert Stewart, at the corner of Bell street and High street, Preston, was looted in an audacious manner.

Two Men in Car

About 7 p.m. two men arrived in a motor car and ordered some petrol and then some oil. When this was put in one of the men told Mr. Stewart to put in some more oil, and then some more petrol. Mr. Stewart did so, and the man tendered the correct amount of money in payment.

£10/10/ Stolen

When Mr. Stewart returned to his office he found everything apparently in order, but the till had been rifled and £10/10/ was missing. It is thought that a third man rifled the till whilst the other two kept Mr. Stewart busy.

Previous Cases

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Mr. A. Wales, 509 High street.
Mrs. M. Bain, 259 St. George's road
Miss E. Dixon, 679 High street.

Thornbury

Mr. B. Anthony, 811 High street.
Messrs. McCasker and Eaton, 863 High street.
Mrs. M. Davis, 397 St. George's road.
Mrs. M. Speer, 147 Miller street.
Mrs Hirest, 120 Dundas street.

Preston

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Mr. H. May, 361 High street.
Mrs. L. Emery, 276 High street.
Mrs. C. Clements, 471 Murray road.
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PRESTON ROWING CLUB.

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APPEALING SPEECH BY MAYOR

The annual smoke night and presentation of trophies eventuated at the boat house, Reservoir, on Saturday evening. The president (Mr. H. P. Zwar) was in the chair, and despite the wintry conditions there was the largest attendance ever present at an annual function. Extra seating accommodation had to be provided. The hall was made more attractive with bunches of gum leaves and bunting, whilst the tables were decorated with the colors of the club.

The gathering included representatives of various similar clubs, Banks, Mercantile, Albert Park, Essendon, Hawthorn, and even Bendigo being included. The Australian Rowing Council was officially represented by Mr Kenny; the Victorian Rowing Association by its treasurer (Mr. Rorke) and there were also representatives of the Metropolitan Rowing Committee and kindred clubs.

The energetic secretary (Mr. Chris James) read apologies from the Hon. Frank Brennan, Attorney-General (who is on his way to attend the Imperial Conference), Mr. Gordon Webber, M.L.A., and others.

After the president had welcomed the guests, the evening was "set afloat" by an excellent manipulation of the key board by Mr. Tom Moore, followed by a get-together sing-song under the direction of Mr. Bob Graham. For his delightful rendition of "Annie Laurie," Mr. Frank Hart was recalled, whilst a similar tribute was acorded to Mr. Bob Graham for his humorous item, and Mr. Joe Baylis for his number, whilst Mr. Gus Quinn, with his magic touch and sleight of hand feats, bewildered the audience.

The toast of the Australian Rowing Council, Victorian Rowing Association, Metropolitan Rowing Committee and Kindred Clubs was entrusted to the secretary (Mr. James), who eulogised the efforts put in by these respective bodies.

In responding, Mr. Kenny said he was delighted to be present to represent the Australian Rowing Council. The Preston Club was a young club, and the fact that it had established such a boat house was ample manifestation of the enthusiasm of the members (applause). The club, he was informed, had practically wiped out their debt to the council, who were to be heartily thanked for their assistance. The success of the club during the past season was only a forerunner of future success. The fact that difficulties had to be overcome should stimulate greater enthusiasm in the club (applause).

Mr. Rorke said the wonderful spirit of enthusiasm shown in the club's activities had brought success last season, and whilst such interest was manifested the club must further advance.

Messrs. Butler (Metropolitan Rowing Committee) and H. W. Kenley (Bendigo) also responded, the latter remarking that his club desired him to convey their greetings and to express the desire that the present relations existing between the two clubs would long continue (applause).

The toast of the Visitors was honored at the instance of Mr. H. Marsland.

The appreciation was duly recognised by Mr. W. J. Hemburrow, who also congratulated the club on their achievements and wished them further success.

Mr. Bert James (Albert Park) acknowledged the compliment on behalf of Kindred Clubs.

Mr. Zwar proposed the toast of the Preston Council, remarking that the club appreciated the presence of the mayor. Unfortunately an embargo had been placed on the club's revenue producing, but he hoped that at an early date the embargo would be lifted. He (Mr. Zwar) also expressed the wish that the present cloud of depression, which was hovering over the community, would soon disperse, and that the rowing club would honor their debt to the council.

THE MAYOR SPEAKS

The Need of the Public Paramount

On rising to acknowledge the toast the mayor (Cr. Geo. McPherson) was heartily received. He said a good deal had been said about the council, who from time to time had endeavored to provide facilities for the promotion of healthy sport and incidentally they had striven to put the local rowing club on the map. The club had not only approached the council soliciting assistance, but they had set an unselfish example in setting to work to meet their liability. The club had set themselves out to put out a crew that would reflect credit on the club and the municipality. He desired to convey, on behalf of the mayoress and himself, their deep appreciation or the services rendered by the residents of Reservoir. By such a spirit of co-operation they had been able in this unfortunate depression to provide some little comfort to those overdraft was somewhere in the vicitress (hear, hear). The council's overdraft wass omewhere in the vicinity of £22,000, and when the figures were made known it would be learned that no small portion of this amount was due to the council's desire to relieve unemployment. They had been devising ways and means of assisting people to keep homes over their heads and provide food (applause). Nobody with the feelings of men could stand by and see women and children hungry, no matter what the overdraft might be. The council had endeavored to foster good healthy sport in the district, and the football club had shared in their sympathy. There were many other contributory causes of the overdraft, one of which was private street construction. In some cases ratepayers, being out of employment, could not meet their liabilities. We would get over this depression when we recognised our duty to our country, and by all heartily co-operating. The council had striven to treat the club fairly, but at present further monetary assistance was out of the question. The council had carefully scrutinised its financial position, and the economic position has to change before we can hope to see the value of good government. Hearty co-operation of all is the only solution of the present upheaval.

The mayor concluded by emphasising the fact that the community must bear in mind that the needs of the people were paramount (applause).

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The president then made the following presentations:—

The winners of the maiden eights at the A.N.A. regatta on the Upper Yarra were each presented with a trophy of their own selection. The crew were as follows:—Stroke, J. Irwin; 7, F. Gibson; 6, G. Hutch; 5, G. Lewis; 4, A. James; 3, A. Arnold; 2, G. Kranz; bow, F. Peters; cox, Herbie Gidley.

For the points competition at the A.N.A. regatta, Mr. Arnold was presented with a certificate.

Two-oared event was won by Messrs. G. Kranz (stroke) and G. Irwin (bow).

Novice Pairs was won by Messrs. Gischus and A. Rawady.

The cox, H. Gidley, was presented with a kit bag from the crews in appreciation of his services in steering them to victory.

Thrower cup, rowed towards the end of the year, Messrs. Irwin, James, Eginton and Kranz.

A popular innovation was the presentation of a photo of the crew who won the maiden eight. Mr. Zwar, in handing over the gift to Mr. Egerton, said the crew desired to express their appreciation for the untiring services of the recipient as coach.

In his unassuming manner Mr. Eginton said he greatly valued the gift, more especially as the crew had been successful. The occasion was the signal for the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P.; patrons, Messrs. A. and W. D. Gibbs, J. Irwin, senr., R. Mathieson, and J. F. Trainor; vice-presidents, Cr. Crispe, Messrs. J. S. McFadzean, H. Bright, C. J. Marshall, J. G. Thrower, J. W. Bartrop, G. Williams and A. J. Freeman; captain, Mr E. Eginton; vice-captain, Mr. C. Kranz; secretary, Mr. C. R. B. James; treasurer, Mr. F. Hannaford; assistant secretary, Mr. F. Mathieson; committee, Messrs. J. Irwin, W. Johnson, A. James, G. Lewis, G. Kranz, F. Peters and J. Finnan; solicitor, Mr. Hugh Marsland, LL.B.; auditors, Messrs. A. Arnold and W. Johnson; representatives—Victorian Rowing Association, Mr. F. Mathieson; Amateur Regatta Association (Henley), Mr. F. Hannaford; Metropolitan Rowing Committee, captain and secretary; Upper Yarra Regatta Association, Messrs. F. Peters and C. Kranz.

The crews for the first regattas will be selected next Sunday.

GIRL GUIDES

The sixth annual meeting of the Northcote Girl Guides was held on Tuesday evening, August 5, in the Northcote town hall, and was one of the best attended meetings held in connection with the Guide work. The mayor (Cr. W. Hayes, J.P.) presided, and the first portion of the evening was occupied with the usual business of reading the minutes of the previous annual meeting. The annual report and balance sheet and election of office-bearers for the ensuing year followed, Mrs. P. J. Slater (president), Mrs. W. Glanfield (vice-president), Mrs. J. J. C. Gardiner (secretary) and Mrs. J. Nicol (treasurer) being elected. There were a few short pithy speeches by the mayor, District Commissioner of Guides (Mrs P. J. Slater) and the Commissioner of Scouts (Mr. J. S. Kitson). Then followed a sale of gifts, made by the Guides themselves. The Scouts assisted by giving a camp fire scene, and the Guides then gave a humorous sketch depicting a spelling lesson at school, which brought the evening to a close.

PERJURY CHARGE.

PROCESS SERVER ON TRIAL

A charge of perjury was preferred against Thomas Geddes, process server, of Johnston street, Croxton, at the City Court on Monday. It was alleged that Geddes, before a justice of the peace, made and signed an affidavit in which he wilfully and corruptly made a false statement by swearing that he had served a true copy of a summons on Mary Bott by leaving it at her usual abode with a woman who was apparently an inmate of the house at 24 Central avenue, Footscray, on November 27, 1929. Mr. G. Wilson, of the Crown Law office, conducted the prosecution, and Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for Geddes.

Zillah Margaretta Proctor, married, of Robe street, St. Kilda, said:—In November, 1929, I was living at 26 Central avenue, Footscray. One day a man, whom I recognise as Geddes, came to my house and asked me to give an envelope to Mrs. Bott, who lived next door to me. I gave the envelope to Mrs. Bott when she came home.

Mr. Cahir.—Is it not a fact that Geddes handed that envelope to you over the back fence?

Mrs. Proctor.—No, I took it from him at my front door.

Mary Bott, married, of 24 Central avenue, Footscray, said:—I received the envelope from Mrs. Proctor. It contained a summons for a debt.

Geddes, who pleaded not guilty, said on oath:—On the day in question I went to Mrs. Bott's home. When I was at the rear of the house Mrs. Proctor put her head over the fence and said that Mrs. Bott was not at home and that she would take any message. I gave her the envelope to deliver.

Mr. Cahir submitted that the oath had not been correctly administered by the justice of the peace, Mr. Geo. Douglas. The mere fact that Geddes swore before Mr. Douglas that the signature on the affidavit was his did not constitute a false statement.

Geddes was committed for trial at the Supreme Court sessions commencing on August 15. Bail was allowed in £50 and one surety of £50.

WHITTLESEA

Owing to adverse weather the Whittlesea Agricultural Society's dance on August 1 was not the success hoped for.

The Saturday night dance organised by the Football Club was well patronised.

Miss Gladys Andrew, daughter of Mr. James Andrew, accidentally swallowed a shilling. Medical attention was sought but the coin, which was stuck in the throat, could not be removed. The same result was experienced at the Eye and Ear Hospital. The help of the Children's Hospital was then sought, but by this time the shilling had gone down further. The X-ray revealed its position, and the patient was sent home to await developments.

Whittlesea Autumn Show Abandoned.—The last autumn show conducted by the Whittlesea Agricultural Society in March resulted in a loss of about £20. On the strength of this they have decided to abandon the show in future. A local committee of flower enthusiasts will probably be former to organise an autumn show of fruit and flowers, to be run on different lines. Recently there has been a marked increase in the number of rose growers, etc., and any move towards the formation of a horticultural society would receive strong support.

Close on two inches of rain has fallen since the beginning of August.

The dairy farmer is at a loss to understand the reason of the move on the part of the Metropolitan Milk Co. in reducing the price of milk at this period of the year. The price now being received is 11d. per gallon, which, with the cartage off, means 9½d to the producer. Further than this, some of the suppliers have been given notice to cease sending, while others are separating one day's supply per week under instructions from the company. The feed bill is a big item and is necessary at this time of the year to keep the supply up. Some of the farmers are inclined to cease supplying milk and produce cream, which, at the present price of butter fat, is considered as good.

Community singing is still popular here. A good muster attended on Tuesday night at the public hall. The profits go for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church.

Teacher: "The earth travels round the sun. What travels around the earth?" Scholar: "Tramps."

Wilson found a button in his salad. "I suppose it fell off while the salad was dressing," he remarked.

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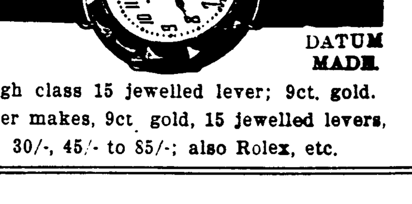

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UNEMPLOYMENT

NORTHCOTE COUNCIL DEALS WITH MANY REQUESTS

The Northcote council considered the following requests on Monday evening:—

Extra Work and Election Positions

R.S.S.I.L.A. and Northcote A.L.P. requested the council to debar its employes from holding extra positions in addition to their council employment, and also to debar its officers in the election positions.

The council decided to re-affirm a resolution of December 16 last making it one of the conditions of employment that full time employes should not accept for profit work outside the council.

Local Residents and Contract Works

Preference for Local Residents on Contract Works.—That the existing practice whereby contractors are urged to employ as many local men as possible be continued. It was pointed out that many Northcote men worked for other councils, and it was felt that the present practice protected the interests of local men to a greater degree than a crtain fixed percentage clause in the contract.

Cr. Dennis instanced a case where on two contracts now in force the men engaged had all been local residents.

Cr. Mitchell said that whilst the policy suggested was not an ideal one the council should adopt it. He moved an amendment that 75 per cent. of local labor be employed.

Cr. Green said that whilst the council was not bound to a policy, the surveyor had been instructed to endeavor to get the contractor to employ as much local labor as was possible. In one or two contracts the engineer had assured the council that 100 per cent. of local labor would be employed.

The amendment was lost and the recommendation adopted.

Day Labor System

Northcote Unemployed Committee, re day labor system.—The council decided to retain its present policy whereby street and lane construction is undertaken by contract, or by day labor, according to the desire of the owners concerned.

Sunday Entertainments

Northcote Unemployed Committee, re Sunday entertainments.—It was recommended that the proposal to permit Sunday entertainments be not approved, but instead to grant the use of the town hall free on one other night in the week for a month.

Cr. Pinkney moved an amendment that the use of the town hall be granted for a month on Sunday afternoons to the unemployed. This would not involve the council in much expense, he said, and would not be in opposition to religious services. He understood that at Ivanhoe pleasant Sunday afternoons were held in the picture theatre with great success.

Cr. Mitchell, in supporting the amendment, said "a lot of fuss was kicked up" because it was suggested that a properly organised concert be held on a Sunday. People played golf and went shooting on Sundays and nothing was said, and he did not see why a Sunday concert should not be held.

Cr. Glanfield said a charge could be made for admission for a week night concert, but not on a Sunday. A Sunday concert collection would raise £2 or £3, whereas a week-night concert could raise ten times that amount.

Cr. Turner said he would support the amendment. All the request asked for was that an antiquated by-law should be abolished or suspended. He knew of a municipality which allowed a Sunday concert to be run, and a notice was put up: "Admission by donation—not less than 1/." Some people even gave 1/3! (Laughter). He suggested that a decent Sunday concert might easily be run without hurting anyone's susceptibilities.

Cr. Cornish said that Sunday was Sunday, and if a Sunday concert was allowed it would be the thin end of the wedge to other such activities. He was definitely opposed to Sunday entertainments.

Cr. Green said the circumstances were out of the ordinary, and the unemployed were trying to help themselves, and the council should help them to do so.

The amendment was lost by six votes to seven.

Crs. Johnson, Glanfield, Oldis, Dennis, Hughes, Cornish and Sutch voted for the motion, and the rest against. Crs. Jones and Beard were absent.

UNEMPLOYED DEPUTATION EXPRESSES DISSATISFACTION

The Northcote council heard a deputation of unemployed immediately after the foregoing discussion.

Mr. A. L. Harry said the unemployed had sought the council's help so that the unemployed could assist themselves. They were dissatisfied with the council's decision, and the feeling amongst them was that the council was not as sympathetic as it might be.

Continuing, he said:—I regret to have to say this, but nevertheless it is so. As far as the council's by-law debarring Sunday entertainments is concerned, and Cr. Cornish's statement that the sanctity of the Sabbath should be preserved, all I can say is this. I am a returned soldier and I fought for my country on a Sunday as well as any other day. Turn up the history of the war, and it will be found that more momentous operations took place on Sundays than on any other day in the week. I believe in the saying, "The better the day the better the deed," and at least in this desperate time the council might waive this by-law and do a good deed to help the unemployed.

Mr. E. J. Bowlen said the unemployed felt the council was unsympathetic, and had not done all it might have. It had been said there were 700 unemployed in Northcote. He would say there were nearer 1000.

The Mayor (Cr. Hayes).—What do you say the council has not done? What can it do?

Mr. Bowlen.—More money should be granted and works put in hand. Of the requests put before the council only one has been granted. The council should grant 75 per cent. local preference for labor on its contracts, and waive the Sunday by-law.

Mr. S. Grimshaw said other councils had lifted their by-laws to allow Sunday entertainments, and Northcote council might well follow suit.

Cr. Glanfield asked how much it was anticipated a Sunday night concert would produce at Northcote.

Mr. Harry.—At Collingwood a fortnight ago £33 was taken.

The mayor said the deputation had hardly been fair when it charged the council with being unsympathetic. What the council had done for the unemployed could only be judged by comparison. In Preston £2500 had been offered to the council on the £ for £ basis and not taken up. Northcote had been offered £1500 and had learned if that amount was accepted that sustenance would be discontinued. A vote of the unemployed had been in agreement with the continuance of sustenance, and so the council did not take up the grant. The council had applied for £700, which was granted. On this the council would have to find another £700, plus £400 for material. Whilst doing this the council had to finance 900 of its ratepayers who were behind with street payments. The council had been asked by the unemployed committee to stop sending out "cut off" electric light notices. This could not be done, but he would assure the unemployed that every case would be treated on its merits. The Government had taxing powers, and yet tried to push off its burdens on to the councils. The Government was unsympathetic with the unemployed, and was using money raised by the unemployed tax in subsidising country institutions. If the Government was sincere then it should start the erection of a new Melbourne Hospital on the pig market site.

Concluding, Mayor Hayes said.—As far as the council is concerned, I feel that the statements of the unemployed deputation are unfair.

Cr. Turner.—I object to the mayor from the chair using the misery of these unfortunates to get out some political propaganda. Last year there was an unemployed problem and I had not one word of criticism. I wanted the Government then to allow an art union to be run, and the church people stopped it. What are the churches doing? A text might be quoted by the unemployed: "We asked for bread and you gave us a stone." It was well known if the sick wanted money they would go, not to the church-goer, but to the heathen who was prepared to risk a "bob" on a sporting chance.

Cr. Cornish.—If you were sick the churches would look after you.

Cr. Turner.—No they wouldn't. They wouldn't get a chance.

Continuing, Cr. Turner said he would move that the representations of the deputation be referred to the committee, as he believed the council should allow these people to help themselves. The unemployed deputation had said that of its requests not one as yet had been granted, and if the council could not find more money it should give these people an "open go" to help themselves.

The matter was referred to the committee.

MAYOR'S UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF FUND DONATIONS

Previously acknowledged, £321 14/6; Mrs. S. H. Bagnall, 6/; 29 Hutton street, 5/; Mrs. Sengstock, 5/; St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary, £5/5/; Women's Hospital Auxiliary, £3/3/; Mr. R. Hyde, 2/6; Anonymous, £25; Mr. Norman Hayes, £1/1/; Mr. J. Morrison, 10/6; Mr. Dinwoodie, 5/; Mr. J. Oliver, 5/; Northcote branch, R.S.S.I.L.A., £2/2/; Mesdames Scufert, Cousins and Moran, proceeds of dance, £4/3/; Mr. E. Shakespeare, 10/; total, £364/17/6

We have received 10/ from I.C.C. for the unemployment fund.

IS THE NORTHCOTE COUNCIL REALLY IN SYMPATHY WITH LOCAL UNEMPLOYED?

On Wednesday afternoon we received a lengthy letter from Northcote City Council which purports to be a reply to an article in the "Leader" on July 18. This will be dealt with in a later issue.

Unemployed Grant

The Government has granted £724 to the Northcote council for expenditure on labor only under the £ for £ unemployed grant.

UNEMPLOYED AT PRESTON

The position at Preston relief depot grows more acute each day, and a larger number than ever is coming forward to seek assistance in the way of food, fuel and clothing. Unfortunately the weekly subscribers, or at any rate some of them, find a difficulty in keeping payments up. Mr. H. P. Zwar, chairman of the relief committee, has been instrumental in receiving an offer of waste wood from Mr. Dedman, Studley Park, Bundoora, providing the necessary arrangements can be made to get it carted to Preston. Mr. Zwar hopes to be able to fix this matter up during the coming week. Those who are in a position are asked to continue their efforts in rendering aid to those who, through no fault of their own, are compelled to seek assisttance.

NORTHCOTE NOTES

Northcote Council and Football Grounds

The Northcote council is not in accord with the proposal of the Port Melbourne council for the formation of a Municipal Football Association. The council will suggest to Port Melbourne Council that a conference of ground management committees be called to discuss the question of the use of Association grounds to protect the interests of the ratepayers of the municipalities supporting Association football. This action has been taken following the proposal of the Association to conduct its semi-final and final matches on non-Association grounds.

Northcote Council Tenders

Tenders accepted by the Northcote council on Monday were:—Construction of lane off Dennis street, £444 16/8; construction of Shakespeare grove and lane between Auburn avenue and Arthurton road, £1653/2/2. The latter is £211/10/9 below the estimate. Buckingham Bros. were the successful tenderers in each case.

Woolhouse Street Construction

After hearing objections from three owners owing to the heavy cost, the Northcote Council decided to go ahead with the construtcion of Woolhouse street, Northcote, with a concrete penetration method. By this means the council will use Australian cement instead of imported bitumen. A tender of £847/0/3 was later accepted for the work, which will work out at about 34/ per foot.

Euchre Party and Dance

On July 31 Mesdames J. Moran, C. Cousins and F. Syfert organised a dance in St. Aidan's Hall in aid of the Northcote unemployed. Lacy's band supplied the music, and the Monte Carlo was won by Mr. H. Baxter and Miss E. Grattidge. Euchre prizes went to Mr. Tattie and Mrs. Hogan. A profit of £4/3/ was made, as all expenses were donated from various sources.

Northcote Social Club

On Wednesday evening the fourth of the series of social club dances was held in Normanby Hall, Thornbury. Owing to illness and inclement weather a number of members were absent. The Monte Carlo prizes were annexed by Mr. and Mrs. J. Horsley, and were duly presented in a witty speech by the irrepressible secretary, Mr. Les. Sharp. The president (Cr. S. Pinkney) after welcoming the members, said they hoped for a full attendance on the first Wednesday of next month, which was the ball night and wind-up of the season.

REGENT

A successful euchre party was held at St. Mark's, West Preston, on Saturday evening. Mrs. Tobin and Mr. J. Joyce were prize winners.

St. Mark's Boys' Gymnasium has now attracted 25 boys.

Sunday School Foundation Celebration

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Sunday schools by Robert Raikes, a combined service at Edwardes Park, Reservoir, will be held on October 19 next at 3 p.m.

James Street Presbyterian Church

The annual congregational meeting was held on Wednesday evening. There was a small attendance, due, no doubt, to the inclement weather. The chair was occupied by the Interim Moderator (Rev. B. T. Buntine). The annual reports and balance sheets showed that, despite the financial depression, good progress had been made.

The induction of Rev. A. T. Jones will take place next Wednesday evening.

HOLY TRINITY SOUP KITCHEN

(To the Editor)

Sir,—May I again ask you to favor me with space in your paper to acknowledge the following donations:—Miss Wilson (per Mrs. Smith), 4/; Miss McClean (Brighton), £1; Mr. Jones, 5/; Miss Pasco, 2/; Mrs. Davern, 5/; Mrs. Mott, 5/; Skin Merchant, 2/; Miss Pollock, 5/; Mr. Tomkins, 10/; Mr. Williams (per Mr. Colley), 10/; Matt. 7:12, 6/; Mrs. Riddell, 5/; Mrs. Field, 10/; Harold White, 1/. I wish to thank the above for their generous support, and you, sir.—Yours etc.,

A. B. RAVERTY.

WEST PRESTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The usual bi-monthly meeting of the above was held in the West Preston hall on Wednesday evening, the president (Mr. W. Burland) being in the chair.

Postal Facilities

A request has been sent to the Postal Department that a pillar box be erected in Spring street, in front of Messrs. Cooke and McKenzie's newsagency. The nearest pillar box is at Regent station. It is estimated that the pillar box, if erected, would benefit some 400 residents.

New Members

The following new members were welcomed:—Messrs. E. Kneebone, J. O'Brien, Shatford, H. Towers and E. Nobel, and Mesdames Ward and Barnett.

In an endeavor to secure further new members it was decided to adopt a recommendation that two canvassers be appointed to secure members on a 25 per cent. commission basis.

General

The deplorable state of Oakover road (now Robson's avenue) was stressed. For 160 yards by 12 feet the road was practically a sheet of water. The footpath was in a disgraceful state, and residents had to use the road in lieu of the path.—Council to be requested that the matter be given immeditae attention.

Mr. Hillier drew attention to the state of Butler, Powell, Frankston and Excelsior street drainage; also that footways were being trespassed on by vehicles.—Council to be requested to attend to the matter.

It was decided to hold next meeting (August 20) at 7.45 p.m. instead of 8 o'clock to allow more time for the syllabus item.

Debate

Mr. Chapman moved that as the association had not received any advice from the Central Council, and in the opinion of the association the subject of the next debate was not a suitable one, the matter be referred back with a view to having the subject altered.—Carried.

Meeting of Social Committee

The social committee held a meeting on 31st ult., when the following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. Chas. Chapman; treasurer, Mr. Ray Delaney; secretary, Mr. Andy Crowe. The programme for the house party on 13th inst. was drawn up, and includes modern and old-time dancing, Monte Carlo, vocal items and other novelties.

DIFFUSING THOUGHT—UNLIMITED POWER OF SCREEN.

The motion picture screen, especially the audible screen, is to-day offering the world the greatest medium for the diffusing of thought and knowledge in the history of time, according to Rowland V. Lee, traveller, soldier, writer and motion picture director. "Whether discussing silent or talking films the thing that should be considered is the unlimited power of the medium offered us for the representation of life and the world and for the diffusion of thought," declares Lee, who recently completed the direction of Gary Cooper's latest Paramount adventure talkie "The Man From Wyoming." "To-day it is through the films that one is taught history; it is through the films that one comes to understand human nature; it is through the films that one learns geography and sciences; the suffering of the spirit, like the dream of the spirit, shall more and more be sought there."

NEW TRAM IN USE

Wide central entrances on each side and fully opening windows are features of a new tram known as the "Y" type, which has been designed and built at the Preston workshops. Power supplied by four 40-horse power motors enables the tram to reach a speed of 29 miles an hour on the level, and the variable load brakes can stop it quickly in an emergency, even at 20 miles an hour. There is seating and standing capacity for 120 persons; the leather-upholstered reversible seats on each side of the corridor accommodate 52 persons. Excepting a British-made compressor for the air brake and two lengths of Douglas fir, all the material was Australian.

(See Illustration on Page 4)

NEW SEASON'S SHADE—CORNFLOWER BLUE

Among the prints this season cornflower blue is liked best. Josephine Dunn, one of Charles (Buddy) Rogers' five leading women in Paramount's all-talking production, "Safety in Numbers," wears a chiffon garden print in cornflower blue and maize. Maize, by the way, is a popular shade when combined with blue. Miss Dunn's frock ends near the ground, and avoids sleeves, except for a mere suggestion at the shoulders in the form of a fluttering cape. These small cape-sleeves are most popular this year, and bid fair to entirely outdo the long tight sleeves which have enjoyed such a vogue for several seasons.

WEST PRESTON TRAMWAY INJUSTICES.

RESIDENTS INCENSED

The unsatisfactory treatment and the manner in which residents of West Preston were handicapped by the lack of proper tramway facilities was the subject of a complaint by Mr Hemburrow at the West Preston Progress Association on Wednesday evening. The electrification of Brunswick street, Fitzroy, would mean an alteration in the Preston service, and the time to get a better time table was now, said Mr. Hemburrow. "If we wait until the time table and other details are arranged we will be left high and dry. The Tramways Board was not sympathetic, and never had been sympathetic with West Preston residents."

He moved that the association write to the council strongly urging the necessity of getting into touch with the Tramways Board so that the needs of the West Preston residents can be properly considered, and in particular as regards the inconvenience of changing trams.

The motion was seconded by Mr. McDonald, who referred to the alleged "shelter shed." It was a shelter shed in name only.

Mr. Chapman supported, and said the letter should be sent immediately. The way West Preston residents were treated was beyond all decency. Trams did not run to time tables, and their destination was not made clear. The Oakover section was an injustice, and only a pretence to extract an extra penny fare.

A full report of these disabilities will appear in a later issue, when concrete examples will be given.

Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE

SUNDAY NEXT, AUGUST 10.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion
11 a.m.—Subject: "Danger Ahead."
7 p.m.—Pictorial Service. Subject—"Ashamed of Their Hope."
Rev. A. H. Constable all services.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY.

AUGUST 10—EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Matins 11. Rev. T. H. Justice.
Evensong 7. The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

11 p.m.—Holy Communion and Sermon. (C.E.M.S. and C.E.B.S. Corporate).
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon. Preacher—The Vicar.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET

Morning and Evening—Rev. J. McL. Macintyre. Anthems at both services.
On Wednesday evening, August 13, the induction of the Rev. A. T. Jones will take place, to be followed by a Welcome Social to Mr. and Mrs. Jones in the school hall.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

NORTHCOTE.
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M. In Memoriam.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. Thomas
PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m.—Rev. S. Harris
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 am.—Rev. J. Langthon
7 p.m.—Sister Edith
CROXTON.
11 a.m.—Mr. W. H. Gray
7 p.m.—Pastor E. C. Perkins

CHURCH OF CHRIST High Street, Northcote.

11 and 7—Pastor A. E. Illingworth. Subject—"Peter and the Divine Oracles."
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, at 8 p.m. "Lecturette on His World Tour," by Dr. W. H. Hinricksen. Silver Coin Collection.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

SOUTH PRESTON
11 am.—Mr. C. R. Burvill
7 p.m.—Rev. H. Williams
PENDER'S GROVE
11 a.m.—Rev. H Williams
7 pm.—Mr. W. J. Heaver
OAKOVER ROAD.
11 a.m.—Mr. R. Crocker, M.A.
7 p.m.—Mr. H. Gardiner

PRESTON CHURCH OF CHRIST.

178 High St., near Bell St.
EVANGELISTIC SERVICE.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, at 7 p.m.
"Clasping the Hands of Jesus."
Special Music.
Pastor A. J. Fisher.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MARTIN STREET.

Rev. Duncan E. Reeves.
11 a.m.—"Joy in Living."
7 p.m.—"Looking After One's Self."
Worship is a necessity in complete living. Come and worship with us.

Enjoy Your Nights in Comfort -- Go to the Talkies

THE PICTURE ADVERTISEMENTS WILL TELL YOU WHERE

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY

CLIVE BROOK

SLIGHTLY SCARLET

AUSTIN TREVOR

AT THE VILLA ROSE

Mickey the Mouse in THE WILD WAVES

Australian Talkie News

MONDAY TUESDAY WED.

GARY COOPER

In a most entertaining All Talking Outdoor Romance

ONLY THE BRAVE

WITH

MARY BRIAN

DOLORES COSTELLO

In a stirring drama of glorious love and sacrifice

HEARTS IN EXILE

THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY AUGUST 14, 15, 16

NANCY CARROLL AND HARRY GREEN in a Laugh-a-Minute Comedy Drama

HONEY HONEY

BILLIE DOVE in a powerful Drama of a Woman's Love

HER PRIVATE LIFE

COMING MONDAY AUGUST 18—

GOLD DIGGERS OF BROADWAY

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

[illegible] Clive Brook [illegible] "Slightly Scarlet," which has action, romance, humour, [illegible] wealth, beautiful settings. The companion [illegible] "At the Villa Rose," a British talkie featuring Austin Trevor [illegible] Nora Baring [illegible] mystery [illegible] with the [illegible] Monte Carlo [illegible] Madam d'Auvray, who has a passion for jewellery and [illegible].

[illegible] Monday "Only the Brave" [illegible] Gary Cooper and Mary Brian [illegible] backgrounds [illegible] romance and [illegible] old South. The plot advances through a number of thrilling episodes [illegible] much [illegible] that [illegible] for [illegible] women.

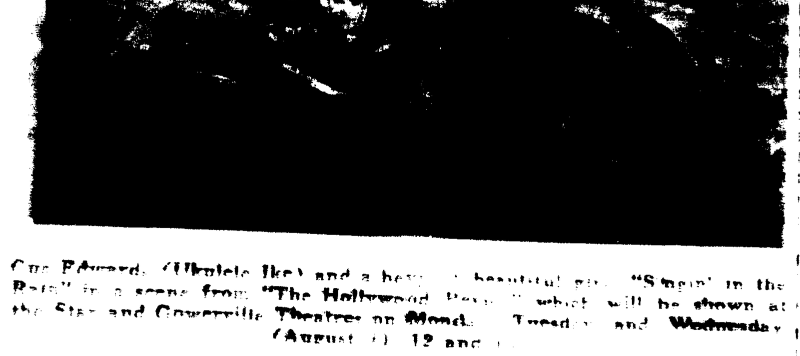
"Hearts in Exile," [illegible] Costello [illegible] Siberian prison camp [illegible].

"Honey," [illegible] Thursday [illegible] Gold Diggers of Broadway.

REGENT TALKIES

Special matinee attractions [illegible] children [illegible] "The Bugle Call" with Jackie Coogan [illegible] Mickey the Mouse cartoon "The Plowboy," and Charlie Chase in a [illegible] laugh-catcher "Off to Buffalo" [illegible].

Monday [illegible] Joan Bennett and James Gleason [illegible] "Puttin' on the Ritz." This production contains [illegible] conventional glimpses of rehearsals and dressing rooms [illegible] of that interest [illegible] shows them as human [illegible] personalities. In support, "Her Private Affair," in which Ann Harding is [illegible] surprising [illegible] is logical.



Gus Edwards (Ukulele Ike) and a bevy of beautiful girls, "Singin' in the Rain," in a scene from "The Hollywood Revue," which will be shown at the Star and Gowerville Theatres on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (August 11, 12 and 13).

The SCREEN and its STARS

Exclusive to "THE LEADER."

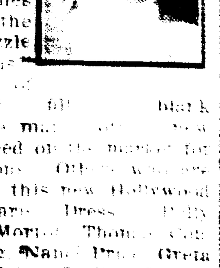
Gilbert Tells Why He Likes Talkies.

Talking pictures have replaced spectacles and spectacle with a [illegible] and more intimate quality of acting and direction, according to John Gilbert, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star of "Redemption," an adaptation of Tolstoi's romance. "In the early days, back around 1913 and 1914, picture scenes had to be small and intimate," Gilbert states. "Directors in those days liked to stress this point. Spectacle hadn't made its appearance, and the directness of drama in the small scenes of these days was, from the view-point of the impartial spectator, not very different from the sort of things people knew on the stage. This doesn't mean, of course, that spectacle is a bad thing, for it is unquestionably a distinct contribution to screen art. The silent screen, no doubt, will always give us spectacle of this kind, and I for one will always go to see it. Its pictorial sweep is sufficient reason for wanting it. Stories that require such elaborate backgrounds will probably never lend themselves well to the demands of talking films. On the other hand, one certainly can't give the public spectacle with every film. I believe there has been a tendency to overlook fundamental human appeal and dramatic values in the race to do 'big' pictures. Talking films will have a tendency to stabilise. Too many simple, quiet, but intensely appealing stories were robbed of their intrinsic values because attempts were made to insert the spectacular where that element didn't fit. There was very little attempt made at spectacle in 'Redemption.' We didn't need it. The stark drama of Tolstoi's tale carries the picture on without the aid of any superfluous ingredients."

Anita Page Finds That Mental Games Relieve Worry.

The vogue for mental games has taken hold of the film colony. Starting with Freud's and Jung's psycho-tests, it took the form of cross-word puzzles and has extended to all types of indoor games. Any evening gathering will reveal some brain-twisting puzzle which will keep the guests in concentrated mental state for hours. In spite of the taxing of one's mental powers it has proved to be a great outlet to those who have been fed up with the throes of talking picture worries. Completely shutting out any difficulties or problems, those games keep one so occupied that all else is forgotten. They are even being indulged in at the great [illegible] stages where the picture players quietly await their turn before the camera and microphone.

Anita Page, the little blonde player in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "Caught Short," finds that some interesting puzzle keeps her more alert for her screen work than when she concentrates on memorising her lines while waiting for her cue. One of the games she has tried is the [illegible] Seadin puzzle book of "Anagrams" [illegible] consists of [illegible] words [illegible] black [illegible]. There are many [illegible] new ones being placed on the market for such occasions. Others who are taking a hand in this new Hollywood [illegible] include Marie Dressler, Polly Moran, Charles Morton, Thomas [illegible], Douglas Haig, Nance [illegible], Greta [illegible], Herbert Prior, [illegible] Roy Barnes and Alice Hoe, all of whom are appearing in "Caught Short."



Armida, the petite Mexican charmer who appears opposite John Barrymore in the Warner Bros.' picture "General Crack," is one of the smallest women in pictures. She is four feet [illegible] inches tall and weighs [illegible] stone six lbs.

Monte Blue, who appears with Betty Compson in the Warner Bros.' picture "Skin Deep," is one of the [illegible] actors in Hollywood whose success is due entirely to his own efforts. Monte was reared in an orphanage and directly he was old enough was sent to work in a railroad station, where he became a brakeman. From there he gradually [illegible] ranks of moving picture players, and when talking pictures arrived he came into his own. Monte Blue's salary touches the million dollar mark, and into the bargain he is one of Hollywood's most popular actors.

President of Radio Declares Home Television is Possibility.

"I think that the home television machine is a probability. I've seen enough of television experiments to be really impressed. We could put a television machine in the Ziegfeld Theatre and televise the show to theatres all over the country. Audiences in Kansas City or Los Angeles could see it. Or instead of making hundreds of prints of each motion picture, we could simply televise the master print. We might, for instance, charge a dollar a week for each machine, and should there be twenty-five million machines installed, we could afford big progress."

This is the statement made by Joseph I. Schnitzer, President of Radio Pictures, given out in an interview. The motion picture executive adds that, in his opinion, television will not affect the theatres; that Radio is adding to its string of two hundred theatres, and that people will always go to theatres to see real people on the stage from time to time, and that is sufficient reason for exhibitors to worry.

[illegible]—Laurel and Hardy [illegible] —Free Photos of Australian and English [illegible]

THE WESTGARTH TALKIES

This Friday and Saturday, August 8 & [illegible]

KENNETH MACKENNA and FARRELL MACDONALD

MEN WITHOUT WOMEN

The Movietone Melodrama of Submarine [illegible]
Children under sixteen not admitted.

and ROLAND YOUNG and NORMA LEE

WISE GIRLS WISE GIRLS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, August [illegible]

HARRY RICHMAN

PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

With JOAN BENNETT, AILEEN PRINGLE, JAMES [illegible]

LILYAN TASHMAN and ANN HARDING

HER PRIVATE AFFAIR

Children under sixteen not admitted.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 14 [illegible]

THE BIG PARTY THE BIG PARTY

With SUE CAROL and DIXIE LEE

AND

A LADY TO LOVE

With VILMA BANKY

Children under sixteen not admitted.

Mickey the Mouse Cartoon—"PLOWBOY"

For Reservations Ring JW [illegible]

REGENT THORNBURY

RESERVATIONS ... ... JW 2117.

COMMENCING MONDAY, AUGUST 18.

Gold Diggers of Broadway

THE SCREEN'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT

ALL TALKING SINGNG DANCING COLOUR

Remember—You could never see such a production on any stage in Australia.

GET AWAY FROM YOURSELF.

It is plain talking to say that every person should get away from themselves. Business men, housewives, typists, tradesmen and laborers all have worries attached to their respective callings. To fit yourself for the work of to-morrow and to remove that feeling of "Oh, it's the same thing day after day"—get away from yourself.

Spend a night at the Regent Theatre, Thornbury—the very atmosphere is brightening and from the first tune of "Gold Diggers of Broadway" you will be conquered and settle down to forget your daily task. For after all we must remember that variety is the spice of life.

WESTGARTH TALKIES

PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ.

This week-end Kenneth MacKenna and Farrell MacDonald appear in "Men Without Women," heralded as the most dramatic and remarkable talking picture yet produced. There are no women in the cast, and the main part of the narrative deals with a group of sixteen survivors of the collision between their under-sea craft and a blundering steamer, trapped in their iron prison in the China Sea. "Wise Girls" is the all-talking version of the highly successful stage comedy "Kempy." An excellent cast includes Elliot Nugent, Norma Lee and Roland Young.

On Monday an exceptionally well balanced and entertaining programme will be presented. "Puttin' on the Ritz," featuring a number of melodies written especially for the picture by Irving Berlin, is one of the most elaborate musical productions yet produced. It features a large cast of prominent players, including Harry Richman, Joan Bennett, Aileen Pringle, James Gleeson and Lilian Tashman. The "Alice in Wonderland" scene is remarkable, and other song numbers include "With You," "There's Danger in Your Eyes," "Cherie," and "Singing a Vagabond Song." A good contrast is provided by Ann Harding in "Her Private Affair."

The romance of a shop girl and her boy friend, played against a variegated setting that ranges from a tenement to an elaborate bungalow and a gorgeously modernistic modiste's establishment, and further adorned with plenty of delightful comedy and half a dozen of the season's catchiest songs—that in a nutshell is "The Big Party," to be screened next Thursday. A strong cast includes Sue Carol and Dixie Lee. Vilma Banky will make her first full-length talking screen appearance in "A Lady to Love."

RKO Starting Erection of Photography Building.

Construction is about to start on the RKO property on a two-storey building to house the company's camera and still departments.

REGENT THORNBURY

GOLD DIGGERS OF BROADWAY.

THE SCREEN'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT

Commencing on Monday, August 18, "Gold Diggers of Broadway" is one of the most amusing and gorgeous of entertainments ever seen on either screen or stage. Its appeal is universal, it sends its audiences away delighted and happy, humming the tuneful strains they have heard from the screen. Never was dialogue more snappy, pithy and humorous, nor delivered with more skill.

A re-union some three thousand miles from the location of the first meeting—that was the unusual party staged by three ex-Follies girls at the Warner Bros. studio. The three girls are Nancy Welford, Ann Pennington and Lilyan Tashman, and the scene of their re-union was the exclusive party setting for "Gold Diggers of Broadway," the Warner Bros. and Vitaphone 100 per cent. natural color, singing, talking, dancing picture which will be shown at the Regent, Thornbury, commencing on Monday, August 18.

The first of this trio to enter motion pictures was Lilyan Tashman. She is remembered for her sophisticated roles in such pictures as "So This Is Paris" and others. Ann Pennington a few years ago danced her way into the silent drama as a star for one of the big studios in a series of productions. Nancy Welford, as the third of this trio of feminine beauty to capitulate to the screen, also scored as a featured player in George White's "Scandals" and "Rain or Shine."

Bill Robinson in "Dixiana."

Bill Robinson, negro comedian, acclaimed the best tap dancer on the stage, formerly star of the New York production of "Blackbirds," which ran for two years, has been added to the cast of "Dixiana," Radio Pictures' glamorous operetta of old N'O'leans, wherein Bebe Daniels and Everett Marshall, Metropolitan grand opera baritone, warble goldenly.

TO CHASE AWAY THE GLOOM

SEE "THE HOLLYWOOD REVUE"

[illegible] scenes taken from 'The Hollywood Revue,' which will be screened [at th]e Star and Gowerville Theatres [th]ree nights only, commencing on Monday, August 11.

HOLLYWOOD REVUE

The Mightiest Singing Dancing and Color Extravaganza in the history of the screen at

STAR AND GOWERVILLE THEATRES

FOR POSITIVELY THREE NIGHTS ONLY.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY. August 11, 12, 13.

25 STARS.

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SCINTILLATING
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SONG HITS
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SPECTACLE
NOVELTY
THRILL AND
STARS STARS STARS

HERE ARE A FEW—

Norma Shearer
William Haines
Marion Davies
Conrad Nagel
Joan Crawford
Buster Keaton
John Gilbert
Anita Page
Ukelele Ike
Gwen Lee
Charles King
Marie Dressler
Polly Moran
Dane & Geo. K. Arthur
Laurel & Hardy
And others.

MAMMOTH ENTERTAINMENT IN THIS THE SCREEN'S GREATEST MUSICAL, COLOR AND DANCING REVUE.

HEAR THESE SONG HITS—

"SINGIN' IN THE RAIN."
"LON CHANEY WILL GET YOU."
"ORANGE BLOSSOM TIME."
"YOU WERE MEANT FOR ME."

And a Dozen Others in

THE HOLLYWOOD REVUE

SHOWING—
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

THE TWO BLACK CROWS

MORAN & MACK IN

THE TWO BLACK CROWS

WITH EVELYN BRENT.

A PARAMOUNT ALL TALKING SPECIAL.

Hear Them and See Them in this lavish All Laughing, All Talking, All Singing and Dancing Production.

Also on the same programme—

MARY NOLAN IN

SHANGHAI LADY

Children over 6 and under 16 not admitted.

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THE THEATRE OF PERFECT SOUND AND PROJECTION.

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THE BUGLE CALL. THE BUGLE CALL

Episode Six—ACE OF SCOTLAND YARD.

Mickey the Mouse in "PLOWBOY."

CHARLIE CHASE in

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MONDAY, TUESDAY, WED., AUGUST 11, 12, 13.

JOAN BENNETT in

PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ.

All Talking, Singing & Dancing

ANN HARDING in

HER PRIVATE AFFAIR.

All Talking

Children under 16 not admitted.

COMING MONDAY, AUG. 18—

GOLD DIGGERS OF BROADWAY.

The Greatest Picture of 1930.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SAT., AUGUST 14, 15, 16.

SUE CARROLL in

BIG PARTY

All Talking and Singing.

VILMA BANKY in her first All Talking Feature—

LADY TO LOVE.

Children under 16 not admitted.

COMING MONDAY, AUG. 18—

The screen's greatest achievement—

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All Talking, Singing, Dancing and Color.

Box Plan Opens MONDAY, AUGUST 11.

STAR AND GOWERVILLE THEATRES

Hollywood Revue has Superb Cast.

With the greatest cast of stars that ever contributed to the making of one motion picture, "The Hollywood Revue," the huge musical extravaganza comes to the Star and Gowerville Theatres on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 11, 12 and 13. Stars of stage and screen, stars of vaudeville, opera and radio, stars of all the wonderful amusement fields of the twentieth century, in one huge parade, with twenty song hits, abundant comedy, tuneful melodies and dialogue that sparkles, to say nothing of the largest dancing chorus of beautiful girls that ever dazzled an audience, are features of this entertainment.

Intending patrons to "The Hollywood Revue" are advised to reserve their seats.

Commencing on Thursday, August 14, for the week-end programme, the Two Black Crows (Moran and Mack) will provide plenty of laughs and fun in "Why Bring That Up?" an all-talking Paramount special. In addition charming Mary Nolan appears in "Shanghai Lady."

About Norma Shearer.

Norma Shearer, who appears in "The Hollywood Revue," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's musical extravaganza, which opens at the Star and Gowerville Theatres on Monday, August 11, was born in Canada and made her screen debut in New York when financial reverses necessitated her working for a living. She won stardom after appearing in a number of features, and recently made a triumphant talking picture debut in "The Trial of Mary Dugan." Her latest talking picture was "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney." In "The Hollywood Revue" she plays "Juliet" to John Gilbert's "Romeo."

Player Reveals Ins and Outs of Make-up.

Modern make-up, simple in its final effect, takes infinite time and patience in order to bring one's own type of beauty out to best advantage.

Making up the lips is the most important part of this task, and an effort should be made to avoid the highly visible break in color that is sometimes seen when the mouth is opened.

By using an orange-wood stick and applying the lip rouge first on the inside of the lips and back of the corners of the mouth before forming the shape of the lips, this difficulty can be overcome.

The lips should then be drawn with the same orange-wood stick, and if care is taken a too-thin mouth can be widened and a wide mouth narrowed by this method.

Color should be carefully selected as an application of the wrong shade of lipstick is worse than none at all. A pale blonde, with light skin and eyes, can use a light carmine shade, while the dark-haired girl should choose a medium color. The olive-skinned brunette can be more daring in her make-up than any other type, and a vivid red or raspberry-toned lipstick will become her.

Miss Lee's latest appearance is made in "The Hollywood Revue," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's huge musical extravaganza, showing at the Star and Gowerville Theatres on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 11, 12 and 13.

HOYTS MERRI THEATRE

A mammoth kiddies' programme has been aranged for Saturday afternoon, when Buster Keaton will be at his best in "The General"; Mickey the Mouse in "Plowboy," "The Ace of Scotland Yard" serial, Laurel and Hardy in "Their Purple Moment," the Anzac Day march, and Herman the Clown on the stage doing all sorts of tricks. Free gifts are also included.

For the evening's entertainment "Wise Girls," with Roland Young, and "Men Without Women," featuring Kenneth Mackenna and Paul Page, will be shown.

Two dramatic features have been secured for Monday—"Putting on the Ritz" and "Her Private Affair." Unlike many "back-stage" stories, in "Putting on the Ritz" the success of the principal character does not provide the traditional happy ending. It begins his real dramatic misfortunes, and shows the devastating effect of fame and applause upon a man unable to stand prosperity and maintain his ordinary viewpoints. In the latter stages of the story small-time vaudeville left behind he comes on situations with which he cannot cope, and his inability to do so provides unusual drama. Stark drama—beautified with poignant romance—a background which paints the luxurious panoply of old pleasure-mad Vienna is viewed in "Her Private Affair," starring Ann Harding. Its own punishment—a conscience seared with guilt hidden from all the rest of the world—a broken heart that finds surcease in a confession wrung from its depths in love and pity.

A girl who yearns for romance, a boy with the same idea, a pair of gold-diggers, two business partners with an eye for blondes, the partners' wives with an eye on their lesser halves, a millionaire with a penchant for installing young ladies in expensive apartments—these form a few of the human ingredients in "The Big Party," Thursday's attraction. Sue Carol, Dixie Lee and Walter Catlett lead with a playground of pep, background of beauty and foreground of fashion's frivolity. "A Lady to Love" features Vilma Banky in talkies, and has scenes that will bring laughs through tears at the most appealing and lovable picture that has come to the screen in a long time. It's human, hilarious and thrillingly romantic! There's a new twist on the triangle—a girl courted by correspondence, wooed by proxy, cheated by Fate! Vilma Banky is gorgeous, and Edward G. Robinson as the mail order husband is a riot!

Black Crows Drive Ancient Motor.

One of the first motor cars ever made was used in comedy scenes of Moran and Mack's second Paramount talkie-comedy "Anybody's War." It is of the old "horseless carriage" variety, and was built in 1898, having the motor located under the driver's seat. Neil Hamilton and Joan Peters appear in the romantic leads, and Walter Weems and Walter McGrail play the chief supporting roles. Richard Wallace directed.

FOOTBALL. FOOTBALL.

NORTHCOTE

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NORTHCOTE CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above club will be held in the SMALL HALL, TOWN HALL, Northcote, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1930, at 8 p.m.

A SPECIAL MEETING to revise the rules will be held at 7.30 p.m. the same night, prior to the annual meeting.

Nominations for Office-bearers for the coming season will close with the Secretary, Mr. A. E. Johnson, 36 Victoria road, Northcote, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 7.

(Signed) A. E. JOHNSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Phone: JW 4177.

Northcote Cricket Club.

ANNUAL MEETING

NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL,
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1930.
At 8 p.m.

Special Meeting.

RULES REVISION,

At 7.30, prior to Annual Meeting.
A. E. JOHNSON,
Hon. Secretary.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

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Applicants are requested to state rank of club, viz., JUNIOR or SENIOR, whether matting is used, and name of Park of which the use is desired.

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

Town Hall, Northcote.
7/8/1930.

Jika Cricket Association.

APPLICATIONS from Teams, also Umpires wishing to officiate, must be lodged with Secretary, R. J. Carr, 14 Herbert St., Preston, not later than AUGUST 21, as first round starts on September 27.

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ALMOST Unreserved Executors' Sale, SAURDAY, AUGUST 9, at 3 p.m., on the property, 19 LEWIS ST. (off Leinster Grove), NORTHCOTE. WELL BUILT W.B. HOUSE, 3 rooms, not quite finished inside, made road, footpath, shed, sewered; Land 40 x 90. Title, Certificate. Terms arranged. Also FURNITURE WITHOUT RESERVE. Contents of House, Pictures, Sew. Machine, Cedar Chest, Stepladders, Scaffolding and Building Material, Hand Cart, Tools and Sundries. Terms Cash.

C. H. BURNHAM, Estate Agent, at Northcote Station; phone JW1428, with MESSRS. STOTT, SON & WATSON, High St., Northcote (C. J. Watson, Auctioneer).

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WEST PRESTON PROGRESS HALL.
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CITY OF PRESTON.

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Northcote Municipal Election.

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P. CARNEY, J.P., Secretary.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS for the SOUTH, EAST, CENTRAL, WEST and NORTH WARDS of the CITY OF NORTHCOTE, will be held on THURSDAY, the 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1930, to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement through effluxion of time of COUNCILLOR S. W. PINKNEY for the SOUTH WARD; COUNCILLOR B. E. JOHNSON for the EAST WARD; COUNCILLOR H. F. MITCHELL for the CENTRAL WARD; COUNCILLOR A. C. BEARD for the WEST WARD; COUNCILLOR W. HAYES for the NORTH WARD.

Every Candidate at such Election must be nominated at the office of the Council, Town Hall, High Street, Northcote, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 4 o'clock in the afternoon on or before the NOMINATION DAY, viz., WEDNESDAY, the 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1930, by the delivery to my Deputy, MR. J. A. THOMSON (Town Clerk), of a Nomination Paper, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1915.

Dated this 8th day of August, 1930.
S. DENNIS,
Returning Officer, South Ward.
W. GLANFIELD,
Returning Officer, East Ward.
JAS. SUTCH,
Returning Officer, Central Ward.
J. O. HUGHES,
Returning Officer, West Ward.
WM. OLVER,
Returning Officer, North Ward.

Preston Municipal Elections.

EAST WARD.

WORK AND VOTE FOR

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W. WARD, Secretary,
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CENTRAL PRESTON

South Preston Methodist K.S.P. held a successful social on Tuesday night, about 150 being present.

Preston R.S.S.I.L.A. were hosts to the Sunshine branch on Wednesday night at a combined social, which was well attended.

Preston United defeated Armadale by 12.12 to 4.4 on Saturday. Preston work black arm bands on account of the late Mr. Shou. Preston's best: Bahen, Elder, Grierson, Rogers, Munro, Cameron. Goal-kickers: Lang 4, Cameron 4, Munro 2, Tennon, Stokie. It was later discovered that a mistake had been made in placing Armadale in the leading three, Port Amateurs being the correct finalists. As a result the win over Armadale by United will not count. Next Saturday United play Carlton at Haxby Park.

ELDERLY CYCLIST KNOCKED DOWN.

While riding a bicycle across the intersection of High and Candy Sts., Northcote, at about 6 p.m. on July 31, William Bloomfield, aged 51 years, of Rathmines St., Fairfield, collided with a motor truck. He was admitted to the Melbourne Hospital with a fractured leg, a fractured collarbone, and broken ribs.

LATE CLEARANCES OF LETTER BOXES REQUESTED.

The Northcote Council has been advised that officers of the P.M.G's. Department are making inquiries regarding an additional (and later) clearance from letter receivers in the vicinity of Dundas and Newcastle Sts.

CITY OF PRESTON.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS for the EAST, CENTRAL and WEST WARDS of the City of Preston will be held on THURSDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1930, to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement through effluxion of time, of—

COUNCILLOR ALBERT EDWARD NEWTON for the EAST WARD
COUNCILLOR GEORGE CLUNY McPHERSON for the CENTRAL WARD.
COUNCILLOR CHARLES THOMAS CRISPE for the WEST WARD.

Every Candidate at such Election must be nominated at the office of the Council, Town Hall, High Street, Preston, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 4 o'clock in the afternoon on or before the Nomination Day, viz.:—

THURSDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1930, by the delivery to me, or to my Deputy, Leonard Waterhouse Williams, Town Clerk, Town Hall, High Street, Preston, of a nomination paper in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1928.

ROBERT HY. ERNEST MAYNARD,
Returning Officer for the East Ward of the City of Preston.

GILBERT ERNEST ROBINSON,
Returning Officer for the Central Ward of the City of Preston.

WILLIAM THOMAS ROBESON,
Returning Officer for the West Ward of the City of Preston.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

TENDERS.

TENDERS, closing 4 p.m. on FRIDAY, 22ND DAY OF AUGUST, 1930, are invited for the supply of PRINTING REQUIREMENTS of the Council for the period ending 30th September, 1930.

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

Town Hall, Northcote.
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FOR SALE—Land, Harold St., Northcote, 80 x 125, fenced, road and paths made, all convs; fine position, suit builders. Sacrifice, [illegible] or near offer. Clear Title. 12 Rose St., Bentleigh.

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Northcote Council Reply to "Leader" Criticism

In the "Leader" of July 18 an article appeared headed "Is the Northcote Council Really Sympathetic with Local Unemployed?"

We have received the following statement, which was adopted by the Northcote Council at its last meeting, and which must thus be taken to represent the Council's opinion upon the matter.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—With reference to the article published in the Northcote 'Leader' on the 18th ult., in connection with the council's attitude towards the relief of local unemployment, I have to inform you that the report enclosed herewith was adopted by my council, and I have been directed to ask that you will arrange to publish the whole of same in the Northcote "Leader."
—Yours etc.,

J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

August 6, 1930.

"Is Northcote Council Really Sympathetic With Local Unemployed?"

Reply to Article Published in "Leader" on 18/7/30

The local paper, in its issue of July 18, 1930, published an article criticising the operations of the Northcote City Council under the heading "Is Northcote Council Really Sympathetic With Local Unemployed?" The statements contained therein are so opposed to fact and misleading that they cannot be passed over without comment in justice to the city, councillors and staff.

The first query is: **"What has become of the excess between the 2/6 rate to 2/9?"**—stated to be approximately £6000.

The progress of the city over the last five years has been most marked. Up-to-date methods in all construction works have been adopted, extensive plant to enable work to be carried out advantageously both as to cost and efficiency has been provided, of which the electrification of the stone crusher and the installation of hot asphalt mixing plant and concrete production plant are examples. The operation of the hot asphalt plant, which, other than the City of Melbourne, was the first installed in the metropolitan area, has enabled a number of roads to be constructed which will require very little maintenance for many years. The concrete plant also has proved a valuable adjunct to the city. Not only have paving slabs been manufactured, but numerous articles such as kerbs, pipes and posts, at costs less than market rates, so it can be stated definitely that the cost of installation of the plant has been saved in the difference between the manufactured cost of products and cost of purchase at market rates. In addition the saving to the city in maintenance is a considerable factor.

To allow necessary works to be undertaken, it was impossible to finance same from the General Revenue, with the result that loans were issued from time to time, and in the five years the sum of £190,000 was borrowed. Of this amount £165,000 was expended on roads and drainage, £13,000 on new parks and improvements, and £4300 on High street railway bridge. The whole of the construction works were necessary—the roads to meet the demands of the present-day method of traction, and drainage for the health of the citizens. The last loan of £70,000 was issued in 1929, and has involved the city in a yearly repayment of £5400 (first year £4400). When the council was considering this loan it was definitely stated in open council that the borrowing would involve an increase in the amount of the rate. The citizens, realising that the nature of works meant not only progress for the city but comfort for the users of the roads and the good health of the people generally, raised no objection to the loan, **nor did the press.** The first repayment of this loan was made on October 1, 1929, with the result that the rate in the £ for the current year was increased. £4400 of the additional revenue is therefore used in meeting interest and redemption of the 1929 loan, and the balance in day labor to the amount of £1800 to maintain the standard of the council's services. An alternative to an increased rate was a reduction in expenditure. The council is called upon to meet many fixed annual payments for interest and other purposes, and its scope for reduced expenditure of any large sums is restricted to maintenance works, the principal item under this heading being day labor. Any reduction in this amount would mean the dismissal of a number of the staff, thus adding to the list of unemployed, or a corresponding reduction in maintenance, which would be false economy, as it would mean the undoing of the work that has taken years of effort to build up. For years the council has endeavored to carry out maintenance works to a high standard, and the roads of this city compare more than favorably with other municipalities. With the area of maintenance gradually extending, it is necessary for the council to retain a staff and have sufficient materials to continue this standard of maintenance. There was some criticism of the increased rate, but the general body of citizens **and the press** accepted the increase with a good grace, being of the opinion that the council was carrying out excellent work for the city, and that it was necessary to maintain its record. While the council has full confidence in its staff, employing up to 200 men, a 100 per cent. efficiency may not be possible, but without doubt the great majority have an interest in their work, and are giving valuable and honest service to the citizens. The suggested operation of a pruning knife in this direction is not going to assist the unemployment question, or be to the ultimate benefit of the ratepayers.

Unemployment Relief.—For several years the council has been called upon to assist in unemployment relief, and in the years 1926 to 1929 the wages paid to unemployed amount to £3900. The council, from its funds contributed £1300, local effort £1100, and the Government £1500. In addition to wages the council had to find the whole cost of materials, cartage and supervision, amounting to at least £1500. These payments may appear small, but it must be remembered that it is the function of the Government to provide relief for unemployment, and **not** the duty of a municipality which obtains its revenue for a specific purpose. The Government at the present time has brought into operation special taxation for this purpose, and at the same time expects municipalities, out of its ordinary revenue, not only to provide £ for £ for wages, but also all materials.

Street Construction.—The extension of building operations in the city in the years following 1915 brought much responsibility on the council in the way of street construction, and up to the end of September, 1929, 165 different works have been undertaken, the cost amounting to £290,000. Owners have paid £155,000, leaving at the end of September a balance of £135,000, which is being met mainly by quarterly instalments. The financing of such a large amount of work is at times a very difficult one, but satisfactory arrangements have been made throughout the period and no greater interest charge than 6 per cent. has been necessary. Other municipalities have not been so fortunate in this matter, as press reports show loans being undertaken for private street construction with the interest at 6½ per cent., and sometimes 6¾ per cent. The council's responsibility in the matter of meeting the repayments of debentures in connection with street construction loans is now a heavy one, particularly in view of the fact that a number of our citizens are not in a position to pay owing to the distressing times, with the result that for several years the council will have a strenuous time in meeting its commitments.

Municipal Offices.—Perhaps the principal criticism of the article was in regard to the reconstruction of the municipal offices. For many years the council recognised that the conditions under which its staff was working were totally inadequate, being hopelessly out of date and would not be permitted to exist in any private establishment. The facilities for the comfort of the general public attending both the offices and the hall were **such that severe criticism was levelled** at the council for its inactivity in dealing with the matter. The general construction of the building, however, was such that until the section occupied by the post office and telephone exchange was vacated it was impossible for the council to act. In 1923 an agreement was entered into to take over the section of the building referred to, but owing to the delay in the completion of the telephone exchange it was not until June, 1929, that the council obtained possession of the buildings, and the contract for reconstruction was let in August of the same year. Between 1923 and 1929 constant approaches were made to the Government to hurry on its works, and in 1927 the council arranged definitely to finance the proposed work, when an amount of £15,000 was transferred from the Electric Light Account and placed in a reserve account for expenditure on municipal buildings when necessary. This was an accumulation of profits from **1915**, and not taken from one year's revenue. At no time throughout the long period in which the proposed works were under consideration was any objection raised either **by the press or the citizens**, the reconstruction works being acknowledged to be long overdue, thoroughly necessary and justified. The article states that "the people's representatives were not justified in incurring the huge expense in a time of unparalleled stress." The writer **conveniently overlooked** the fact that the work was commenced in August, 1929. Did any person at that time anticipate the deplorable depression which overtook the country early in this year? The right of the council to use the 15,000 in the reconstruction of the town hall was undoubted, and every obligation upon the council for its use in such a way was fully satisfied. It is rather belated criticism that the £15,000 should have been used in obviating the increase in rate. **Why was not the criticism offered before the expenditure was agreed upon?**

On the question of the contractor not living in Northcote, the council would have been pleased to have had a local contractor to carry out the work, but **such a person did not submit a tender.** There were, however, many Northcote men employed on the job in all trades—laborers, carpenters, plumbers, plasterers and electri-

In regard to furnishings, where possible, in conformity with cost and quality, these were obtained locally. The whole of the office furniture was either made locally or bought locally, and in regard to furniture for the mayor's room, it is stated definitely that at no factory in Northcote capable of supplying the furniture required were there more Northcote and

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AUSTRALIA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER WATCHES AUSTRALIAN POLO TEAM.

The High Commissioner for Australia (Sir Granville Ryrie) and Mrs. Greenfield, wife of the Agent-General for Alberta, Canada, at the polo match between the Australian team, consisting of the four Ashton brothers of New South Wales, and the Roarks' team of father and three sons.

PRESTON COURT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Before Mr T. D. O'Callaghan, P.M., and Mr. O. Walker, J.P.

Debt

Sister Bannon, for whom Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared, obtained an order against Mrs. Lewis for £23/12/3, with £1/16/6 costs.

The same complainant obtained an order against Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Harris for £2/3/6, with 15/6 costs.

Maintenance Arrears

Jean Hartmann, Gold street, Clifton Hill, sued her husband, John Rudolph Hartmann, of Town Hall avenue, Preston, for maintenance arrears.

Mr. E. W. Norris appeared for the wife.

Mrs. Hartmann said in March, 1929, she obtained a maintenance order against her husband, and the arrears now amounted to about £25.

Mr. Cahir (for defendant) said that out of £125 due under the order £100 had been paid. He requested that an adjournment be granted, as it was desired to make an appeal to General Sessions to quash the order.

The case was adjourned on the condition that defendant paid his wife a portion of his earnings.

Community Singing

Lack of patronage has necessitated an alteration in the arrangements of the community singing in aid of unemployed professional musicians. As will be seen from an advertisement meetings will henceforth be transferred to the small hall. This will reduce the expenses. Mr. Nicoll stated the position and put to the vote as to whether it was the wish to continue, and every hand was held up in favor of continuance. A fine programme was provided.

NORTHCOTE UNEMPLOYED RELIEF

The executive committee waited on the council on Monday evening and were sympathetically received by the council, which realises the need for the co-ordination of efforts. The committee requested the council to give sympathetic support to the object to the extent of meeting the initial cost of two depots—one at the town hall **and a second at the tram engine house** if such could be obtained. It is proposed to instal coppers to distribute soup each day, and also on two days a week to distribute food.

A meeting of the executive committee will be held at 1.45 p.m. on Friday, when the answer from the council will be discussed, and there will also be a meeting of the general committee at 2 p.m. the same day. Any person prepared to assist will be welcome.

Other references on page 5.

Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary

Work sent to Melbourne Hospital: 216 face washers, 52 pillow slips. Two new members were enrolled. Members paid their quatrerly visit to Bundoora Menttal Hospital for returned men and provided a musical programme, afternoon tea and cigarettes. Community singing was much appreciated by the patients, who joined in the singing of the various songs. The men made an appeal for old gramophone records. We would be pleased to receive them if any of your readers would send them, either to the town hall, care of the town clerk, or to Mrs. M. E. Thompson, hon. secretary, 27 Bastings street, Northcote.

Municipal Elections - Keen Contests in all Preston Wards

Be Sure and Record Your Vote Polling Day August 28, 8a.m. to 8p.m.

THREE CANDIDATES FOR WEST WARD VACANCY

A SPIRITED CONTEST.

CANDIDATES.

West Ward.

J. HOGAN.
F. LEE.
ALAN BIRD.

Cr. A. C. Beard, the retiring councillor, is not contesting the seat.

No Contests in Other Wards

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

MR. LEE SPEAKS

Mr. F. Lee, progressive candidate for the West Ward, addressed a meeting on Tuesday in the Church of Christ hall. Mr. T. J. McMahon, chairman, introduced Mr. Lee, who claimed to be the only non-party candidate. Dealing with the financial position, he advocated the strictest economy, and said that the £6000 raised by the extra 3d. rate had been absorbed in the ever-increasing expenditure. He objected to the construction of expensive roads in outlying portions, irrespective of traffic. Northcote streets cost more than those in other places, despite the fact that Northcote owned its own quarries. He advocated 100 per cent. preference to local residents (Cheers), and all council employes being local residents. He said storms had damaged electric installations, and was opposed to extracting huge sums from the electric light account for extraneous purposes, instancing that £14,000 had recently been so taken. The funds should be used for making the service safe. He favored a postal agency in Thornbury West, more police protection and traffic control, and cleaning up the city; he opposed disfranchising ratepayers for being in arrears, advocated parks and gardens, and judicious economy.

A number of questions were satisfactorily answered, and a vote of confidence carried.

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

Mr. F. Lee, who is contesting the West Ward seat for the Northcote City Council, has an announcement elsewhere announcing his candidature.

WHITTLESEA ELECTION

Cr. Butler, who retires through the effluxion of time, notifies that he is again contesting the seat.

Northcote Municipal Elections.

WEST WARD.

VOTE AND WORK FOR

F. LEE

PROGRESSIVE AND ONLY NON-PARTY CANDIDATE

POLLING DAY—

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28,

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Shire of Whittlesea.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

EPPING RIDING.

CR. J. R. J. BUTLER

Who has been a Councillor for 20 years, has been requested to OFFER HIMSELF FOR RE-ELECTION and HAS CONSENTED TO DO SO.

He again seeks the support of the Ratepayers of the Riding, for whom he has worked faithfully and well, and he will in the future, as in the past, do his best to further the interests of the Shire in general and the EPPING RIDING in particular.

On Thursday, August 28,

VOTE FOR

BUTLER, J. R. J.

AND RETURN YOUR TRIED REPRESENTATIVE.

NORTH WARD RATEPAYERS' LEAGUE

With Mr. A. W. Staepool as president, and Mr. W. J. Canty as organising secretary, the above league has been formed to promote the development of the North Ward. Its programme includes a moderated street construction policy at a cost more in keeping with the owners' and occupiers' ability to pay; a better and more extended electric light service; double candle power lamps at intersections; central street lighting and illumination of principal rights-of-way. These improvements to be a first charge on electric light profits. A stricter application of the Health Act. The provision of refuges or islands in streets, with a reduction in the width of the footpaths and lawns. The League hopes to nominate municipal candidates.

(Other References on Page 4)

Preston Municipal Elections.

West Ward

POLLING DAY—

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1930,

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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VOTE:

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City of Preston.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

CENTRAL WARD.

RATEPAYERS—SAFEGUARD YOUR INTERESTS VOTE AND WORK FOR

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RECORD YOUR VOTE THUS—

1 ZWAR, H. P.

POLLING DAY—

AUGUST 28—8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Preston Municipal Elections.

EAST WARD.

WORK AND VOTE FOR

CR. A. E. NEWTON

Who has served you faithfully and well for the past six years.

His interests are your interests. He is definitely opposed to any form of increased rating.

REMEMBER ON POLLING DAY:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28,

VOTE

1 NEWTON, A. E.

Special meeting of SUPPORTERS' COMMITTEE on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 7.30 p.m., at committee rooms, 290 Plenty Road.

Friends and supporters who are prepared to lend cars on Polling Day are requested to communicate with the undersigned.

W. WARD, Secretary,
10 Murphy Grove.

PRESTON MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

WEST WARD.

WORK AND VOTE FOR

CR. C. T. CRISPE

Who has served you faithfully and well for the past twenty years. His interests are your interests. He favors the dividing of the West Ward into two wards.

POLLING DAY—

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.

VOTE THUS:

1 CRISPE, C. T.

MUCH ENTHUSIASM IN PRESTON

ALL CANDIDATES HAVE ACTIVE COMMITTEES

CENTRAL WARD

MR. H. P. ZWAR'S CANDIDATURE

Mr. H. P. Zwar held a meeting of friends and supporters at his residence, Gower street, Preston, on Tuesday evening. Despite the wintry weather an encouraging number were present. All is progressing well with the campaign and canvassers are keeping abreast with the arduous work of securing votes. The ladies' committee is working particularly well, and results to date are encouraging.

An appeal is made to everybody to record their vote, and where necessary a car can be arranged for to pick up voters at their homes, drive them to the polling booths and back again. An announcement appears elsewhere.

PRESTON MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

CONTEST FOR EAST WARD

MR. ANDREWS ADDRESSES AN ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING.

During last week Mr. Andrews, the selected Labor candidate, who has been endorsed by the East Preston Progress Association, addressed between 50 and 60 ratepayers at the corner of David St. He said the anti-Labor councillors had done a grave injustice to the ratepayers and the unemployed by rejecting the Government relief grant of £1500. When money was required for the erection of a town hall the electric light credit was used. The present position was not parallel—it was more urgent. If Cr. Newton had voted with the Labor councillors the unemployed today would be receiving the desired relief. On behalf of its endorsed candidates the Ratepayers' Protection League had issued a pamphlet indicating it was anti-Labor, and proving it to be in his estimation a branch of the Employers' Federation, which was Nationalist in character. They stated, however, they were opposed to day labor. He was in favor of day labor and made no apology. By what other principle could we guarantee local employment? Over and over again it had proved cheaper, better work had been done, and maintenance costs had been reduced. He favored the construction of concrete rights-of-way, specially when it was remembered this would give wider scope for local employment. The council had bought its pitchers from Coburg, and while these gave a less efficient result they are more costly. He favored specialised gangs instead of ward gangs. He aimed at the proper supervision of all contracts. He believed the administrative staff required greater supervision. Undoubtedly some departments required re-organising, as it was apparent to all that efficiency and service were not commensurate with the expenditure involved. He was uncompromisingly opposed to an increase in the rates, as many social and administrative costs could be reduced, saving the ratepayers thousands of pounds. He was opposed to placing any further burdens on the shoulders of the ratepayers, and urged his audience not to be influenced by dishonest propaganda circulated by anti-Labor forces. The development of the East Ward he regarded as most unsatisfactory. Other wards could point to real development. He came forward with a definite policy. He could not criticise his opponent's policy, as he had offered nothing to date. The fact that the East Progress Association had endorsed his candidature, and was working on his behalf, was a guarantee that he had qualified to represent the East Ward, because it was through the efforts of this Association that relief to East Ward ratepayers had been given.

CANDIDATES

East—*A. E. Newton, T. Andrews.

Central—*G. C. McPherson, H. P. Zwar.

West—*C. T. Crispe, W. Hemburrow, E. F. W[illegible].

* Denotes retiring councillor.

PRESTON CENTRAL WARD

CR. G. C. McPHERSON [illegible]

Cr. McPherson [illegible] contesting the Central [illegible] poses rate [illegible] better lighting [illegible] Labor candidate.

PRESTON WEST WARD

Cr. C. T. Crispe [illegible] testing the [illegible] elsewhere [illegible] vote for him [illegible] faithfully and well [illegible] years.

MR. HEMBURROW AT WEST PRESTON

Mr. Hemburrow [illegible] are being requested [illegible] ings nightly to allow [illegible] to give ratepayers [illegible] meeting the [illegible] better financial [illegible] [illegible] He attacks [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] hearty support and [illegible] [illegible] liberal in labor [illegible] elected he is [illegible] ratepayers' money [illegible] asked to give him their [illegible] help to return a man [illegible] the funds of the [illegible] his own. [illegible] Owing to the weather [illegible] day night the [illegible] the town hall was [illegible] next Friday night.

Further meetings [illegible] follows:—Meeting [illegible] ray road, in Tuesday, August [illegible] [illegible] Oakover road [illegible] Wednesday, August [illegible] Mark's Church [illegible] evening, August [illegible]

Preston Municipal Elections.

EAST WARD.

RATEPAYERS—REMEMBER

ANDREWS FOR THE EAST

Selected and endorsed by the Labor Party and East Preston Progress Association.

The candidate who advocates Development of East Ward. Day Labor. Administrative Reorganisation and Supervision. Employment of Local Labor and Resources. Reduction of Administrative and Social Cost. Lower Rating.

VOTE THUS:

1 ANDREWS
2 NEWTON

POLLING DAY—

AUGUST 28, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

R. ROGERSON, Secretary.

Preston Municipal Elections

CENTRAL WARD.

CR. G. C. McPHERSON

MAYOR OF PRESTON

Who has represented the [illegible] Ward for the past Six Years [illegible] a continuance [illegible] Ratepayers.

He is OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE IN RATES [illegible] countenance same [illegible] of legitimate [illegible] with the growth [illegible] has been [illegible].

He advocates MORE AND BETTER STREET LIGHTING.

Whilst a [illegible] Six Years of [illegible] ous service.

He is the Endorsed Labor Candidate.

ON POLLING DAY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

VOTE

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WHITTLESEA

George Hall, 4, son of Mr. James Hall, jun., of Bruce's Creek, almost severed two of his fingers on Wednesday while playing with a sharp wedge.

The Metropolitan Board has instituted a scheme at Wallaby Creek whereby each employe is off one week in five.

Yardings of stock at the Whittlesea Fair were good, but prices were down all round and not much business resulted. The regular monthly fair conducted by Chas. Hamilton and Son is becoming well established.

Mr. Miller, an old resident of Kinglake West, passed away at his residence on Thursday. The funeral took place at Whittlesea on Saturday.

Mr. Launceston Elliott, of "Richlands," Whittlesea, died on Friday in a private hospital. The burial took place at the Fawkner cemetery on Saturday afternoon, Rev. Alex. J. Pearce, of Whittlesea, officiating. Mr Elliott recently underwent an operation. He had been farming at Whittlesea for the past few years.

On Saturday morning thick foggy rain set in. The aeroplane on its regular trip to Sydney was forced down to a very low altitude, and instead of crossing the dividing range direct appeared to be heading for the Sydney line at Wallan. Numerous householders and residents waved a cheerio to the passing plane. It was thought by many that the machine had landed at Glenvale as it was flying so low.

About £2 towards the Humevale school picnic funds was netted from a euchre party and social on Monday night. Mrs. Jolley and Mr. Perry won the prizes, and Miss Elsie Owens and Master W. Coulthard were awarded booby prizes.

The committee responsible for the soldiers' monument were, through the generosity of Colonel Merrett, enabled to restore the monument to its original condition after the severe damage. Owing to the lack of sufficient funds the committee was arranging for the fitting of a service rifle when Col. Merrett made up the extra amount.

MERNDA

Complaints have been made to the Progress Association by suppotrers of the Mechanics' Intsitute owing to the neglected condition of the yard and land around the hall, which, owing to bad drainage, often resembles a bog. Dancers who used the hall on Friday night had to take the catering table tops and build a gangway across the flooded footpath from the entrance gate to the hall door. It has been stated that the hall has been earning an unusually good sum of money recently. The Progress Association has pointed out that the matter is one for the hall committee.

There was a successful ball in the Mechanics' Institute on Friday. In spite of the inclement weather there was an excellent attendance, and a substantial profit was made for the tennis club funds. The executrix of the late Mr. W. Glass has authorised the trustee, Mr. W. Thomas, to pay over a sum of money, with accumulated interest, which he has held for about ten years, to the new tennis club.

DOREEN

Another of the popular periodical euchre parties and socials for the benefit of St. John's Anglican Church, Hazel Glen, was held in the Recreation Hall on Saturday night.

Three small boys (two of whom are wards of the State) were seen in the recreation reserve last week, where they had evidently slept through the night. They had run away from a private home in Diamond Creek. A Mernda resident went out and found the boys making for Whittlesea with a pony. He persuaded them to go with him to breakfast, and to wait until their guardian came. The boys seemed glad to be re-captured, for they were cold and hungry.

SEPARATION

Separation residents are fighting hard against the difficulties that prevent the removal of flood waters from Cheapside road and land. The heavy rains of the last few days have increased the flooded area alarmingly. On Saturday the water lay over the road for a length of over five chains.

Northcote and Preston Christian Endeavor Union

On Tuesday the Christian Endeavor rally at Preston Methodist Church was well attended, representatives from approximately 25 societies being present. The singing was bright and consisted of well-known Alexander hymns, supplemented by Endeavor choruses. The chair was occupied by the Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M., of Prince of Wales Park. Mr. Meyer rendered, "Lord, Teach Me to Pray" as a solo. The chairman referred to the pleasure he felt in being able to introduce Rev. Duncan E. Reeves, and called upon him to deliver his address, the subject of which was "Positive Christianity." Thanks were expressed to those who had assisted in making the meeting so enjoyable and helpful, and opportunity was then given for praise and testimony. Many were the words of thanksgiving and praise which were spoken by Endeavorers, both old and young, who had found in Christ the solution of their problems, and the joy which none can take from them. The meeting was closed with the Benediction and the Mizpah.

CENTRAL PRESTON

The proposed "Whiteway" in High street has apparently fallen through, as although the council gave permission, and the electric light department was prepared to do the work, no move seems to be forthcoming from the shopkeepers. A clause in the contract states that landlords must be responsible for the lighting as well as the shopkeepers, and this appears to be causing the trouble, as some of the landlords are reluctant to sign the contract.

The Preston Park is still in a very bad state, practically the whole of the arena being a quagmire. Many parts are also in a bad condition.

On Tuesday a pleasant evening was spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Luckman, West street, the occasion being their son Walter's 21st birthday. Many friends and relatives enjoyed a well-arranged evening.

An Australian tea in aid of unemployment relief was held in the town hall on Wednesday afternoon, under the auspices of the Mayoress' Guild.

All Saints' Church queen carnival terminated on Thursday night, the winner being Miss E. Lang (Queen of Sport). The first part was the coronation ceremony, while the balance was spent in dancing.

Preston United F.C. defeated Carlton on Saturday by 12.7 to 6.13. Preston's best were McGlynn, Bahen, Harding, Tannock, Elder, and Cameron, and their goal-kickers were Lang (4), Chatley (3), Elder (2), McGlynn (2) and Harding. Next Saturday United play West Preston at Hutton's paddock.

HOYTS MERRI THEATRE

To-night and Saturday "The Big Party," with Sue Carol, and Vilma Banky in "Lady to Love" are the featrues. Mickey the Mouse in "When the Cat's Away" is the cartoon.

That gorgeous spectacle, "The Gold Diggers of Broadway," comes on Monday for three nights only. In the cast are Winnie Lightner, the funniest girl ever staged and screened; Ann Pennington, dancing sprite; Nick Lucas, crooning troubadour; Nancy Welford, prettiest eye-full in the picture; Conway Tearle and Albert Gran. William Haines in "Navy Blues," a rollicking story of Gobs and Girls.

The midweek brings a complete change of programme, as "Love, Live and Laugh," a romance of life, in which George Jessell plays the leading role. In support is "He Knew Women." The screen play has to do with a dramatic situation caused by a young girl who makes a desperate attempt to win the man she believes she loves, by announcing that he has compromised her.

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Owing to late arival a number of items are held over or condensed.

Robert Reginald Perry was granted a real estate agent's license at the Northcote court on Tuesday.

Mr. E. Rawley, of Orient grove, Preston, has given 20 pigeons to the Preston Unemployed Relief Fund.

When the Preston Professional Cycling Club held its 25 mile road race last Saturday the entry money (£2) was contributed to the mayor's unemployed relief fund.

Tenders are invited for laying out tennis courts at Preston Girls' School, as advertised.

A social evening and dance will be held in the Masonic Hall, Union St., in aid of Northcote Football Club, on Aug. 16. Mrs. A. Davis is the hon. secretary, and has arranged a good programme, including novelty dances and a broadcast of the Test cricket scores.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Stott, Son and Watson, on Aug. 16 at 3.30, on premises, 11 Osborne St., Northcote, 4-roomed timber villa on land 40 x 120, as advertised.

By Stott, Son and Watson and S. L. Willmott and Co., on Aug. 16 at 3 p.m., at premises, 127 Clarke St., Northcote, 6-roomed bungalow on land 42 x 312, as advertised.

By Howgate and Roberts, in conjunction with Chas. Walker and Co., at 3 p.m., Aug. 20, on premises 83 Clyde St., Northcote, d.f. 5-roomed villa. Particulars elsewhere.

PERSONAL

The friends of Mr. P. H. Tullett, draper, High St., Northcote, will regret to know that he has been in a private hospital for six weeks seriously ill. He is now progressing favorably and expects to leave hospital at the week-end.

The death occurred on Saturday at her residence, James St., Northcote, of Mrs. Mary Bradley, widow of the late Mr. John L. Bradley. Deceased, who was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and her husband came to Northcote 15 years since from Kyabram. Mrs. Bradley, who was a member of the James St. Presbyterian Church, leaves a family of one son and three daughters. The interment took place on Monday in the Coburg cemetery, the Rev. B. T. Buntine, of Fairfield, officiating. The funeral was largely attended.

At the council meeting of the Northcote and Preston Christian Endeavor Union on Saturday evening last reference was made to the passing to higher service of Mrs. G. Watkins. Mrs. Watkins has been a most enthusiastic worker in the movement since its inception in Australia. At the time of her demise she was occupying the office of vice-president in the High St. Methodist Society, and will long be remembered by members for her devoted and diligent service. Mrs. Watkins was held in high esteem by members of the C.E. movement in many places. A minute's silence was observed in remembrance of the passing of a true and faithful servant.

Mr. A. Storay, a member of the rate collecting staff at Preston Town Hall, is away on annual leave.

On Friday of last week the stork paid a visit to the home of Const. G. H. Hopkins, King William St., Preston, and left two acceptable little presents—a baby boy and a baby girl.

The friends of ex-Cr. C. H. Warr will be pleased to learn that he has recovered from a bad attack of sciatica and hopes to be about again as usual during the coming week.

Mr. Bethell, head teacher Penders' Grove school, is on sick leave. He is suffering from the effects of a severe chill. Mr. T. R. Clinnick is acting head teacher in his absence.

Miss Woodgate, Penders' Grove school, has resumed duty after a period of illness, following a slight operation.

Master R. Cosgrove, of Pender's Grove school, won his way into the semi-finals in the song competition promoted by the Regent Theatre.

Master S. Hauser won the spelling test at the Penders' Grove school as representative in the "Sun" spelling bee. He finished third in the subdistrict test and is now eliminated.

Miss Wordley has been transferred to the Penders' Grove school from Beechworth, and has commenced duty.

Master Downey, of Byfield St., Reservoir, has been appointed to the teaching staff of the West Preston school as acting junior teacher, in place of Master Clowes, resigned.

Mrs. Roach, of Albury (N.S.W.), is spending a holiday with her daughter, Mrs. K. D. Bennetts, Plenty road, Preston.

Mr. C. Barling, Queen St., Preston, who has been indisposed for the past week, is now about again.

Cr. Walter Thomas, J.P., will attend the annual conference of the Municipal Association in October as the representative of the Whittlesea Council.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

POLLING DAY, AUGUST 28.

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD.

MR. A. C. BIRD SPEAKS.

The Holy Trinity schoolroom (small hall) was crowded when Mr. Alan C. Bird, the selected Labor candidate, opened his campaign on Monday evening last.

Mr. Bird, who was received with applause, said he entered this campaign with the determination to win, but without any hard feelings against either of his opponents. Whatever the result, he would accept the verdict in that sporting spirit typical of Labor men. His policy was that of the Labor Party, and the fundamentals of that policy were so well known that he would make but passing mention of most of the planks, and concentrate upon matters of local interest.

He stood solidly for the principle of "day labor" as opposed to the contract system. The day labor policy had saved the Northcote Council much money in the past. Nearly £1000 in the East Ward drain, about £300 in the conversion of the channels in High St. south, and numbers of others. Recently the engineer had informed the Public Works Committee that in all concrete right-of-way concrete jobs there were two clerks of works employed—one at the mixer to check the quantities of sand, cement, etc., and one on the job itself to check the depths of ashes and concrete and the levels. The salaries of these clerks were charged to the ratepayers in the cost of the job; he could not imagine a more sweeping condemnation of the contract system than that. What was there to prevent these clerks taking charge of the job altogether and thus eliminating the contractor's profits? This policy had a direct bearing on the question, which was receiving much attention at present, namely, the employment of local labor. The adoption of a day labor policy by the council would ensure 100 per cent. local labor.

Regarding street construction the candidate was totally opposed to the practice of constructing expensive streets in the remote parts of the city. The old water-bound macadamised roads were quite good enough for side streets, especially as the streets remaining to be made were in areas where the residents were almost entirely workers. If, to save the maintenance, it was thought wise to use more expensive forms of construction, the council should bear a portion of the cost, so as to bring the workers on to a somewhat equal level with the more wealthy people whose streets were made in the past. It was totally incorrect to say that streets constructed at the enormous costs of 35/- to 40/- per foot enhanced the value of the property to that extent. It was hard to get a proper understanding sympathy from the bulk of the councillors, as they had never experienced the trials now being undergone by workers. If they had had the experience, they would not be so eager to push impossible proposals on to an already over-harassed population.

With reference to rates—it had been said that the increase last year was necessary to save retrenchment in the council's staff. There may have been some truth in this statement, and personally he was totally opposed to any dismissals from the present staff, but 2/9 was a very high rate, and he thought that by more economic administration it might be possible to reduce it by, say, 1d. He would certainly pledge himself to oppose any further increase in the rate, and would endeavor to get the closest scrutiny of the accounts, with a view to economising.

One of the greatest of all problems was that of unemployment. The Federal Parliament had convinced themselves that it was a matter for the State Parliament, and the State people could prove that it was the duty of the municipal councils, and so on. There was no doubt in his mind that it was everybody's duty to do what was possible to assist in clearing up this awful problem. He favored the council doing more than they were doing, and so far from desiring to preserve the profits from electric light, he thought that they should be earmarked for unemployment works. He was personally of the opinion that the council was not right in making huge profits from such an undertaking, but recognising that the Government would not allow them to reduce their profits any further, he believed that all profits should be absolutely earmarked for unemployed relief works. He could not justify the use of the money by the council for the ornate improvements to the Town Hall. He recognised that the building was old-fashioned and required alteration, but he believed that the expensive furnishings, which seemed to be bought in an attempt to out-vie Buckingham Palace, were altogether unjustifiable. If a more modest scheme for the alteration of the building had been embarked on, there would not be so great a shortage of cash to assist the local unemployed as there apparently was to-day.

Whilst he would not say one word against those fathers of the city who had governed in the past, he regretted that they had not had sufficient vision to establish more areas for park purposes, whilst land was available at cheap rates. Northcote had a very small percentage of its area laid out in parks, and he advocated that attempts should be made to secure areas along Bullen's Drain for beautification. He understood that under the Act the Fitzroy racecourse would be out of use next year, and was in favor of negotiations being opened with a view to securing a portion of that area for park purposes.

The question of Greater Melbourne was one that could not be ignored, and the present municipal muddling in such matters as traffic, building regulations, arterial roads, etc., made the matter urgent. There had been no co-ordinated advocacy by the councils of this long needed reform, and he was of opinion that the councils should assist the Government in bringing this about. As an instance he quoted the matter of the traffic regulation re the passing of stationary trams. A person going from Preston to the city had the regulation in Preston, and in Fitzroy and Collingwood, but not in Northcote. He was personally in favor of the regulation, but certainly there could be no difference of opinion as to the desirability of uniformity in the matter. In the matter of arterial roads, it was most unfair to expect the ratepayers in suburban municipalities to pay for the construction of roads which were mainly used by passing traffic off roads which had been constructed from motor license revenue. He would strongly advocate the immediate establishment of a Greater Melbourne Council to take over such matters.

The candidate briefly touched on the question of the franchise, and expressed opposition to the antiquated sytem of dual voting, and to the practice of disenfranchising persons who had not been able to pay rates by a certain date, and for which they had been penalised by having to pay interest.

Questions.

Replying to questions the candidate said—(a) that he was not in favor of dismissing anyone now in the employ of the council, to make jobs for unemployed, but would favor, in new engagements, preference to local residents, particularly married men with families; (b) was in favor of the abolition of wards, or alternatively (c) the adjustment of the boundaries of existing wards; (d) would not undertake to advise the valuer on the matter of valuations, as this was a matter for the valuer, and he did not favor the interference by councillors; (e) whilst he was personally in favor of the assessment of rates on the unimproved value of land, as a democrat he recognised the rights of the people to choose the system they desired to be rated under, and as they had given their verdict in no uncertain terms some years ago, he thought that the next move should come from the ratepayers themselves.

Ex-Cr. W. E. Findlay moved a vote of confidence in the candidate. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. A. Thorne, and after the chairman had invited any speaker in opposition to speak against the motion, it was carried by acclamation.

PRESTON CITY COUNCIL.

EAST WARD

Cr. A. E. Newton met his large and enthusiastic committee on Wednesday night at 290 Plenty road, when encouraging reports were received. All present signified their willingness to work to secure Cr. Newton's return. A special meeting of all members of the committee will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, at Plenty road committee rooms, when final arrangements will be made. Friends and supporters desiring to assist with cars and otherwise are requested to notify C. W. Jenner, chairman, or Wm. Ward, 10 Murphy Gve., Preston.

PRESTON COUNCIL'S POSITION.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I would be glad if you would publish the following letter in this week's issue of the "Leader."—Yours, etc.,

A. HAGGER.

Sir,—In one of the daily morning papers, there appeared this week a statement from the Mayor of Preston (Cr. G. C. McPherson) in which he tried to disprove a statement made by Mr. W. J. Hemburrow (who is a candidate for the West Ward at the coming elections) that the financial position of the Preston Council was desperate. The Mayor admitted that the overdraft was fairly large, but the position of the municipality was sound. He gave quite a lot of figures regarding loans, and how this loan money, which is coming in at the rate of £3000 per month, is being used to reduce the overdraft of £23,000. He finishes up by saying that this clearly indicates that the council's finances are not in the condition alleged.

It is hard to reconcile the Mayor's latest financial statement with the report which appeared in the "Leader" of August 2 of the debate which took place in the Preston Council on Monday, July 28. At this council meeting the treasurer reported that the overdraft, as per pass book, was £21,116 16/8.

Cr. Robinson remarked: "With all the loan adjustments made, the council has an overdraft of £21,000, and there is very little more money to be collected. Another £1000 may be got in in rates, but that will be about all, and there are still several months to go to the end of the financial year. The total amount of the rate is only £45,000, and even if we struck another 6d rate next year, we would only get in an extra £9,000.

To say the least of it, the position is alarming, and something drastic will have to be done to save the council from bankruptcy. The council has done all it can to assist the unemployed, and if the Government wants works done to give relief, then it is up to the Government to provide the money."

The Mayor remarked: "Cr. Robinson's remarks are timely. The position is very serious, and I agree that the Government should come to the council's assistance with money for relief works."

Apparently the Mayor's statement to the daily press was electioneering propaganda, and was made to hood wink the already overtaxed ratepayer.

Another remark that the Mayor made was that "rationing of a portion of the outside staff had been resorted to." It would be interesting for the ratepayers to know how many additional men had been put on the outside staff during the last twelve months, and who recommended that these men should be put on.—Yours, etc.,

A. HAGGER.

Chairman W. J. Hemburrow's Committee.

"Gwynfa," Gilbert Rd., W. Preston. 12/8/30.

WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN WITHOUT SUPPORT.

MAINTENANCE ORDER SOUGHT AGAINST HUSBAND

At the Preston court on Thursday a wife related how she and her five children had been left without support. The husband said he had been out of work, but hoped to get a job at an early date. The case was adjourned for 14 days to allow him to make arrangements to support his wife and children.

The case was one in which Constance Marion Maunder sued her husband, Raymond Major Maunder, of Kerford road, Albert Park, for maintenance for herself and five children.

Mrs. Maunder, of Murray road, Preston, said.—I married defendant in 1920, and there are five children, aged from 9½ years to 4 months. We lived happily in Murray road for eight years.

Husband Becomes Cool

During the last two years my husband has become cool towards me and began to stay out at nights.

Didn't Care for Wife

He told me that he didn't care for me any longer and he was going to leave, as he had someone else.

Earned £12 a week

At that time he was earning £12 a week, and he had earned £14 and £20 a week before that.

Was Given Allowance

For the first two months after he left in January he allowed me £6/10/ a week, and after he got out of work I only got a few pounds from time to time.

Had A Car

My husband has a sedan car, and he is buying a property in Murray road.

Child Born After Husband Left

The last child was born since my husband left me, and I did not take proceedings before because I hoped that we would come together again.

Tried to Provide for Wife

Maunder said:—I have tried to provide for my wife, and I did so as long as I could. When I get employment again I'll make provision.

The P.M. (Mr. O'Callaghan).—How long have you been out of employment?—Five months.

Instalments on Car

Are you still running your car?—I'm buying it on hire purchase. The payments are being met by the people with whom I'm boarding.

Purchase of House

Mr. Cahir (for the wife). — The people with whom you are boarding are also meeting the payments on the house property in Murray road?—They are loaning me the money.

Have you a banking account?—There is 1/1 in it.

Is it not a fact that on July 17 £100 was paid into the account?—Yes.

What did you do with it?—I repaid money to the people with whom I was boarding.

And you left your wife and children to starve?—I had to do that to save the house. It is transferred to someone else, but will be transferred back to me as soon as it can be done legally.

Didn't Intend To Go Back To Wife

Do you intend to go back to your wife?—No.

Is there another woman in the case?—That is my affair.

Is the person lending you the money a woman?—No.

Question of an Address

The P.M.—It is rather a hard proceeding to arrest a man like this on warrant.

Mr. Cahir.—This is a hard man to find.

Maunder.—I was in touch with [illegible] wife.

Mr. Cahir.—You wrote letters from an address in Beaconsfield parade?—Yes.

And you continued to use [illegible] address after you had left there?—Yes.

Why?—For private reasons.

Wife Destitute

Mr. Cahir (to the bench).—The wife's mother, who has been keeping her, died on the day before yesterday, and the wife and her children are practically destitute.

The P.M.—The wife is living in the husband's house.

Hoped to Get Work

Maunder said that he hoped to obtain employment on Monday, and so he would provide for his wife.

The case was adjourned for [illegible] days.

INSULTING WORDS.

NEIGHBORS ISSUE CROSS-SUMMONSES

At the Preston Court on Thursday Walter Waddingham, Wood street, Preston, was charged with having, on August 1, used insulting words to W. W. Hulme in Wood street.

W. W. Hulme, Wood St., Preston, was charged with having used insulting words to W. Waddingham at the same place and date.

Daughter Fainted

Mr. R. T. Cahir (for Hulme) said Hume was carrying in wood from the street when Waddingham came along and used foul expressions. The landlady came out and the expressions were then directed at her. Then the daughter came out, and when she heard the expressions she fainted (Laughter).

Mr. E. W. Norris appeared for Waddingham.

Walter W. Hulme, retired civil servant, Wood street, Preston, said on August 1 he was taking wood left in the street for him into his place.

Fowls and Language

Waddingham came along and made use of foul language about my fowls. I said, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself using such foul language before your wife and the people in the street."

Called Him a "Rotter."

Mr. Cahir.—Did you use any offensive language to him?—Yes, I called him a rotter, and he called me a double rotter. (Laughter).

Mr. Norris.—Your complaint then is that he outswore you? (Laughter).

Mr. Cahir.—It was no race (Laughter).

Mr. Norris.—Didn't you call Waddingham a "mong"?—No.

"Such Disgusting Language."

Mrs. Rhoda Jean Hoe said Hulme was boarding at her place. On August 1 she heard words and on coming to the front of the house she saw Waddingham. I said, "Such disgusting language," and he used a foul expression to me.

Mr. Norris.—Have you ever had words with Waddingham before?—No; only over fowls.

Waddingham came to see you after?—Yes. I told him that he was a dirty little drunkard and the police knew all about him.

Didn't he appear contrite?—Yes, but he had given me a bad name.

Waddingham's Version

Charles Walter Waddingham said he lived next door to Hulme. He denied using the foul language, and said he never used anything worse than the expression "a —— mongrel," the same as Hulme used towards him.

"Story Was Concocted"

Mr. Cahir.—Do you deliberately suggested that both Hulme and Mrs. Hoe have concocted this story and that they have committed perjury?—I do.

What did you say to Hulme?—I told him to ask Mrs. Hoe to keep the fowls out of my garden. One word led to another.

And what happened then?—Hulme told me I was a drunken —— and always in the hands of the police.

Was Annoyed Over Fowls

Were you annoyed about the fowls?—Yes, and when they got "up in arms" I replied. As regards Mrs. Hoe's daughter fainting, that's a lie (Laughter).

Mrs. Waddingham's Evidence

Mrs. Waddingham said she was in the garden and did not hear her husband use any bad language.

Mr. Cahir.—How long did the incident last?—A quarter to half an hour.

And how long did the swearing go on?—Not all the time. (Laughter).

Alex Forsberg, who lives opposite Waddingham, said he saw the incident, but did not hear any loud or heated argument.

The Court's Decision

Waddingham was fined £1, with £1 3/6 costs. The case against Hulme was dismissed, with £1 1/- costs against Waddingham.

Northcote Parish Ball

In honor of the golden jubilee of Rev. Fr. J. J. Gallivan, P.P., the Northcote parish ball will be held in the town hall on Tuesday, August 19. The ball will be under the patronage of the mayor and acting mayoress. The music will be supplied by Chandler's orchestra. The joint hon. secretaries are Messrs. J. E. O'Brien and R. H. Hamilton. The price of tickets is single 8/6, double 15/-.

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NORTHCOTE PROPOSAL TO CO-ORDINATE EFFORT

As the result of a request from the Northcote unemployed relief committee, Mayor Hayes, of Northcote, convened a meeting in the committee room at the Northcote town hall on August 8 with the object of co-ordinating efforts amongst the various bodies collecting in Northcote for the relief of distress, and also in the distribution of goods.

There was an attendance of some 30 people, representative of the various bodies taking part in relief work.

During a general discussion Rev. J. H. Raverty said there was overlapping, not only in the collecting, but in giving relief. He instanced cases of two people—one a woman—who not only got help from various bodies, but who collected from the tradespeople, and boasted having a cupboard full of groceries. Another woman who sought relief had an income of £5/10/ a week in pensions. He suggested that all perosns seeking relief should be enrolled at a central depot, from which cards could be issued. Then if distributing were opened—say, one in each ward—those in need could then get help from the depot in their own ward on presentation of the card issued by the central depot. At the same time tradespeople and citizens generally could be asked not to make any donations to individuals in distress, but to send them direct to the central depot.

"Such a scheme," said Rev. Raverty, "would not only prevent overlapping in collections, but also in giving relief."

Cr. Turner suggested that the unemployed committee be allowed to function as it was doing, and that the Ladies' Benevolent Society carry on as at present. He said that there were many people in distress, some of whom were getting nothing and others three and four shares.

After a good deal of discussion those present formed a central relief committee, and Messrs. A. H. Turnbull, O'Connor, Rev. Raverty, Rev. Wilkinson and Mesdames R. A. Thompson and M. A. Dennis were appointed a sub-committee to report on the proposals. The mayor is ex officio chairman of this committee.

WORK RATIONED AT PRESTON

The Federated Municipal and Shire Employes' Union has written to the Preston council agreeing to proposals to ration work amongst the outside staff and so keep more men employed.

Mayor McPherson said that ordinary workmen would stand down for a day a week, and men with horses and drays would stand down one week in seven.

Position of Indoor Staff

Cr. Spratling.—Does that apply to the outdoor staff only?

The Mayor.—Yes.

Cr. Robeson.—I think that the whole of the employes should be treated in the same way—both outdoor and indoor. I move that the committee of the council consider the question to see if the council can apply the principle of rationing work to the inside staff as well.

Cr. Maynard seconded.—Carried.

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PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

FOUR-MILE ROAD HANDICAP

Owing to adverse weather conditions last Saturday afternoon the entry for this event left much to be desired. W. Weightman was on scratch and conceded starts up to 5 min., his nearest opponent being T. Wise, 50 secs. The course extended along Plenty road to the cemetery for two miles and return, encountering many hills, and finishing with 440 yds. hill. At the half-way mark McNabb took the lead, closely followed by Fisher (4.30) and Thorne and Bates (2.50), Raty and McEachern were coming into position, and Weightman had made a remarkable recovery from his severe handicap. At the three-mile Raty and McEachern had overtaken Thorne and Bates, and were gradually overtaking Fisher, who was leading, McNabb having tired. Weightman was in fifth place, and was striving hard for a place, but the margin was too great, and he had to be content with fourth position. Results:—D. McEachern (1.5), 1; F. Raty (2.10), 2; A. Fisher (4.30), 3; W. Weightman (scr.), 4; F. Bates (2.50), 5; C. Thorne (2.50), 6. Fastest time, W. Weightman, 22.25.

The following members will represent the club in a relay race with the Williamstown Club at Williamstown next Saturday:—R. Butcher, D. McEachern, E. Berry, H. Hankin, A. Galagher, W. Weightman, J. Tannock, T. Wise. The remaining members will hold a pack run from the Preston Rowing Club's pavilion with the Moreland and North Richmond clubs. Members meet at rowing club at 3 p.m.

Members desirous of competing in the forthcoming track season are reminded that they must commence shortly light training if seeking selection in the representative teams.

House Party

At "Lorne," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hannaford, Oakover road, Preston, on Saturday evening, a delightful social and card party was held to assist the funds of the Progress Cricket Club. The card rooms were nicely decorated with colored streamers, and the supper tables were centred by a mound of Iceland poppies. Prizes for cards were won by Mrs. Jack Christie and Mr. W. Burland, and the winners of the novelty prizes were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Chapman, and Mr. W. Burland. The chimes of midnight brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR LEAGUE

On Saturday Northcote High School Old Boys meet Coburg United at the latter's ground, near the terminus of the West Coburg tram. Players are requested to be at the school at 2 p.m. sharp to catch the bus.

The demand for food, clothing and fuel continues as great as ever at the relief depot in Preston, and it takes the committee all its time to keep pace with the many calls. The revenue, Mr. Osborne states, shows signs of falling off. Parcels of clothing continue to come to hand freely, and there are numerous applicants for same. On Friday evening there will be a general meeting of the committee, at which a full statement of receipts and expenditure will be made public.

A resident of Union street, Preston, sent along 20 pigeons for distribution among the poor on Wednesday, and the gift proved to be a very acceptable one.

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OUR SERIAL STORY

DR. MORRISON'S CHAFFEUR.

By FRANK H. SHAW,
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(Continued)

Mrs. Vesey-Birkett met him on the landing. "The patient," she said sombrely, and with vast dignity, "is in here, Dr. Morrison. No; it is not my husband; one of the children."

It was a case of some intricacy; Morrison saw that at a glance.

"All due to the carelessness of the governess," sniffed Mrs. Vesey-Birkett venomously. "A most impossible woman—entirely above her place. I really took her on out of charity; but she will have to go now. A most careless woman—vain, deceitful, nasty and spiteful." Morrison did not hear; he was bending over a fever-flushed figure on the bed that moaned distressingly and threw its arms about. The child was on the verge of delirium.

"Miss Chalmont acted directly—at least—she was deliberately insolent to me," pursued Mrs. Vesey-Birkett. "I told her to take Elsie to The Woodlands to see Lady Harker, who is interested in the child." Here she smirked at herself in a dressing-glass. Lady Harker was a county magnate; as yet she had not taken any great steps to cement a friendship with the Vesey-Birketts, but Mrs. Vesey-Birkett had every hope that this interest in her youngest daughter might be a stepping-stone to undreamt-of victories.

Morrison grunted, taking a temperature and occasionally throwing out a word to the nurse.

"And Miss Chalmont refused to take Elsie; she said that as Valma Harker had diphtheria it was dangerous. Dangerous—as if there could be any danger in these days!"

"I'm very sorry, but——" began Morrison, standing upright. He was not allowed to continue; Mrs. Vesey-Birkett swept him away from his subject.

"And it was not until I threatened to dismiss her instantly without a character that she consented to take Elsie. Most impertinent; who is she, I should like to know? A governess!"

"I'm sorry to say the child is suffering from diphtheria," said Morrison professionally. "It was a distinctly risky thing to allow her to go near an infected house."

Mrs. Vesey-Birkett crimsoned. "Not serious, I trust," she said. "It was so careless of Miss Chalmont to allow her to go. I shall certainly give her a piece of my mind."

"I hope we have taken it in time." Morrison was as precise as any Harley street man at the moment. "But there will certainly be a fight before us."

Mrs. Vesey-Birkett left the room, and in her eye was the glare of battle She had endured the governesse's so-called superiority quite long enough. She must have a definite understanding with her employee; this condition of affairs must not be allowed to continue for another hour.

"I shall be back in a few moments." she informed the medical man from the landing, and descended the stairs with the mien of an outraged duchess. Nor did her step falter as she traversed a long corridor that eventuated in a door, from behind which came a musical ripple of laughter, a duet, with a child's tones in the ascendant. The ripple died away as Mrs. Vesey-Birkett opened the door and stood there, a figure of wrath.

"Miss Chalmont," she said, "are you aware that whilst you are indulging in this unseemly mirth Elsie is probably dying?"

It is a fact to be regretted, from her employer's point of view, that Miss Chalmont was pretty, almost distractingly so. When animated, as she was before Mrs. Vesey-Birkett spoke she was wondrously beautiful, but now the wonderful lips took on a piteous droop; an expression of ineffable sadness filled her face.

"Dying!" she said breathlessly. "Oh, poor little thing, poor little thing! I must go to her. Genevieve, stay here and——" But Mrs. Vesey-Birkett's large form filled the doorway; her uplifted hand held the girl back.

"No; there is no need for you to go, Miss Chalmont. She is in skilled hands now. But I wish to tell you that—that I consider your conduct disgraceful. In direct opposition to my wishes you have been taking Elsie to lower-class houses in the neighborhood—don't interrupt me—and there she has contracted a dangerous disease—diphtheria."

"She must have taken the infection at The Woodlands" said Miss Chalmont. "I entreated you not to send her there."

This was fuel to the raging fire of Mrs. Vesey-Birkett's wrath.

"Insolent!" she said stormily. She was a woman with no inborn calm. "Insolent woman! How dare you contradict me! Say another word and you will leave this house at once." Nothing would have pleased the governess better; but a little shiver of apprehension filled her veins. If she were dismissed from here, where could she go? She was homeless, almost penniless, and—it was necessary to live; not that life held any great and golden glow of promise for her. Fear of being cast out checked the retort on her lips.

"May I go to the night nursery?" she asked. "Perhaps I might be useful there."

Mrs. Vesey-Birkett snorted, and cast a withering glance at her slave.

"No, you may not. You are not fit to have charge of my children. You are too big for your shoes, Miss Chalmont. But—but—Genevieve, come with me." The child clung to the governess' hand; but Miss Chalmont disengaged her clinging fingers.

"Go with your mother, dear," she said gently, and the child went. It angered Mrs. Vesey-Birkett still more than before to see her own child disobey her mother's command and be docilely obedient to the upstart governess.

"You will leave here at the end of the month," she fumed. "I will not allow my children to come in contact with an ill-bred person like yourself!"

There was pride as well as weariness in the uplift of the beautiful head; but the mistress' eyes, blinded by rage, failed to discern it.

"And now, think over your carelessness, Miss Chalmont; and remember that if Elsie dies you are morally her murderess." Mrs. Vesey-Birkett beckoned to her eldest daughter and swept from the room.

"Oh, it's too bad, too bad!" moaned the governess, left alone. "I don't deserve it—I don't deserve it."

She sat down by the table, and her head drooped on her outflung arms.

II.

Outside the rain still descended heavily. There was nothing approaching shelter in sight; the car was unhooded. Barrett cast longing glances to the distant coach-house, where a groom was washing a carriage.

A thin form strode up the avenue; the rain dripped from a down-turned Derby hat on to the shoulders of a mackintosh cape, down overall-covered legs. Mr. Vesey-Birkett was returning from a call, and the mud splashed up from his feet.

He saw the motionless car and the huddled figure within as he passed the sweep, making for the scullery entrance, for his wife insisted on no mud being trampled into her hall.

"Getting wet, aren't you?" piped Mr. Vesey-Birkett. At heart he was not a bad little fellow; but long companionship with a shrew had weakened his will. "Hadn't you better get shelter somewhere?"

"I'm all right," said Barrett. "Don't worry about me."

"Oh, well, please yourself," said Mr. Vesey-Birkett. "It was only a suggestion." He tramped on, and the wall hid him from view. Hardly was he out of sight than Barrett thought longingly of tea. He fancied he heard the distant jangling of crockery, and his desire grew upon him.

(To be Continued)

POINTED PROVERBS.

BREAKING MAGNETIC LAWS

There is a principle of magnetism which says that like magnetic poles repel, while unlike magnetic poles attract. The opposte to this principle is seen, however, in the proverb: "Birds of a feather flock together." I wonder if we realise how deep-rooted is this principle in nature! Perhaps we see no more significance in it than did the child in school, after the teacher had given a lesson on proverbs, and then the class was questioned. "Birds of a feather do what, Mary?" demanded the teacher. Without any hesitation Mary called out "Lay eggs!"

Right opposite my home lives a man who goes in for breeding poultry. He has some fowls which are scratching about all over the place. But he also has about 50 ducks, and all the time these keep together in one compact flock. When one moves they all move. When one sits they all sit. And never do I see a fowl in the midst of the ducks.

I suppose that the principle which this proverb illustrates explains the reason for many of our social customs. That is why some men like one club or lodge or society, and others prefer another. That is why people who lived, say, in England, in one town, and never knew one another, become fast friends if they migrate and happen to meet on a foreign shore. That is why we have our national clubs and associations. That, too, helps to explain the existence of the "White Australia Policy," or the slogan "India for the Indians," and other kindred movements. That principle also reminds us that in the spiritual realm "the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above," and so we see a reason for the eagerness with which Christians gather in order to observe the communion feast. A love for the Lord creates a bond of fellowship and they delight to meet together because of this common bond with one another and with Christ.

RAN AWAY FROM HOME.

NO OTHER COURSE BUT TO GAOL BOY

Sentencing Rex Henry Butler, a youth, in the Prahran court on Tuesday, to six months' imprisonment for vagrancy, Mr. Noonan, P.M., said that unfortunately the law permitted of no other course.

Constable Brown stated that although Butler appeared to be only a child, he was 17 years of age.

Thomas Butler, the boy's father, of Macfarlane street, Northcote, said the boy had been so much trouble that he did not wish to have anything further to do with him.

The boy said he had run away from home three weeks ago, and had been sleeping in the gardens ever since.

NORTHCOTE WOMAN AWARDED £145 DAMAGES

KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR

Judge Moule, in the County Court, on Monday, decided an action in which Mary Tait, of Latham street, Northcote, married, sued Stanley Glenn of Rae street, North Fitzroy, motor driver, claiming £249 damages for personal injuries. Mrs. Tait alleged negligence on the part of defendant in the driving of a motor car.

The case for Mrs. Tait was that about 8 o'clock on the night of March 3 she was waiting in Nicholson street, Fitzroy, near the corner of Albert street, for a tram. She stepped to the roadway as the tram approached. She was struck by a motor vehice driven by defendant, who gave no warning of his approach. She suffered a broken ankle, injuries to head, and bruising.

Glenn said that he drove slowly at the spot on the night of the accident. The lighting was not good, and there were large trees near. He did not see Mrs. Tait until his car had almost struck her. He immediately applied the brakes and pulled up the car within a few feet. He denied negligence.

Judge Moule found for plaintiff, and awarded her £145 damages. Judgment was entered accordingly, with costs.

BUILDER'S LAND PURCHASE

BLOCKS AT RESERVOIR

Judge Moule, in the County Court, decided an action in which Federal Estates Pty. Ltd., of Collins street, sued Ernest Isberg, of Hope street, South Yarra, builder, claiming £180 16/8. The amount claimed was for instalments owing by virtue of a contract of sale dated October 25, 1927, made between plaintiff and defendant in respect to four blocks of the Reservoir Station Estate. It was set out in the claim that the instalments were due in respect to lots 90 to 94 and for interest. Of the amount claimed £85 was for instalments and £95/16/8 was for interest.

The defence was that there was a condition under which the land was bought by Isberg, and that that condition was not fulfilled by plaintiff. The condition was that the company was to provide a second mortgage on each of the building blocks to cover the balance of purchase money.

Judge Moule gave judgment for plaintiff for the amount claimed, with costs. He said that it had been a difficult case in many ways because of the lapse of time since the original conversation had taken place. He accepted the evidence for the plaintiff company.

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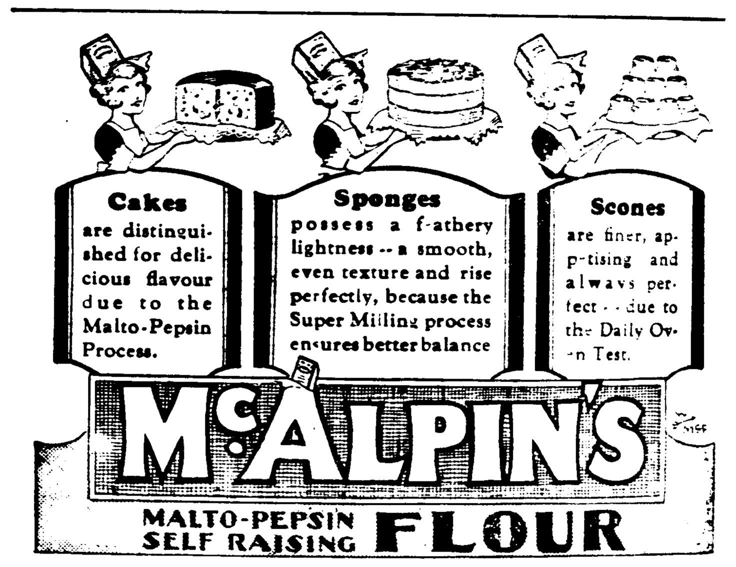

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NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Before Mr. D. O'Grady, P.M., and Messrs. E. J. Jones and W. Jones, J.'sP.

Motor Cyclist's 40 M.P.H.

Reginald A. Hammond, Reed street, Northcote, who on June 26 rode a motor cycle at a dangerous speed in High street, was fined £5.

Traffic Constable Grundy said that defendant's speed was 40 miles per hour.

Policeman Insulted

Reginald Barber, Park street, St. Kilda, was charged with having on June 10 used insulting words in Gadd street.

Constable Knight, of Russell street, said at 4.50 p.m. on the day in question he spoke to defendant about a breach of the city council by-laws. As defendant drove away he made use of offensive language.

Defendant.—Have you not booked me 40 or 50 times and didn't go on?—No.

Have you spoken to me many times?—Yes.

The P.M.—What has this got to do with the case?

Defendant.—I want to show that this man has a grudge against me.

The P.M.—And he didn't go on with the cases! (Laughter).

Defendant denied using the words and said that there were other drivers there, and he had asked them to come along and give evidence, but they were afraid of being victimised and would not come.

The P.M.—Hasn't the constable treated you well by not prosecuting you before?

Defendant.—No. Since I did a month because I could not pay fines I have received about 15 summonses for trifling things from the police.

The P.M.—Have you anything further to say?—I only want to ask you to make the penalty as light as possible. I'm out of work.

The P.M.—It doesn't matter to us if you are out of work. If you insult people you'll have to take the consequences.

A fine of £1, in default three days' imprisonment, was imposed.

Seven days were allowed in which to pay.

Hire Car Driver Fined

Robert Harris, Snowden avenue, Caulfield, who on July 15 plied for hire with a licensed motor car elsewhere than on an appointed stand, was fined £3, with 2/6 costs.

Mr. O'Toole prosecuted in this case for the Melbourne City Council, which has charge of the licensing of hire cars.

Parking Regulations Contravened

Cecil Bretherton, of Somer street, Bentleigh, was charged with having on July 13 parked a motor car in Kemp street, contrary to a by-law of the Northcote City Council. He did not appear and was fined £2, with 2/6 costs.

When charged with a similar offence Val Daniels said, "I paid a young fellow 1/ to look after the car. When I came out the young fellow was gone, and the parking attendant took my name."

The P.M. said that a lighter fine would meet this case, and imposed a penalty of £1/10/, with 2/6 costs.

Defendant.—That's pretty high!

The P.M.—That's our decision, and we won't stand any talk like that from you.

Others fined £1/10/ each for similar offences were Ossie Phillips, Mangalore street, Ascot Vale; Graham Bertram, Monash street, Ascot Vale; Ralph Hedley, William street, Glenferrie; Frank Megna, Smith street, Fitzroy; Albert Streiff, Merlin street, Merlynston; T. W. Jansen, Brunswick road, East Brunswick; Norman Taylor, Gipps street, East Melbourne; Thomas Watson, Brunel street, East Malvern and James D. McNeilly, Park crescent, Kew; while Charles A. Bunn, of Cyril street, Elwood, was fined £2.

Debt

Robert C. Ballantyne sued C. Young for £3/14/6 for work and labor done. There was no appearance of defendant, and an order was made for the amount, with £1/6/6 costs.

F. M. McColl, trading as Falcon Distributors, sued Briggs and Sons Pty Ltd. for £16/4/6, and obtained an order for the amount, with £11/6 costs. Mr. H. H. Gray appeared for the complainant.

This case came before the court on a previous hearing, and on that day a set-off by the defendant company was disallowed.

"MUNICIPAL PROFITEERING"

MINISTER PREDICTS INTERVENTION

Speaking at a civic function at Eaglehawk (Bendigo) on Monday night, the Minister in charge of State electricity undertakings (Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A.) said that it was questionable if Parliament would allow metropolitan municipalities to continue profiteering in electricity just to keep their municipal rates down. Some of the municipalities were making huge profits, which was not in the general interests of the State. He believed Parliament would intervene. Parliament could not justify any one section "raking" £200,000 to £300,000 a year out of a State enterprise at the expense of the general consumers. It should be the aim to cheapen the cost of electricity for the whole of the State.

(Mr. Cain represents Northcote in the Assembly.)

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Preston Ministers' Fraternal

The monthly meeting of the Fraternal was held in the West Preston Baptist Church last Tuesday, presided over by the vice-president, Rev. J. McIlroy. Various items of fraternal business were attended to, including preliminary steps for the local observance of Robert Raikes' Day, October 19, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the modern Sunday school movement. Rev. T. C. Kelly continued his address on "The Indian Outlook," at the conclusion of which numerous questions were asked and a general discussion took place.

All Saints', South Northcote

On Sunday night Rev. A. H. Constable gave another of his series of pictorial services, when the church was well filled. The subject was "Ashamed of Their Hope." The preacher showed that people who reposed their faith on material things became ashamed when matters failed. The only hope which did not fail was the hope in Christ. The pictures were good and well illustrative of the subject. The hymns and the service were projected on the sheet, and the singing was hearty and musical. These pictorial services have become popular.

A successful meeting of the Mothers' Union was held on Tuesday afternoon. There were 12 new members admitted.

Church of the Epiphany

During September and October the Right Rev. Bishop Green will deliver a series of sermons, which will be the last time parishioners of Northcote will be privileged to hear the Bishop, as he is contemplating retiring from active duty. The dates arranged are September 7 and 21, and October 5 and 19. At 3 p.m. on the last date he will administer the rite of confirmation. Bishop Green is an outstanding preacher of the Anglican Church.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church

Last Sunday was the Christian Endeavor anniversary. The three branches of the society in connection with the church conducted the greater part of the services, leaving the addresses to be given by Mr. S. Harris, a student from the Methodist Theological Institute, in the morning, and by the Rev. J. T. Duggleby in the evening.

Next Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday. A friend of the church has offered to give £50 on condition that £250 is raised for debt reduction purposes.

High Street Methodist Church

In Memoriam Service.—Last Sunday morning a memorial service was held in connection with the loss the church had lately sustained by the deaths of three active members within a week—Mrs. Langhorn, Mr. W. H. Murray and Mrs. Watkins. All three had been connected with the church for many years. The church was decorated with white flowers, touched with purple. Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M., preached to a large congregation, taking as his text: "And now abideth faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love." The choir rendered appropriate anthems. The preacher said Mrs. Langhorn was born in Collingwood, where she was a member of the choir and a teacher in the Sunday school.

Mr. William H. Murray spent the earlier part of his life in the Yarck district, where he was a loyal supporter to the church and an earnest worker in the Sunday school. Coming to Northcote he became associated with church activities. Nine years ago he became a steward of the High street church, and continued in office until his death. His kindly greeting was always appreciated by those who conducted services in this place. Eight years ago Mr. Murray succeeded Mr. A. E. DeGars as Sunday school visitor for the circuit.

Sister Grace Watkins was loved by all who knew her. In early life she surrendered her life to Jesus, and to her life's end was faithful to the covenant made. She was a spiritual leader among the ladies of the church and was ever ready with prayer or testimony. Mrs. Watkins will be remembered for her close connection with the Endeavor Society and the interest she took in the Women's Auxiliary. On her way to Church over a month ago she was knocked down by a motor car and suffered terrible injuries. For a time it was hoped she would recover, but complications set in and she went to be with Jesus.

The congregation are looking forward to next Sunday evening, when Rev. Dr. Hoban will preach.

Congregational Church

On Sunday the annual orange and violet service will be held in the morning. We are looking forward to a record supply of fruit and flowers, which will be sent to the Children's Hospital after the service. The Pastor, Rev. Duncan E. Reeves, is giving a series of talks to the young people on "Little Foxes"; last week's little fox was named, "It Doesn't Matter." These subjects will be exceptionally interesting to the children. The Sunday school socal and the men's club impromptu speech night were features of the week.

DIAMOND WEDDING

BARRY—GARDNER

"Olivette," 16 Raleigh street, Thornbury, was the setting on Saturday evening, August 8, for the Diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Barry, who, being old and respected residents of Northcote and Thornbury, were the recipients of many telegrams, letters and presents, including cheques and money. The bride was presented with a bouquet of white heath and poppies, tied with white streamers, the gift of Mrs. Gifford. The dining room was tastefully decorated, the wedding tea being attended by the sons, daughters and grand-children, and as the aged couple sat at the head of the table a huge wedding bell was suspended over them. The gathering was the occasion of much rejoicing, not only of the great event, but also as a thanksgiving for the restoration to health of Mr. Barry, who a few months ago was seriously ill, but under the care and attention of Dr. Looney, he has been restored to health again. Many speeches were made as the bride cut the cake. The evening was spent in music, singing and games. Many friends attended, and Mr. Chirgwin, a very old and respected friend, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Barry a wallet of notes each as presents from their family. Mr. Chirgwin made a fine speech, referring to this wonderful and rare occasion where father and mother, who are 80 years old, have been spared for 60 years of married life, and on that occasion to have all their family with them.

At supper, which was served in the dining room, Mr. Chirgwin proposed the toasts of the evening, the first being the King, which was responded to by Mr. W. Barry. The second was the bride and bridegroom, which was drunk with musical honors and responded to by the aged bridegroom, who said he felt a very happy man that day, and how thankful he was to have his family and dear friends around him. He also spoke of the many happy years of married life his dear wife and he had spent together. He had left England six weeks after he was married and arrived in Melbourne three days before Christmas. He lived for a short time in Richmond and was manager for R. White, boot manufacturer, at Brunswick street, Fitzroy. About five years after landing here he started in business for himself at Smith street, Collingwood, where he remained for 28 years. He had been a resident of Northcote for the past 25 years. The next toast was proposed by Mr. Chirgwin, that of "The Family," especially mentioning Miss Barry, to whom her parents had been a special care. She was a great favorite with her nieces and nephews. This toast was received with much cheering, and was responded to by Mr. E. Barry, who spoke of the good parents they had had, and the united family they were. This brought a very happy day to a close.

PRESTON LADIES' BOWLING CLUB

The ladies of the Preston Bowling Club held their annual meeting at the club on August 6. Those present were Mrs. A. Carthew (president), Mesdames H. E. Fox and Hazel (vice-presidents), Mrs. H. J. Henshaw (hon. secretary and treasurer) Mesdames C. Sinclair, W. Howe, R. Broadhurst, E. Farr, G. Atyeo, J. Wearne, E. Cohen, Binney, G. Dahl, J. Siddons, J. Capp, McIntyre, James, C. Condie and J. Fleming. The report was read by Mrs. Henshaw. The election of officers resulted:—President, Mrs. H. E. Fox; vice-presidents, Mesdames G. Atyeo and A. Carthew; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mrs. H. J. Henshaw (re-elected); selection committee, Mesdames E. Cohen, H. J. Henshaw, J. Wearne; auditors, Mesdames C. Sinclair and J. Wearne; press correspondent, Mrs. J. Fleming. Tributes were freely paid to the retiring officers. Much enthusiasm was shown by the ladies while discussing the coming season, and all are looking forward to a happy and interesting year. Mrs. Carthew (ex-president) entertained the ladies at afternoon tea.

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Preston Turn the Tables on Port Melbourne

LOCALS EXCEL THEMSELVES UNDER SLOPPY CONDITIONS

SEASIDERS FAIL AGAINST SOLID OPPOSITION.

GROUND IN SHOCKING CONDITION.

(By "Follower.")

Wintry conditions prevailed for the return match between Preston and Port Melbourne at the Cramer street park on Saturday. The ground was in a shocking condition, the wings resembling miniature lakes more than a football ground, while the centre was nothing short of a quagmire. Preston undoubtedly excelled themselves in a manner which even the most optimistic would never have anticipated after seeing their previous performances under similar conditions The home team quickly adapted themselves to the prevailing circumstances. Kicking off the ground, irrespective of danger, was indulged in to overcome the elements. Although the day was such as to irritate players, they are to be congratulated, for, with a few exceptions, when tempers were strained, they were cooled by being immersed in an adjacent pool, and few spiteful incidents occurred. The game was played in a good spirit, Preston being on top throughout. Some of the incidents, from a spectator's point of view, were remarkably humorous, occasional spectacular dives and slides being exhibited.

THE PLAY

Port Melbourne won the toss and had first use of a slight southerly breeze.

Fisher sent the leather forward, and a single was rushed. Scrambling play ensued in front of the visitors' goal until Plumridge quickly turned the ball through the big sticks.

Reichman repulsed another advance but McInnes returned to Plumridge, who was much in evidence on the forward line, and, with a hurried shot, he scored a single.

Preston made several attempts to penetrate the visitors' defence without success, Hyde and McInnes being conspicuous. A free to Gall relieved the pressure. Goonan sent to Escott, who forwarded to Surtees, and he easily scored full points.

Ports worked into a favorable position and a kick out of the pack put Plumridge in possession, but Gray prevented any score. Plumridge had another try shortly after, and this time he made no mistake.

Preston went forward but could only manage a couple of singles. Quarter time scores:—

Port Melbourne: 2 goals 5 behinds (17 points)
Preston: 1 goal 2 behinds (8 points)

Preston the Fore

The opening of the second term saw Ports attack, but Grey defended well. A long punt was taken further afield to Davie, who registered a single.

Despite their determined efforts, the visitors rarely passed the centre. A fine effort by Gall dropped short, but Davie quickly snapped it up and whipped it through.

Stanbridge sustained an injury to his groin, and Preston had the better of the ruck duels. Determined efforts by Port Melbourne resulted in Plumridge adding a single, their only score for the term.

Contrary to expectations, the locals maintained their superiority. Davie missed an easy chance, which Surtees followed up by hitting the post.

Bedford saved a promising move, and a free to Hyde aided the seasiders to clear the danger zone, until Summers returned the leather to Surtees, who gained full points.

Despite good play by Leggo, Surtees again hit the post, but Seebeck made amends shortly after by scoring the majority.

For the seasiders, Erridge battled hard to stem the tide, which was going strongly against the visitors.

Following a Preston attack the ball was sent out of the pack to Surtees, who again registered six points.

Just prior to the interval Preston's captain (Goonan) left the ground with an injured groin. Half-time scores:—

Preston: 5 goals 10 behinds (40 pts)
Port Melbourne: 2 goals 6 behinds (18 pts)

Preston Forge Ahead—Both Captains Fail to Appear

A unique ocurrence was the return of both teams to the arena without their respective captains, both of whom were suffering from a similar groin injury. Taylor captained the locals, with Davie as his lieutenant.

On resuming Preston attacked, a single resulting, but the next advance was stopped by Bedford.

White, O'Doherty and Seebeck figured in a chain of marks, which made a rare showing on the day. Roving tenaciously, Summers was a thorn in his opponents' side. He initiated many forward moves, and apparently revelled in the sloppy state of the arena.

Bedford and Erridge worked under difficulties. Davie sent the ball forward, and Gall dashed in to score with a kick off the ground.

The seasiders made determined efforts to retrieve their position without success, as Preston were too formidable. Ports only added two minors for the term, whilst Preston scored 2 goals 6 behinds.

Taylor captained the side well and made continual changes in the ruck. McInnes effected a timely save only to see Summers return to Surtees, who, running in, easily scored the majority. Three-quarter time scores:

Preston: 7 goals 16 behinds (58 pts)
Port Melbourne: 2 goals 8 behinds (20 pts)

A Foregone Conclusion—Port's Position Practically Hopeless

With a deficit of 38 points the seasiders were in an almost hopeless position, as scoring under such conditions was a difficult proposition.

Preston attacked and a shot by Surtees hit the man on his mark. Davie, however, obtained possession and notched the majority.

Ports commenced a forward move which resulted in Leggo snapping a sixer out of the pack, Leggo launched another advance, which Taylor repulsed.

Brooker sent the leather back again and the players kicked recklessly at the ball as it spun on the water or skidded in the mud. Receiving a low pass Plumridge had the ball forward, and Leggo again smartly goaled with a hurried shot.

White initiated a drive, assisted by Davie, whose kick Bedford marked on the goal line. Receiving the kick-in, Campbell passed back to Surtees, who made no mistake.

Ports made yet another attack, but were beaten back by Taylor. Summers forwarded and Escott registered a sixer, and the same player repeated the score shortly after with a tremendous punt. Final scores:—

Preston: 12 goals 20 behinds (92pts)
Port Melbourne: 4 goals 11 behinds (35pts)

Goal-kickers. — Preston: Surtees (6), Davie (2), Escott (2), Seebeck, Gall. Port Melbourne: Plumridge (2), Leggo (2).

For Preston, Summers roved magnificently and was the best man on the ground, while others to do well were Dodd, Gall, Davie, Escott, Reichman, Gray, Seebeck, Goonan (until injured) and Heffernan.

For the losers Plumridge was always conspicuous, while Leggo followed well. Erridge, Hyde, McInnes, Smith, Bedford, Stanbridge and Brooker were the best of the others.

Umpire McKinnon's Tribute

At the conclusion of the match McKinnon, the central umpire, requested Mr. Zwar to congratulate the teams on such a sportsmanlike contest. He said that under the appalling conditions it was the most manly game he had ever umpired.

The president of Port Melbourne Club also congratulated the locals on their win, remarking that the issue was never in doubt.

PRESTON VISIT WILLIAMSTOWN

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Yarraville . . .	16	10	4	83.37	40
Williamstown	16	10	6	89.05	40
Port Melb. . .	16	9	6	96.22	38
Preston	16	9	6	96.39	38
Brighton . . .	16	8	8	92.84	32
Coburg	16	6	8	99.12	28
Brunswick . .	16	7	9	107.31	28
Prahran	16	6	10	125.88	24
Camberwell . .	16	4	12	121.43	16
Sandringham .	16	1	15	161.54	4

Preston, Coburg (two) and Port Melbourne have played drawn games.

LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Northcote, 13.9, d Coburg, 4.8.
Brighton, 13.7, d Yarraville, 12.10.
Oakleigh, 16.12, d Brunswick, 10.9.
Preston, 12.20, d Port Melbourne, 4.11.
Williamstown, 10.15, d Camberwell, 10.9.
Prahran, 13.19, d Sandringham, 7.6

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES

Port Melbourne v Coburg.
Brighton v Brunswick.
Williamstown v Preston.
Northcote v Prahran.
Yarraville v Camberwell.
Sandringham v Oakleigh.

ATTENDANCES AND RECEIPTS

The aggregate attendances at Association matches last Saturday was 22,000, and the receipts amounted to £304.

At the Coburg–Northcote match 5,000 people paid £91 admittance money; and at the Preston–Port Melbourne fixture the attendance was 3,000 and the takings £51.

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

Seymour (Northcote)	80
Fraser (Oakleigh)	74
McCormack (Preston) . . .	46
J. O'Brien (W'town)	46
Surtees (Preston)	38
Davie (Preston)	34
Simmonds (Northcote) . . .	32

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PRESTON v PORT MELBOURNE

Played at Port Melbourne. Although the ground was soft it was better than expected, and play was very fast. Quarter time scores: Port Melb., 3.2; Preston, 1.4. Half-time: Port Melb., 6.3; Preston, 5.6. Third Quarter: Preston, 7.5; Port Melb, 6.8. Final scores:—Preston, 8.10; Port Melb., 6.12. Best players for Preston: Fennell, Underhill brothers, Fitt, McEachern, Owens, Ewing, B. Kupsch, Ellis, Morgan, H. Smith. Goal-kickers: Fennell (3), Morgan (2), Ryan, Lee, McEachern.

LEAGUE SUB-DISTRICTS

Fairfield defeated Alphington in the first grade by 9.6 to 7.4. The muddy condition of the ground made good football impossible, but S. Powell, Shearer, Kemp Bros., Wright and Haysom distinguished themselves. Whelahan, Skewes, Rowe, Hooper and Ellis were Alphington's best.

The Fairfield juniors went down to North Fitzroy by 8.10 to 7.13. For Fairfield Sheldrick, Mathers and Anderson played well, while Jeffries, Beers, Gluyas, Clarkson and Lyngcoln did well for North Fitzroy.

In the second grade Fairfield District defeated Abbotsord by 5.7 to 4.6. Best players were Harris, Beckwith, Cooper for Fairfield, and Parry, W. Hart and Kent for Abbotsford.

C.Y.M.S. ASSOCIATION

NORTHCOTE v WILLIAMSTOWN

In the presence of about 150 spectators Northcote met Williamstown at the Williamstown city reserve. The ground was in a deplorable condition, and when the match finished every player was covered in mud. Northcote were unable to field their team as selected, but the reserves more than justified their inclusion. Northcote were first away and Murphy punted full points. Excellent defence by Jones and H. Andrews drove Williamstown off. The players adapted themselves to the conditions and the match was decidedly interesting. Cole (N.), goaled from a free, to which Williamstown replied with a major. The second term opened sensationally, 'Town putting on two goals in a few minutes. Doig, their big follower, worried Northcote, but Purcell (N.) went into the ruck and effectively silenced him. Playing well together the visitors attacked and when Gibson and Cole both goaled the game took a different turn. The best piece of play for the day occurred when Andrews (N.) ran half the length of the arena. Several players in his way were unceremoniously skittled, one in particular taking a mud bath. As a result of this piece of play Jones added full points, which put Northcote 11 points ahead. The second half saw Northcote in the ascendancy, but the match did not lose interest. Final scores: Northcote, 8 goals 14 behinds; Williamstown, 5 goals 6 behinds. Under the conditions the match was a credit to both teams, and was well umpired by Skehan. On this form Northcote are well in the running for their second premiership. They are now third on the list, and with only one hard match to play they are hopeful of obtaining the minor premiership. Of a very even team the following stood out:—Jones, H. Andrews, Marneil, Purcell, Baker, Kenny and Hart Bros. Cole gave a good display and should retain his place, while Hickey performed well. The heavy going told against Hunt and Murphy.

S. Jones, after a sojourn at Preston, will return to the team next week, while T. Ogden (recovering from injuries) will also be available against Essendon at McDonell Park.

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR LEAGUE

THORNBURY v WEST COBURG

The above teams met at West Coburg in the return match. Although weakened by the absence of several players they gave a good account of themselves by winning, and as a result have moved up to sixth position. Play was even for the first three quarters, with Coburg slightly in advance, the scores at the last change being: West Coburg, 4.9; Thornbury, 3.8. In the last term the visitors took complete control and scored 3.3, while Coburg failed to add to their tally. Final scores:—Thornbury District, 6 goals 11 behinds; West Coburg, 4 goals 9 behinds. Goal-kickers for Thornbury were H. Clack (3), D. Baxter, K. Harper, R. Cleary; whilst the best players were P. Lane, J. Lacey, V. Hemming, H. Jackson, E. Jenkins, D. Baxter, A. Climas and G. Thompson.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES

SOUTH PRESTON K.S.P. WIN SEMI-FINAL

In the semi-final of the above association at Royal Park last Saturday South Preston K.S.P. and Pender's Grove Methodists met under very wet conditions. In the first quarter South Preston, having first use of the wind, registered 2 goals 6 behinds to their opponents' solitary behind. The following term saw Pender's Grove wipe off the deficit and at half-time the scores were: Pender's Grove, 4.5; South Preston, 2.8. In the third term South Preston excelled themselves, and, playing fine football, gained a substantial lead. Their brilliant display under such conditions was too much for Pender's, who were unable to regain their advantage, and were beaten by 26 points, the final scores being:—South Preston, 11 goals 13 behinds; Pender's Grove, 8 goals 5 behinds. Goal-kickers for South Preston were Fox (3), N. Davies (3), W. Davies, F. Pike, Smith, Bowles, Steel.

The final match will be played tomorrow against Young street. 'Bus leaves corner Bell street and Plenty road at 2 p.m.

TENNIS.

NORTHCOTE COACHING AND BUSINESS COLLEGE

The students of the Northcote Coaching College, 901 High street, Thornbury, held a successful house party on July 2 at the home of Mrs. Tadich, High street, Thornbury, in aid of their tennis funds. Mr. and Mrs. Tadich were host and hostess. Despite the wet weather there was a good attendance of students and friends. Those who attended were:—Mr. and Mrs. Tadich, Millie Hayward, Grace Rowett, Allen Robinson, Jack Tadich, Roma Wass, John Brown, Betty Almond, Albert Ludlow, Florrie Taylor, Eva Robinson, Olive Mills, Alfred Tadich, Allen Brehaut, Ruth Tadich, Thelma Lynch, Velma Lynch, Frank Tadich, Violet Moyle, Jean McLeod, Don Stewart, Arthur Brown, William Hooper, Ursula Mills, Myrtle Tadich, Miss Heywood. Mr. Doherty, principal of the college, and Mrs. Doherty, were also present. The students wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Tadich for their kindness in allowing them the use of their home on several occasions.

On July 30, at the home of Miss Betty Almond, 8 Fenwick street, Northcote, there will be another house party at 8 p.m. Members are requested to be present and to bring their friends.

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As executors of the will of Hannah Aikman, late of Northcote, the Union Trustee Company of Australia Ltd., the Rev. T. A. Eunson and Mr. H. F. Rodda are paying the following institutions the respective amounts shown, being payments out of the residue of the estate:—Collingwood Creche, Collingwood Creche and Free Kindergarten, Children's Hospital, Melbourne Hospital, Women's Hospital, Queen Victoria Hospital, Austin Hospital for Chronic Diseases, Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, and St. Vincent's Hospital, £60 each.

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SEYMOUR SCORES NORTHCOTE'S FIRST NINE GOALS.

(By "Aequus.")

Last Saturday was quite an unfit day for football, but nevertheless Northcote met Coburg on the Coburg ground. The arena was in a sodden state, with sheets of water almost everywhere. Fortunately no rain fell throughout the match, and the spectators who braved the elements were saved the unpleasant feeling of being wet through.

Strong Teams Fielded

Poulter and Garrett took their places in the Northcote team, Goulett (injured) and Ross making room for them. Martin and Lines appeared for the home team.

THE TEAMS

Northcote.—Backs: Wilson, Cockram, Hill; half-backs: Stockdale, Perkins, Woods; centres: Towers, Corrigan, Nicholls; half-forwards: Gray, Briggs, Garrett; forwards: Pruser, Seymour, Milne; followers: Rowe, Poulter; rover: Brown.

Coburg.—Backs: Gregory, Chapman, Voight; half-backs: Rogers, Charleston, Lee; centres: Brown, Donelly, Martin; half-forwards: Guiler, Lowe, Harris; forwards: Kight, Bertram, Colbert; followers: Jenkins, Gaudion; rover: Lines.

Umpires.—Field: Lester; boundaries: Laidlaw, Gregory; goal: McKinlay, Black.

THE PLAY

Rowe won the toss and selected the Bell street end, the wind favoring that goal.

Soccer Tactics Prevail

From the start neither team attempted to pick the ball up, and kicking off the ground was the order of the day. Players kicked often and furiously, but not with much success. After a few minutes' play Brown punted the ball forward, where Seymour was awarded a mark. He piloted the oval through the posts for six points.

A Lucky Goal

Play travelled to the other end, and Lowe kicked a point off the ground. In dashing style Wilson drove play to the centre. Some lucky kicks left Seymour in charge for second goal.

Wilson Is Prominent

Repeatedly Wilson flung the ball back when Coburg advanced. Brown again helped Seymour to a goal, while the same player gained a point soon after.

Some Clever Moves

Gregory and Rogers were defending well for the Red and Blacks, while Martin was smart on the wings. Dashing play by Poulter and Corrigan saw Milne neatly play to Seymour for full points. Wilson again saved splendidly, but a smart piece of play by Donelly saw Gaudion mark well for a single.

Humorous Episodes Occur

The crowd was greatly amused at the antics of the players, who cut some peculiar figures. The umpires often slipped over in their attempts to keep the ball moving.

Seymour Again Prominent

From a tense rally in front, the ball was forced behind through Northcote's goal. Then Nicholls brilliantly carried affairs into Coburg's territory and Seymour, marking cleverly from Gray, posted another goal.

Coburg's Goal

Gregory twice saved brilliantly near the goals. Clever play by Harris and Lowe saw Colbert notch a single, while Voight managed a goal. Penalty kicks to Voight and Lowe were fruitless, as Wilson and Woods relieved the pressure.

Three Behinds Scored

Towards the close of the term Northcote continually attacked, and Poulter, Gray and Briggs each managed minors. Quarter time scores:—

Northcote: 5 goals 4 behinds (34 pts)
Coburg: 1 goal 5 behinds (11 pts)

A Low-Scoring Term

Aided by the breeze, Coburg forwarded and scored a point off the ground. Northcote's defence was strong and was content to hold the attackers.

Great Defenders

Stockdale, Wilson and Cockram were very powerful defenders. Northcote made several advances, but found Gregory, Lee and Rogers difficult to pass.

Solitary Score

Northcote's sole score for the term was a point by Gray. Coburg fared little better, for they were able to manage a major only, Lines passing to Colbert for the big point.

Nicholls to the Fore

Conspicuous around the centre was the clever Nicholls, who did some great things with the slippery ball. Corrigan and Towers supported him well. Half-time scores:—

Northcote: 5 goals 5 behinds (35 pts)
Coburg: 2 goals 6 behinds (18 pts)

Northcote Increase Lead

The visitors commenced confidently and Seymour soon had his sixth goal posted. Then Towers and Briggs helped him to another. Northcote continued to attack and Towers and Seymour each gained singles.

A Clever Snap

After Gregory had saved determinedly Seymour dodged cleverly and then snapped a goal over his head.

Gaudion Carried Off

Gaudion, in running for the ball slipped badly and was carried off the field. Coburg had to play with 17 men. Stockdale, with great judgment, relieved many attacks, while Woods and Perkins gave able assistance.

The Ninth Goal

Amid great applause Seymour easily punted his side's and his own ninth goal. Both Gray and Pruser worked well forward. Three successive attacks by Donelly and Charleston were repelled by Wilson, Stockdale and Cockram.

Coburg's Turn Now

At last the home team fought forward and a free to Lines was converted into third goal. Another penalty to Harris was not so successful, one flag only being waved. Both Martin and Poutler had tries with no result. Three-quarter time scores:—

Northcote: 9 goals 7 behinds (61 pts)
Coburg: 3 goals 7 behinds (25 pts)

The Interest Wanes

The last term was begun in failing light. Being six goals behind, Coburg were expected to fight back vigorously. A smart move by Lowe was stopped by Wilson.

Central Play

For some time play hovered about the centre, both defences being too strong for the forwards. It was clearly seen that Coburg were unequal to the task of a sensational recovery.

Coburg Outpointed

Badly beaten and at times rattled, Coburg let Pruser in for a single. Then Gray helped him to a goal. Coburg made a feeble effort to carry the day, but Harris was only able to gain a behind. After some fierce tussles in front, Chapman and Voight saved. Rowe had a shot which went out.

More Goals to Northcote

A good mark by Brown ended in a goal, and then Colbert followed with a like score. Towards the end Northcote did all the attacking, and Pruser snapped a goal, then Gray, receiving from the same player, did likewise. Northcote won easily by 55 points. Final scores:—

Northcote: 13 goals 9 behinds (87pts)
Coburg: 4 goals 8 behinds (32pts)

The Players

By winning so handsomely, one could not but be impressed with Northcote's sterling team and team work. Under any conditions the players seem able to rise to the occasion. On such a ground as last week the form displayed was excellent, and the team appears to have struck last year's form with a vengeance.

Nicholls in Form

Perhaps no one did better than Nicholls, who outplayed his opponent, and did an immense amount of work. With him, Corrigan was splendid, and Towers also did well. It was a winning centre line.

Strong Defence

Stockdale again was an unbeatable defender. Wilson also was very prominent and saved repeatedly. Both Cockram and Woods did fairly, but Perkins and Hill were not as successful as usual.

Star Forward

Seymour, of course, with nine goals, had a tremendous say in Northcote's victory. His accuracy was uncanny. Pruser did not do as well as expected, but he was going great guns at the end. Gray and Brown again roved in great style.

Best Big Men

Poulter was easily the best of the big men. He fought determinedly throughout and shaped very well. Rowe wisely took things easily, but Milne and Briggs did many good things. Garrett was a very clever half-forward.

Safe Defenders

Gregory and Rogers were very prominent for Coburg, and saved often. Martin was clever on the wing, and Donnelly did well in the centre. Lines roved gamely, while Jenkins and Voight were superb followers. Lowe, Lee and Colbert did best of the others.

The umpire, Lester, did very well.

FRANK SEYMOUR, Northcote's sharp-shooter, kicking his 81st goal at Coburg last Saturday.

NORTHCOTE AT HOME.

PRAHRAN NEXT SATURDAY

The season is drawing to a close, and Northcote will meet Prahran at the Northcote Park next Saturday. Northcote, wishing to hold the top position, will go out for a big score, and should win comfortably after a good game.

V. J. F. A.

NORTHCOTE v COBURG

(By "Rover")

The usual following of spectators attended the Northcote Park on Saturday to witness the above match. The ground was in a terrible condition and good football was impossible.

The Teams

Coburg.—Backs: Glover, Short, Hedger; half-backs: Austin, Buckley, Duncan; centres: Foley, Wilcox, Fitzgerald; half-forwards: Leonard, Riddington, Leahy; forwards: Graf, O'Keefe, Street; followers: Cox, McGrath; rover: Craig.

Northcote.—Backs: Davies, Edsall, Winter; half-backs: Humphries, Burns, Easton; centres: Edwards, Skilton, O'Neil; half-forwards: Houldcroft, Johnson, Van; forwards: Condie, F. Ludlow, Cole; followers: J. Ludlow, Woods; rover: Docking.

The Play

The play began smartly and both sides made good use of the ball while it was dry. Play was in progress for 10 minutes before any score was recorded. O'Keefe kicked the ball off the ground for a single, then Leonard marked the heavy ball and found the opening for Coburg. Northcote went forward, but for a time were unable to pierce the visitors' formidable defence until from a scramble F. Ludlow scored a single. Coburg were more fortunate, as McGrath, marking, kicked a goal. F. Ludlow was again unlucky, when after beating his man his shot hit the post. Centre play followed, and Graf added a behind just on time. Quarter-time scores:—Coburg, 2 goals 3 behinds; Northcote, 2 behinds.

After some crowded play Skilton booted a fine goal. Then Coburg put on two behinds before Cole punted the ball forward, and it rolled through for a goal, which gave Northcote the lead. Behinds were added by Edwards and Condie (2) for the home side, while Graf snapped a goal for the visitors. Half-time scores:—Northcote, 3 goals 6 behinds; Coburg, 3 goals 8 behinds.

Northcote forced play forward and Docking kicked full points, Skilton following with a behind from a free. F. Ludlow marked well out and scored his first goal. Play travelled up and down, Coburg scoring a single and a goal (kicked by Craig), while Cole scored a point. O'Keefe marked about 30 yards out and made no mistake, while Glover got a behind. F. Ludlow and Houldcroft both got behinds, then Cole added a goal, followed by a single by Van. Three-quarter time scores:—Northcote, 6 goals 13 behinds; Coburg, 5 goals 10 behinds.

With a lead of nine points in the last quarter Northcote fought stubbornly. The umpire had an easy game to control, but his decisions were too technical considering the state of the ground Two behinds were scored by Northcote, followed by one by Leonard (Coburg). Still holding the visitors, the home side finished well and were attacking as the bell rang. Final scores:—

Northcote: 6 goals 17 behinds (53pts)
Coburg: 5 goals 12 behinds (42pts)

Goal-kickers:—Northcote: Cole 3, Skilton, Docking, F. Ludlow. Coburg: O'Keefe, Craig, Graf, McGrath, Leonard.

Skilton was the best man on the ground, while O'Neil shone in marking and position play. All the back men did well. J. Ludlow and Woods formed a formidable ruck, and were assisted by the clever work of Docking. Cole gave his best game to date.

For the visitors the best were Short, Buckley, Foley, Leonard, Cox, McGrath and Craig.

Next Saturday Northcote will play Prahran, who won at their last meeting. Both teams have improved incredibly, and so an interesting game should result.

On August 19 a house party will be held at the home of Mr. R. Morrison (the popular president), at Ringwood. Arrangements have been made to convey Northcote's supporters, who will meet at the corner of Darebin and High streets at 7.15 p.m.

FOOTBALL. FOOTBALL.

NORTHCOTE

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PRESTON COUNCIL AND BRIAR DESTRUCTION

(To the Editor)

Sir,—Kindly find space in your valuable paper for the following:—Some weeks ago I, with very many others, received a registered letter from the Preston council giving notice to destroy the briar weed growing on my block of land. In due time I went up with my pick and rooted out every bush, but on looking around I found all over the council's footpath the same briar bushes, some of them appearing to be four or five years old. The result will be that next summer we shall have the council's crop of seed wafted over all the private blocks by every wind. Surely it is up to the council to clean up their own doorstep and give work to a few unemployed rooting out this pest.—Yours etc.,

RATEPAYER.

SHOP WINDOW ROBBED.

NINE OVERCOATS STOLEN

During the early hours of last Saturday morning thieves forced the lock on the island window of Messrs. F. G. Smith Pty. Ltd., and removed over £20 worth of goods, including nine overcoats. The thieves showed great daring, as a nightwatchman keeps watch on the premises.

A model in the window was stripped, nothing being left on it but a necktie.

None of the windows were broken, the lock on the glass door being forced.

OAKHILL AVENUE CROSSINGS.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING DATE

The special meeting of the Preston council to consider the position in regard to charges for private crossings in Oakhill avenue, Queen street and Mason street, will be held on Saturday night next at the Preston town hall at 8 o'clock, and not on Friday night, as previously announced.

PRIVATE STREET AND LANE CONSTRUCTION.

MANY QUESTIONS AT PRESTON

A special meeting of the Preston council was held on Monday to deal with objections to the proposed construction of right-of-way south of Milton street.

There were no objectors and it was decided to call for tenders for the work.

Hawker Avenue, Shakespeare Avenue and Ellison Street

Plans were also considered for the construction of Hawker avenue, Shakespeare avenue and portion of Ellison street.

Mayor McPherson said the plans had been adjourned to enable the council to make inquiries as to the possibility of opening Hawker avenue through, but it was found that the council had no power to do that.

A petition was presented, signed by about 95 per cent. of the owners concerned, asking that the council give preference to doing the work by day labor.

The mayor said that in Cooper street 1700 feet was estimated to cost £3400, but the actual cost by day labor was £32 less. In regard to other day labor works, Erval avenue and right-of-way cost £1502 (estimate £1509); right-of-way, Bellarine and Leonard streets, £36/0/3 less; right-of-way, rear of shops, High street to Broadway, cost £477 (£5 above the estimate).

Cr. Adams asked if tenders had been called for these works.

The Engineer.—No. There was another right-of-way for which the contract price was 1d. per foot above the day labor price.

A questioner asked if a motor drive was charged for.

The Engineer (Mr. Scott).—No; that is an extra on the job. When a motor drive is put in a deduction is allowed to the owner to cover the portion of the paving not laid because of the drive.

In reply to a question the mayor said the council did the paths, supplied the metal, the bitumen and the rolling. The contractor took out the earthwork, spread the metal and laid the channel. The council could exclude any portion of these works from any contract.

On a question regarding cement, the engineer said he was buying at a better price than the present ruling rate in Melbourne.

In reply to a question as to crossings, the engineer said that an ordinary crossing at 12/ per square yard would cost about £7/12/. From this would be deducted the cost of the paving not laid, £2 (average, 5 yards at 8/ per square yard), which would be deducted from the cost of the crossing, £7/12/, leaving a nett cost of approximately £5/12/. These figures, said the engineer, would vary a little according to the width of the gateway.

The plans were adopted, but it was decided to call tenders for the work.

THORNBURY BOWLERS.

PERSONALITIES OF THE GAME

MR. M. SHARP

(By Onlooker)

When visiting clubs regularly we become ready to associate certain members as part and parcel of that club, and it would shock our sensibilities if we learned of the departure form the arena of that person. This applies with force to Mark Sharp, of Thornbury. Without him the club would lose a certain amount of that elusive "something" that contributes so largely to it's charm. His personality is of that quiet dignified kind that everyone likes to associate with, and when we look for other reasons we find them in the keenness with which he plays the game. Mark lacks the physique necessary to keep on playing bowls for extended lengths of time, but when he does play his whole being becomes transformed with the spirit of the game. His one desire is the accomplishment of playing the perfect shot. No one can be associated with him without imbibing some of his keenness. Consequently friendly games, as well as important pennant fixtures, are fought out with such spirit that the winners well earn their victory. Mark is a past champion of the club, and has been one of the leading skippers for years. His most notable victory was at Bendigo Easter Tournament some years ago, when he skipped the winning rink. He was runner-up at Preston tourney last year, and is generally knocking at the door of victory in the majority of the tourneys he enters. His one great desire is to be a member of the team that will one day win for Thornbury the A pennant flag, and, judging by the enthusiasm at present displayed by all members of the club, it should not be long before his wish is fulfilled. When the club's poet was appealed to he forwarded the following:—

When the one Great Scorer comes
To write against his name.
He'll write, not of how he won or lost,
But how he played the game.

Next Week.—Mr. Harry Murden.

PRESTON COUNCIL

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Preston council was held on Monday. Present were the mayor (Cr. G. C. McPherson, J.P.) and Crs. C. T. Crispe, G. E. Robinson, W. Spratling W. T. Robeson, R. H. E. Maynard, J. W. Adams and A. E. Newton.

CORRESPONDENCE

West Preston Progress Association

West Preston Progress Association, re (1) footpath in Cramer street, north side, between Frank street and railway; (2) grating over drain in Bruce street, near Grange road.—P.W. committee.

East Preston Association

East Preston Progress Association, (1) attention to Rene street and Madeline street, and right-of-way at rear; (2) removal of heaps of spoil stacked on vacant land by contractors; (3) re covers for garbage carts; (4) attention to Plenty road, north of Tyler street to Chaleyer street, east side; (5) temporary relief to footpaths on east side of Plenty road, from Gower street to Bell street; (6) re laying of water mains and service pipes at a greater depth in unmade streets.—Items 1 to 5 were referred to the various committees; and item 6 to the commissioner.

Reservoir A.L.P.

Reservoir branch, A.L.P., (1) re Crookston road pathways; (2) re McCartney street north, near Crookston road footways.—P.W. committee.

General

Church of Christ, re drain next to church property, asking that same be covered.—P.W. committee.

H. McGuire, application to open a woodyard at premises, 17 Stott street.—Refused, as it is contrary to by-law.

J. S. McFadzean, re fancy dress football match for unemployed relief fund, asking that a reduction of lighting charges be made owing to function being spoilt by the rain.—E.L. committee.

Regent Cricket Club, also W. H. Burland, secretary, West Ward Progress Association Cricket Club, asking for use of cricket pitches on land recently purchased by the council between Pine and Warwick streets.—It was decided to hear a deputation from the West Preston Association Cricket Club at next committee meeting.

R. H. Bennett, re drainage at rear of 18 Birch street.—P.W. committee.

M. Baddeley, re state of Victoria street footpaths.—P.W. committee.

J. Cain, re right-of-way at rear of Jackman street.—P.W. committee.

R. E. Stubley, re receipts and expenditure of Monday night dances held at the city hall.—Received.

D. Jenkins, re drainage at 8 Myrtle grove.—P.W. committee.

W. Pemberton, re (1) state of Hickford street, Reservoir, also drainage; and (2) wandering stock.—(1) P.W. committee; (2) referred to inspector.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts amounting to £715/2/9 were passed for payment.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Accounts totalling £4087/12/11 were ordered to be paid.

Drain cutting corner Excelsior street, along Butters street, south side.—Work to be done (cost £2).

Footpath in Plenty road, from Tyler street to Rose, Shamrock and Thistle Hotel, east side.—Engineer to define channel and attend to footpath.

L. Holt, seeking attention to paths in Matlock street. Referred to list for private construction.

A. Cuthbertson, re drainage at corner McCartney street and Crookston road, also re footpath and roadway.—Engineer to carry out maintenance works.

E. Jones, re road and path in Collins street.—Referred to list for private construction.

J. O. Horn and 23 others, seeking attention to Pine street and paths; also A. Freeman, asking for screenings for east side of Harbury street; Reservoir United Progress Association, asking for ashes in Harbury street.—No action at present.

Drain on north side of Madeline street, from McColl street.—To receive maintenance attention; Madeline street referred to list for private construction.

Right-of-way at rear of Dundas street, between Newcastle and Victoria streets.—Referred to list for private construction; temporary relief to be given.

Footpaths in Collier and Butler streets.—Engineer to attend when weather is suitable.

Salamander for footpaths in Spring street, east side, rom Murray road.—No action at present.

Right-of-way west of Plenty road, between Murray road and Beauchamp street.—Referred to list for private construction.

Construction of Compton street.—Tender of C. Rosevear and Co. for £1287/2/ accepted.

Construction of Birch street, between Gilbert road and Oakover road.—Tender of C. Rosevear and Co. for £618/4/ accepted.

In reference to the two latter items the mayor said that Rosevear and his company were unemployed citizens of Preston who had combined in this way to get work.

A letter was received from ten owners in Compton street opposing the construction of the street at present, and asking that a deputation be received.

The tenders were accepted.

In each of these cases the council accepted the tenders without a deposit, and arrangements will be made with payments so that deposits will be held out of the amounts due when work is done.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE

Accounts amounting to £1614/19/2 were passed for payment.

Street Lighting.—The following lamps are to be erected:—One in Hawker avenue and one on end pole in Sennett street.

Lighting Luscombe's crossing at request of Reservoir Progress Association.—No action at present.

Cr. Spratling said the committee would inspect the situation before recommending the extension.

COMMITTEE WHOLE COUNCIL

Cr. Adams moved that the following clause be adopted:—

Mrs. Frieda Jung and four others, application for refunds of asphalting charges paid in connection with Leicester street.—That provision be made in estimates for a refund of £124/8/5 in connection with Wallace and Leicester streets.

REPORTS

Finance

The treasurer reported that collections for the fortnight were £2,086 6/11. Bank overdraft, £25,378/5/7 (as per pass book, £21,546/5/9). Private street construtcion account, Cr. £15,758/8/; electric light account, Cr. £10,375/10/4.—Received.

Health Inspector

Mr. J. O. Iles (health inspector) reported seven cases of diphtheria and one of scarlet fever. Fourteen head of wandering stock had been impounded, and 14 stray dogs seized by the dog cart during a visit to Preston.—Received.

Building Inspector

The building inspector (Mr. W. L. McDonald) reported that during the past fortnight ten permits, of an approximate value of £1920, had been issued.

The mayor said that owing to the slackness in building, the inspector was assisting with other duties in the engineer's office.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Reservoir Station.—Cr. Crispe referred to Reservoir railway station, which was not yet sewered.—Commissioners to be asked to have the work carried out.

Police Quarters in Preston. — Cr. Crispe moved that Mr. Webber, M.L.A., be urged to expedite the erection of a new police station in Roseberry avenue, next to the court house.—Carried.

Incomplete Notice to Unemployed.—Cr. Adams read a letter sent out by the council, calling up an unemployed man for work, in which the date and place to report was not filled in.

The Engineer.—I'd like to see the envelope.

Cr. Adams.—I haven't that. I don't blame the engineer, but the person responsible for sending out that letter is deserving of a reprimand. No wonder the person called did not respond.

Money for Works.—The mayor said that he had refrained from moving that work be done on account of the financial position. Whilst he would like to do works, the council had not the money, and the works could simply not be done.

Cr. Robinson said he hoped the other wards would be as moderate as the Central Ward representatives.

Cr. Newton said the Central Ward had had a good "cut" and was more developed than the East Ward. The residents of the latter had to put up with more inconvenience than in the other wards, and he only brought up matters that were urgent.

Cr. Adams.—I endorse Cr. Newton's remarks.

The Mayor.—I'm sorry I've raised a hornet.

Cr. Adams.—Out of £30,000 borrowed for private street works the East Ward got £570, and if they are now getting a few works done it is only their due.

Finalising a Report.—Cr. Robeson said in May last the assistant town clerk was instructed to make a report. This was made and presented on June 20, and it had not yet been finalised. That was most unsatisfactory. The report showed the way to economies and greater efficiency in management. He wanted to see the report finalised. Some 18 months ago the council spent £80 on a similar report, and it also had not been finalised. It would appear to him that owing to the fast growth of the city the staff had also been increased and added to, but without fully efficient control. The adoption of the suggestions as set out in the report would result in economies and help reduce the council's overdraft. He moved that the matter go to the committee of the council

Cr. Newton seconded.

Cr. Robinson said he was surprised that he had been "kept in the dark." A preliminary report was presented, but was referred back for further details and to include the engineer's department. As to the other report, many of the recommendations had been adopted, and as a result the work of the council was being carried on more efficiently. What had been done had not been "blazoned from the house-tops."

Cr. Adams said that many of the recommendations of the Ross report had been adopted, e.g., the provision of better office accommodation, the appointment of the assistant town clerk and the assistant rate collector. There had also been other details which had been given effect to.

The mayor said since the Ross report was adopted the system of book-keeping had been re-organised with much greater efficiency. The officers were doing their best to reduce expenses to bedrock.

Cr. Robeson.—Mr. Ross' report has not been finalised in an efficient manner. It is true that certain things were adopted from that report. A lot of those recommendations were perfectly obvious, and some parts of it had been acted upon. The rest of the report had not been either accepted or rejected.

Continuing, Cr. Robeson said that Cr. Robinson appeared to be under a misapprehension regarding further details. A special meeting was called, at which five councillors attended, and after an informal discussion the matter was adjourned, and it had not been before the council since.

Cr. Robinson.—Is it not a fact that the town clerk and engineer were asked to submit details?

The Mayor.—Yes.

Cr. Robinson.—This is a case where Cr. Robeson is not quite right in his information.

Cr. Robeson.—I ask for this matter to be considered so that the council may do all it can to set its house in order, and especially in view of the weird statements being made about finance outside.

The matter was referred to the committee of the council.

East Ward Main Drains.—Cr. Newton moved that the Board of Works be asked to take over main drains in the East Ward.—Carried.

General

Cr. Newton moved that pot hole in Josephine grove, near Kitchener grove, and that drainage in Wood street receive attention.—Carried.

Cr. Maynard moved that the erection of a street light in Milton street, and one in Sinnott street, be referred to the E.L. committee.—Carried.

Cr. Robeson asked if one man was engaged to supervise two men laying slabs in Gilbert road.

The Engineer.—No. A man is only engaged there when situ work is being done.

Cr. Newton said water had been blocked in Princess street by council employes.—Engineer to attend.

Name boards are also to be placed up at Alfreda street and Murray road.

Cr. Robinson moved that placing of name-boards on all streets be referred to the committee of the council. Cr. Newton seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Newton moved that unfinished footpath in Angliss street and crossing in Chaleyer street go to engineer.—Carried.

Cr. Spratling moved that the P.W. committee consider giving attention in several rights-of-way off Wood street and off and near Plenty road.—Engineer to report as to the possibility of giving temporary relief.

Cr. Maynard moved that the construction of drain in right-of-way from Sinnott street to David street, taking the drainage from Patterson street, be referred to the engineer for report.—Carried.

Cr. Maynard moved that a bridge be erected at corner of Prior and Sinnott streets.—P.W. committee.

The mayor moved that consideration of altering the council's building by-law be referred to the committee of the council. The object was to increase the minimum height of the foundations from 9 inches to 18 inches above the ground level.—Officers to report.

Cr. Adams said in an ordinary five-roomed brick house the cost of the extra height would be £60 to £70, and it would be unfair to load people building new houses with this extra cost.

DEATH AFTER MOTOR ACCIDENT.

MOTORIST BEFORE THE COURT

On June 29, whilst Mrs. Grace Watkins, of Thornbury, was about to board a tram-car in High street, she was knocked down by a motor car, which, it is alleged, did not stop.

Later the police arrested a man at Collingwood, and he was charged with having inflicted grievous bodily harm on Mrs. Watkins.

At the Northcote court on Tuesday William Franklin Dolphin appeared to answer this charge.

The police stated that Mrs. Watkins, who had been in hospital ever since the accident, died last Friday night, and they asked for a remand pending the coroner's inquest.

The remand was granted, bail being increased to £200, with a surety of a like amount.

PRICE OF CEMENT

The Municipal Association on Monday advised the Preston council that as a result of action taken by the association it was likely that there would be a reduction in the price of cement in the near future.

The letter was received with laughter.

The Mayor.—It was owing to the action of Northcote and Preston that the price is coming down, and the association is taking the credit for it. I must congratulate our engineer on his work. (Applause from the gallery).

The mayor, continuing, said the engineer had a small skeleton staff and often worked on Sundays. That night he had been at the town hall till after 7.20 p.m., and had gone to the committee room without any tea.

A Voice.—Poor fellow! No wonder he's so thin. (Laughter).

THE TRIALS OF LOUEY GOON.

CHINAMAN STONED AND INSULTED

ATTEMPTS TO RETALIATE AND IS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

After having been subjected to most inhuman treatment for several days by a number of mischievous boys, who took delight in pelting him with stones, vegetables and, on one occasion, even a dead cat, Louey Goon, of High street, Thornbury, complained to the police. Just at that time the Thornbury police had their hands full, although they promised to give what attention they could to prevent the annoyance, but at last Goon became desperate, and on catching one of the boys in his shop he struck him with a stick.

This incident had an unhappy sequel for Goon, who was haled before the Northcote police court on Tuesday to answer a charge of having on July 18 assaulted a boy named Alan Battley.

Mr. H. H. Gray appeared for Goon, who pleaded not guilty.

Interpreter Needed

The services of an interpreter had to be obtained to translate the evidence for Goon.

Alan Battley, a schoolboy, Josephine grove, Preston, said:—On July 18, about 8.30 p.m., I was down at Louey Goon's laundry in Thornbury with other boys.

Things Thrown at Goon

Some of the boys were throwing things into Goon's shop, and I threw a piece of potato. A lady went into the shop and I went in also and rang the bell.

Chinaman Alleged to Have Used Iron Bar

Goon rushed in the front door and hit me with an iron bar. (A piece of stick was produced.)

Mr. Gray.—That is the strength of his evidence.

Battley.—No; he hit me on the head with an iron bar. A man came into the shop and Louey put the bar on the laundry bench.

Sergt. McEniff.—Was the lady in the shop?

Lady Tried to Intervene

Battley.—Yes. She tried to stop Louey from hitting me.

Mr. Gray (for Goon).—You went into the shop to ring the bell and then run?—No.

Were you and other boys up to larks on the previous Thursday night at Goon's place?—Yes.

What did you do?—Some of the boys pushed the door in and tied a string on the bell. (Laughter).

What other nights were you there?—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Boy Had Wound in Head

Dr. W. H. Steel said he examined Battley on July 18 and found a wound on his scalp.

Saw the Occurrence

Eric Robert Leashman, fruiterer, Sussex street, Preston, said he was standing on the corner of Hutton street when he saw Goon hit the boy. He ran over and intervened.

Constable's Evidence

Contsable A. H. Feldtman said at 8.30 p.m. on July 18 he saw Battley's head bleeding and went and saw Goon.

Continuing, Constable Feldtman said:—I had a long conversation with Goon, who understood what I said to him. I asked: "Why did you hit this boy like this?" He said: "Look what they do to me," and produced fully a hatful of blue metal, pieces of potato and broken china.

"They Annoy Me"

He said: "They annoy me." I said, "Why did you hit him with an iron bar?" He said, "I no hit hm wth iron bar. I hit him with stick," and produced a stick.

Had Previously Complained to Police

Goon, continued Constable Feidtman, had previously complained of metal, china and vegetables, and also a dead cat, having been thrown into his shop.

Mr. Gray.—Goon is harmless?

Witness.—Yes; he is a respectable citizen, and there is no doubt he has been annoyed by these boys.

The P.M. (Mr. O'Grady).—That is obvious.

"Goon's Life Made a Torment"

Mr. Gray said that Goon's life had been made a torment by the actions of the boys.

Goon, through an interpreter, said he had been in business for about eight months, and lived on the premises with his wife and five children. He had been annoyed on three nights by boys, who would go into the shop and ring the bell. As soon as he or his wife went to enter the shop they were pelted with stones and vegetables. On the night in question there were two boys in the shop, and he picked up a stick and hit one of the boys with it.

The P.M.'s Comments

The P.M. said that no doubt an assault had been committed, but certainly under very aggravating circumstances. There was no doubt that the boys had made this man's life a torture. Goon seems to be trying to run his business in a decent manner, and he is deserving of a lot of sympathy.

The Case Adjourned

After further argument the case was adjourned on Goon paying £1 9 costs.

Action May Be Taken Against Boys

The P.M. suggested that if evidence could be obtained the boys who had been acting in such a cowardly way should be brought before the court.

UNEMPLOYMENT

STATE-WIDE APPEAL BEING ORGANISED

The widespread distress which exists throughout the State has led to the formation, at the request of the Government, of a State Relief Committee. An appeal is about to be made by the committee, the headquarters of which are in the State Savings Bank Building, corner Collins and Spencer streets, to all municipal and shire authorities to take steps to co-ordinate all charitable activities and organisations. The object of the committee, briefly stated, is the amelioration of the lot of the many citizens in our midst who are to-day without the actual necessities of life. The situation which must be faced is practically unprecedented in its seriousness in the history of this State. That it will improve there can be no doubt. But this it little consolation to those who at the moment are in urgent need of material assistance.

IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NECESSARY

The care of the individual members of the community is the duty and responsibility of the whole community. It entails concerted effort on the part of all, and it is the earnest hope and belief of the State Relief Committee that this effort will be immediately forthcoming. The State committee proposes that necesary action be taken at once, including the formation of a subsidiary or local committee in each municipal district comprising representatives of relief committees where they already exist, and of all other organised bodies which have a definite sphere of influence. It will be of decided advantage, inasmuch as the movement will thus assume proper civic standing, if the chief representative of the municipal or shire authority will act as chairman of the local committee so formed. It is fully realised that every district has its own distress problems to meet, but it is also true that distress is more acute and the need for assitsance more pressing in some districts than in others. The relief movement must of necessity extend beyond local boundaries, and must be so co-ordinated that the maximum results will be secured from the effort put forth. At the request of the State Relief Committee, the press in country districts has been asked to open up a relief fund and to receive and acknowledge all cash contributions, which will be subsequently handed over to the committee to be utilised in the relief of the most pressing cases. All such cash contributions should be addressed to the State Relief Committee, care of the provincial paper through which they are sent. In addition it is proposed that a vigorous "drive" should be made simultaneously in all districts of the State, and be as vigorously sustained, to obtain contributions of clothing, food and goods in kind, which will be devoted to meeting the needs of necessitous cases, wherever they exist.

Cash contributions will not be sought in the metropolitan area pending the issue and during the months of September and October — the period of currency of the lord mayor's appeal for the metropolitan hospitals and charities, which are urgently in need of funds to enable them to properly carry on. Donations of goods in kind, food, clothing, etc., from persons and firms in the metropolitan area will, however, be gladly accepted.

The headquarters of the State Relief Committee are in the State Savings Bank Building, corner Collins and Spencer streets, Melbourne, C1, and all communications should be addressed to the secretary, Mr. A. V. Stenning, at that address. Telephone: Central 9150 to 9159: Extension 286.

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Junior Safety Council

A BRANCH of the above has been formed in connection with West Preston State school, with office-bearers as follows:—President, Tom Merritt; vice-president, Reg. Robinson; captain patrol, Jim Greenwood; secretary, Jean Scott; assistant secretary, Delphi Gade. Active and associate members are connected with the council, and the idea is to help smaller children and elderly persons in dangerous situations, to be on guard at street crossings, to encourage standing on the kerb and not on the street, to give "Stop" and "Go" signals, also to assist the headmaster of the school. Badges are provided for members of the council, and these are issued by the National Council of Safety from their office in Market street, city. The objects of the council appear to be very desirable, and the children connected with West Preston school are taking a keen interest in the movement.

Outbreak of Fire

AT Showers street, Preston, at 7.15 p.m. on August 8, a four-roomed dwelling owned by A. Chalker caught fire and considerable damage was done before the flames were extinguished. The cause of the fire is unknown.

On the same date there was a call to the service station on the corner of High and Darebin streets, Northcote. Only slight damage was done to the station.

On Friday at Waterdale road, Heidelberg, Preston firemen assisted in putting out a fire in a tar shed owned by R. J. Addicott. Forty gallons of tar were destroyed by fire and the shed was also damaged.

There was another small outbreak in a four-roomed tenement occupied by T. H. Hall, Wilcox street, Preston, on Tuesday evening. In this case slight damage was done to the washhouse. The fire was caused by a spark from the fire under the copper igniting some clothing.

Diggers' Concert Party

THE members of the Diggers' Concert Party at Preston paid a visit to the Seamen's Mission, Melbourne, on Tuesday evening, and put forward a delightful programme, which was greatly enjoyed by the sailor boys, who applauded every item.

Inter-branch Billiards Association

THERE was a pleasant gathering in the Memorial Hall, Preston, on Tuesday evening when the final games in connection with the above were played The gathering, which numbered about 250, was under the auspices of Preston branch, R.S.S.I.L.A. Keen interest was taken in the game between Melbourne and Oakleigh, which was won by the former. Mr. N. S. Osborne, senior vice-president of Preston branch, and chairman of the Billiards Association, occupied the chair and handed over the cup to the captain of the winning team (R. Hankes). Another trophy was presented to Mr. W. L. McDonald, captain of Preston team, which was runner-up in the northern section of the tournament. The Diggers' Concert Party contributed several items to a most enjoyable programme, and dancing was indulged in by those present. Members of the Preston branch and the Mothers', Wives' and Sisters' League prepared a most acceptable supper, which was highly appreciated by all present.

Larceny of a Bicycle

BETWEEN 9.30 p.m. on August 11 and 6 a.m. the following day, a bicycle, valued at £10, was stolen from the house of William Curnow, laborer, Beauchamp street, Preston. The bicycle was taken from the back verandah of the house.

Stolen from Motor Truck

EARLY on the morning of August 11 a new heavy motor tyre, a tube to fit the tyre and a wheel rim off a Chevrolet truck were stolen from a motor truck in an open shed at the rear of a house occupied by William Cook, timber merchant, May street, Preston. The value of the stolen property is set down at £20/10/.

Another Tyre Disappears

THOMAS Hammell, engincer, Oakover road, Preston, reports that a steel metal tyre and tube, valued at £5/10/, were stolen from his car, which was standing in Ethel street, Thornbury.

BETWEEN 4 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. on August 10 a Swiss motor clock, valued at £3, was stolen from a car belonging to Geo. H. Saunders, builder, Collier crescent, West Brunswick. The theft took place when the car was left standing in May street, Preston.

Factory Breaking and Stealing

TWO rims of a Maxwell car, with tyres and tubes attached, were stolen from a car belonging to J. Sheriff, Sylvester grove, Preston, between 7 p.m. on August 7 and 9 a.m. on August 8. The property, which is valued at £9, was taken from Arch. F. Leckie's shop, High street, Preston, where the car had been left for painting. Entrance to a shed at the rear of the premises was effected by breaking a window.

Disappearance of Fowls

TWENTY-FOUR Leghorn fowls, to the value of £10, were seen safely on their perches early on the evening of August 8, at the farm of William Wildon, Bell street, Preston, but on the following morning the owner mourned the loss of the birds, as they had been made off with during the night.

Gas Meter Tampered With

AT High street, Preston, a three-light gas meter, the property of the Metropolitan Gas Co., was stolen. The value of the meter is given as £3 15/.

House Broken Into

AT Hamilton avenue, Preston North, a 12-gallon copper, electric stove, and three electric light globes, valued at £6, were stolen. Stephen H. Andrew, Brisbane street, Murrumbeena, is the owner of the stolen property. He states that at 5 p.m. on August 4 he left the house securely locked, and on returning three days later it was found that a window had been broken and a catch operated on.

Young Man Missing

INQUIRIES are being made as to the whereabouts of Walter Herbert Shaw, 24 years of age, last heard of at Bentleigh, where he was working as a baker, about five weeks ago. His sister, Eva May Lloyd, Scotia street, West Preston, is anxious to locate her brother.

Axe and Fuel Stolen

JAS. Lowe, Carlisle street, Preston, has had stolen from his shed an axe and a quantity of box blocks and Mallee roots.

A Preston Laundry.

MR. G. A. Brawn (returned soldier) notifies he has opened a laundry at 224 High St., Depots are located in Plenty Rd. and Carlton. This should prove a boon to Preston residents, who can have their laundry work done locally on the premises, patronise a returned soldier, and at the same time get service and satisfaction.

Baby Health Centre for Reservoir.

THE Preston Council, at the request of the Reservoir A.L.P., is considering a suggestion that a Baby Health Centre be established at Reservoir.

Desired State School.

MR. Gordon Webber, M.L.A., has advised the Preston Council that he is moving to secure a State school near Gilbert road and Regent St., in the West Ward, Preston.

Shifting Water Mains.

THE Board of Works has advised the Preston Council that to lift 4in. water mains in Harold St. and Walton Av., and lay them under the footpaths, will cost approx. £220. The council will bear half this cost.

New Tennis Pavilion.

EAST Preston Lawn Tennis Club will have its new pavilion in Bell Park officially opened on Saturday next, August 23, at 3 p.m.

Water Extension.

METROPOLITAN Board of Works has agreed to a water extension in Margtmary Av., from Murray Rd. northwards to Duthus St., Preston, a distance of eight chains.

New Playground.

A PLAYGROUND in Milton St., Preston, which was donated to the council by Cr. J. W. Adams, has been named "Florence Adams Playground."

Meat Inspectors.

CARCASES branded by Preston meat inspectors for the fortnight to Monday last numbered—2,020 pigs, 170 cattle and 2,805 sheep.

A Bad Road

SEVERAL ratepayers have made a complaint with reference to the bad state of Cramer street, both roadway and footpath, from Preston tramway sheds towards Grandview road. There are quite a number of potholes on the road, making vehicular traffic difficult and at times dangerous, and the path is muddy and on occasions almost impassable. It is the intention of those interested to bring the matter under the notice o the council. A quantity of metal, one ratepayer points out, is nearby, and could be made good use of in repairing the road in question.

Tree Planting.

THE Preston Council's curator has been engaged in planting willow and wattle trees at the Edwardes Park, Reservoir.

Baby Health Centre

THE following is the annual report of Preston Baby Health Centre:—Attendances at Centre, 8,115; adults, 4,079; babies, 4,036; new cases, 740; expectant mothers (63 visits paid), 85; visits paid to homes, 529; ew cases, 201; 472 individual babies paid 4,036 visits; 535 individual mothers paid 4,079 visits; 7 cases of diarrhoea, simple attack (2 partly breast-fed between 3 and 5 months, 4 between 9 and 12 months, 1 between 12 and 24 months). The above figures speak volumes, because before Dr. Truby King showed to the world that infantile diarrhoea, or "summer diarrhoea," as it was called, is a disease of the bottle-fed and a preventable disease. "Summer diarrhoea" was considered to be due to teething. The simple answer to the above wonderful results lies in these simple figures. Out of 285 individual babies up to nine months 235 were naturally fed by their mothers.

Debate

A DEBATE, the last of the season, for the shield presented by the Central Council of Preston Progress Associations, was held on Wednesday evening between Regent Central and East Preston Associations. The subject taken was: "Which Leads Most to Crime—Poverty or Riches?" Regent Central argued riches did, and East Preston poverty. Points were awarded as follows:—Regent Central 282, East Preston 274. Regent Central were declared the winners by 8 points. This entitles them to hold the premiership shield until next year.

A Bumper House

THE first semi-final of the fox trot competition, held under the direction of the Preston Football Club in the town hall last Saturday evening, was accorded the largest patronage that this weekly dance has experienced this season. Mr. Eric Reichman and Miss Cookson were the successful contestants, being acclaimed the winners in preference to Mr. L. Hendrie and Miss O. Finlay. To-morrow evening should see another bumper house, when the second semi-final will take place. Mr. Bone and Miss Burge will be seen competing against Mr. Brooks and Miss Fry. For particulars see advertisement.

Preston's Leading Jeweller

MR. John Jack advertises a full range of ladies' hand bags. These are the new season's stock and are shown in quite an attractive range of designs and colors. See announcement elsewhere.

Complimentary Return Ball

A COMPLIMENTARY return ball will be tendered to Cr. and Mrs. McPherson in Preston town hall on August 26 at 8.30 p.m. All surplus of proceeds will be donated to the mayor's unemployment fund. Details are set out elsewhere in this issue.

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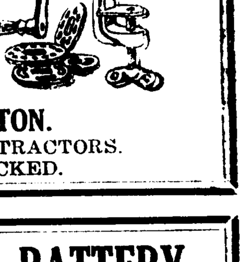

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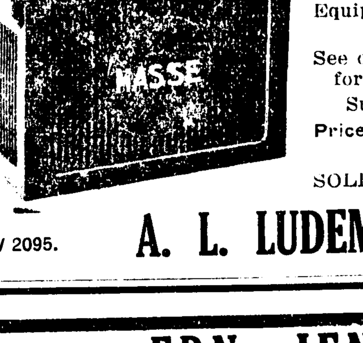

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TRAMWAY INJUSTICES AT WEST PRESTON

LOCAL RESIDENTS PENALISED

THE DIRECTION BOARD THAT "GETS LOST."

There are many complaints concerning the tramways, but no complaint deserves consideration more than that of the West Preston residents.

Deputations composed of the Council and residents have waited on the Tramways Board times out of number, but absolutely no consideration is given to West Preston residents, who are treated as "Cinderellas."

Below we print an interesting letter from Mr. C. P. Chapman. It speaks for itself:—

(To the Editor)

Sir,—In your issue of last week appeared an article on the above tram service, which I regard as very time'y indeed. For slip-shod methods and utter disregard of the travelling convenience of the public, I think the West Preston line stands alone. How the people of this ward stand it is beyond all comprehension, but I think there is a limit to even their endurance. The disabilities on this service have been pointed out frequently to the Tramway Board, both by deputation and correspondence, but nothing is ever done. The council, assisted by the West Preston Progress Association, has at various times placed its views before Mr. Cameron and the other members of the board, only to be turned down on each occasion, thus leading one to the belief that it does not matter how genuine a complaint may be, the board will not give ear to it. This is a sure sign of inefficiency, and just the stage where our local council should take a very firm stand and point out to Mr. Cameron that anything will not suit the residents of Preston. Take, for example, the Footscray council. They make it their job to see that their ratepayers are properly catered for, and our council could well do the same. To be repeatedly told the line does not pay is a reflection on the management of those concerned, as I will instance. Owing to that diabolical system of changing trams at the depot after certain hours, passengers going to West Preston have got to travel as far as the depot by the East Preston tram and pay the full fare of sixpence on that tram. Just imagine my surprise to be told that the fare is credited to East Preston, and then to be told our line is non-paying! This, surely, is "high finance," and in a commercial concern would not be tolerated for five minutes. How on earth can our line pay if the correct amount of its earnings is not credited to it?

Again, is it fair treatment to the West Preston passengers to be bundled out of the trams in all weathers at the depot, as at present? What about women with little children these cold nights—kiddies, perhaps, half asleep and tired—to say nothing of elderly people. To say that Mr. Cameron knows these facts is correct, and, further, he also knows that the connecting tram is rarely in its place to connect. As a regular user, I'm about tired of it. During July I had occasion to come home by the 9.45 p.m. tram from the city, and after waiting for 25 minutes for a tram, and then inquiring of the official in charge at the safety zone at Collins street as to the delay, he replied, "I think the Preston tram is lost." However, when the tram did come along the motorman said he was hung up at Hanna street waiting for a destination board showing that the tram connected at the depot for West Preston. To my disgust, and the officials' also, there was no board on the tram, and the motorman again said, "One could not be found." The next night the same thing—no board—and the reason given was, "Oh, I forgot to put it up."

But to get back to the change-over system. The West Preston Progress Association decided to take a census of people who made the change at the depot and who travelled to and from West Preston. This was done for a fortnight by two members nightly, and the figures were checked. It showed conclusively that more people travelled West than East, both going and coming, by nearly fifty per cent., and these figures were placed before Mr. Cameron by myself at a deputation, but with no avail. On hearing the figures he said to Mr. Murdoch, "Are these figures correct, Murdoch?" Mr. Murdoch replied, "They don't agree with ours, sir." Mr. Cameron merely remarked, "We can't take any notice of them." Now, I challenge Mr. Cameron and Mr. Murdoch to place a man on the job and prove otherwise. After my recent experience in July I am more convinced than ever as to the figures, and also from the remarks of the conductors, who verify the statement that more passengers travel West than East. Now, how can the West line pay?

One more instance of high finance. From Bell street to the city on the East Preston line is 5d. On the Cemetery line it is 4d., but on the West Preston line from the same street the fare is 6d. Why? The tram section ends at Oakover road, the narrowest street in Preston, and the residents and users are forced to pay another penny to ride to Bell street—about 300 yards. Mr. Cameron was asked to alter this and bring the fares into line, pointing out that many people visited the cemetery out of duty to those whom they loved and respected, but the reply came back, "Nothing can be done. It's the same distance to Oakover road on the West as Bell street on the East." Just fancy splitting straws like that! What about these cemetery patrons? Have they no right to be considered? Also, what about that beautiful Edwardes Lake? I venture to say if this spot were down south it would have been catered for long ago, as also would the West Preston tram be turned down Henty street and made to connect with the line at Tyler street, thus completing the loop and doing away with the termini, and at the same time opening up all those lovely spaces in Regent and Reservoir.

But, alas, can anyone inform me of these two points? (1) When will our council wake up and move for better tramway facilities in West Preston? (2) When will Mr. Cameron and his inefficient board cease to function?—Yours in disgust,

CHAS. P. CHAPMAN.

West Preston, 12/8/30.

RESERVOIR NEWS

The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon in aid of unemployment funds at the Reservoir Theatre on Sunday was successful, despite the inclement weather. The Reservoir District Band played selections, and Mr. Counsel (humorous items) and Mrs. Omond, of Thornbury (vocal items) were both encored. Mr. Drake gave an address on Prehistoric Reptiles. A collection of £1/6/6 was taken up.

The Reservoir Relief Committee held its weekly meeting. Progress returns of the procession and fancy dress football match were available, a sum of £10/11/ being handed in. The thanks of the committee were recorded to Mesdames Bennett and Upton for collecting £3/5/. A further sum of £10 was voted to the Central Relief Committee, making a total of £27. The Mothers' Club held a picture night, and a progress sum of £2 3/ was handed in.

The Reservoir Minstrel Troupe has commenced rehearsals again.

The newly-formed St. George's Cricket Club held a successful dance on Tuesday night.

The church authorities have decided to restrict the use of the church hall to outside bodies, catering chiefly for its own organisations and their socials. This deprives Reservoir of its only public building. The time is one to take up the matter of a public hall.

Mr. Jupp was injured badly last Saturday while playing football. He was "stopped" in the thigh. He was conveyed to hospital, where the wound was stitched. He is now progressing favorably.

CYCLING

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS

The above club held its 25 miles out and back unpaced championship on Saturday, in conjunction with a 25 miles sealed handicap. The entry fees were donated to the mayor of Preston's unemployment relief fund. The race was started by the mayor, who showed that he had had a good deal of experience. The race resulted in a double victory for Allan Walkley, who is in great form at present. Results:—

25 Miles Unpaced Championship.—Allan Walkley, 1; Frank Thomas, 2. Tom Gascoyne, 3. Winner's time, 1hr. 4min. 34sec.

25 Miles Sealed Handicap.—A. Walkley (scr.), 1; K. Cross (5min.), 2; F. Thomas (scr.), 3. Time, 1hr. 4min. 34sec.

Injured Club Riders

Johnnie Fielding, who fell while taking part in the L.V.W. open race at Oakleigh some weeks ago and sustained a broken bone in the leg and other injuries, is still in the Caulfield Hospital, but is making good progress.

Jack Fraser, with a broken hip, which he received in the smash in the open race at Campbellfield last month, is about again, having made a speedy recovery, and hopes to be an onlooker at the L.V.W. open race on Plenty road next Saturday.

Jack De Forrest, who received severe head injuries through being run down by a motor car, has been discharged from hospital, and is steadily improving at his home at Pender street, Preston.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

2ND THORNBURY TROOP

The troop received a great surprise last Friday week when the District Commissioner told us that our scoutmaster had tendered his resignation. Mr. Read has been scoutmaster to the troop since its inception, and we are sorry to lose him. On Friday night the troop held a "medicine and sauce bottle night," and will continue them for the rest of this month. The troop played a football match against 1st Fairfield last Saturday. A morse code class has been started and has twelve members in it.

1ST PRESTON TROOP

Last Saturday a successful social was held at North Preston Methodist hall, and a good sum will be realised for Miss Kilner in the popular girl contest. On Monday Miss Burr's committee aranged a dance at the scout hall, the attendance being satisfactory. The cubs met on Tuesday evening instead of Thursday, but will meet as usual next Thursday. Basket ball is being well attended on Friday evenings, and last Friday a match was played against girls from the Church of Christ. The result was in our favor. On Saturday evening a busy time will be spent. Supporters of Miss Kilner have arranged a house party at the residence of Mr. G. Greenwood, Gloucester road; supporters of Miss Willis have arranged a similar event at Albert Park, while Miss Burr is arranging a social evening at the scout hall. The troop will meet at the scout hall on Saturday. The four members of the troop who accompanied the scouts' football team to Sydney returned on Wednesday after a happy week. On Saturday the match was played as a curtain-raiser to the Carlton-Richmond match, the Victorian scouts winning by 22 points. The leaders of the troop will hold a conference next Saturday and Sunday. Next Wednesday a house party will be held in the old leaders' room. On Thursday a house party will be held at the residence of Mrs. Y. Smith. The Thos. Hurford competition will commence in September. Arrangements will shortly be made for the continuance of the gymnasium. Owing to the popular girl contest the troop meetings have been somewhat interrupted, but will resume after voting closes on 30th inst. The ton of wood was won by Miss Passmore, Tyler street. The semi-final football match will be played on Saturday at Newmarket against Brighton.

SPENSLEY STREET NEWS

The annual meeting of the Spensley street school Mothers' Club was held on August 7. It was decided to continue the euchre parties and old-time socials.

A sociable evening in the form of an illustrated lecturette and community singing was held on Monday last. The Spensley street Methodist Church was lent for the entertainment, which realised £3/10/ for the school junior red cross unemployment relief.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—Isn't Jacko happy over Northcote's position on top of the premiership list, and Fluffy is happy, too, although she'd like Preston to have more luck. However, they're both doing finely, even though it was so wet and muddy on Saturday. It was much too cold for the Pets to go and see, so we stayed home and listened in instead, and enjoyed that just as much, I guess. The Pets don't like the rain and cold winds, and stay inside most of the time before a big blazing fire. Fluffy decided to make paper flowers on Monday, and you should have seen the specimens she turned out. However, it wasn't all her fault, as Jacko insisted on cutting them out, and he made rather a bad job of it until Grandpa came along and showed him exactly what to do. Now we have a vase of pink and red roses, which are quite good, and they will save the housekeeper a lot of trouble. They tried jonquils, but the job of pasting the parts together proved beyond their patience, and so they consigned the pieces to the fire after a half-hearted attempt. Six new Cobbers have joined this week—four girls and two boys—so Fluffy is delightedly hopping about, while Jacko just pouts and says he will win next week. So, Cobbers, I hope you'll come to his aid and induce your boy friends to join. Have a try at the competitions. Lots of love and best wishes from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the heartiest and warmest of birthday greetings to Lloyd Kerr (Aug. 15), Adeline Hammett (Aug. 16), Doris Welsh and Joe Jowett (Aug. 17), Doris Classon (Aug. 19) and Jack Power (Aug. 21).

OUR MAIL BAG

87 Clauscen St., North Fitzroy.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I would like you to enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. My cousin, Peggy McIntosh, has told me about the club and I was very interested. My sister Olive is also writing to you. We have a fox terrier named Pons—short for Ponsford. I am thinking of entering for the Tria Competition and any others also. I must close now, with love to the Pets and yourself.

Jessie Prior.

(GOOD)

(Welcome, Jessie, to the Clubs, and we hope you'll enjoy being a Cobber. How do you like school? Fluffy asks if you can skip. Love.—U.P.)

87 Clauscen St., North Fitzroy.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I would like to be a member of the Cobbers' Club. I am 9 years of age and am in the fifth grade at school. I will send the coupon in and so will my sister Jessie. I am enclosing some contributions for this week. Love to the Pets and yourself.

Olive Prior

(GOOD)

(Welcome, Olive, to the Clubs. It's lovely to have you. The coupons arrived and we've posted on your certificates. The Pets send greetings and heaps of love.—U.P.)

121 Clarendon St., Northcote

Dear Uncle Phil,—I wish to join the Cobbers' Club and to send a joke every week to the "Leader." How are the Pets? My cousin told me about them, and it makes me feel as if I would like to have them, too.

George Joyce.

(GOOD)

(Welcome, George, to the Clubs. Jacko says you're sure to be a good Cobber and send in lots of contributions. The Pets are O.K., and delighted with Northcote's position on the football list. Love from the Pets.—U.P.)

94 High St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Would you please enrol my brother and me in the Cobbers' Club. We get the "Leader" every week, and are very fond of reading it of a Friday night. We will write next week. With love to the Pets and yourself.

Albert and Alma Stephens

(GOOD)

(Welcome to the Clubs, Albert and Alma, and the Pets send you hearty greetings. They're pleased you've joined and wonder who will gain the 100 marks first. How does school go? Love.—U.P.)

Thelma Stead.—Welcome to the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs, Thelma. We'll be pleased to receive a letter from you and contributions for our corner. Did the certificate arrive safely? Best wishes and love from the Pets and U.P.

Hazel Smith.—Please don't use both sides of the paper, Hazel, as your contributions cannot then be used. Send in some more. The Pets like your Mickey Mouse. Love.—U.P.

Thelma Knell.—Fluffy wonders if you're as good a cook as she is. I'm afraid it wouldn't take much to beat her, as she put cocoa in the teapot and poured hot water on it when making me a drink one day. Send more entries. Heaps of love.—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

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 are 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 boy or a girl. Trias, if original, should be marked "original" in one corner

THE RAT AND ITS BURDEN

Once in a vessel sailing from New York to Lisbon the rats were found to increase very fast and to be very mischievous. They ate so much and destroyed so much that the sailors grew angry with them and resolved on the first chance to get rid of them. Accordingly when the vessel was safe in Lisbon harbor the captain ordered sulphur to be kindled in the hold. The rats, unable to endure the fumes, left their holes, and in trying to escape were killed in great numbers by the sailors. At length one appeared on the deck, bearing on its back another rat, which was quite grey with age and also blind. The men, supposing the old rat to be the father of the young one, were touched by the sight. They would not think of killing an animal which showed such kindness, and it was allowed to pass in safety and to carry its aged parent to some other home.

(TRIA) Lorna McLean

MAUD'S PUPPY

(Original)

Maud sighed as she watched Nancy go by with her puppy. "I wish I had a puppy," he said. "Well, I must go for mummy's message," and she put on her hat and coat and went out. She was on her way home when a car passed her, and a little squirming shape fell unnoticed by the occupants of the car, and lay kicking on the ground. Maud ran on to the road and picked up a puppy—a fat, little animal, with two very big green eyes that looked beseechingly at Maud. "Poor little thing," she murmured, "I'll take you home and feed you, then I will have to return you to your owner." Her mummy, when she saw the puppy, was delighted. "I wish we could keep it," she said, "but we mustn't. Take it home right away, Maud. The address is on the collar." But when Maud arrived at the puppy's home a little girl came rushing down the path. "Oh! You've brought back Toddles!" she cried. "Oh, thank you," and she took the puppy into her hands. "Daddy," she said to the tall man who came striding towards her. "This little girl brough my darling Toddles back." "I'm very grateful to you," said the man. He took an envelope from his pocket. "We were going to offer a reward for him," he said. "So won't you——" "No, I don't want it," said Maud. "Really, I don't.' He placed the envelope in his pocket again as he saw the longing look in Maud's eyes as she watched Toddles. "Do you like puppies?" he asked. Maud found hetrself telling him how both she and her mother wanted a puppy. She didn't notice the little girl walk away after a nod from her father, but she was surprised when she returned and placed something in her arms. Maud gasped. "Mine?" For they had given her a fat, lovable little puppy just like Toddles. "Yes, for you."

(BETTER) Rosie Goldstein

A FOX AND A PIG

A fox was in a forest one day, approaching an old tree stump. He sprang upon it several times as though to make sure it was easy. He then fetched a large piece of wood and sprang up with it in his mouth. Having done so, he dropped it and coiled himself on the top. When it was dusk an old sow, with her young, passed near the stump. Two of the young pigs lagged behind, and just as they neared the stump, down jumped Mr. Fox and, seizing one, he carried it to the top. The old sow returned, mad with rage, but, unable to reach Mr. Fox, he devoured the piglet under her very nose.

(GOOD) Tommy Craig.

DANCING CORK DUST

For this trick you need a small wooden box about an inch deep and four inches square. In the one I have the sides are made from wood left over from making a trellis. A sheet of glass fits on the top. This box should be kept dry. In the box put cork dust and small bits of cork. Then put on the glass lid. Rub the glass with a silk handkerchief or a piece of silk rag. The cork dust will dance about below the glass in a most amusing way. It goes on dancing for quite a long while after the rubbing has stopped. This is something that all the Cobbers can try.

(GOOD) Allan Love.

AN UNPLEASANT DREAM

Last Sunday afternoon my grandfather was lying asleep on his bed with the window open. He was dreaming that a snake was crawling over his face. He woke up with a fright and brushed his hand over his face, and found that he had knocked a starling off his face. It had evidently come through the window and perched on his face and started scratching him with its feet. Grandfather was quite relieved when he discovered his mistake.

(GOOD) Jean Moylan

THE ZOO

On Saturday my two little sisters, my school mate and myself all went to the Zoo. We left home at 12 o'clock and took our lunch with us. When we first got to the Zoo there were very few people about, but a great many came about 2 o'clock. After we had lunch we looked round at the different animals, and while the sun was shining we took some nice snaps with my camera. Jimmy the amusing orang-utang, was not in a very happy mood. He got himself in a bag and would not take any notice of anyone. Perhaps he was too cold. One of the monkeys in the big monkey cage has twin babies and she seems to be so proud of them. We had a ride on the elephant and the train, then had to come home early, because it started to rain heavily.

(GOOD) Dorothy Harris

SPOTTING COLORS

This is a new game. Every player is given a pencil and a piece of paper. Then someone is asked to name a color. On this being done the players are asked to make a list of anything in the room that is of the color chosen. A limited time is allowed, and the player who names the most things is the winner.

(GOOD) Lily Scrimes

THE FEE

A farmer rushed up to the home of a country doctor in the village late one night and besought him to come at once to a distant farmhouse. The medical man hitched up his horse and they drove furiously to the farmer's home. Upon arrival the farmer said, "How much is your fee, doctor?" "Half a guinea," said the physician in surprise. 'Here y'are," said the farmer, handing over the money. "The cabman at the station wanted fifteen shillings to drive me home."

(GOOD) Ruby Kupsch

A FUNNY PATTERN

The other day some tea was spilled on the clean cloth. After tea when my mother was shaking the cloth she called me outside to look at the mark the tea had left. It was the shape of a kookaburra on the cloth. You could see its beak, and a dry patch that represented the eye.

(GOOD) B. Moylan

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE TAILOR'S SECRET

(Concluded)

"What do you want?" demanded Jimmy bravely. "Excuse me, young sir," said the man hoarsely, "but what is your name?" "James Anderson," answered Jimmy, "but what do you want to know for?" The man looked disappointed. "Where did you learn that tune you were whistling?" he asked, after a pause. Jimmy couldn't help being interested because he had often wondered where he had learned the funny tune. "I don't know," he replied, "but——" He broke off abruptly because, at that moment, the sailor made a grab at him, and before Jimmy could do anything his coat sleeve was pulled back, and the man was staring, with a strange gleam in his eyes, at a small mole on Jimmy's bare arm. "I thought so, young man," cried the sailor. "Your name isn't Anderson—it's Grayson. You're James Peter Broderick Grayson, the son of my master, Captain James Grayson, of the steamship Oceanic, now retired." And the strange man saluted smartly. Jimmy's heart gave a wild leap, and two minutes later he and Old Pete—which was the sailor's name—were heading for home as fast as they could walk. Needless to say, after that lots and lots of things happened. Jimmy discovered that all that Pete had said was true—that his real father had never ceased to search for him since he was lost, when he was three years of age, and when he met Captain Grayson he was more glad than ever that he had at last found his father. Two months later both Jimmy Grayson and Bobby Anderson were boarders at St. Westbury's College, still the firmest of friends.

(GOOD) Edward Grenfell

THE ORIGIN OF ROAST PIG

(Concluded)

"Eat, eat the burnt pig, father, only taste," cried Bobo, cramming as if he would choke. The crackling scorched the father's fingers, and applying them to his mouth he tasted the flavor, which proved acceptable. In conclusion, both father and son sat down and despatched the remains of the litter. Bo-Bo was strictly enjoined to keep the secret, but, strange stories spread, and Ho-hi's cottage was burnt down frequently, fires occurring at all times of day and night. At length the mystery was solved, and father and son were summoned for trial at Pekin. Evidence was given, the obnoxious food itself produced in court, and the verdict about to be pronounced when the foreman of the jury begged that some of the burnt pig be handed into the box for inspection. He handled it, and they all handled it, and, burning their fingers, nature prompted the same remedy. Then, against the facts and the clearest of charges, to the surprise of the whole court, without consultation, came a simultaneous verdict of not guilty. The judge, when the court was dismissed, bought all the pigs that could be had for love or money. In a few days his lordship's town house was on fire. Fuel and pigs grew enormously dear, and many fires occurred. Then a sage found that the flesh of swine, or indeed, of any other animal, might be cooked (burnt as they called it) without the necessity of consuming a whole house to dress it. A rude form of gridiron was constructed and roasting by the string or spit came in a century or two later. By such slow degrees do the most useful and seemingly the most obvious, arts make their way among mankind.

(GOOD) Percy Maidstone

THE THREE GOLDEN HAIRS

Once upon a time, in a far off country, a boy was born in a village near the king's castle. The boy's father, looking up at the dark blue sky at the time, saw a big, bright star shining over his cottage. He was filled with joy and told his wife that their son had been born under a lucky star. "How glad I am!" said she. "He will be happy all his life and he may marry the king's daughter." She told her neighbors what her husband had said, and they agreed that the boy would become great. In those long ago days the king often rode about, dressed as other men so that people might not know him. One day he was passing through this village and heard someone say that there was a baby born under a lucky star, who might marry the princess. The king was much upset, for he believed that something great would come to everyone born under a lucky star. At the same time he was angry, because he did not want his daughter to marry the son of a poor man. So he formed a plan to prevent it from coming to pass. He soon found out where this much talked of baby lived, and went to see his parents. "What a fine baby!" he said. "You must be sorry that you are too poor to give him every comfort," he added. "Now, I am very rich. Give me your little child and he shall want for nothing."

(To be continued)

(GOOD) Jean Wallace

ONE STEP AT A TIME

One step at a time,
And you'll cover a mile
Without haste or hurry;
One brick at a time,
And you'll finish the pile
Without waste or worry.

(GOOD) Frank Power

THE PETS

Dear Uncle Phil, I am sure that you will,
With politeness, quite quickly respond
To make my mind peaceful and still:
Has Jacko a tail? Is Fluffy a blonde?
I can't rest in peace till I know,
So answer me, please, and don't let me fret;
I'm sorry, indeed, to bother you so,
But be kind to your cobber and pet.

(GOOD) Mary Moylan.

A MATCH TRICK

This simple trick nearly always puzzles your friends. Place four matches in the form of a square, then ask your chum to take away two matches and still leave a square. Your chum will think this impossible, but all you do is to take two away and bend the other two at right angles, thus forming a square. Your chums will smile when they see how easily they have been caught.

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas

A CHILD

A child's a-playing for an hour,
It's pretty tricks we try;
For that or for a longer space,
Then tire and lay it by.
But I knew that one to itself
All seasons could control,
That would have mocked the sense of pain
Out of a grieved soul.

(GOOD) Lily Scrimes

OUT OF SEASON

A blackbird peeped in an attic room
Where daffodils were growing;
Out in the desolate wintry gloom
Where the blackbird stood 'twas snowing.

(GOOD) Lily Craig

You may shatter the vase if you will,
But the scent of the rose will remain with it still.

(GOOD) Mavis Madgwick

STORYETTES

Old Lady (to prisoner): "And why were you put in gaol, my young man." Prisoner: "For driving a motor car too slowly." Old Lady: "Too fast, you mean—too fast." Prisoner: "No, lady, too slowly—the owner caught up to me."

(GOOD) M. McIntosh

Jim: "A friend of mine calls his dog 'Camera.'" Tim: "What a funny name." Jim: "Well, you see, it snaps at everyone it meets."

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

Tell Me How.—Little Ethel was sobbing her heart out. "Come, come!" said her auntie very kindly, "you must not cry like that, my child?" "How must I cry, then?" asked Ethel

(GOOD) Jean Grenfell

A Hundred Times Worse.—"Can you imagine," said the teacher at the natural history lesson, "anything worse than a giraffe with a sore throat?" "Yes, sir," a boy answered quickly, "a centipede with corns."

(GOOD) W. Price

Little Edith: "May I sit on your lap, daddy?" Sarcastic Mamma: "No, darling. Papa's tired; he's had a hard day at the office."

(GOOD) Roy Murphy

Mother (to small boy who has always been dreaming): "And what did you dream last night, Jackie?" Jackie: "I dreamed that I was awake but when I woke up I found I was still asleep."

(GOOD) Enid Love

A lady asked a clergyman, who was suffering from influenza, what he took for his cold. "Five handkerchiefs a day, ma'am," was the reply.

(GOOD) Cyril Henderson

Old Man: "What is the name of this street, my boy?" Little Boy: "Beg pardon, sir?" Old Man: "Thank you, my boy, thank you!"

(GOOD) Wilma Kruger

A young lady was being shown over an engineering shop. "What is that?" she said to her guide, a young engineer. "Why," he replied, "that's an engine boiler." "And why do they want to boil the engine?" asked the guileless damsel. "Oh," he answered, "to make the engine tender."

(GOOD) Ron Kupsch

No Wonder They Laughed.—A schoolmaster, whose name was Key, was teaching his class in Spanish, and said: "Now, if I lived in Spain I would be called 'Don Key'." Then he wondered why the class laughed.

(GOOD) Thelma Knell

"Please, mum, the cheese has run out," said the servant. "Well, why didn't you chase it?"

(GOOD) Alec Murphy

Visitor: "Do you find it economical to do your own cooking?" Young Wife: "Oh, yes. My husband doesn't eat half as much as when we had a cook."

(GOOD) Duncan Matheson

Flapper: "Don't let your dog bite me, sonny. He's showing his teeth." Small Boy: "That's nothing to go by, miss. You're showing your legs, but I don't suppose you'll kick me."

(GOOD) N. Kaufman.

Mr. Cash: "You are not very good at counting money, my boy." Newsboy: "No, sir, because most of my customers say, 'You keep the change.'"

(GOOD) Graham Harris

The little boy had asked the railway guard time and time again to tell him when Derby was reached. At last the train drew up at his station. "Here you are, sonny," said the guard cheerfully, "this is Derby. Out you get!" "I don't want to get out," came the boy's answer, "but mum told me I could begin to eat my sandwiches when I reached Derby."

(GOOD) Lawrence Agnew

A Bad Miss.—"I am sorry you do not think the chicken soup good," said the landlady apologetically. "I told the cook how to make it. Perhaps she did not catch the idea." "No," drawled the film comedian, "it was the chicken she missed."

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen

RIDDLES

What is the difference between Noah's ark and Joan of Arc?—One was made of wood and the other was Maid of Orleans.

(GOOD) Eileen Harris.

When is a pony like a very soft shawl?—When he's a Shetland.

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen.

Why should people never starve in a desert?—Because of the sand which is (sandwiches) there.

(GOOD) A. Anthonsen

What is the difference between an aeroplane and a tree?—One leaves its shed and the other sheds its leaves.

(GOOD) Leonard Bushell.

What type of rose never blooms?—The rose of a watering can.

What is the difference between a scout mess tin and a goat?—One is a billy can and the other's a billy goat."

(GOOD) Leslie Craig

What is the first thing you set in the garden?—Your foot.

When is there a wooden wedding?—When two Poles are married.

(GOOD) Brenda Herz

When is a school girl like a wedding cake? —When she's in tears (tiers).

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen.

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, give the title.

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FOR RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S COMPETITION SEE PAGE 5.

Of Interest to Women

(Conducted by "PENELOPE").

ROMANTIC CIRCLE

PUGSLEY—SLOMELL

The Rev. J. H. Raverty officiated on July 26, at the Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, at the wedding of Mr. Harry R. Pugsley, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. C. Pugsley, of Harold street, Thornbury, and Miss Eileen E. M. Slomell, only daughter of Mr and Mrs. W. Slomell, of Ballantyne street, Thornbury. The service was fully choral, and red and white heath formed the church decorations. Entering the church with her father, the bride looked beautiful in an ivory ring velvet gown of period design, with long tight sleeves pointed over the back of the hand. The skirt fell in four flared panels, the two at the back forming a double train. Her handsome Limerick lace veil was mounted on tulle and held by a coronet of orange blossom. She wore a string of ivory beads and carried an ivory prayer book, the gift of her father. The bridesmaids were Misses Ada Pritchard, Vera Falcke and Gladys Pugsley, and little Misses Norma White and Betty Raverty were flower girls. Deep red crepe satin frocked the maids, styled with uneven hemlines and bustle bows backed with gold tissue. Coronets of gold leaves adorned their heads, and each carried a sheaf of variegated holly leaves. The flower girls were dainty figures in white crepe de chene frocks, with tiny frills caught with gold roses, and each carried a gold basket of red berries. Mr. Victor Pugsley was best man, and Messrs. Ivan Reynolds and Jack Law groomsmen. The reception was held in the parish hall, and musical items by Misses Annie Zoller and Bertha Barkas and dancing were indulged in. Red and gold formed the decorations. The bride's mother wore sky blue crepe satin, relieved with rose pink georgette, with a wine coloured coat and hat, and a bouquet of purple heath and pansies. A navy costume and hat gowned the bridegroom's mother, and wall flowers and poppies were her flowers. The couple will reside at "Emsworth," Main street, Lancefield. Navy twill formed the bride's travelling costume with gold and white braid, and a navy hat to tone.

THOMPSON—DAVIS

The Regent Presbyterian Church was the setting for a pretty wedding on Saturday, August 2, when the Rev. Anderson united Olga, eldest daughter of Mr. Cyril Davis, of 15 Nyewood street, to Mr. Norman Thompson. A large assemblage of friends gathered in the church. The bride was charmingly robed in a flared ankle-length white satin gown with a tight-fitting bodice. The veil, surmounted by orange blossom, nicely relieved the draped ensemble. She carried a bouquet of white sweet peas and azaleas. The bridesmaid, Miss Delma Hills, wore pale pink satin with tulle frills. Pink sweet peas and carnations comprised the bouquet, which matched perfectly. Mr. Cyril Davis, jun., was best man. Mr. Davis wore a navy blue ensemble, while Mrs. Thompson wore black under a fur coat. The breakfast was held at the bride's home, after which the happy couple left for Healesville. A handsome display of presents was witnessed at the bride's home.

LUNCHEON ENSEMBLES

The luncheon ensemble has made its bow in Hollywood. Josephine Dunn and Carole Lombard wear the new costumes, Miss Dunn's outfit being fashioned in light grey crepe satin. Both the frock and coat are accented with circular flounces, and a full cape on the wrap is bordered with platinum fox. Miss Lombard's midday dining costume is an adaptation of the jacket suit in tan covert cloth.

A "BLACKHEAD" SECRET

Blackheads, oily skins, and enlarged pores usually go together, but can be instantly corrected by a unique new process. A tablet of stymol is dropped in a tumbler of hot water, which will then, of course, "fizz" briskly. When the effervescence has subsided, the face is bathed with the stymol-charged water, and then dried with a towel. The offending blackheads, of their own accord, come right off on the towel, the large oily pores immediately contract and efface themselves naturally. There is no squeezing, forcing, or any drastic action. The skin is left uninjured, smooth, soft, and cool. A few such treatments should be taken at intervals of three or four days thereafter, in order to insure the permanence of the pleasing result so quickly obtained.

SMART EVENING WRAP

Bernice Claire, the beautiful and talented young star who has been enlisted from the ranks of Broadway favorites to lift her glorious voice in First National musical productions, is said to be one of the best dressed women in Hollywood. In the accompanying picture she wears a beautiful evening wrap of white satin.

The wrap has a collar of deep red fur (dyed furs are very smart nowadays), and the piece de resistance is the three deep flaring ruffles which are sewn on straight across the back, but cut diagonally in front and taken up to the waist. The wrap is made in the form of a cape, and Miss Claire wears it just gathered round her and held in place in the front.

RECIPES

Rice Fritters

Take 6 oz. of rice, 1 quart milk, 3 oz. sugar, 1 oz. butter, 6 oz. marmalade, 4 eggs. Swell the rice in the milk with sugar and butter over a slow fire until it is perfectly tender, which will be in about three-quarters of an hour. When rice is done strain away milk, should there be any left, and mix in the marmalade and well-beaten eggs. Stir the batter over the fire until the eggs are set, then spread the mixture on a dish to the thickness of about 1 inch. When it is perfectly cold, cut into long strips, dip them in a batter and fry a nice brown. Sprinkle sifted sugar over and serve quickly.

Mutton Cutlets and Mashed Potatoes

Buy 3 lb. of mutton cutlets. Heat 2 tablespoons of fat in a frying pan. Lay the cutlets in the fat and put over a brisk fire for 3 minutes. Turn once and place on the stove with the top on. Cook for another 15 minutes, if there is any doubt as to their being done it is well to cut one to see whether it is cooked perfectly. It should look red, not purple, and the gravy should run. Arrange the mashed potatoes in a pyramid in the centre of the dish and stand the cutlets round it.

Apple Shortcakes

Beat a cupful of sugar and half a pound of butter to a cream. Break in two eggs and beat thoroughly. Dissolve a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda in one cupful of milk, and add. Stir in four cupfuls of flour and two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar. Divide the dough into two pieces roll both out fairly thin. Cover one half with grated or sliced apple, sprinkle with cloves, and cover with a thin layer of sugar. Lay the other half of the dough on top, and pinch the edges together all round. Bake in a slow oven until browned, and test with a straw to know if well cooked. Cut into squares, and if you like, ice and dust with cinnamon. It is enough to sprinkle with castor sugar.

Fairfield Notes

Old Time Dance.—An old time dance was held in the Memorial Hall Fairfield, on August 11 to raise funds for unemployed diggers. There was a gathering of about 500, the hall being artistically decorated by the ladies' committee.

A musical evening was held on August 9 under the auspices of the Victory Social Club at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Prizes were awarded to Miss Davidson, Mr. L. Worle and Mr. S. Bouleford. A dainty supper was served and appreciation extended to the host and hostess.

Swimming Club Dance.—The Fairfield Ladies' Swimming Club held the presentation night and dance on August 9. Mr. Cooper being the pianist. The following received trophies:—Miss Elaine Walter (aggregate cup), Miss M. Charrett (two mile handicap), Miss E. Adams (3mile swim). An honorarium was presented to Mr. J. Rowe (men's club) for valuable services rendered.

Fairfield State School Mothers' Club held an enjoyable dance on August 9. There was a good attendance.

EVERY TIME WE BRUSH OUR TEETH WE'RE USING A MARINE PRODUCT

Many of the tooth-pastes in use today, no matter how fragrant their perfume, are made chiefly from a mineral substance which was once a host of beautiful sea-shells! And each of these shells was inhabited by a jelly-like creature.

The commercial name for this substance is kieselguhr, but most people know it better as fuller's earth or tripoli powder. Before being used for making tooth powders and pastes it is white, brown, or grey in color.

Curiously enough, the tooth-paste that you perhaps purchased only this morning may be thousands of years old, because the tiny creatures contained in the shells, the beginning of kieselguhr, died many ages ago.

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Soap-binders, engine packings, and sealing-wax stiffeners require the use of kieselguhr. It enters, also, into the composition of the insulators used in cold storages, besides being an ingredient in many chemical preparations.

The best kinds of fuller's earth have even been mixed with cereals, and used to make bread, by the natives of certain countries!

FOR THE BACHELOR GIRL

For the girl who wants more than just a bedroom is the charming room designed in the house of Clara Bow, the Paramount star.

Miss Bow wanted a room to serve also as a sitting room for her girl guests, and had one room furnished for this purpose. The walls were painted peach color, and the woodwork, dressing table and washstand a slightly deeper shade. A walnut day bed was covered with cretonne having an attractive peach, copper and green design on a brown base. The boudoir chair was covered in the same material, and the cretonne pillows were varied with others in plain green. The sheets on the bed were peach color.

The window and door drapes were made of brown taffeta and hung over peach-colored short drawn curtains, and on the floor was a soft green rug which fitted into the color scheme. Green glass on the dressing table, and a brisk fire for 3 minutes. Turn once and place on the stove with the top on. Cook for another 15 minutes, if there is any doubt as to their being done it is well to cut one to see whether it is cooked perfectly. It should look red, not purple, and the gravy should run. Arrange the mashed potatoes in a pyramid in the centre of the dish and stand the cutlets round it.

HEALTH HINTS

Don't read lying on your side, as the eyes are then differently focused. Don't pore over a book, but hold it up opposite your face.

Keep warm. The internal organs want adequate protection. Warm clothing need not be bulky or heavy, and there is a happy mean between coddling and neglecting yourself.

Get open-air exercise, but don't be a slave to it. Rest when you're tired; don't exhaust yourself still further. Avoid fatigue; don't invite it.

Find out the foods that disagree with you and be firm enough to give them up. Avoid warmed-up meats, tea that has stood too long, and a diet of tinned foods. Under-eat rather than over-eat.

Don't neglect your teeth. Thorough mastication will be impossible unless they are sound, and without mastication food cannot be digested properly.

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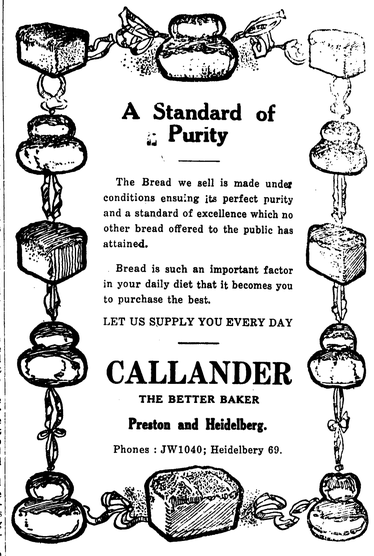

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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL REPLY TO "LEADER" CRITICISM

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Preston residents employed than at the factory in which the furniture was manufactured. It is surely a case of an adjoining "libel" on workmen of an adjoining municipality, some of them Northcote residents, to be termed "foreign" in this connection. That the proprietors of local furniture emporiums did not manufacture in Northcote was evidenced in the enquiries made at the time of the purchase of the furniture. The question of the extent to which preference shall be given to local establishments is not a simple one. The council prefers to trade locally, but is justified in paying any more for supplies that can be purchased for less elsewhere, as it must spend the ratepayers' money in the most economical fashion. The council is expected to act economically in the interest of the whole of the ratepayers, and not a section.

If the principle of trading solely locally had been in operation, recently the council would have paid up to 20 per cent, and 30 per cent. more in certain contracts undertaken. **Can the press justify this,** or any percentage of preference?

The matter of the inclusion of a clause in contracts providing for employment of local men is another which requires careful consideration. There are a number of residents in Northcote who at this time are working for other municipalities. What is their position to be if the council determines to engage local labor only? It can be stated in regard to the council's general staff that 93 per cent. of the men employed live in the district, and except where men are required for particular work, it is the policy of the council to engage **only local labor.**

Mayoral Allowance.—Referring to the mayoral allowance, which the article suggests should have been reduced at the time of last consideration, the amount was £325, and not £364, as stated. Any councillor who has occupied the position will know that even £325 is quite inadequate to carry out the duties in the manner which is expected. It is sufficient to say that whether times be prosperous or otherwise, the amount of the allowance will not encourage councillors to accept the position for the privilege of receiving the allowance attached to it in view of the many calls on the mayor during his term. The criticism of this matter relative to last year is so belated that further remarks are unnecessary.

The council welcomes criticism, provided it is based on facts. But, it is the imperative duty of both citizens and the press, before indulging in criticism of a public body, to be cognisant of the subject, and so avoid making incorrect and extravagant statements, totally opposed to facts, on matters out of date, and which at the time of their consideration—in view of the silence of the ratepayers—could be considered to have been acceptable.

The public also should not be misled on the matter of municipal finance. Municipalities receive most unsympathetic treatment by the Government, which from time to time indicates that the council shall contribute without any consideration of its ability so to do or the position of the ratepayers. Two years ago part of the cost of the Spencer street bridge was demanded of municipalities; previously a yearly contribution to Geelong road construction; this year £350 towards the Outer Circle bridge, and next year it is likely that the cost of Hawthorn bridge will be met out of revenue. All streets abutting on Government properties have to be constructed by the council, as the Government absolutely refuses to accept any responsibility. The North Melbourne City Council has paid thousands of pounds for this purpose, and at the present time is faced with the expense of the construction of Station street, in which a State school occupied some hundreds of feet frontage. These injustices make municipal finance very difficult, and in addition to this the council is expected to find monies for unemployment relief. It is difficult to understand the attitude of the Government on this matter, particularly in view of the fact that by special taxation money is being provided for this specific purpose.

Citizens may rest assured that wherever economy is possible it will be practiced, but in view of the likelihood of declining revenue and increasing difficulty in the collection of the rates, there is no prospect of the reduction in the rate, and this fact must be accepted.

The municipal problems of the near future are going to be grave and difficult of solution, and it will be only with the support of the citizens that our city will continue to hold its position as one of the most progressive municipalities of the metropolitan area.

The position, therefore, briefly is—(1) The increase of the rate is fully justified unless the city is to retrogress. (2) The alterations to the town hall were long overdue, and are generally appreciated by the ratepayers. (3) local contractors **did not tender** for the alterations, but the successful tenderer **did** employ a number of local residents. (3) The council is facing the unemployment problem, and doing what it can, particularly in view of its responsibility to the whole of the ratepayers. (4) The mayoral allowance is not excessive. (5) The interests of the ratepayers are being safeguarded, the council's works are being carried out as economically as possible, and the services to the ratepayers are being maintained at a standard not excelled in the metropolitan area.

The local press can materially assist in the solution of these problems and in the enlightenment of the ratepayers if its criticism is constructive instead of only destructive, and based on facts not misstatements and assertions—and that surest of all prophecy which is given after the event. Such assistance will be for the uplifting of the city, help to the council, and of benefit to the ratepayers.

THE "LEADER'S" COMMENTS.

According to the foregoing, the summary arrived at by the Northcote Council is this:—

1.—"The increase of rate is fully justified."

According to the facts given in the council's explanation this may have been justified for the past year, but on the COUNCIL'S OWN SHOWING the moneys can be extracted from the Electric Light profits. These exceed £7,000 per annum, which is more than the amount returned by a 3d rate. This year there will be no town hall to reconstruct, therefore the increase of 3d in the rates last year can be struck off and adds up from the electric light account profits.

2.—"The alterations to Town Hall were long overdue and generally appreciated by the ratepayers. But local contractors DID NOT tender for the alterations, but the successful tenderer DID employ a number of local residents."

In answer to this we still maintain that while the Town Hall was certainly not in a very presentable state, temporary alterations costing a much smaller sum could have been effected. Much of the work had already been started and the financial position been properly realised by councillors the work could even have been curtailed after the contract had been commenced. With regard to the statement that "The successful tenderer did employ a number of local residents," this needs no comment, as it is only a general statement, and the employment of local workmen was not specified in the contract. The fact that **Northcote men were employed as far** as the council was concerned, was purely a fortunate "accident."

3.—"The council is facing the unemployment problem and doing what it can, particularly in view of its responsibility to the whole of the ratepayers."

This is only temporising and generalising and is not "genuine sympathy" in the form of work and wages which could be provided AT NO EXTRA COST TO THE MUNICIPALITY by specifying a percentage of local labor in all contracts.

According to figures in the council's explanation, the council from its funds "contributed £1,300 IN THREE YEARS FROM 1926 to 1929." When the article appeared in the issue of July 18 the council had contributed NOTHING FOR 1930 (about three weeks from the end of the financial year).

Since then a grant has been made by the council on a Government subsidy basis. Whether this was the outcome of the council being criticised by the "Leader" we leave our readers to judge.

As regards it not being the council's **"duty" to provide relief for the unemployed, every humane citizen is sympathetic and helps (or should help) according to his means, yet** the council in its explanation prefers to "shove it off" on to the Government, when it could do so without extra cost by specifying in all contracts that a percentage of local men should be employed.

4.—"The Mayoral allowance is not excessive."

In prosperous times this is quite a fact, and citizens expect their Mayor to carry the banner of the city in a fitting and proper manner. But in times of stress and increased taxation "the coat should be cut according to the cloth," and not so much is expected. Retrenchments and the curtailing of expenditure are everywhere practiced, and the council should not expect to be an exception.

Careful reading of the article of July 18 will disclose the fact that a suggestion was made that the Mayoral allowance should be reduced for the COMING YEAR, not for the PAST YEAR, as the council's explanation seems to suggest.

The paragraph read:—

"It is the councillors' duty on the grounds of economy to see that this (Mayoral allowance) is reduced to a minimum for the coming Mayoral term."

We do not consider this "BELATED CRITICISM."

5.—"The interests of the ratepayers are being safeguarded, etc."

This is only a general statement and does not call for any reply.

In reference to the council statement "It is rather belated criticism that the £15,000 should have been used in alleviating an increase in rate. Why was not this criticism offered before the expenditure was agreed upon?"

As this £15,000 Town Hall alteration job was started according to the council's own showing in August, 1929 (long before the 2/9 rate was struck), how does the council reconcile its request that the criticism should have been offered before the expenditure was agreed upon, and that the "Leader" should have advocated a 2/6 rate when the question of an increase had never arisen?

The article of July 18 asked—"Is Northcote Council really sympathetic with local unemployed?" Despite the time taken by the council in drafting a reply, this question still remains unanswered.

The increased rate might have been accepted with "good grace," as the council describes it, last year, but this year they have shown the way to a reduction. It is their bounden duty to REVERT TO A 2/6 RATE for the forthcoming financial year.

The most sympathetic treatment the council can give the unemployed citizens is to specify a PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL LABOR FOR ALL CONTRACTS. The sincerity of the claim that "The council prefers to trade locally" can be tested by the simple means of including a clause in all contracts to this effect.

The point is raised by the council that there are a NUMBER of residents in Northcote who at the time are working for other municipalities:" This is meant to convey that they might lose their jobs if the Northcote council specifies a percentage of local labor through other councils retaliating. We will be glad to learn what other municipalities are like Northcote and do not specify a percentage of local labor. They will be found to be CONSIDERABLY IN THE MINORITY. Many Northcote residents FOR THIS REASON are out of work, having lost their positions with other councils because they were not local.

NORTHCOTE NOTES

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

Northcote — Thornbury Branch.—The monthly meeting was held on August 13 and was largely attended. The president (Mrs. J. J. Ryan) extended a welcome to several new members. It was decided to hold the first annual ball on September 9. The Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A. has placed the Memorial Hall at the disposal of the auxiliary for a euchre and bridge party, and a committee was appointed. Members are reminded that the new financial year has commenced, and subscriptions are again due. Hostesses for the afternoon were, Mesdames Slattery, McMahon and Finlan.

All Saints' Tennis Club

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday. The year closed with a sound financial position. Election of officers resulted:—President, Rev. A. H. Constable; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Roadknight and E. W. Hollingsworth; secretary, Mr. R. A. Hollingsworth; assistant secretary, Miss G. Welch; treasurer, Mr. E. W. Hollings and J. Wright, Messrs. J. Rowe and C. Marshall. Membership is restricted to members of the church.

Northcote C.Y.M.S.

There was a large attendance at the meeting on Monday, the president (Mr. T. Howard) presiding. Mr. Hoare reported on arrangements for Warburton trip next week-end. Charabanc will leave McDonell Park directly after match. The football secretary reported on the Williamstown match, in which Northcote were successful. The syllabus item was a mock police court trial. Messrs. Thompson and Fitzpatrick are to be commended on the manner in which they organised it. One of our members, Mr. F. Murphy, has been elected president of the C.Y.M.S. Cricket Association. The branch extended their congratulations.

ELTHAM PRIVATE STREET CONSTRUCTION

Construction of Luck and Dudley streets, Eltham, and Beaconsfield road and Gladstone street, Montmorency.

Cr. Bowman said that there were persistent rumors in circulation that the council had undertaken to meet all liabilities and pay all wages, etc., in connection with the construction of these streets. He desired it made quite clear that the council accepted no responsibility whatever for any debts incurred by the contractors before they surrendered their contracts to the council, and anyone who did work on these streets and had not received payment for it prior to the time the council took over the works had no claim whatever on the council, and so had no possibility of collecting from the council.

EXTRAORDINARY HAPPENINGS AT WHITTLESEA COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCILLOR'S QUALIFICATION QUESTIONED.

DECISION TO ISSUE QUO WARRANTO SUPREME COURT WRIT.

Extraordinary happenings marked the monthly meeting of the Whittlesea Shire Council meeting on Wednesday, when the Council, on the motion of the President (Cr. B. McCormack, J.P.) resolved to instruct its solicitor (Mr. J. Sabelberg) to apply to the Supreme Court for the issue of a Quo Warranto Writ against Cr. Evan McDonald, a member of the Council.

During the meeting Cr. McDonald asked that outward correspondence sent by authority of the council be read.

The secretary (Mr. Jas. Ryan) read a copy of a letter addressed to Cr. E. McDonald, at Glenferrie road, Upwey, as follows:—

"Dear Sir,—Under instruction from the President of the Shire of Whittlesea, I have to inform you that the qualification you possessed as tenant of a property at South Morang, upon which you were elected as a member of the council, according to information received, was extinguished some months ago. You will oblige by replying on or before the 8th day of August, 1930, whether you have any other qualification in the Shire, and, if so, where, and the date you acquired same.—Yours, etc., Jas. Ryan, Shire Secretary."

The President—That letter was sent at my direction.

A Point of Order.

Cr. McDonald—That letter was not sent by authority of the Council, and therefore should not have been read. I raise a point of order.

The President—The letter was sent by my authority.

Secretary Criticised.

Cr. McDonald—The letter would never have been sent if the secretary knew his duty.

The President—The secretary knows what he is doing. I ordered the letter to be sent, and (to Cr. McDonald) you can't say the secretary doesn't know his duty.

President's Action Questioned.

Cr. McDonald—The letter was not sent by the authority of the council. Outside the council chamber the president has no more authority than any other councillor to order letters to be sent. (Laughter.)

Move to Endorse President's Action.

Cr. L. W. Clarke—I move that the president's action be endorsed.

Cr. McDonald—That motion is out of order. To accept it will show ignorance, and that's what I like.

The President—At which end of the table is the ignorance shown? (Laughter.)

Cr. McDonald—The whole matter is out of order. I have obtained the opinion of the Municipal Association, and I know what I'm doing.

Onus on Councillor to Prove Qualification.

Cr. J. Downie—What difference does it make to the council if Cr. McDonald is not qualified? The onus is on him to prove his qualification, and he would be a fool to sit at the council table if he is not qualified. If he does, he is under a penalty of £50 for every such sitting. What right has any person to go out of his way and question another councillor's qualification?

The President's Duty.

The President—I think it is my duty to find out if a councillor is qualified or not. If a councillor is sitting here and moves motions, I think it is my duty to see that he is properly qualified under the Act.

Cr. Butler—The reading of this letter should not come in the reading of correspondence sent by authority of the council.

Cr. Scott—The responsibility, I feel, lies on the President to see that the business of the council is done in a legal manner, and that being so it is his duty to see that all councillors are properly qualified.

Cr. Fergusson—I think also that the president, as head of the council, should see that every councillor's qualifications are in order.

The President—If the council does not approve of my action I'll shoulder the responsibility. I would not have sent the letter if I was not sure that the council would have agreed to it.

Cr. Fergusson—I'll certainly vote to endorse the president's action. Cr. McDonald is always questioning the secretary's actions, and if he is not satisfied with the secretary, he should move a vote of censure.

Cr. Downie—Are we any better off now that this letter has been sent?

The President—It is a preliminary to further action.

Cr. McDonald (in a personal explanation)—There is only one way provided by the Local Government Act to test my qualifications as a councillor, and that is to prosecute me.

The President—That is not so. There are several ways.

Cr. McDonald—If this matter is proceeded with councillors will soon find out who is in the right.

President's Action Endorsed.

The motion endorsing the president's action was carried by eight votes to two. Crs. Downie did not vote, and Cr. T. M. Browne was absent.

DECISION TO ISSUE WRIT.

Later during the meeting the President said—Unfortunately Cr. McDonald's action has left me no other alternative but to move—

That the shire solicitor be instructed to apply to the Supreme Court for a writ of Quo Warranto against Cr. McDonald calling on him to state on what qualification he holds his seat as a councillor."

Cr. Reid seconded the motion.

Explanation of Proceedings

Mr. Sabelberg (council's solicitor).—The Local Government Act provides for one particular form of court proceedings when a councillor is sitting. When Cr. McDonald was elected he was a ratepayer and was properly elected, and was then qualified to sit. The council was later informed that Cr. McDonald's qualification had ceased, and he was politely asked to state how he was now qualified in regard to property, when he became so qualified, and where the property was situated.

Cr. McDonald Refused to Answer Questions

Continuing, Mr. Sabelberg said:—Cr. McDonald has refused to answer those questions, and the council now has no option but to apply for a writ calling on him to show how he is qualified. Whether Cr. McDonald can show that he is qualified or not, he will have to pay the costs of the application, and they would be pretty heavy.

Cr. McDonald said that Mr. Sabelberg had made one mistake in saying that he (Cr. McDonald) was a ratepayer That was not so. When he was elected he was liable to be rated, and he was still liable to be rated.

Mr. Sabelberg.—Where and when?

Cr. McDonald.—Since May 1.

Mr. Sabelberg.—Where is the property?

Cr. McDonald.—I refuse to answer.

"Council Should Go On"

Cr. Reid said that there was no doubt that the council should go on, even though it was not pleasant.

Cr. Clarke.—I think the president should have given notice of his motion, and have it discussed by a full council meeting.

Only Doing His Duty

The President—There is no need for that. I'm acting on advice and I'm only doing what I think is my duty, even though it be an unpleasant one, and I will not shirk it. (Applause). If Cr. McDonald would give the information asked for he would save a lot o trouble.

Cr. McDonald Seeks Time

Cr. McDonald.—If the motion is carried, will the council give me four days to make sure of my advice? That is not much to ask.

Would Hamper Proceedings

Mr. Sabelberg.—I can't see much objection to that, but I don't think it will serve any useful purpose, and it will only hamper my proceedings.

Explanation Sought

Cr. Scott.—I don't like to be mixed up in unpleasant matters, and this will lead the council no where. I think that Cr. McDonald should make an explanation and clear up the whole matter.

Mr. Sabelberg.—If Cr. McDonald will give the information the matter can be settled in five minutes. If Cr. McDonald cannot show he is qualified he is liable to a fine of £50 for every day he has sat here since he ceased to be qualified.

Cr. McDonald made no reply.

The motion was carried.

Short Stay Granted

Cr. McDonald.—I ask for four days in which to make a reply. I want to consult my solicitor.

The President.—You can settle that with Mr. Sabelberg.

Cr. McDonald.—Give me till tomorrow (Thursday) at 2 p.m.

Mr. Sabelberg.—All right. If I don't get an answer then the application will be made to the court.

The incident then closed.

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BILLIE DOVE in a powerful Drama of a Woman's Love

HER PRIVATE LIFE

AUSTRALIAN TALKIE NEWS.

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TALKIES & MOVIES

New Spring Coats Have Fur Trimming.

Fur seems to be the smartest trimming this season for spring showings of suits, and coats are all featuring lavish fur collar and cuff sets.

Rumors to the effect that fur-trimmed dresses are in for a revival have been borne out by the newest models, which show detachable capes with edgings of fur.

Of the flat furs, ermine skins and galyak, a smooth fur with a moire finish, are favored, while the luxurious fox and lynx furs are forming the flattering collars for the longer coats.

An example of a coat trimmed with

summer ermine may be seen in the stunning wrap worn by Kay Johnson in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "This Mad World." The coat, made of natural broadtail, which has a silky moire effect, is fashioned in a straight line cut. Being of a sports type, the coat does not follow the extreme length cut vogue, but ends just below the knee.

Unusual details are the barrel-style cuffs and muff collarette, which is secured by long fur ties, reminiscent of grandmother's day.

A small black velvet hat, with a close fitting brim in back, accentuating the frame of fur around the face, is worn with this costume.

Miss Johnson wears a number of smart outfits in "This Mad World," a William De Mille production.

Arnold Korff, who plays a butler in America and a German soldier in the trenches, in Buster Keaton's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer war comedy temporarily titled "Forward March," has been decorated three times by the German, Spanish and Belgian Governments, for notable work on the screen and stage in Europe.

Ramon Novarro, now on a vacation trip in the Middle West, during which he is studying with his old teacher, Louis Graveure, writes home to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer that he has been in twenty small towns, travelling incognito, and has not been recognised yet. Of course he used his family name, Samienegos, and wears dark glasses. He wonders if even Lon Chaney can top this record.

Padded pavements are the latest discovery due to talking pictures. New pavements at the Metro-Goldwyn Mayer studios are being laid over a foundation of absorbent wool, so that no reverberation will "click" in the microphones. These pavements are for "street sets" or exteriors.

Perils of Stardom.—Big Names on Defensive.

Stardom holds as many terrors as it does joys for the motion picture actor. It places him constantly on the defensive, for, although the big moments in the film are his, he must defend them against minor players, ambitious to make their mark on the screen. By making William Powell a star, Hollywood has turned the tables on him. As a Paramount featured player, Powell enjoyed the reputation of being a scene thief. No matter how insignificant the role he portrayed, this suave actor always achieved the applause of film audiences by the sheer force of his dramatic ability.

Powell, who has just completed work on "For the Defence," his latest Paramount talking production, recognises the situation and welcomes it. "Competition is the life of acting," he says. "An actor is like a champion sprinter in that he is at his best when matched with capable persons."

"For the Defence," which was directed by John Cromwell, is the third Paramount all-talking picture in which Powell has starred with success. He is supported in the film by Kay Francis, William Davidson, John Elliott, Thomas Jackson, James Finlayson and Scott Kolk.

Introduction of technicolor has brought many new industries in the motion picture studios. The latest to be added was a complete dye works built at First National Studios for "Gold Diggers of Broadway." The plant was installed for tinting and coloring the hundreds of costumes used by the large cast in this picture.

Clara Bow has been outside the State of California only once since her arrival as an unknown player a few years ago. Recently she left the State for a short visit to her home town, New York.

Nancy Carroll is 5ft. 4in. tall, weighs 8 stone 2 lbs., and has red hair and blue eyes.

Ruth Chatterton can act, write and compose. She has been a stage and screen star for the past ten years. Two of her plays have been produced on Broadway, and more than half a dozen musical compositions are accredited to her.

Maurice Chevalier, popular French film star, likes boxing above all sports. He is quite handy with the gloves himself, and keeps fit by his daily encounters with the punching bag at Paramount's gymnasium.

Screen Makeup.—Individuality Stressed.

Although the primary object of making up artists for the screen is to emphasise the individuality of the performer, one of the greatest tasks of the studio executives is to convince the actors of the importance of looking natural, according to Frank Ross, makeup artist at the Paramount New York studios.

"The purpose of make-up for the screen is to emphasise the character of the actor, not to camouflage it," Ross explains. "During the filming of 'Dangerous Nan McGrew,' the Paramount all-talking picture in which Helen Dane is featured, we made up James Hall with soft shading over his cheeks. This was done to slightly decrease his high cheek-bones.

"After that, every extra player in the studio wanted to be made up in exactly the same way. Had we obliged them, all would have looked dish-faced, and the result would have been grotesque."

"Dangerous Nan McGrew," which was recently completed at the New York studios, was directed by Mal St. Clair, the man who made Harold Lloyd's "Welcome Danger." The principal supporting parts are played by Stuart Erwin, Frank Morgan, Victor Moore and Roberta Robertson.

After a scene is shot on the Warner Bros.' lot it is "played back" immediately. "Play-backs" are merely sound reproductions of the scene, and can be given as soon as they are recorded, while the film must be developed before it can be shown. Hearing their dialogue come back to them aids the players and director in judging how best to do the scene when it is taken again.

"Most of the well-known actresses in pictures have a morals clause in their contract," says Miss Alice White, First National star, who will shortly be seen in "Show Girl in Hollywood." "My contract contains one—I suppose they thought that with the kind of roles I play perhaps I needed it more than most. I have to conduct myself at all times in a decent and respectable manner' in my private life, and 'promise and agree to do nothing that might injure my reputation as a star or reflect upon the company,' and so on. "I also have to keep my weight within bounds—that's the case with all screen leading women and feminine stars—and preserve my health and looks. Of course, there are dozens of other things to be observed, too. Having a nice fat contract has its drawbacks—although it certainly has its advantages, too.

STAR AND GOWERVILLE THEATRES

"Showboat" and "The Love Parade"

"Show Boat," at the Star and Gowerville Theatres, for three nights commencing on August 18, should have a great appeal, as the public taste at the moment is for a revival of good old-time tunes. In this mammoth talking and singing production such old favorites as "Swanee River," "Dixie," "Old Black Joe," "Ta Ra Ra Ra Boom De Ay" are included. In addition special music, including "Ol' Man River" and "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" is featured. This colorful epic of the Mississippi Valley and Chicago in the last generation embodies the love story of Magnolia, the young show boat girl.

Maurice Chevalier at Week-end

For the week-end at both theatres, commencing on August 21, the first original operetta to be produced on the talking screen, "The Love Parade," will be shown. Maurice Chevalier, the most popular of the talkie stars, plays the lead, with Jeanette McDonald in the supporting role.

THE WESTGARTH TALKIES

This Friday and Saturday, August 15 & 16.

SUE CAROL and DIXIE LEE in

THE BIG PARTY

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A LADY TO LOVE

Children under 16 not admitted.

Mickey The Mouse Cartoon—"PLOWBOY."

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, August 18, 19, 20.

WILLIAM HAINES, ANITA PAGE, KARL DANE in

NAVY BLUES NAVY BLUES

And AILEEN PRINGLE and IAN KEITH in

PRINCE OF DIAMONDS

Children under 16 not admitted.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 21, 22, 23.

LILA LEE and GEORGE JESSEL in

LOVE, LIVE AND LAUGH

And CONSTANCE BENNETT in

RICH PEOPLE RICH PEOPLE

Children under sixteen not admitted.

For Reservations Ring JW 2033.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

For this week-end Nancy Carroll and Harry Green are featured in a lilting comedy, "Honey," and "Her Private Life," the supporting picture, is the drama of a woman's life and love.

"The Gold Diggers of Broadway"

This long-awaited attraction, "The Gold Diggers of Broadway," is coming to the Northcote Theatre for six nights, commencing on Monday. Several members of the cast at one time tripped it in the choruses of New York musical shows and individually rose to fame as stage and screen stars. Now they are back in the chorus, but as featured players. The modern miners in "Gold Diggers of Broadway" appear as members of a Broadway chorus. But through a hilarious series of fast-moving events they prove that many of the petty vices generally attributed to them are not too well grounded. Nancy Welford and Conway Tearle have the leading roles, while other principal parts are acted by Ann Pennington, Winnie Lightner, Lilyan Tashman, Albert Gran, Helen Foster, William Bakewell, Nick Lucas, who sings five songs, Lee Moran, Neely Edwards, Julia Swayne Gordon, Armand Kaliz and others.

Radio Pictures Producing in Alaska.

Rex Beach's "Silver Horde" and "Iron Trail" are to be produced on a lavish scale in Alaska. George Archainbaud will direct "The Silver Horde," which will feature Evelyn Brent and Joel McCrea. Raymond Hatton and Louis Wolheim are included in the cast. The director and stars for "The Iron Trail" have not yet been announced.

Gibraltar as Background.

Betty Compson is in the midst of a cycle of war dramas. She steps from the role of Babka in "The Case of Sergeant Grischa" into "Inside the Lines," Earl Derr Bigger's war tale depicting life within the mysterious confines of Gibraltar. This is a stirring and breathless tale of spies, their plots and counterplots, and will give the Radio Pictures' star plenty of dramatic moments in which to emote. Roy J. Pomeroy is to direct. It's his first assignment at the Radio Pictures studios.

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2—"ACE OF SCOTLAND YARD. Talkie Serial
3—Laurel and Hardy in "BATTLE OF THE CENTURY."
4—MICKEY THE MOUSE.
5—HEAD OF THE RIVER BOAT RACE.
6—FOX MOVIETONE NEWS
7—AUSTRALIAN NEWS REEL.
8—SEMI-FINALS MICKEY THE MOUSE COMPETITION.
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100 per cent. Talking.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Second Feature—LOWELL SHERMAN in

HE KNEW WOMEN

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Remember—"GOLD DIGGERS" will be shown for One Big Week.

WESTGARTH TALKIES

"Navy Blues"

The romance of a shop girl, played against a variegated setting that ranges from a tenement to an elaborate roof bungalow and a gorgeously modernistic modiste's establishment, and further adorned with comedy and half a dozen of the season's catchiest songs—that, in a nutshell, is "The Big Party," to be screened this week-end. A strong cast includes Sue Carol, Dixie Lee and "Whispering" Jack Smith. Vilma Banky will made her first full-length talking screen appearance in "Lady to Love."

Adventures on land and sea, comic complications on a destroyer, combined with a romantic drama showing William Haines, mark this star's first all-talking picture. "Navy Blues," on Monday. Much of the picture was filmed aboard a battleship, and Haines, as a festive gob, gets comedy out of all the appurtenances of a destroyer. Anita Page makes a charming heroine, and Karl Dane provides some uproarious comedy moments. Another powerful all-talking production is "The Prince of Diamonds," a colorful stirring drama of love and adventure.

In "Rich People" on Thursday the scenes of the story are laid in Vienna, and the theme deals with a woman who kills a man in defence of her honor, with dramatic results. Constance Bennett is supported by Regis Toomey and Robert Ames. Lila Lee, David Rollins and George Jessell are featured in "Love, Live and Laugh," a human drama of Italy. There are three beautiful ballads and a number of Italian folk songs introduced. Gay street festivals provide a colorful background.

REGENT TALKIES

Great kiddies' attractions are billed for the matinee on Saturday. Mary Pickford in "Little Annie Rooney," is supported by Laurel and Hardy, Mickey the Mouse, Australian news and "The Ace of Scotland Yard." Free gifts and community singing are included.

"The Gold Diggers of Broadway"

For one whole week, commencing on Monday, comes this huge attraction to the Regent Theatre. In brief, "Gold Diggers of Broadway" is one of the most amusing and gorgeous entertainments in full color ever seen on either screen or stage. Its appeal is universal it sends audiences away delighted and happy, humming the tuneful strains they have heard from the screen. Never was dialogue more snappy, pithy and humorous, nor delivered with more skill. Roy Del Ruth's direction is excellent, and Larry Ceballos has surpassed himself in the stage ensemble. Nancy Welford, Ann Pennington, Lilyan Tashman, Helen Foster, Winnie Lightner, and Gertrude Short take the roles of the chorus girls, while other parts are played by Conway Tearle, Nick Lucas, Albert Gran, William Bakewell and many others. Born in Italy, he tried business in a tile factory, but soon bought a banjorine and guitar which, after cabaret work, he eventually organised his own band and later sang over the radio. Musical comedies claimed him for a time, and now he makes his debut in talking motion pictures in a prominent role in "Gold Diggers of Broadway."

The Monday support will be a hard-boiled sailor—William Haines—in a laughable sketch, "Navy Blues." On Thursday the second picture will be "He Knew Women," a masterpiece of subtle comedy and splendidly enacted talking drama of modern manners. Lowell Sherman and Alice Joyce are featured.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—"GOLD DIGGERS OF BROADWAY" will be screened only for Three Nights (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) at the Merri: on Thursday, Friday and Saturday a Complete Change of Programme as usual. You will not be obliged to sit a picture out the second time.

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STAR AND GOWERVILLE THEATRES

COLORING COMPETITION

The winners this week are Nancy McHugh, Agnes Ross, Thelma Stead, Ray Kelly, Cora Miller, Alfred Goodfellow, Marjorie Horsfield and Chris Edwards.

STOLEN PONY RECOVERED

Last Tuesday week a pony, the property of Mr. Conybeare, of Ballantyne street, Croxton, was stolen from his residence. The police were notified and the animal was subsequently recovered late on Friday night wandering near the Fitzroy end of St. George's road. The pony showed signs of having been hard worked.

Costly Drapes.

Five miles of rich damasks, velours and decorative hangings of the Louis XIV. period were utilised in "dressing" the lavish "sets" in Radio Pictures' original screen operetta, "Dixiana," starring Bebe Daniels and Everett Marshall. This was the estimate made by Frank Vert, RKO drapery expert. The cost was said to be in excess of 50,000 dollars.

BUNDOORA

There was a largely attended social and dance in the public hall on Tuesday evening arranged by the Ladies' Guild of All Saints' Anglican Church.

Three scenes taken at random from the Universal Super Special, "Show Boat," which will be screened at the Star and Gowerville Theatres for three nights, commencing on Monday, August 18. Laura La Plante and Joseph Schildkraut head the huge cast of players.

UNEMPLOYED GRANT

£400 FOR ELTHAM COUNCIL

The Government has allotted £400 to the Eltham Council under the Unemployed Relief Grant, to be subsidised £ for £ by the council, and the money to be spent on labor only.

The council was requested to submit weekly returns of all men employed, the amount expended and other details.

The secretary (Mr. P. J. McMahon) said that little consideration was shown by the department for the men. Some men had asked to be enrolled at Kangaroo Ground, and then they had to go to Eltham to register at the police station. Then they had to go up to Panton Hill to the foreman. It was "over the fence."

Cr. [illegible].—We had a lot of difficulty [illegible] department [illegible] being registered at [illegible] of going into town.

Cr. Ryan.—Yes, and they go to register and there are no cards available. It is a lot of red tape.

Cr. Price.—The Minister evidently wants a mass of records.

The Secretary.—If the Premier can't get up and say that so many have been found employment it might mean the downfall of the Minister. (Laughter).

Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE

SUNDAY NEXT, AUGUST 17.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Usual services.
Rev. A. H. Constable, Vicar.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY.

AUGUST 17—NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
Holy Communion 8 and 11
Evensong 7.
Preacher—The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

8 a.m.—Holy Communion
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Preacher—The Rev. Bright Parker.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET

Morning 11
Evening 7.
Rev. A. T. Jones. Anthems—"I Will Give Thanks" (Mozart). "O How Amiable."

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

NORTHCOTE.
11 a.m.—Pastor E. C. Perkins
7 p.m.—Dr. S. J. Hoban
PRINCE OF WALES' PARK
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD
11 a.m.—Mr. P R Bock
7 p.m.—Pastor E. C. Perkins
CROXTON
11 a.m.—Rev. E. Lechte
7 p.m.—Rev. W. H. Guard

CHURCH OF CHRIST High Street, Northcote.

11 and 7—Pastor A. E. Illingworth. Subject—"A Bible Flashlight."

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

SOUTH PRESTON
11 a.m.—Rev. H. Williams
7 p.m.—Mr. R. Crocker, M.A.
PENDER'S GROVE.
11 a.m.—Rev. H. T. Rush
7 p.m.—Mr. W. J. Gray
OAKOVER ROAD.
11 a.m.—Mr. W. J. Gray
7 p.m.—Rev. H. T. Rush

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ANNUAL ORANGE AND VIOLET SUNDAY.
11 a.m.—"Flowering Lives." Special Music by Children's Choir.
7 p.m.—"The True Liberty." Worship God and serve His sick children.

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THE Gospel of the Grace of God will be preached D.V. on SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, at 7 p.m. All welcome. Children will be heartily welcomed to the Sunday School at 3 p.m.

City of Preston.

WEST WARD—ANNUAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF POLL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Candidates have been NOMINATED for the OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR, viz.:—

CHARLES THOMAS CRISPE.
WILLIAM JOHN HEMBURROW.
ERNEST FRANCIS WILLIAMS

For the WEST WARD, and as the number of Candidates exceeds the number of Councillors to be elected a POLL WILL BE TAKEN for the ELECTION OF ONE COUNCILLOR on THURSDAY, the 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1930, at the following places, viz.:—

BRADFORD HALL, High Street, Preston.
METHODIST SCHOOL ROOM, Murray Road, Preston.
SHOP, T. F. Brown, 647 High St., near Tyler St., Preston.
ST. GEORGE'S HALL, Byfield St., Reservoir.
S. P. SLEITH'S OFFICE, 607 Gilbert Road, Preston, and at
SHOP in Gilbert Road, opp. Burgess Street.

The Poll will commence at eight o'clock in the forenoon and will close at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated this 15th day of August, 1930.

WILLIAM THOMAS ROBESON.

Returning Officer for the West Ward of the City of Preston.

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City of Northcote.

ELECTION OF ONE COUNCILLOR.

WEST WARD.

THE provisions of Voting by Post, also provisions for Compulsory Preferential Voting (as altered by the Governor-in-Council) are applicable to this Election.

Notice is hereby given that the following Candidates have been duly NOMINATED for the OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR for the WEST WARD of the City of Northcote:—

ALAN CHARLES BIRD.
JAMES ARTHUR HOGAN
FREDERICK NORMAN LEE.

As this exceeds the number to be elected a POLL WILL BE TAKEN on THURSDAY, the 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1930, for the ELECTION OF ONE COUNCILLOR for the said Ward of the said City at BELL'S HALL, corner Normanby Avenue and Stott Street; at the MARQUEE erected in Arthurton road, adjoining the railway line; at the CHURCH OF CHRIST HALL, Smith Street, near St. George's road; and at the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rennie Street, Northcote, commencing at 8 a.m. and closing at 8 p.m. on the aforesaid day.

J. O. HUGHES,
Returning Officer. West Ward.
Dated this 13th day of August, 1930.

City of Preston.

CENTRAL WARD—ANNUAL ELECTION.

NOTICE OF POLL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Candidates have been Nominated for the OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR, viz.:—

GEO. CLUNY McPHERSON.
HENRY PETER ZWAR.

For the CENTRAL WARD, and as the number of Candidates exceeds the number of Councillors to be elected a POLL WILL BE TAKEN for the ELECTION OF ONE COUNCILLOR on THURSDAY, the 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1930, at the following places, viz.:—

TOWN HALL, High Street, Preston.
METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM, corner of High and Tyler Streets, Preston, and at the
RESERVOIR BAND ROOM BUILDING, 760 High Street, Reservoir

The Poll will commence at eight o'clock in the forenoon and will close at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated this 15th day of August, 1930

GILBERT ERNEST ROBINSON,

Returning Officer for the Central Ward of the City of Preston.

City of Preston.

EAST WARD—ANNUAL ELECTION.

NOTICE OF POLL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Candidates have been Nominated for the OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR, viz.:—

THOMAS WILLIAM ANDREWS
ALBERT EDWARD NEWTON.

For the EAST WARD, and as the number of Candidates exceeds the number of Councillors to be elected a POLL will be taken for the ELECTION OF ONE COUNCILLOR on THURSDAY, the 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1930, at the following places, viz.:—

SHOP, Mrs. Lynch's, 338 Plenty Road, Preston.
CHURCH OF ENGLAND BUILDING, corner Tyler Street and Plenty Road, Preston.
PRIVATE GARAGE at residence of C. Wittig, "Gleneska," 101 Dundas Street, Preston.

The Poll will commence at eight o'clock in the forenoon and will close at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated this 15th day of August, 1930.

ROBERT HENRY ERNEST MAYNARD,

Returning Officer for the East Ward of the City of Preston.

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Four large rooms, two 16 x 12, one 15 x 12, 13 x 10; S.O., por, bath, etc., tiled recess 1 fire stove, fernery, splendid order, newly renovated, sewered, E.L., motor ent., granolithic paths, garden lawns, etc. Land 40 x 120, close St. George's Rd. tram, Northcote station, boys' High School. Title, Certificate. Terms at Sale. For Absolute Sale. Auctioneer—

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CITY OF PRESTON.
(Re-ADVERTISED).

TENDERS, accompanied by a cash deposit of five per centum (5%) of the amount of tender, addressed to the Mayor, will be received at the Town Hall, Preston, up till 4 p.m. on MONDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1930, for the following works, viz.:—
THE CONSTRUCTION OF HAWKER AVENUE, ELLISON STREET, and PART OF SHAKESPEARE AVENUE.
Alternate tender, earthwork only.
Plans and specifications may be seen at the Engineer's Office.
Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
It is optional for contractors who have already tendered for this work to re-tender.

W. H. SCOTT, C.E.,
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Star of Northcote, I.O.R.

The fortnightly meeting was held on August 7, Bro. E. Youl, C.R., presiding over a good attendance. One new member was initiated. Various reports were received, including the half-yearly meeting of the District Council by the tent's delegate (Bro. J. Woodgate). A welcome was extended to Bro. Hinton (South Yarra) and the Fairfield bowls team. At the close of the business the A bowls team met Fairfield and an evenly-contested game resulted in a win for the visitors by 16 to 12. The visitors were afterwards entertained at supper. The next meeting (quarter night) will be held on August 21, when Bro. S. Dennis, D.D., will preside. The syllabus item is "Grievance Night."

Entertainments

City of Preston.

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Sequel to Football Brawl at Preston

POLICE SERGEANT ASSAULTED

BARRACKER PICKS A "WRONG 'UN."

When the Preston United and the Bell Star Football Clubs played a match at the Bell St. Park, Preston, last Saturday, there was a lot of excitement which was not caused by the match.

During the afternoon a number of free fights took place, and Sgt. Lang, who was at the match in civilian clothes as a spectator, was obliged to intervene. When he did so, he was assaulted and knocked down, and his hat was trampled into the mud. Nevertheless he arrested his assailant, and later lodged him in the lockup, despite a threatened "rescue" by a portion of the crowd, which was hostile.

These were some of the facts related at the Preston court on Thursday, when William John Grainger, a butcher, of Gilbert road, Preston, was charged with having assaulted Sergt. Lang in the execution of his duty.

Several Fights

Walter O'Doherty said:—I was at the match, and during the afternoon several fights took place between the players and barrackers.

"Stand Back, Police"

Sgt. Lang went to arrest a man who was fighting, and I went with him. I said, "Stand back, police," and Sgt. Lang seized his man.

Momentary Hush

There was a momentary hush and then someone said, "Don't let him take him."

Sergeant Felled

Grainger came along and swung a blow at Sgt. Lang, knocking him down. I intervened and Sgt. Lang let go the first man and seized Grainger, who had also fallen over.

"Game Frightfully Rough"

Mrs. Rosanove (for Grainger).—The game was frightfully rough?

Witness.—Yes.

At times it developed into a free fight?—Yes.

Did Grainger get a kick on the head during the fighting?—I didn't see it, but it was quite likely. (Laughter).

Do you know Grainger?—Yes; he is a decent young fellow.

Was Arresting Another Man

Sgt. Lang said:—Grainger struck me whilst I was arresting another man.

Attempt at Rescue

When I got Grainger into my car a portion of the crowd which was hostile surged round the car and tried to effect a rescue. Grainger did not try to get out of the car.

Had To Hit Someone

Later I asked Grainger why he hit me and he said, "I had to hit someone." (Laughter).

Mrs. Rosanove.—Not a wise choice surely! (Laughter).

Sgt. Lang.—Grainger had had a few drinks.

Mrs. Rosanove made a plea for leniency.

Should Go To Stadium

Mr. Walker, J.P. (to Grainger).—If you want to indulge in pugilism you should go to the Stadium, where you would be welcomed. (Laughter).

Fine of £5

A fine of £5, with £1/15/ damages, was imposed on Grainger.

The damages are for the sergeant's hat, which was trampled into the mud and ruined.

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ADULTERATED MILK

CASES AT PRESTON.

TWO DAIRYMEN HEAVILY FINED

Two dairymen were fined £10 and £20 respectively at the Preston Court on Thursday for having sold adulterated milk. In one case Mr. Walker, J.P., said that this class of offence was most serious, as inferior milk would have an injurious effect on infants, and might even cause death.

Alexander H. Capp, dairyman, of Goodwin street, West Preston, was charged with having sold adulterated milk on June 29.

Mr. A. Wilkinson (prosecuting for the Preston council) said the milk was 14 per cent. deficient in total solids and 11 per cent deficient in fatty solids.

Left Can on Street Corner

Mrs. Rosanove (for Capp).—This man sold the milk in the same condition as he purchased it. When going to Thornbury he often left a can on the corner of Dundas street and picked it up when returning.

Capp said he had been in business in Northcote for 15 years and in Preston for three years, and his milk had never been questioned before. He had since found that one of the wholesale dairies had been sending him inferior milk and he had stopped that supply.

Mr. Wilkinson.—You leave a can on the corner of Dundas street for about three-quarters of an hour?

Capp.—Yes.

Is that taking every precaution to see that the milk is not interfered with?—Nothing has happened to the milk before.

Frederick Capp said he was at the dairy when the cans received from the wholesale dairyman were opened, and every precaution was taken to see that the milk was not interfered with.

Saves the Horse

Mr. Wilkinson.—Do you know your brother's practice of leaving a can in the street at Dundas street?—Yes.

Is that protecting his customers?—It saves the horse on these slippery roads.

Mr. McMahon, J.P.—And to save his horse he risks the lives of children?

Followed Example of Others

Witness.—Other milkmen leave cans in the street.

Mr. McMahon.—Because other people hang themselves it is no reason why you should do likewise. (Laughter).

A fine of £10, with £3/13/ costs, was imposed.

ANOTHER CASE

Maximum Fine Imposed

A. Horne, Dundas street, Thornbury, was similarly charged.

Mr. Wilkinson said the deficiency in this case was 8.5 per cent. in fatty solids, 17 per cent. in solids not fat, and 15 per cent. in total solids, and it indicated added water.

Was Not Delivering Milk

Inspector Iles said:—I purchased the sample from one of Horne's drivers. At first the driver said he was not delivering milk, but I found he had a hand can under a rug and a number of bottles of milk stacked at the back of the seat.

George Blair said on June 29 he was working for Horne delivering milk.

"The Man in the Street"

Mr. Wilkinson.—Is that the kind of milk you always delivered?

Witness.—No.

Who did you buy it from.—Another milkman whom I don't know. It was dark. (Laughter).

Mr. McMahon.—The same old tale of "the man in the street." (Laughter).

Horne.—Your Honor——

Mr. Walker, J.P.—We haven't got to that stage yet. (Laughter).

Driver Told To Buy Milk

Horne said the milk was short that morning, and he instructed his driver to purchase some from another milkman.

Horne admitted two previous convictions for similar offences.

Fine of £20 Imposed

Mr. Walker.—The bench has to consider the lives of infants, to whom inferior milk might do infinite harm and even cause death.

The maximum fine of £20 was imposed, with £3/17/6 costs.

AN UNUSUAL CASE.

BAKER ASKS FOR HELP—AND GETS A SUMMONS

A case with many unusual points was heard before the Preston court on Thursday, when George F. Carrodus, Plenty road, Preston, was charged with having failed to maintain premises used for the manufacture of food in a clean and sanitary condition.

Inspector Iles said when he went to the bakery he found a quantity of manure in a yard alongside the bakery, and there was about six inches of water in a cellar underneath a store room attached to the bakehouse.

Requested to go to Bakery

Mr. Hoare (for Carrodus).—Did you go to the bakery at the request of Mrs. Carrodus?—Yes; she asked me to have a look at the cellar.

Did Mrs. Carrodus want you to induce the landlord to have the cellar cleared of water?—Yes.

Is the cellar used as a storehouse?—Not to my knowledge.

Between the shop and the yard you speak of there is a brick wall?—Yes.

Inspector Iles (to the bench).—I have no fault to find with the bakehouse or the shop. Both are kept in splendid order.

Mr Hoare said Carrodus had a lease of the premises, and he had asked the inspector to help him to induce the landlord to put the cellar in order, as after every rain water seeped into it.

Hard on Carrodus

It would indeed be hard if Carrodus was to be hoist on his own petard. (Laughter). The tenant asked for help from the inspector, and the help was given—in the form of a summons.

Case Adjourned

After some further argument the case was adjourned for one month to enable something permanent to be done to prevent seepage into the cellar.

BY-LAW BUILDING CONTRAVENED

At Preston court on Thursday W. J. Clayton, contractor, of Emmaline street, Croxton, was fined £5 for having failed to connect up drains for the removal of storm water from a house he had built in Newcastle street, Preston, in contravention to the Preston council's building by-law.

ACCIDENT TO HORSE

A severe loss was sustained by a young vegetable hawker on Wednesday. He was driving his delivery van down the hill in Westbourne grove when his horse fell. As it appeared to be hurt and was unable to rise the assistance of those in charge of a motor truck was obtained, and eventually the animal was raised; but in the afternoon it was found to be so severely injured that it had to be destroyed.

At the Preston Girls' School evening dressmaking and millinery classes re-commence on Aug. 25. Details are advetrised.

SUCCESSFUL PUPILS.

Left to Right—Maurice Fothergill, Joyce Greenhalgh, and Sheila Nicholson, who passed in the recent London Cillege Examination of Elocution. They are pupils of Miss Iris Jones, of Preston.

UNEMPLOYMENT

RELIEF MEASURES IN NORTHCOTE

During the past two months there have been several relief agencies in Northcote, and with a view of co-ordinating all efforts of these societies, both from the point of view of the acquiring of funds and the distribution of relief, the mayor (Cr. Hayes) recently convened a meeting, the outcome of which was the formation of a Central Relief Committee, which is to take control of the whole of the efforts in the city. An executive committee was formed consisting of representatives of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, the Unemployed Committee and the Churches, and it is proposed to establish two depots—one at the town hall and the other at the tramway engine house, a section of which has been made available, and providing sufficient support can be obtained from residents there will be a distribution of soup daily and food two days per week to those who are not being accommodated under the Government sustenance scheme. No person will be assisted until registration has been effected at the town hall in order that duplication will be avoided as far as possible. The Northcote council has agreed to instal coppers at both depots and will meet the expense of administration, other than food supplies, up to the end of September. With a view of obtaining the interest of citizens in the movement the mayor has convened a meeting of representatives of every organisation in the city, and this will be held on Friday evening next in the town hall at 8 p.m. It is proposed to wait on citizens for weekly contributions, either of goods or money, and it is estimated that £100 per week will be required to cover wants of those in distress. Any person desirous of contributing to the fund is requested to communicate with the town clerk, town hall, Northcote, N16.

INTER-ASSOCIATION DEBATE.

On August 13 a debate between East Preston Progress Association and Regent Central Progress Association was held in the Tyler St. State school, the subject being "Which Leads More to Crime—Riches or Poverty?" Mr. N. De Laine was in the chair and Mr. Norrish was again adjudicator.

Mr. Maxwell (R.C., Riches) said the rich had the time and money to carry out crimes. He dealt with the actual perpetrator and the "fence." They were also able to indulge in bribery and corruption.

Mr. Andrews (East Preston, Poverty) dealt with education and environment. The children of the poor had poor opportunities. Poverty was a large contributing factor. Slum conditions fostered crime.

Mr. York (R.C., Riches) instanced several serious crimes by the richer classes. Banditry in Chilna was organised by rich men; gambling dens; embezzlement by those in comparative affluence; the Tea Pot Dome petrol scandal in America.

Mr. Houghton (E.P.) referred to heredity and its influence; also to the anguish caused by poverty and want of food. Such must have an influence on childhood. Hence criminals mostly came from the poorer sections. The children of the rich were removed from such sordid conditions. The prisons were filled with those drawn from poorer classes.

Mr. Barling (R.C.) (Riches) referred to the Hatry swindles, fraudulent bankruptcy, and company promotion and insurance swindles and civic scandals in N.S.W., and the giving of secret commissions to secure contracts.

Mr. O'Meara (E.P.) referred to the child and its home life. Poverty induced weakness and eventually crime.

The adjudicator awarded the verdict to Regent Central by 8 points, complimenting both of the teams.

Floral Fair

Adjutant and Mrs. Abel give a hearty invitation to all to a Floral Fair in the Salvation Army all, corner High and Gooch streets, on August 21, 22 and 23. The opening ceremony will be performed by the ateing mayoress (Mrs. J. M. David) on Thursday at 3 p.m., and Lieut.-Col. D. McClure will preside. On Thursday night a programme will be given by the Rossmoyne street Presbyterian Church choir, and the mayor (Cr. W. Hayes) will preside. The Thornbury Band and Songsters will give an excellent programme on Friday evening, and on Saturday the Croxton Methodist Church Choir will entertain. Cr. S. Dennis will be the chairman. A sale of gifts will be held each evening at 7.45 o'clock, and on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Traffic Button

The council has decided to install a traffic button at the corner of High and Clarendon streets, at a cost of £5.

Preston Tradespeople Who Offer Value for Your Money

Activities at Preston

By The Rouseabout.

Mayoress' Guild

AN enjoyable afternoon was spent in the town hall, Preston, on Aug. 13, at an Australian tea in aid of the unemployment relief fund. A good attendance of ladies was present. A splendid programme was arranged by the secretary (Mrs. L. Stanlake), the artists assisting being Miss Morgan, overture piano; Mrs. Smith, accompanists; songs by Mr. Noel Bunker, Miss Bolle, Miss Marjorie McFadden, elocutionary items by Miss Marjorie Rae, Miss Sheila Nicholson and Miss Iris Jones. A vote of thanks to the artists was proposed by the mayoress (Mrs. M. McPherson). The result of sale of gifts to the amount of £5/15/, will be handed to the unemployed fund.

Preston Footballers' Dance

OWING to the Preston Football Club foregoing the use of the town hall to-morrow night for the benefit of the local unemployment relief committee, the weekly dance will not be held. On Saturday, August 30, the popular fixture will take place, when the third semi-final of the fox trot competition will eventuate. The committee are doing all in their power to make the worthy occasion successful.

East Preston Social Club Mayor's Appeal

THE picture night arranged at the Gowerville Theatre was most satisfactory, £5/15/ being realised. Everthing points to a bumper house at the Town Hall when the club will hold a euchre and dance night. It is hoped a good sum will be handed over to an appeal fund. The club is deeply indepted to Mr. H. P. Zwar, and Cr. A. Newton for their valuable help and most generous donations.

Dance and Card Party at Regent

VERY delightful was the Dance and Card Party held at "Macedon" Rona St, Regent, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crew on Saturday evening for the West Preston Progress C.C. Amongst the guest were the mayor and mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. G. McPherson). The Mayoress carried a sheaf of daffodils and Iceland poppies tied with blue and gold ribbons (the colors of the club). The hostess wore a frock of black lace with a black georgette coatee embossed with a floral design. The prizes for the evening were won by the guests: Mrs. J. Swanston and Mr. J. Inglis for cards and the Mayoress and Mr. Delaney being the successful participants for the lucky numbers. Dancing was indulged in till well on to midnight, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" closed an enjoyable evening.

Preston A.N.A.

THE members of the Preston South branch of the Australian Natives' Association are reminded that the next meeting (August 28) is Quarterly Night. After the usual business, a social will be held—dancing harmony, etc. Members' wives and lady friends are invited, and a pleasant evening is anticipated. Supper is to be provided by the branch members.

Baby Health Centre

JULY:- Attendances 1,008; adults, 502; babies, 506; new cases 77. The attendances at the centre for the last few months, and especially during July may be regarded as records.

False Alarms.

ON Friday last, and again on Tuesday, false fire calls came from the corner of Mansfield and Newcastle Sts, Preston.

State School Banking Account

THERE is about £2,000 standing to the credit of children attending West Preston State School, in the Savings Bank.

The Orange Peel Danger

IN almost every street in Preston may be seen orange peel thrown by careless persons on the footpaths. Children offend to a large extent, but grown-ups in many cases are also to blame. On Tuesday afternoon in Murray Road, an elderly woman slipped and fell heavily to the ground. Fortunately she escaped injury. The practice is a most dangerous one, and a little foresight is desirable.

Motor Car Thefts

FOR several weeks numerous thefts of articles from motor cars have been reported to the police. Drivers are not safe in leaving cars unattended for even a few moments, as thieves appear to be on the lookout for every available opportunity. This week there has been more than the ordinary number of cases reported, including the following:—

About 9.30 p.m. on August 18 Chas. E. Harding, Elizabeth street, North Richmond, left his motor car outside Fettling street, Preston, and during his temporary absence a rim, tube and tyre, valued at £3/10/, were stolen.

While visiting friends at Plenty road, Preston, on Monday afternoon, Ernest Carlton, wood machinist, of Southernhay street, Preston, had a radiator cap, pair of wings, and a motor meter, valued at £2, stolen from his motor car.

Victor Ebling, contractor, Paterson street, Albert Park, left his car outside a shop in Jessie street, Preston on August 14, where an auction sale was being conducted. On returning Mr. Ebling missed a leather kit bag containing a set of drawing instruments, shaving outfit and clothes to the value of £4.

Between 7.30 and 11 p.m. on August 13 a radiator cap, valued at 15/, disappeared from a car owned by T. G. D'Arcy, Dover street, Flemington, which was left outside a house in Collier street, Preston.

A space steel wheel, tyre and tube were stolen from a car belonging to Thos. Love, Clarendon street, Northcote, when he was paying a visit to friends on the corner of Gilbert and Murray roads, Preston. The value of the missing property is given at £3.

Housebreaking and Stealing

BETWEEN 1.30 and 4 p.m. on August 12 a brown suit, valued at £10, was stolen from the house of Frank Higgins, linesman, Junction street, Preston. Entrance was effected by forcing a back window.

A Bicycle Stolen

BETWEEN 9.30 p.m. on August 11 and 6 a.m. on the following day a bicycle valued at £10 was stolen from the back verandah at the home of William Curnow, Beauchamp street, Preston.

Wilful Damage

ABOUT 8 p.m. on August 17 the telephone box on the corner of Murray and Plenty roads, Preston, was damaged to the extent of 15/, the indicator and lock inside the telephone box being destroyed.

Theft From Shed

BETWEEN 9 a.m. on August 15 and 11 a.m. on August 17 a set of block and tackle, valued at £10, was stolen from an open shed at the premises of the Builders' Brick Co., Raglan street, Preston.

Naval Superstitions

UNDER the auspices of West Preston Progress Association Mr. Seabrook delivered a lecture on Wednesday evening entitled "Naval Superstitions." Graphic accounts of the loss of the British destroyers, H.M.S. Negro and H.M.S. Hoste, also H.M.A.S. Sydney's simultaneous fight with the German Zeppelin L43 and five submarines, was eagerly listened to. During intervals the following vocal items were rendered by Mr. Noel Bunker:—"Bells of the Sea," "Captain Blaze," "Davey Jones' Locker" and "The Dover Patrol." Community singing was also indulged in. Mr. Garrett made an efficient pianist.

Cramer Park

THE ground management committee of Cramer Park met last Saturday evening and decided to recommend that drainage works to the extent of £250 be carried out on the playing arena as a preliminary step to the scheme proposed to be carried out at a future date, when the whole of the ground will be drained. A suggestion was made that the gate money from football matches be applied towards the expenditure. After consideration the committee decided that the recommendation be referred to the estimates.

Lecture by Captain Jacka, V.C.

IN the Memorial Hall, Preston, on Tuesday evening Captain Albert Jacka, V.C., M.C., delivered a lecture illustrated with lantern slides of the campaign in Gallipoli and France. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Donath. At the conclusion of the lecture Captain Jacka was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Preston Serenaders

THE Preston Serenaders paid a visit to Macleod Sanatorium on Thursday evening and provided a musical programme, which was greatly appreciated. The Preston Mothers', Wives' and Sisters' organisation supplied supper for the company.

Soldiers' Dinner

THE annual dinner of the Preston branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. proved an enjoyable function in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening. Over 100 persons sat down to dinner, and a first-class musical programme was provided.

Unemployment

LAST Friday evening there was a large attendance at a meeting presided over by the mayor in connection with the local relief movement. A report was presented showing that since May last £727/18/1 had been received towards the relief of distress, and large quantities of food, clothing, groceries and fuel were distributed. Cr. Robeson was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and similar compliments were passed to Messrs. N. T. Osborne and W. H. Davis. Appreciation was likewise expressed at the assistance rendered by the mayor and mayoress and Mr. H. P. Zwar.

Owing to unpropitious weather the wood promised from Bundoora has not yet come to hand. A resident of Little River has notified Mr. Zwar that he will contribute a quantity of firewood at an early date. The tri-weekly distribution continues at the municipal buildings, and there are as many applicants as ever. Clothing is as badly needed as when the depot was first started, and food supplies and groceries will be welcomed. At a meeting of the Mayoress' Guild it was decided to donate the money in hand, amounting to about £14, towards the relief movement.

At the forthcoming municipal elections Preston poll clerks and presiding officers will be selected as far as possible from the ranks of the unemployed.

West Preston Hall

THE overdraft on the West Preston hall has been reduced to £467/2/7. Considering the short time the hall has been erected this is considered something in the nature of a record. It is anticipated that within two years the overdraft will be cleared up.

Lighting Station Approach

REFERENCE was drawn to the lighting at the approaches of the Regent railway station on the "down" side, between Regent and Stewart streets, at the meeting of the West Preston Progress Association on Wednesday evening. It was decided to get into touch with the commissioners with a view to having better lighting provided.

Motor Wreckers

A MASCOT was stolen from a car which was standing in Rona street, West Preston, on Thursday, August 14. On Sunday, also in Rona street, a spare wheel and tyre were removed from a motor car owned by Mr. Farrell. Another car had the tools removed.

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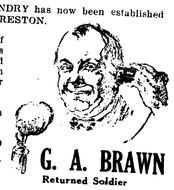

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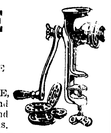

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HEIDELBERG COUNCIL

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Present: Crs. Van (chair), Pitcher, Service, Hannah, Nellie Ibbott, Coate Daley, Phillips, Leach, Santon, Middleton.

Correspondence

From J. Bennett and Son's Football Club,asking if Pitcher's Park could from the expiration of present occupancies be leased for a period of 12 months or more, and at what rental, as they are desirous of making improvements to the football ground for the next football season.—Request cannot be granted, but application for use of ground will be considered next year with other clubs.

Secretary, Yarra Bend National Park Committee, (a) suggesting that arrangements be made for band recitals to be given during next summer and asking if the Heidelberg Municipal Band would participate.—Agreed to. (b) Advising that applicants for cricket pitches should be made on or before August 20.—Received, and one to be reserved for Fairfield if possible.

From Fairfield C.Y.M.S. Football Club, making application for (a) Fairfield football ground for semi-final and final matches on August 30, September 6, 13, and 20.—Agreed to Fee £1/1/ per day; (b) use of Heidelberg or Sill's Bend Reserve for August 30 and Sept. 6.—Agreed to if not required by other clubs; Fee £1/1/ per day.

Branch Cricket Club, R.S.S.I.L.A., Fairfield, making application for use of Fairfield Park oval during 1930/1 cricket season.—To be considered September meeting.

Fairfield Cricket Club, making application for use of Fairfield Reserve for 1st and 2nd elevens during coming cricket season, and inquiring whether council will give consideration to the preparation of a turf wicket.—Secretary of club to submit before next Committee meeting full details regarding cost of wicket and maintenance thereof.

C.Y.M.S. and Loyal King George Cricket Clubs, making application for use of Pitcher's Park during the coming cricket season.—To be considered with other applicants in September and to be given first preference.

L. Carpenter, offering to purchase old boiler lying near the shire boundary at Merri Creek, Fairfield.—Price price fixed at £5.

Bysouth, asking for increase in price for garbage collection at Fairfield.—No action.

J. T. Nelson, calling attention to lack of drainage facilities at the rear of his property, Rayment St.—Engineer to prepare estimate for drainage scheme.

General

On Cr. Ibbott's motion it was decided to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Bennett for delivering two trucks of firewood on behalf of the charities organisation.

On the motion of Cr. Ibbott and Coates, it was decided that the secretary notify the inspector of Weights and Measures about a shortage in firewood weight. Cr. Ibbott said she was told of a woman who purchased a 1 cwt. of wood and found it 9lb short.

Building plans passed for month of July.—Fairfield: 1 brick addition to factory, 3 Garages, 1 Addition, 1 Outbuilding.—6. Ivanhoe: 2 brick Houses, 1 Washhouse reconstructed, 1 Garages, 2 Out-houses, 1 Addition.—10. Heidelberg: 2 Signs, 1 Garage, 1 Addition, 1 Outbuilding.—5. Greensborough: 1 Dairy, 1 Garage, 1 Outbuilding.—3. Total 24.

Motions of sympathy were passed to the president (Cr. Bryant) and the manager of the gasworks, both of whom are laid up.

Speaking of the Boy Scouts, Cr. Ibbott referred to the good work that had been done by Cr. Coate.

On the motion of Crs. Ibbott and Coate, the council agreed to contribute £25 for the purchase of firewood for families in relief of sustenance, and on Cr. Daley's motion the sum is to be spent on a fair basis amongst the wood merchants.

On the motion of Cr. Daley it was decided to dispense with the services of a man who had been working for the council and was a resident of Box Hill.

Cr. Coate moved and Cr. Phillips seconded, that the engineer only employ men who are residents of the shire.—Carried.

A notice of motion by Cr Pitcher—that all tenders be opened and dealt with by the Public Works Committee, was lost. The present system will prevail, the Electric Light, Gasworks and Council committees opening their own tenders.

Engineer's Report

Fairfield.— In addition to the usual sweeping and cleansing of channels, the following works have been carried out.—

Footpaths have been trimmed and ashes spread ready for tar paving in Rathmines St., on east side from Duncan St., to beyond Separation St. and in Evans St. on both sides. On south side of Heidelberg Rd. between Austin St. and Station St., footpath has been tondressed with colas, also in Station St. on east side between Heidelberg Rd. and Railway Place south.

Repairs with pre-mixed toppings have been made in Station St on footpath on east side between Mitchell and Separation Sts., and on the west side betwen the same points. Repairs have been made to old tar painted gravel path with plain toppings. Footpaths have been repaired in Railway Place north, Wingrove St. and Railway Ave.

On the Outer Circle bridge the outrigger footpaths have been tarpaved at the request of the Public Works Department.

In Railway Ave. from Toolangi Rd. to Grange Rd., roadway has been scarified and metalled, rolled and penetrated with bitumen. In Station St. from Separation St. to northern boundary, road has been scarified and shaped up and rolled, watered and blinded.

Repairs have been made in Fulham Rd. Grange Rd. and Mereil Rd., Naroon Rd., Toolangi Rd., Yarana Rd., Bennett St., Parklands Rd., Mitchell St., Darling St., White St., Fairfield Rd. and Separation St. near Arthur St.

On Heidelberg-Eltham road minor repairs have been made between Merri Creek Bridge and Darebin Creek bridge.

On Yarra National Park road, near Fairfield Park pavilion, 6 inch spiral riveted culvert to take water from shower bath etc. has been extended across roadway to water table and necessary regrading of same done.

Plumbers and gas cuts have been repaired in various streets.

Repairs have been made to pipe culvert at corner of Fulham Rd. and Separation St.

In connection with local unemployed relief, men have been engaged in trimming nature strips on footpaths and haunches of roadway in Rathmines St., and Gillies St., south of Railway Park Crescent, Station St., south of Heidelberg Rd., also Arthur St and Austin St., south of Heidelberg Rd.; work is proceeding at present in Alphington St. Total number of men employed including this week is 28 married and 12 single men.

Gasworks

The committee reports there are 4,427 consumers; total for the month, Nil. Receipts for the month £3,570/0/8, and disbursments, £2,494/11/7.

Altogether 113 applicatons were received for free services as follows: Fairfield, 48; Ivanhoe, 15; and Heidelberg, 22. It is proposed to connect the first 20 received from each riding at once, and others after the end of the financial year.

Under the agreement with the council to guarantee interest on the cost of the outlay, a gas main is to be laid down along Warncliffe Rd., and Veitch St. at an estimated cost of £250.

Electric Light

The committee reported there are 5,942 consumers; total for month, 13; street lights, 747; Receipts for month, £3,927/1/11, disbursements, £2,490 18/2.

Street Lights.—Fulham road, leading to Outer Circle bridge, 3 lamps; Tower avenue, 2 lamps; Lowther street, 1 lamp; Ivanhoe parade, between Heidelberg road and Westley avenue, 1 lamp; corner Eyrie and Allandale road, Aberdeen street, 1 lamp.

Seven tenders were received for new motor truck, which were referred unopened to the public works committee to deal with.

FAIRFIELD NEWS

DANCE FOR UNEMPLOYED AT FAIRFIELD

A dance organised by Misses Joyce Heller and Lily and May Pattinson was held in St. Paul's parish hall, Fairfield, on July 26 in aid of the unemployed of Fairfield. There was a large attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Crs. Coate and Phillips addressed the audience, and said they were pleased to be present to support the efforts of the young people who had organised the dance for such a worthy object. Donations were received from some of the local tradesmen and city firms. Cr. Coate read a list of donors and thanked them on behalf of the committee. The proceeds amounted to £15/15/10, and were disposed of as follows:—Fairfield Unemployed Relief Committee, £11/18/4; unemployed musicians, £3; expenses, 17/6. The committee take this opportunity of thanking Rev. W. J. T. Pay and the vestry of St. Paul's for the use of the hall; also all who helped to make this effort such a success.

HEIDELBERG ROAD GRANTS

The Heidelberg council has been informed by the Country Roads Board that the grants covering expenditure for the coming year are as follow:—Heidelberg-Eltham road, £1,500; Heidelberg - Warrandyte road, £550; Greensborough - Hurstbridge road, £2,000; and main Whittlesea road, £150.

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Maiden Eight.—T. Edbrooke, bow; A. Rawady, 2; A. Bown, 3; L. Gibson, 4; C. Sproule, 5; E. Ferrier, 6; A. Ryan, 7; C. Kranz, stroke; H. Gischus, cox.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1930.

The monthly meeting of the Preston Mayoress' Guild was held on Tuesday. There was a good attendance of members. The result of the Australian tea on August 14 was satisfactory, and a cheque for £6/5/ will be handed to the unemployed relief fund. The secretary (Mrs. L. Stanlake) handed in her resignation. Nominations were taken for officebearers for the ensuing 12 months, as follows:—Vice-presidents, Mrs McPherson and Mrs. Allchin; secretary, Mrs. Shaw; treasurer, Mrs. Williams.

An amount of £5/16/8 was raised by the Reservoir School Committee at a social on August 16 in aid of the mayor's relief fund. The committee is also working in co-operation with the head teacher to ensure that no child attending the school will be without proper nourishment.

The event of the year will be held at the Preston town hall on Thursday, August 28, in a Cinderella ball and card party, with old time and modern dancing to suit both young and old. Euchre will be played in the old town hall, commencing at 8.30 p.m. sharp, the prizes being £3, £1 10/ and 10/. Stubley's band will provide the music. Mr. Tom Ralph has kindly donated the evening towards the prince and princess carnival.

During the past fortnight many thefts of canaries have been reported from various suburbs. Among the sufferers is Mr. Percy Thomas Alpin, Bent street, Northcote, who had 35 birds taken, valued at £5.

New Insolvencies.—Herbert Aubrey Cecil Stoneham and Annie Girling, widow, both of St. George's road, Thornbury, formerly carrying on business at Munro street, West Brunswick, under the firm name of A. Girling Motor Transport. Causes of insolvency: Seizure of partnership trucks under hire purchase agreement, undercutting of prices, and insufficient capital. Liabilities, £679 4/6; assets, £650/18/4; deficiency, £28/6/2.

On August 30 the Thornbury Red Cross will hold a novelty night at the Memorial Hall, Northcote. Good music, prizes and refreshments have been arranged by an energetic committee, and tickets may be obtained from any of the auxiliary members, Mrs. Hayden (president) or Mrs. H. C. Scott (secretary).

Miss Vida A. Lugg, Bachelor of Music, announces tuition in pianoforte and singing. A prospectus may be obtained from Mr. C. Gordon, 60 Northernhay St., Regent.

A social and dance will be held in the Progress Hall, Gilbert road, Preston, on Aug. 25. There will be good music by well-known artists. Details are advertised.

Applications are invited for the coming season for umpires to officiate in the Northcote and Preston Protestant Churches Cricket Association, which has extended its activities and increased its fees. Applications are to be lodged with the secretary in time for the annual meeting, which takes place in the Northcote (High St.) Methodist schoolroom on September 1. For particulars see advertisement.

EAST PRESTON STATE SCHOOL

On Friday morning at the East Preston State School the swimming certificates won during the last season were presented by Mr. A. B. Carthew (chairman of the school committee). He detailed the nature of the tests for the certificates, and urged all the scholars to obtain a swimming certificate before leaving school. The generosity of the Preston City Council in setting aside certain hours for the district schools to use the baths is to be commended, and the privilege is much appreciated. Mr. Carthew also presented to Edna Kruse the Education Department's bronze medallion for proficiency in swimming and life saving. The examiner said that Edna had done excellent work.

Through the mayor, a framed picture of the baths and carnival was forwarded to the school.

The scholars who received certificates were:—Junior—Albert Mitchelson, Hector Smith, Alf. Beck, Tom Morton, Lovell Jones, Fred Foxwell, Robt. Jones, Ruby Battley, Mavis Tenant. Senior: Edna Kruse. Bronze Medallion: Edna Kruse.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

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DRIVEWAYS IN PRESTON

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For weeks past feeling has been running high in many newly constructed streets in Preston. It appears that driveways over footpaths have been put in by certain contractors, who have apparently charged the Council, who in turn have charged the ratepayers what sum they thought fit. Through the publicity given to this matter by the "Leader," in conjunction with the Regent Central Progress Association, a special meeting of the Preston Council was summoned by the Mayor (Cr. McPherson) to hear the charges and complaints laid by ratepayers.

As a result of this meeting a special officer of the council has been deputed to hold an inquiry forthwith.

A special meeting was convened by the Mayor (Cr. G. C. McPherson) on Saturday evening at the Preston Town Hall to meet representatives from Oakhill Av., Queen St., Edgar St. and Mason St. The town clerk (Mr. L. W. Williams) and the engineer (Col. Scott), together with Crs. Robinson and Robeson, met about 30 ratepayers from the various streets where crossings had recently been constructed.

Mr. C. Barling outlined the causes which led up to the resentment of residents in being in several cases requested to pay for street crossings they did not authorise. Other residents had been verbally quoted one price and charged considerably more.

How the authorisation signatures were obtained months after the work had been completed was explained by Mr. H. York. He requested that this book be produced.

Examination of the authorisation book disclosed the fact that the signatures of wives had been obtained in many cases, whilst in others no signatures had been obtained. In the latter cases no accounts had been rendered.

This applied to several crossings in Mason St., Swift St., Brighton Ave., Erin St. Oakhill Ave. and Byfield St.

Comparison of accounts disclosed the fact that in some cases in Oakhill Ave. the cost of crossings varied from £4/16/- to £5/16/-, when actually the crossings were the same size.

The engineer explained that this was a mistake. He had measured several crossings and discovered that at least seven had been incorrectly measured and the wrong price charged.

Cr. Robinson suggested that three sets of figures be got out, showing the actual cost of crossings, the allowance on slabs and laying, and the correct cost of crossing after allowing for slabs not used, and that amended accounts be sent to all concerned.

In Mason St. the charges varied also, despite the fact that actually the crossings, with few exceptions, were the same size.

Mr. D. F. Dunbar, speaking on behalf of Mason St. residents, said the contractor had in some cases obtained verbal authorisation for the work and had quoted £5 for crossings. Many of the accounts were in the vicinity of £6. Other people had been misled.

Mr. Black asked the engineer if it was a matter of "putting it over the people?

The engineer—Not quite.

Mr. Fitzgerald said the matter of the crossings should be reviewed by the whole of the council. He was disappointed at not seeing more councillors present. If the contractor had given a quotation of £5 it should be adhered to. To him it seemed that the crossovers were "perks." Each man had a grievance. Many of the owners were now out of work and they should not be called upon to pay an excessive cost. The people were not being treated fairly, and the method of getting the signatures months after the work had been completed was not regular and in accordance with proper procedure. It seemed that those who refused to sign escaped liability and the cost was added to those who would eventually be called upon to pay. The question as to the legality of the signatures had also to be considered. Speaking for the Regent Central Progress Association, he felt that this matter should be cleared up before other streets were constructed.

The Mayor—An officer of the council will be reputed to go into the matter forthwith. A statement would be submitted to each person concerned.

It was reported that in Percival St. the original cost was £7, but this had been reduced to £4/15/-

The engineer—The foreman fixed the costs in Percival St. at £4/15/-

Voice—A pity he did not fix it in all streets.

Mr. A. Painter said that the state of affairs in Preston was a great discredit, and the crossings were a scandal. He was surprised to see only three councillors present. The charge was against the officers and administration, and he thought apathy was being shown by the councillors in not being present. The council should investigate the matter thoroughly. He could not imagine any private business being run on the lines the Preston Council was.

The Mayor—The meeting has been called on an off night.

Continuing, he explained that different methods had been adopted by the council, and they were considering a report which, if adopted by the council, would materially alter the present methods.

Cr. Robinson—A complete statement of the charges should be submitted to the committee.

In reply to a question the engineer stated that the contractor had not been paid in full for Oakhill Ave., about £20 being outstanding.

The Mayor gave an assurance that a full investigation would be made and the matter reported to the council.

REGENT TALKIES

"The Gold Diggers of Broadway," with Winnie Ligntner, is the fare for to-night and Saturday. This brilliant technicolor spectacle is an all-talking, singing and dancing feature of a different kind. The support is splendid.

For Monday's change "Paris" and "So Long Letty" are the features. Irene Bordoni, with her French accent and wit, is the star of "Paris," and has the role of a French actress, a darling of Paris, who falls in love with an American youth because she believes he has a nice, sweet mother. Her stage partner is also in love with her, but she never takes him seriously. The nice old lady doesn't turn out so sweet and so the actress sours on her Pilgrim Father lover after a lot of comic entanglements. The support is "So Long Letty," which is full of laughs at the singing, clowning antics of the long, lanky Letty, and the complications which ensue when two dissatisfied husbands change wives! You will shout with glee when they give Grandpa the works in the Turkish bath! It is rollicking farce, made from a great stage comedy, with Charlotte Greenwood at her funniest and best.

The midweek change brings "Let's Go Places," which features mirth and merriment in large quantities. Several spectacular ballet numbers and a background of Hollywood show spots, with irresistible songs, are responsible for much of the film's popularity. Joseph Wagstaff and Lola Lane enact important roles in this entertaining story of two adventurers and their conquest of the screen capital, with Frank Richardson, Walter Catlett, Charles Judels and Ilka Chase furnishing most of the comedy. A Parisian wax works supplies the background for "Seven Faces," Fox Movietone all talking feature. Paul Muni is featured with Marguerite Churchill and Lester Lonergan. Muni plays seven roles in the production, a feat never before attempted on screen or stage by any actor. A Mickey Mouse cartoon will also be shown.

CENTRAL PRESTON

The match between Preston United and West Preston resulted in a win for the former by 8.10 to 3.12. United's best were Grierson, Cordell, Aitken, Tannock, Cameron; goal kickers, Lang (2), Chatley (2), Grierson, Aitken, Munro, Stokie. West Preston's best were McDonald, Owens, Goodluck, Haddick, Sayers; goal-kickers, Marr, Owens, Wilson. Next Saturday United play South Melbourne at Albert Park.

On Saturday an interesting event at Preston Memorial Hall was the presentation of trophies won in connection with the euchre tournaments. Aggregate prizes were awarded to Mrs. Knight and Mr. Buchanan, also special prizes to Mrs. Dinning and Mr. Gore.

It is stated that Victorian Roads Ltd. has decided to compensate Mr. H. Britton, who was serious injured some months ago when the excavator got out of control. Mr. Britton is still on crutches.

Repayments

The Municipal Association has resolved to ask the Government to extend the time for repayments on private streets from the present 10 year period to 15 years, at the option of the municipalities. This matter was brought forward by the Northcote Council.

NORTHCOTE PARISH BALL

A SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.

The first parish ball of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Northcote, was held at the Northcote Town Hall on Tuesday evening. The function was a "wind-up" of the golden jubilee celebrations of Rev. Fr. J. J. Gallivan, P.P., who is now in the 51st year of his ministry.

It is many years since a Northcote "parish" ball was held, and amongst the older members present there was a good deal of thinking before it was recalled that the last function of a similar kind was held about 20 years ago, when the late Fr. Murphy was parish priest, but the function could hardly have been termed a parish ball, as it was held at the Cathedral Hall, which is outside the parish.

An energetic committee had charge of the arrangements, which, to say the least of it, were in perfect order.

The hall had been beautifully decorated in shades if pink and scarlet, the walls being draped with swathes of the contrasting colors. Oriental panels and lattices intertwined with paper flowers in autumn tints, and central hangings in similar shades created a very artistic effect. The stage was embowered in greenery and fringed with pot plants, giving a splendid effect.

The attendance numbered about 400 and a gay and happy throng they were. Cares were forgotten, and the evening went with a swing.

Debutante Set.

A debutante set of 24 couples had been arranged, and was probably the largest debutante set ever seen in Northcote, and those responsible for it are to be congratulated on the success achieved. The debutantes carried 1830 posies, and looked charming in their white dresses. The movements of the set were carried out gracefully and with precision, reflecting great credit on the instructors (Mr. and Mrs. M. Stretton).

The debutantes were received by the Mayor and Acting Mayoress, who were accompanied by Mesdames Cooper and Gorey (matrons of honor). The acting Mayoress wore a frock of pink and silver moire. The hostess was Mrs. B. Gorey, who was attired in red crepe satin and lace, with uneven hem. The chaperons were Mrs. J. F. Cooper in shell pink crepe satin, ankle length, with two frills, and short georgette coat to match, and Mrs. Devery in black chenille velvet and georgette.

Little Miss Annette McLellan, who was beautifully dressed in mauve tiered georgette in early Victorian style, presented a handsome bouquet to the acting Mayoress.

The debutantes and their partners were Mr. H. Andrews and Miss B. Wright; Mr. Gannon and Miss McGuinness; Mr. Previs and Miss Sandwell; Mr. Davies and Mr. Kean; Mr. Myers and Miss Myers; Mr. Toney and Miss Avard; Mr. Avard and Miss Avard; Mr. Avard and Miss Kennealy; Mr. Barker and Miss Howe; Mr. Gardner and Miss Black; Mr. Buckner and Miss Sheridan; Mr. Ryan and Miss Miller; Mr. Kean and Miss Evans; Mr. Kenny and Miss McNally; Mr. Baker and Miss Nymaus; Mr. McDonald and Miss Ferguson; Mr. O'Sullivan and Miss Hodges; Mr. Smark and Miss Straughair; Mr. McNally and Miss McKay; Mr. O'Brien and Miss Salvado; Mr. Kenny and Miss Barnes; Mr. Erchard and Miss Erchard; Mr. Lavery and Miss Delsoppe; Mr. Marnell and Miss McKay.

The Catering.

The catering was in the hands of Mrs. Olorenshaw, of Normanby Hall, Thornbury, and left nothing to be desired. The tables were well provided with good things, to which full justice was done. One of the guests after having sampled the supper expressed the opinion that the catering far surpassed that which he had experienced in other suburbs south of the river—which is indeed a high compliment.

At an interval Fr. Gallivan welcimed Mayor Hayes and the acting Mayoress (Mrs. David), and said he was pleased at the large attendance, which had helped to make the ball such a success. He complimented the Mayor and Mayoress on their year's work, during which they had upheld the prestige and dignity of the city.

Mayor Hayes, in responding, congratulated Fr. Gallivan on his robust health, even though he was then in the 51st year of his ministry. (Applause.) Fr. Gallivan had been in Northcote for 7½ years, and during that time had endeared himself to all. (Applause.) His record was one of which anyone might well be proud. (Applause.) Continuing, the Mayor said that some years ago, whilst at Gisborne, Rev. Fr. Gallivan was regarded as one of the finest huntsmen in the State, he at that time using a horse when travelling on his parish duties at Gisborne. The Mayor wished Fr. Gallivan health and strength, and hoped that he was but starting another half century of service. (Applause.) Of the debutantes the Mayor spoke highly, saying they were some of the finest he had yet seen. (Applause.)

Fr. Gallivan welcomed Messrs. W. J. Beckett, M.L.C., and Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., Minister for Railways, who were welcomed with cheers.

Mr. Beckett said that lately Parliamentary men had not been cheered—perhaps because they didn't deserve it. (Laughter.) Of Fr. Gallivan he would say that he was widely known and respected, and had won the hearts of all during his long and faithful ministry. (Applause.)

Mr. J. Cain M.L.A., proposed "The Debutatnes," and paid them many compliments on their sweetness and charming deportment.

Mr. McDonald responded on behalf of the debutantes, saying that they were embarrassed by the bounteous compliments. It was a memorable night, and one they would long remember. He expressed thanks to Mesdames Gorey (hostess), Devery and Cooper (chaperons of honor), to Mr. Duffy, who had given his services at the practices, to Mr. R. H. Hamilton, who had arranged the set; to Mr. Stretton, who had trained the set (Applause.)

The Committee.

The ball committee, to whom the credit is due for the success of the function, consisted of Messrs. A. Gorey (chairman), J. Frawley, E. Waldron, J. Tracey, W. Greene, J. Devery, V. Banks, Mrs. J. F. Cooper, Misses K. and A. McGuinness, Misses K. and E. Hollis, and Misses Herlihy, V. Comans, A. Howe and Coghlan. Messrs. R. H. Hamilton and J. O'Brien were the joint honorary secretaries.

Every credit is due to the committee for the excellence of the arrangements.

Mr. Les. Sharp assisted as master of ceremonies, and his witticisms and tact did much to make the evening enjoyable. The music was supplied by Chandler's orchestra, which gave splendid service.

It was a tired but happy throng which dispersed in the vicinity of 2 a.m.

Amongst the dresses noted were:

Mrs. Ahern, blue georgette and silver lace.

Miss A. Beveridge, cardinal chiffon velvet, finished with green flower. Miss Ida Binn, white georgette and net, relieved with jade. Mrs. Breen, black lace and spray on hip wrap of green Indian shawl.

Miss A. Coghlan, rose pink satin. Miss R. Coghlan, flame georgette. Miss E. Clancy, green taffeta. Miss Jean Seymour-Cole, white georgette and lace. Mrs. M. Comans, black lace frock, with short matching lace coat. Miss V. Comans, amethyst blue net over blue and silver. Mrs. Costigan, black crepe satin. Miss Kath. Costigan, buttercup georgette. Miss Mary Costigan, black georgette and lace.

Miss Mary Dickson, jade green romaine, Paton model.

Miss M. Foster, shell pink satin uneven hem. Miss Bobby Fyffe, Lido blue spotted net, frilled frock, relieved with flower trail.

Miss M. Gilson, geranium red georgette. Mrs. H. A. Gordon, red georgette. Miss Bonnie Gorey, blue georgette.

Miss E. Hollis, rose pink georgette. Miss Edna Hodgens, pink georgette falling in full flare to the toes, and green Bolero coat. Miss Jo. Hodgens, black taffeta, pink spotted net top bodice and hemline.

Miss Vera Jackson, tight fitting bodice of mauve taffeta, with tulle skirt with taffeta bands. Miss Genevieve Jones, ankle length white ninon relieved with effective touches of red, and worn with a beautiful lace coatee. Miss Con. Jowett, black lace and ninon. Miss Leila Jowett, white satin and tulle. Miss Kath. Joyce, black georgette.

Mrs. J. Kelleher, green georgette. Miss Mollye Kean, green and pink floral chiffon. Mrs. M. Kelly, flame colored ninon and pearl trimmings. Mrs. Kenny, black lace and bridge coat. Mrs. M. Kenny, black frock and floral ring velvet. Miss Eileen Kenny, flame georgette falling in full flare to toes.

Mrs. McCristal, black romain. Miss A. McGuinness, coral pink georgette. Miss K. McGuinness, green georgette. Miss M. McMahon, cream chiffon velvet applique; red satin flower. Miss Molly Madden, Nile velvet falling in uneven hemline to ankles. Mrs. Phil. Moon, black georgette. Miss Frances Murphy, primrose frock of heavy crepe, relieved with jade bracelets and shoes.

Mrs. J. E. O'Brien, black Brussels point lace and georgette. Miss M. O'Brien, blue georgette and lace. Miss Kitty Ogden, blue georgette trimmed with long pink spray of flowers. Miss Eileen O'Keeffe, blue georgette.

Miss Ethyl Pattison, lettuce green floral taffeta, trimmed with pink satin and green bow at back.

Miss Alymer Richardson, almond green georgette, with sequin trimmings set off with gorgeous diamente coronet. Miss Emily Rosso, scarlet charmeuse reaching the ground, with georgette flounces. Mrs. J. J. Ryan, flame satin and silver.

Mrs. Frank Trainor, black sequin frock, relieved with large pink sequin roses.

Miss Una Walsh, embossed blue georgette. Mrs. O. B. Walker, coral crepe satin, worn with coral chenille shawl. Miss E. Weate, black lace and georgette. Miss Alma Wheeler, ankle length blue taffeta, effective bow at shoulder. Miss Nell Whelan, pink moire. Miss Nellie Wilkinson, pink taffeta, trimmed with dainty Afee blue flowers and silk lace.

SOUTH PRESTON STATE SCHOOL

The South Preston State School Mothers' Club wish to thank all who have helped them to provide soup for children of unemployed attending the above school. Since the beginning of June the following provisions have been utilised:—624 large loaves of bread from Messrs. Wardell, Brown, Mayer and Hilton, Ingrams, Callander and McAlpin; 1040 bunches of vegetables from Messrs. Hawke, Smith, Chetkett, Preston Market and Dalli Bros., and the school children, together with a sack of onions from Mr. E. Madden; meat from Messrs. Watson and Paterson, Dinwoodie, Preston Market, and Newton; and 98 lbs salt from Mrs. Johnson. 1½ tons of wood for the coppers was donated by Mr. Francis, head teacher; 420 lbs. peas and 132 lbs. barley were purchased by the Mothers' Club.

The club is specially indebted to Mr. Jim Miller, the school caretaker, for his constant attendance to the coppers, and to Cr. Newton for his valuable assistance not only in financial matters but in the formation of the committee and advice regarding the sucessful conduct of the soup kitchen. It is largely due to the support of Cr. Newton and to enabled to provide a hot meal each school day for the large number of children attending our school.

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THE BOY SCOUTS

1ST PRESTON TROOP

Last Saturday we won the first semi-final football match, defeating 4th and 5th Brighton Troops by 12.14 to 7.8. Best players were S. and H. Dineen, D. Newman, J. Connell and R. Cordell (7 goals). On Saturday we play 6th Melbourne for the premiership. Our team will meet on Prince's Bridge at 2 o'clock. On Monday a house party was held at Mr. Passmore's, Tyler street, and on Tuesday at Mr. Gorrie's. On Saturday a social was held in the scout hall, and house parties were also held at Mr. Heather's, Albert Park, and Mr. Greenwood's, Reservoir. Miss Willis' committee has organised a "Back to Childhood" night for Saturday. Next Wednesday the usual evening will be held at the scout hall, also the monthly parents' meeting. Cubs will meet on Thursday. Parade will be at scout hall this Saturday afternoon. The cricket team will hold a meeting shortly to decide on entering a team in the Jika competition. The football team has been challenged by the Northcote Troop.

WHITTLESEA

Football.—Bourke-Evelyn Association—Epping, 12.9, d Donnybrook, 2.2; Whittleseat, 21.18, d Mernda, 1.1; Arthur's Creek, 6.10, d Midland Rovers, 3.6; Kinglake received a walk-ever from Reservoir.

At a meeting of the Whittlesea Fresh Milk and Produce Supply Ltd. Messrs. J. Downie, T. Hurrey, J. Gilpin, C. B. Irvine and R. J. Smith were elected directors. Two more are to be elected at next meeting. Mr. R. C. Dettman was elected secretary, Mr. J. Lowe was appointed manager of the dairy, and Mr. J. Gilpin, managing director. The output from the dairy has now reached 2300 quarts daily—a large increase.

Crown Lands at Kinglake.—About 40 unemployed are due to arrive at Kinglake this week, where they will be employed in clearing Crown lands and roads. The Closer Settlement Board, represented by Mr. O'Keefe, is in charge, and it is proposed to increase the number to about 200. About £6,000 is to be spent on labor. The object is to clear Crown lands ready for settlement, so that new settlers will be able to commence production as soon as they take possession. This work should be the means of increasing the production of the Kinglake district. Potato growing is the chief product of the land at Kinglake.

Whittlesea Tennis Club.—At the annual meeting the following officebearers were elected:—President, Mr. W. B. Campbell; vice-presidents, Mrs. C. C. Gibbs and Mr. Borton; secretary, Miss E. Howell; treasurer, Miss V. Westaway. The balance in hand is £21/17/2. It was decided to join the Whittlesea and District Association, and Messrs. Borton and Campbell were appointed delegates.

MERNDA

Another successful tennis dance was held on Saturday night in the Mechanics' Institute hall, and a good sum was added to the club funds.

The institute committee accepted a tender for the renovation of the hall, both inside and out. There is an overdraft of £80. It was stated that the overhead expenses were far in excess of the revenue. The secretary's salary of £10 a year, with the value of the rent allowance to the caretaker of £33 a year, was a heavy drain.

As the lamp at the corner of Bridge Inn lane and Plenty road has not been lit for many months, and as the corner is dangerous at night, it was decided to write to the council asking that the lamp be lit regularly. The council pays a salary of £6 for the upkeep of the lamp.

Attempts are to be made to remedy the defective drainage around the hall.

The P.M.G. has replied to recent complaints re loss of letters posted in the Mernda railway station box, and has informed the Progress Association that a slot posting box is to be installed in railway vans on Whittlesea line.

Anniversary celebrations of St. Stephen's Anglican Church will be held on Sunday, and on Wednesday there will be an old-fashioned tea meeting, with social and lantern lecture, and talk by Archdeacon Hancock.

All the churches of the district have been feeling the financial strain owing to dwindling population. The Anglican Church district has been unable to pay for its parish car, which has been in use for more than five years. The bank has now demanded payment from the guarantors.

SEPARATION

After the usual monthly free and easy service in the old Baptist Church on Sunday a public meeting considered the progress made towards the removal of flood waters over Cheapside lane. The action of the council, as shown in last week's "Advertiser," was considered, and it was decided to call a public meeting to discuss the advisability of forming a trust to watch council action and to take any action necessary. It has been suggested that the meeting should also consider the revival of the Progress Association, whose work is being done by one or two individuals who receive very little support.

A FREE GIFT COMPETITION.

BUSINESS MAN CHARGED WITH CONDUCTING A LOTTERY

FINE OF £2 IMPOSED

Innocent of any desire to transgress the law, a man may yet err through ignorance. This was the experience that befel John Francis Kneed, who conducts a business in Northcote under the name of J. H. Coles, when he instituted a free gift competition.

Kneed appeared beore the Northcote court on Tuesday to answer a charge of having on August 5 conducted a lottery. He pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. Home (Home and Wilkinson).

Detective Sergeant Deeley, who prosecuted, said:—About 11.15 a.m. on August 5 I went to J. H. Coles' store at Northcote and purchased a cup and saucer for 1/-

Was Given a Ticket

I was given a coupon bearing a number with the purchase. I then went to the front of the shop and saw a list of numbers in the window, and also a number of articles which were to be given to people holding corresponding numbers on their coupons.

Did Not Win

The ticket which I held was not a winning number. (Laughter). I returned to the store and saw Kneed, and told him I considered he was running an illegal lottery. He said, "The tickets are being given away." I said, "But I would not have got a ticket unless I made a purchase above the value of 3d." He said, "Yes." I said, "Then the price of the article and the ticket are one?" He replied, "Yes."

He Got Good Value

Mr. Home.—When you bought the cup and saucer you got good value for your money?

Witness.—I think so.

You were given the ticket after making the purchase?—Yes.

You weren't as lucky this time as at Richmond?—No (Laughter).

You did not ask for the ticket?

Mr. Home said the whole case rested on whether the bench considered a lottery had been conducted. Detective Sergeant Deeley had admitted the ticket had been given to him, and that his purchase represented fair value for his money. It was only a small matter, and Kneed did not know that he was coming into conflict with the law because similar competitions had been run for several weeks at other stores.

The P.M. (Mr. O'Grady) said there must be a conviction, and a fine of £2 would be imposed.

ATHLETICS

PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE CLUB

Track Season.—The club is looking forward to the approaching track season with great expectations, and as each Saturday is bringing the season nearer the aspirants for the representative team in the inter-club competition are already commencing training in preparation for the sprint trials on September 6, 13 and 20. Although the club has the services of several good 100 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards runners and walkers, who should hold their own against any opposition, there is a scarcity of good half-milers and field gamers. After W. Weightman's performance in the relay race at Williamstown he will probably represent the club in the mile event, while it is likely that R. Lewis will do the pole vault and H. Hankins the 440 yards hurdles.

Challenge Relay.—During the interval of the Preston-Williamstown football match a 2½ mile challenge relay race with the Williamstown Club was staged. Each club entered two teams. The A team, comprised D. McEachan (capt.), W. Weightman, E. Berry and A. Galagher, and the B team R. Johnstone, T. Wise, H. Hanken and R. Butcher. Results:—Williamstown A, 1; Preston-Northcote A, 2; Preston-Northcote B, 3. Won by 15 yards. Time, 10.45. The performance of the A team was most creditable, or the opposition was by no means weak, and the results speaks well for the club's prospects in the inter-club events. Weightman's run was most remarkable over three laps, and proves that he is a coming champion over mid-distances as well as 5 miles.

Five Mile Championship.—The five mile championship of Victoria will be held at Ballarat next Saturday. There will be no members from our club competing, as it is desired that the club be represented by the strongest team in the next junior five mile championship next June, and this is only possible by holding the present runners from senior events.

Pack Run.—A pack run with Williamstown will be held over the 10,000 metre course next Saturday, starting from St. Mary's, East Preston.

Junior Club—The junior club members are asked to commence light training in preparation for an inter-club contest with the Glenhuntly Juniors. The events will include 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, high jump and long jump, relay race and flag race. The date for this event has not been finalised.

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COLORING COMPETITION

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NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Before Mr. O'Grady, P.M., and Messrs. W. Hayes, A. H. Oldis, H. Evans and F. Jones, J.sP.

A Charge Withdrawn

A charge against William Franklin Dolphin of having committed grievous bodily harm on Mrs. Grace Watkins was withdrawn.

Mrs. Watkins died as the result of injuries following a motor accident. At the inquest last Friday Dolphin was committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter.

Bicycles Without Lights

Kenneth Costello was fined 10/ for having ridden a bicycle without a light.

Others fined for similar offences were:—Hubert Edgar James Smith, Chapman street, North Melbourne, £1; and Athel Wilkinson and Albert G. Hibbert, 10/ each.

Unregistered Motor Truck

Edward Wood was charged with having driven an unregistered motor truck on August 18.

Constable McNulty said he stopped defendant's truck which had chalked numbers. Later he found that the vehicle was not registered.

Constable Lewis, of the motor traffic branch, said the registration of a truck of this type would be about £50 a year.

Wood said that he was an employee and was instructed to use the truck.

The decision was delayed pending the hearing of the next case.

Richard Naylor, manager of C. E. Miller and Co., North Fitzroy, was charged with having on July 18 aided and abetted Wood to commit an offence, viz., driving an unregistered motor truck.

Constable McNulty said he interviewed Naylor, who admitted that he had instructed Wood to take the truck he was driving, and which was not registered.

A fine of £5 was imposed.

The case against Wood was then withdrawn by the police.

No Lights on Cars

Ernest Kimpton, Rathmines street, Fairfield, on a charge of having on July 19 driven a motor car without head or rear lights, was fined £3 in all.

For having driven a motor car without lights Albert John Proctor, Kingwilliam street, Preston, was fined £2.

Noisy Motor Cycle

Albert John Hildebrand, of Clyde street, who was charged with having allowed a motor cycle to emit an offensive noise in Victoria road on June 30, was fined £3.

Traffic Constable Grundy said the noise from Hildebrand's machine could be heard for a distance of 400 yards.

Show Cause Summons

Walter Davis was called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for non-compliance with a recognisance of £50 entered into under the Marriage Act.

The case has been before the court from time to time since February last.

The clerk of courts (Mr. Prowse) said that since defendant's release from prison on a recognisance in May last he had paid £111, and was now £50 in arrears.

The bench ordered that the recognisance be forfeited, and that Davis be committed to gaol.

By-laws Contravened

Robert Otter, Douglas parade, Williamstown, on a charge of having parked his car in Emmaline street on July 28, in contravention of a by-law of the City of Northcote, was fined £1/10/, with 2/6 costs.

Drove Across Footpath

Charles Weiss, Cardigan street, East St. Kilda, was fined £2, with 2/6 costs, for having driven a motor car across a footpath at the corner of Emmaline street and St. George's road.

Assault Charge Withdrawn

Leslie Rouse, Dennis street, Northcote, was charged with having assaulted John Henry Muller, of Winifred street, Northcote, on August 11.

Muller said on August 11 he was at premises in High street, Northcote, when defendant caught hold of him by the scruff of the neck, and also struck him. He wanted to withdraw the charge.

The P.M.—What was the reason for the assault?

Witness. — Defendant's temper seemed a little bit frayed. (Laughter)

Mr. R. R. Gray (for Muller) asked that the case be withdrawn, as all the parties were friends, and an apology had been tendered.

The case was withdrawn.

Debt

Mrs. E. Bellfield obtained an order against —. Hutchinson, formerly of Cambrian avenue, Preston, and now of Regent street, Preston, for £50, with £2/17/6 costs, or use and occupation of premises.

Goods to be Returned

Mrs. Bellfield obtained an order against Mrs. A. Ross, of Smith street, Collingwood, and formerly of Cambrian avenue, Preston, for the return of five electric light globes, an electric iron, and three blinds, valued at £4/17/.

Fraud Summons

Thomas Hartney, of Emmaline street, appeared to be examined on a fraud summons.

Hartney said he managed a dairy, for which he was paid £10 a week. Out of this he paid £4 a week to three assistants and 12/6 to his housekeeper, and he also kept these people. His wife had been ill for two months. He admitted that an order for £5/15/6 had been made against him in favor of Boyd and Jones.

An order was made or the payment of the amount at the rate of £1 a week, with £2/6/ costs.

OUR SERIAL STORY

DR. MORRISON'S CHAFFEUR.

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(Continued)

Mr. Vesey-Birket paused in the scullery and divested himself of his soaked outer clothing.

"That man spoke very well for a chauffeur," he said thoughtfully. "Of course, that explains it—Morrison told me he was getting a new man. Dear me, what is the world coming to when chauffeur's forget to address their betters as 'sir'?" It was something of a problem; but the natural kindliness of the little man bore down his snobbishness.

"I'll tell the maids to bring him in and give him some tea," he said to himself. "And yet—I don't know. He might be offended; one can never tell." It was a perplexing problem, and he carried it with him through the kitchens into the hall, where he met an infuriated woman dragging an unwilling child by the hand.

"Elsie has diphtheria," snorted Mrs. Vesey-Birkett. "All on account of that hussy in there." She jerked her head towards the door of the day-nursery.

"Dear me," said her husband. "Dear me! I hope it is not serious, indeed I do. But—excuse me, my dear—there was something I wanted to ask your advice on—what was it, now? Oh, yes, I have it. Morrison's man is outside there—we brought him through. He seems a cut above the average chauffeur, and if we sent him into the kitchen for some tea, he might——"

Mrs. Vesey-Birkett was seized with a sudden radiant thought. The one feature above all others that had caused her to hate the governess was her undisputed superiority. Mrs. Chalmont was a lady, well-bred; and some smear of vulgarity in her employer's nature was continually up in arms against this trait. Here was an opportunity for further venting her spite.

"If this man is too fine to use the kitchen," she said, "send him into the nursery and let him have tea with the governess." It was an excellent idea. To show this upstart her rightful place in the world would be drastic and humiliating.

"Very well, my dear," said Mr. Vesey-Birkett meekly, warned to acquiescence by the battle-glint in his spouse's eyes. "Very well, my dear; I will call him in."

Mr. Vesey-Birket opened the front door, and shouted. Barrett looked up, and saw he coming there, her head on Captain Barrett's shoulder.

"How can I apologise?" she began hesitatingly.

"To Miss Chalmont, do you mean?" asked Barrett, with a glint in his eyes. Then he remembered these people were patients of his friend, and that Gladys would have to stay with them until he could find safer harbourage for her.

"No apologies are needed as far as I am concerned," he said. "You've made me very comfortable, thanks, Morrison, have you ever met Miss. Chalmont—I was telling you about her coming down. I think I shall take that place you were telling me about, old chap."

(The End)

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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

At the usual meeting of the Northcote City Council on Monday the following were present:—The mayor (Cr. W. Hayes, J.P.), Crs. B. E. Johnson, A. H. Oldis, W. Glanfield, S. Pinkney, S. Dennis, J. H. Green, A. J. Cornish, H. F. Mitchell, J. Sutch, M. J. Jones, W. Oliver, J. O. Hughes, A. C. Beard and W. Turner.

CORRESPONDENCE

West Ward Progress Association

West Ward Progress Association, re (1) slabs on footpath, east side of St. George's road, near No. 354; (2) footpath in Blythe street, near High street; (3) drainage, corner of Smith and Clapham streets; (4) re adjustment of pitchers in lane, rear of Harold street; (5) footpath on railway property from Croxton station to Spencer street; (6) seeking erection of partition in the shelter shed in St. George's road, opposite racecourse.

The items were referred to P.W. committee.

Tramway Matters

Tramways Board, notifying that in connection with the conversion of the Brunswick street tramway it is proposed to operate a service in Holden street, between Barkly street and St. George's road and Lygon street, to connect both Preston cars to the city via Collins street, and the Coburg service via Swanston street.—Received.

Electric Light Undertaking

A.L.P., suggesting that future electric light profits be ear-marked for unemployment relief works, and that any surplus after providing for such works be utilised in supplying cheaper current and extension of present system.

It was explained that the commission would not allow the council to further reduce its charges for current.

The E.L. committee will send a reply to the letter.

General

H. J. Shaddock, re road and footpath in Collins street, between Newcastle street and Victoria road.—P.W. committee.

A. E. Colson, re roadway in McLachlan street.—Surveyor to report.

Public Health Department, forwarding complaint in regard to drainage at the rear of properties in Main street.

Cr. Oldis said this matter would be rectified when Hillside avenue was constructed.

It was decided to obtain a report from the health inspector.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

General accounts £5272/17/6, street construction accounts £1024/3/1, and Loan No. 21 accounts £660/5/9 were passed for payment.

M. Boden was granted permission to erect private garage in Sharp street.

Northcote A.L.P., suggesting a "Tidy-up Week."—Council has no money to carry out this proposal at present.

St. David street Footpath.—Engineer to tar pave footpath on west side of St. David street, between Flinders and Collins streets, half cost to be charged to abutting owners.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE

Accounts totalling £2522/19/2 were passed for payment.

PARKS COMMITTEE

Accounts amounting to £195/16/11 were ordered to be paid.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Additional accounts amounting to £2716/15/3 were passed for payment.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Surplus Material on Road Works.—Cr. Cornish moved that removal of surplus material from streets after the completion of works go to P.W. committee.—Carried.

Lighting in Lane.—Cr. Jones moved that a lane between Robb's parade and McCutcheon street be lighted.—E.L. committee.

Cr. Oldis moved that state of roadway in Ellesmere street go to P.W. committee for report.—Carried.

St. George's Road Shelter. — Cr. Turner moved that a deputation ask the Tramways Board to protect the tram shelter near the Fitzroy racecourse from the south and west.—Carried.

Returning Officers in West Ward. —Cr. Turner asked that the returning officer in the West Ward obtain local unemployed as poll clerks in the coming election, if possible.

Cr. Hughes (returning officer).—An instruction has already been given to that effect.

Cr. Turner.—I think the amount paid to poll clerks is miserably inadequate.

The matter was referred to the finance committee.

Bus Time Table.—Cr. Green complained that the time-table on the Bundas street-Victoria road-Westgarth street route was not fulfilled on Sundays.—Request to be made to the proprietor as to the reason for this.

Planting a Rose Garden.—Cr. Mitchell said at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday at Johnson Park a rose garden will be planted by the Northcote Horticultural Society's members.

General

Cr. Olver moved that two holes in Pender street be repaired.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Olver moved that footpath in Swift street, north side, be referred to P.W. committee.—Carried.

Cr. Dennis said that Urquhart street footpaths were in a very unsatisfactory state.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Oldis moved that condition of channel in Bastings street, near Ellesmere street, which was partly blocked by concrete, be reported on by the engineer.—Carried.

Cr. Oldis moved that crossing near Smith and Sons in Bastings street be referred to the P.W. committee.—Carried.

Cr. Oldis said at the corner of Bayview and High Sts. the footpath was in a bad state.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Oldis suggested that a lot of boxing out of the sides of roads in the city might well be done by unemployed labor.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Pinkney said South crescent, on the south side, was not channelled.—To be considered with unemployment works.

Cr. Turner said at the corner of Keon street and Bracken avenue posts required replacing.—Engineer to attend.

Orders of the Day

Construction of drain along easement, rear of Oxford street, between Bastings and Clarke streets.—This was referred to the committee of the council on the motion of Cr. Oldis, who said that owing to the refusal of the Education Department to bear its share of the cost the burden would fall heavily on the other owners. He felt the council should pay a proportion of the cost.

NEWS OF THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

(Contributed)

The usual fortnightly meeting of the above association was held on August 14. The president (Mr. W. Wharton) presided.

Correspondence from the town clerk intimated that the complaints from the association were of such a nature that the financial position would not allow the council to carry out the necessary reforms. More frequent cleansing of channels, cleaning lanes, vacant blocks, etc., had been referred to the public works committee, and it is to be hoped that something will be done.

Under general business a complaint of long standing re the apology for a shelter shed, was dealt with. A practical suggestion was submitted that a partition be erected across the centre from front to rear, and persons waiting for a tram could then stand on the leeward side, and at least be protected from a north or south wind. Other matters sent to the council included loose, broken and uneven slabs on footpaths, and inadequate drainage facilities at corner of Smith and Clapham streets.

Arrangements for the annual meeting were left in the hands of the ladies' social committee. Nominations for office-bearers were received.

At next meeting the questionaire dealing with a Greater Melbourne Council will be discussed. The questions to be decided are as follows:—(1) Are you, as a body, in favor of the formation of a Greater Melbourne Council? Should you favor a Greater Melbourne Council, which system do you prefer: (a) A federal system, or (b) a unified system? (2) Which franchise do you prefer for the election of members: (a) Adult franchise; (b) ratepayers only, as at present; (c) one ratepayer one vote, irrespective of property qualifications; (d) are you in favor of all councillors retiring at one time, or in such manner as to provide for elections by means of proportional representation; (e) are you in favor of triennial elections for the G.M.C.? (3) Should you favor a G.M.C. do you consider councillors should be paid? (3A) Which system of rating do you favor—annual rental value or unimproved value? (4) Are you in favor of any other system of local government? This set of questions was set out by the Central Council to ascertain the views of ratepayers.

As the next meeting takes place on polling day ratepayers are advised to record their votes and then drop into the school room.

EAST-NORTH WARD ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting was held at St. Aidan's Hall on the 13th inst. The election of office-bearers resulted:—President, Mr. Deeley; vice-president, Mr. Rochfort; secretary, Mr. T. Jenkins; treasurer and assistant secretary, Mr. Stacpoole; organiser, Mr. J. Deeley; committee, Messrs. Webb, Sharpe, O'Hehir, McKenzie and Stockton; auditors, Messrs. Rochfort and Stockton. The president expressed appreciation of the services of the retiring president, Mr. Schwaebsch, and a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. Mr. Schwaebsch responded. Members expressed their determination to do their utmost to make the ensuing year one of the best on record. An invitation is extended to all ratepayers in the district to join the association.

EAST PRESTON ASSOCIATION

(Contributed)

The usual meeting was held on Monday evening.

Mr. Rogerson reported that the attempt to form a cricket association had not been successful.

Mr. Davies reported on the position of the unemployed. He said the position was gradually getting worse. There were 700 registered and 428 were receiving sustenance. He was not in a position to say when the sustenance grant would cease.

It was further reported that the council had not taken advantage of the Government's unemployed grant. To date £35,000 has been borrowed from the Electric Light Department funds, and as that account was still in credit the necessary £ for £ money could be borrowed again.

A resolution requesting the mayor to convene a public meeting against the council's action in refusing the unemployed grant was carried unanimously. It was pointed out that a similar motion was carried by the Unemployed Relief Committee.

After a discussion in reference to Oakhill avenue crossings the secretary was instructed to peruse the minutes of the special meeting of the council, and in the event of the council's intention being to pay for these private crossings out of revenue, to protest immediately on behalf of the association, at the same time asking for a special meeting of the Central Council of Progress Associations to discuss the matter further.

The valuations operating in the various wards were fully discussed, the rolls being used in making the comparisons.

The secretary was instructed to forward the following resolution to the council:—"That in the opinion of this association the valuations of the East Ward compare most unfavorably with those of other wards, and will councillors express their opinions for obvious reasons."

RIFLE SHOOTING.

PENNANTS AT PORT MELBOURNE

Hawthorn (353) v Preston (341)

Hawthorn.—Paterson 48, Brittain 48, Carnell 46, Stevenson 45, Bartlett 43, Gallop 42, Hall 41, Prebble 40.

Preston.—Griffiths 49, Bignell 45, N. Featherston 42, Court 42, Piggott 41, Sullivan 41, E. Featherston 41, Ames 40.

Northcote (344) v Malvern (328)

Northcote.—Hook 48, Tongue 47, Weate 44, Appleby 44, Randall 43, Kaye 42, Askew 38, Waters 38.

Malvern.—Nichols 47, Hardy 47, Sharp 43, Trezise 40, Kaye 39, Carter 38, Raisbeck 37, Lindsay 37.

CLUB SHOOTS

Northcote

Final Stages Purvis Trophy.—Hook, 48 (4), 50; Tongue, 47 (4), 50; McQuien, 41 (9), 50; Weate, 44 (5), 49; Appleby, 44 (5), 49; Randall, 43 (3), 46. The trophy was won by Tongue.

Fairfield

President's Trophy and Final Stage of Henderson Trophy.—Henderson, 45 (5), 50; R. Ford, jun., 46 (3), 49; Lloyd, 42 (5), 47; Brooks, 42 (4), 46; Fry, 42 (4), 46.

NORTHCOTE ELECTRIC LIGHT UNDERTAKING.

A HUGE CONCERN

Some interesting figures concerning the Northcote council's electric light undertaking were given to the councillors by the electrical engineer (Mr. T. W. Hawthorn) on Monday night.

"There are," he said, "some 3000 street poles in Northcote, and 1225 street lights. Last year 4,807,000 units of current were purchased from the Electricity Commission, the revenue derived being £34,300. If current had been sold at 5½d. per unit, as in Brunswick, the income would have been £41,520, or £7,625 more than at 4½d. per unit. In addition, the council does not charge meter rent, which would haze brought in £3000. From these figures it will be seen that in supplying cheaper current than other municipalities Northcote is giving over £10,000 every year to its consumers of electricity."

During the evening Cr. Turner disclosed the fact that during the last financial year the council made a profit of something like £12,000 on the undertaking.

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Municipal Elections - Keen Contests in all Preston Wards

Be Sure and Record Your Vote — Polling Day August 28, 8a.m. to 8p.m.

MUCH ENTHUSIASM IN PRESTON

ALL CANDIDATES HAVE ACTIVE COMMITTEES.

CANDIDATES.

East—*A. E. NEWTON.
T. ANDREWS.

Central—*G. C. McPHERSON
H. P. ZWAR.

West—*C. T. CRISPE.
W. HEMBURROW
E. F. WILLIAMS.

* Denotes retiring councillor.

WEST WARD

Mr. E. F. H. Williams, the selected Labor candidate for the West ward, elsewhere asks for the support of ratepayers.

MR. E. WILLIAMS ENTERTAINED

On July 28 a social evening was tendered to Mr. E. Williams by his supporters to enable ratepayers to become acquainted with the candidate for the West ward of the City of Preston. It proved such a success, and the requests for another evening were so numerous that his committee have decided to run a dance social on August 25. Mr. Williams, in a few words, thanked those present for their support, but, owing to lack of time he did not touch on election matters. This he proposed to do at meetings to be held at Bell State school on Thursday, August 21, at 8 p.m., and Friday, August 22, at 8 p.m., corner of Cramer and High streets, Preston.

MR. WILLIAMS AT RESERVOIR

Mr. Williams, the selected Labor candidate for the West ward, held a meeting on 18th inst. Mr. J. Goddard occupied the chair, and the supporting speakers were Mr. G. Webber, Assistant Minister for Labor, and Mr. W. Roberts, secretary, A.L.P. Mr. Williams dealt with the need for Labor representation in the council. He favored day labor, pointing out that successful tenderers frequently resided in another municipality and brought with them the necessary workers. This money was spent in another suburb, to the detriment of local traders. He claimed the deficit to be due in a large measure to the contract system. He emphasised the need for new blood, and in describing the deplorable conditions in the West ward stressed the need for a through metalled road from Reservoir to the tram terminus in Gilbert road.

In answer to a question re gas service for Reservoir, Mr. Williams said the control of public utilities was in the hands of bodies other than the council.

Mr. Webber remarked on what he designated the old time-worn fallacy "that only business men could successfully administer public finances." He said that business men such as Mr. Bruce, Mr. Allan and Mr. Lawson had plunged the country into debt, and it had been left for Labor to balance the budget.

A vote of confidence in Mr. Williams was carried by acclamation.

MR. HEMBUURROW AT METHODIST HALL, MURRAY ROAD.

Speaking at the Methodist Hall, Murray road, on Tuesday evening, Mr. W. J. Hemburrow referred to the position of the finances of the Preston council. Despite the assurance given by the mayor, the position had to be faced. "The appalling overdraft," he said, "was the result of reckless spending, and the lack of proper budgeting." Too much was taken on by certain councillors, who dictated to the officers and the loose system of doing business was running away with the people's money. Much of the expenditure incurred and passed by the council individual councillors had no knowledge of. Sums were grouped and passed in one lump and not dissected in a proper way. Some of the councillors were apathetic. If returned Mr. Hemburrow would demand that all expenditure be authorised by the council, and all works would then be supervised in a proper manner. Only by this means would the council get 20/ worth of value for every £ spent.

Mr. Hemburrow was opposed to day labor, and he instanced Coburg, which had given day labor a three years' trial and then reverted to contract. By the contract method residents in private streets knew their costs beforehand; by the day labor method they only thought they knew. Thinking in cases like this was not business.

Several questions were satisfactorily answered.

An announcement appears in another column concerning Mr. Hemburrow's candidature

CENTRAL WARD

Mr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., who is contesting the seat in the Central ward, makes a personal appeal to residents of that ward to record their vote in his favor. Mr. Zwar is well known in Preston, and is a man of business ability, and he claims to be able to assist the municipality with his financial and business experience. We recommend the careful perusal of his announcement.

Cr. G. C. McPherson makes an appeal to residents to record their vote in his favor on polling day, August 28. A report of Mayor McPherson's meeting appears elsewhere.

EAST WARD CANDIDATES SPEAK

A public meeting will be held at the old town hall on August 22 at 8 p.m. to enable the candidates for the East Ward to place their views before the ratepayers.

EAST WARD

Cr. A. E. Newton, who has represented the ratepayers in the East ward for the past six years, appeals for the continued support of residents in the East. Cr. Newton states that he has always been opposed to an increase in rates, and if returned he will oppose any suggested increase or additional burdens upon the ratepayers.

Mr. T. Andrews, who is contesting the East ward, has an announcement elsewhere.

Other References on Page 17.

NORTHCOTE CANDIDATES

West Ward.

J. HOGAN.
F. LEE
ALAN BIRD.

Cr. A. C. Beard, the retiring councillor, is not contesting the seat.

No Contests in Other Wards

A WHITTLESEA COUNCIL MATTER.

EVAN McDONALD TO SHOW CAUSE

ORDER MADE BY JUSTICE LOWE

On Wednesday morning Mr. Justice Lowe made an order calling upon Evan McDonald to show cause within eight days of the service of the order on what grounds he claims to be entitled to hold office as a councillor of the Shire of Whittlesea.

It was sworn that that Evan McDonald stated that he held a lease of some land from a Mr. Butler (also a councillor of the Shire of Whittlesea) at a rental of 10/ per annum.

Mr. Eager (instructed by Mr Sabelberg, council's solicitor) moved for an order, which was granted.

NEW STORY

WATCH FOR

'Montana Moon'

NEXT ISSUE

". . . You will dance, Senorita. No?"
"I will not!"
"You will dance, Senorita!" the bandit exclaimed, shooting at Joan's feet.
"Jeff!" she said appealingly but he never moved. Slowly she began to dance.
". . . You will do me," the bandit said, and led her away.

Preston Municipal Elections.

West Ward

POLLING DAY—

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1930,

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A CHANGE.

VOTE:

1 HEMBURROW

Preferential Voting.

Make your second and third choice as you please.

VOTERS--DON'T BE APATHETIC

WORK AND VOTE FOR A RESIDENT CANDIDATE WHO STANDS FOR

No Increase in Rates.
Better Travelling Facilities.
Subdivision of West Ward.
Better Control of Finances.

A. HAGGER, Chairman.
C. P. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

Preston Municipal Elections.

CENTRAL WARD.

CR. G. C. McPHERSON

(MAYOR OF PRESTON).

Who has represented the Central Ward for the past Six Years, requests a continuance of the support of the Ratepayers.

He is OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE IN RATES, and will not countenance same until every avenue of legitimate economy, consistent with the growing needs of the city, has been exploited.

He advocates MORE AND BETTER STREET LIGHTING.

Whilst a councillor he has given Six Years of diligent and conscientious service.

He is the Endorsed Labor Candidate.

Cr. McPherson will address a meeting of citizens on FRIDAY NIGHT at the corner of High and Preston Sts.

ON POLLING DAY—

THURSDAY NEXT, AUGUST 28,

VOTE

1 McPHERSON, G. C.

Preston Municipal Elections.

EAST WARD.

ANDREWS FOR THE EAST

ENDORSED BY THE A.L.P.
Endorsed and supported by the East Preston Progress Association.

NOTE.—MR. ANDREWS takes this opportunity of challenging Cr. Newton to meet him before the Ratepayers in response to a requisition forwarded to the Mayor.

VOTE:

1 ANDREWS

2 NEWTON

POLLING DAY—

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.

R. ROGERSON,
Secretary.

Preston Municipal Elections.

WEST WARD.

VOTE:

1 WILLIAMS, E. F. H.

SELECTED LABOR CANDIDATE.

LABOR'S CLAIM.

FIRST—It is the Only Progressive Party.

SECOND—It is the Only Party with a Definite Municipal Party.

Be Sure—VOTE EARLY
Be Safe—VOTE LABOR

MY SLOGAN—

Day Labor, with Preference for Local Men.

Preston Municipal Elections

EAST WARD

RATEPAYERS OF PRESTON.

Do you wish to pay higher rates? The city is in a deplorable financial position, and keen business management will be necessary to avoid an increase in rates. Only by returning men of proved business ability can an increase in rating be avoided. Strict economies must also be enforced.

CR. NEWTON has worked and served the ratepayers well for the past six years, and has at all times been opposed to any increase in rates. If returned he will DEFINITELY OPPOSE any attempted increase in rating, and at the same time he advocates economy.

Vote and work for a tried and trusted representative, who holds a responsible position, and who makes the ratepayers' interests his interests.

Newton stands for REDUCED VALUATIONS and NO INCREASE IN RATES. He is opposed to UNIMPROVED ASSESSMENT.

RECORD YOUR VOTE

ARRANGE FOR OUR CAR TO CALL.

Polling Day—AUGUST 28, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Vote Thus:

1 Newton, A. E.

CITIZENS of PRESTON

CENTRAL WARD

Safeguard Your Interests — Keep Down Your Rates

An Open Letter to the Citizens of Preston

Our Municipality through misgovernment, mismanagement and unsound business principles, is in a very serious financial position. In addition to this trade depression makes it difficult to reconstruct and retrace our steps to place the city in its rightful social and financial position.

At the request of a large number of prominent residents and experienced business men of Preston I have decided to contest the vacancy which will occur in the Central Ward. I have been a resident of Preston and the Central Ward for 19 years, and have seen our little hamlet grow into a large—but I regret to say not prosperous—city. This places Preston residents at a great disadvantage.

The City's overdraft at the bank is now £23,000, and the rates for the year are all in—at most only another £1000 would be collected before the financial year ends (September 30). At this rate the overdraft will be about £30,000 DEBTOR on September 30. This means the new financial year will have to be faced with a deficit of £30,000, instead of being in credit or about square. I am a business man and hold property in Preston, and both as a Ratepayer and a business man I AM DEFINITELY OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE IN RATES. But as a business man and a man used to finance, I warn citizens that any further financial bungling will mean HEAVILY INCREASED RATES.

I have been approached many times during my residence in Preston to contest a seat in the Council, but in the past I could not spare the time from my business, but the appalling state of the finances of the city is such that I consider it my duty to offer my services in the interests of the Ratepayers. Financing the City for the next few years to avoid increases in rates will be exceedingly difficult, and will require a lot of careful attention, budgetting and planning, but in the face of this arduous task I offer myself in the ratepayers' interests, and am confident they will be well satisfied. The time for haphazard methods is past and men of experience MUST BE RETURNED. I submit myself as a candidate, and trust you will rally and return me on Polling Day, August 28.

My success at business and financing is well known and needs no mention.

Trusting you will support me and help our fair City of Preston out of its problems.

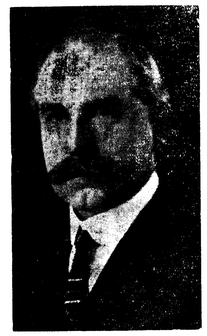
Your faithful friend and Co-citizen,

Henry. P. Zwar

My Platform

I AM A RESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL WARD, AND IT IS MY INTENTION TO ADVOCATE THE FOLLOWING:—

1.—RE-ORGANISATION OF OFFICES AND STAFF, with a view to Greater Efficiency and Better Administration.
2.—STREET CONSTRUCTION. Investigation of Initial Cost, Prompt Rendering of Accounts
3.—FINANCE. Stabilisation of same. Loan expenditure, except on reproductive work, to be reduced to a minimum.
4.—FOOTPATHS. That immediate relief be given to Ratepayers living in unmade streets.
5.—LIGHTING. Better facilities for illumination
6.—RATES. No alteration of date for Payment of Rates from the 10th June.
7.—PREFERENCE to be given to Australian Industries and Local Labor in Contracts let by the Council.
8.—COUNCIL MOTOR CAR. Disposal of the Municipal "State" Motor Car.
9.—SUBDIVISION OF WARDS.



Record Your Vote

Be sure and Record Your Vote. Apathy has lost many election campaigns. Get into touch with JW 1005, and arrange a definite time for a car to call and take you to the polling booth and bring you home. Get your neighbors and friends to vote, and see they have arrangements made for a car—go together if possible. We want your help and every vote counts.

POLLING BOOTHS.

TOWN HALL, High Street, Preston.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM, corner of High and Tyler Streets, Preston, and at the

RESERVOIR BAND ROOM BUILDING, 760 High Street, Reservoir.

A Warning

Many wild rumors have been circulated as in all election campaigns, but I ask residents to get definite information before believing hearsay. I believe in British justice and the hearing of both sides. I know that every fair minded citizen does likewise, but do not believe hearsay—get the facts. I will be pleased to see citizens at any time and explain or give any information in my power, but, be fair—DON'T BELIEVE RUMORS.

A Contradiction

RUMOR 1.—It has been stated that I have advocated an increase in rates.

ANSWER.—THAT IS NOT SO. I AM DEFINITELY OPPOSED TO ANY INCREASE IN RATES or additional burdens upon the citizens.

RUMOR 2.—That I am not in favor of binding contractors, doing work for the City of Preston, to use 75 per cent. local labor.

ANSWER.—I have at all times advocated and worked for the inclusion of the 75 per cent. preference clause, and consider that through the agitation raised by me I was highly instrumental in influencing the Council to insert the clause in all contracts let.

Vote Thus:

1 ZWAR, H. P.

My Advice to Residents in Other Wards is

For the East NEWTON — For the West HEMBURROW

Polling Day, August 28 — Polling 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

ARRANGE FOR OUR CAR TO CALL ON POLLING DAY

Authorised by GEO. HENDERSON and H. F. NISBETT, Joint Secs., 22 Mason Street, Preston.

Preston's Premiership Prospects Far From Bright

PRESTON'S INCONSISTENCY

SEASIDERS' SWEEPING VICTORY.

VISITORS' POSITION NOW IMPERILLED.

(By "Follower.")

Preston journeyed to Williamstown on Saturday fully confident of again defeating the seasiders, but instead they were soundly trounced by a team superior in every department. The ground was very slippery, and the Preston players slipped and slid everywhere, while the home team were more certain on their feet. Better high marking and superior ruck play were the main factors which decided the issue in the home team's favor.

THE TEAMS

Preston.—Backs: McGann, Holliday, Campbell; half-backs: Heffernan, Taylor, Reichman; centres: White, Goonan (c.), Dodd; half-forwards; Seebeck, Mackie, O'Doherty; forwards: Gall, Surtees, Davie; followers: Monohan, Escott; rover: Summers.

Williamstown. — Backs: Johns, Shanahan, Dargan; half-backs: T. Byrne, Helwig, McKenzie; centres: W. O'Brien, Sykes, Waterman; half-forwards: Sheehan, Dixon, Sinclair; forwards: McDonald, Barnes, R. Bryne; followers: Britt, Flynn; rover: Blake.

A Player Injured

T. Byrne was pushed into the gutter on the edge of the ground, twisting his knee, and he left the ground. His place was capably filled by Buchanan.

Favored by a strong breeze, Williamstown had the best of the opening term. Preston's defenders were unable to ward off repeated attacks, and Barnes and Blake goaled, the result of smart snaps.

Reichman turned the next attack, and by sheer doggedness Preston went forward, and Davie, scouting out well, potted a sixer.

Preston Hampered

Preston were hampered in their play by the greasy nature of the ground, and were frequently penalised. R. Byrne added a sixer from a free.

The visitors worked the ball forward, but Helwig and Johns were in the way. A beautiful pick up by Dixon, followed by a technical free to McDonald, gave the seasiders another goal.

Preston again went forward and this time Davie registered the coveted number. Williamstown immediately replied with a like score when Barnes marked from Sinclair and steered the leather clear.

Playing well on the wing, Dodd had the better of the duels with Waterman. He sent play forward, but Helwig was again the stumbling block. Quarter time scores:—

Preston: 2 goals 2 behinds (14 pts)
Williamstown: 5 goals 3 behinds (33 points)

Williamstown were first away, but Taylor turned them back. Preston then advanced, but their effort proved fruitless, as Helwig intervened.

As the outcome of the rebuff Buchanan shot the ball on to Barnes, who made no mistake. Marking finely, Sykes forwarded, but Dixon missed an easy shot

Reichman turned a determined advance, and a poor kick by Johns and fine play by Dodd sent the ball on to Surtees, who, being freed, scored the majority.

The seasiders replied through the efforts of Sykes, who initiated several forward moves, and Barnes, marking surely, proved equal to the occasion. The seasiders were playing with plenty of vigor, whereas their opponents were lifeless in their attacks.

New Ball Required

Play was held up as the result of the ball being punctured. Resuming with a new one, a free to Seebeck had the seasiders on the defensive. Gall nicely passed to Davie, who punted a fine goal.

Sykes again initiated an attack, but the move was foiled by Reichman. Clever tactics by Dodd enabled Mackie to have a shot, hut a mark by Britt and a free to Johns acted as a check at a critical moment.

Williamstown forwarded but the Preston defenders gave Sheehan a free, and he made full use of the opportunity. Again the Preston backs were in difficulties when Blake, who was roving finely, passed to Sinclair, and again the twin flags waved.

Another free to Barnes had the ball well up, but Monohan marked in goals. Preston pressed forward and Davie scored a single. Half-time scores:—

Williamstown: 9 goals 7 behinds (70 points)
Preston: 4 goals 4 behinds (28 points)

On resuming a forward rush by the home side put W. O'Brien in possession, and he passed to Britt for another sixer.

Taylor turned another onslaught and forwarded to Davie, whose long kick brought full points. Playing determinedly, Buchanan checked an advance which ultimately led to Blake securing his objective from a free.

Preston were non-plussed, as the Seasiders, sweeping forward, persistently kept the visiting defenders busy. Sheehan shot the sphere to Barnes, who goaled.

Seebeck Injured

Seebeck, in tearing through the pack, had the misfortune to injure his arm. The accident was under similar circumstances which befel him last season at Williamstown. He was attended to by the trainers and then left the arena.

Another free to Sinclair proved a costly error, as he piloted the sphere clear. Preston gradually went forward and Dodd, turning smartly, sent the ball to Davie, who gave Gall a chance to obtain the majority.

Following Seebeck's accident Preston began to enthuse more weight into the contest, and Umpire Morcom spoke to a couple of offenders.

The visitors were giving a better exhibition, although many attacks proved fruitless. Just prior to the term ending Preston forwarded and O'Doherty registered a single. The scores at the last change were:—

Williamstown: 13 goals 10 behinds (88 points)
Preston: 6 goals 7 behinds (43 points)

Preston's Hopeless Position

The opening stages of the final term were in favor of Preston. Summers shot the ball across to Davie, whose shot went wide. Johns effected a temporary save, only to see Dodd return to Monohan, who helped Davie to full points.

A move by the Seasiders was checked by McGann, as he passed to Goonan. Concentrating on the offensive, O'Doherty forwarded to Monohan, whose kick was true.

Williamstown again took charge, and consecutive attacks realised two goals by Barnes, who was giving a fine exhibition.

Preston again moved forward when Goonan drove the ball to Surtees, and the latter put Gall in possession for a further six points.

The next attack by the Seasiders was checked by Heffernan but Blake, dashing in, gave Sheehan a chance, but he failed. McGann dashed play out of the danger zone.

Goonan passed to White and the ball was sent well forward, where Davie, picking up smartly, sent it through the big sticks.

Preston seemed now almost paralysed as the Seasiders swept forward time and again, goals being scored by Sinclair (from a free) and Britt. Then Holliday, in kicking in, slipped, and the ball went to Sinclair, who had no difficulty in again goaling.

Preston launched another attack which resulted in O'Doherty cleverly goaling. The final scores were:—

Williamstown: 18 goals 15 behinds (123 points)
Preston: 11 goals 7 behinds (73 pts)

Goal Kickers

Preston—Davie (6), Gall (2), Surtees, Monohan, O'Doherty.

Williamstown.—Barnes (8), Sinclair (3), Blake (2), Britt (2), R. Byrne, McDonald and Sheehan.

The Players

For the winners, Barnes stood out prominently by scoring eight goals. Others to show out conspicuously were Helwig, Sheehan, Blake, Buchanan, Johns, Sykes, Britt and Sinclair.

For the losers Reichman, Dodd, White, Seebeck, O'Doherty, Heffernan, Taylor, Davie, Gall and Monohan were the best.

Preston included Monohan (recovered from influenza) and Holliday in place of Gray (their reliable full back, who was unavailable) and McMahon.

Williamstown were without their stalwart, Tom Cahill, Lonergan and J. O'Brien (all of whom are on the injured list).

Petchell has resumed training should his services be required, whilst Miller and Grogan are recovering from injuries.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Coburg, 10.19, d Port Melbourne, 8.13.
Brighton, 13.21, d Brunswick, 11.13.
Northcote, 19.18, d Prahran, 6.6.
Williamstown, 18.15, d Preston, 11.7.
Oakleigh, 17.19, d Sandringham, 10.12.
Yarraville, 12.13, d Camberwell, 5.13.

TO-MORROW'S GREAT MATCH.

PRESTON'S POSITION ASSAILED

Must Defeat Oakleigh to Have Say in Premiership

To-morrow Preston will journey to Oakleigh, where they will play the last match to decide the first eight. The four lowest teams on the premiership list will finish the season. If Preston are to have a say in the final match they must defeat Oakleigh, and they have been training hard during the week and feel confident of rising to the occasion. Should Preston be defeated all hope of gaining the 1930 pennant will vanish, as they will be two and a half games to the bad, and for a team to have a say in the finals they cannot be more than two games below. With this knowledge before them Preston will make every effort to lower Oakleigh's colors.

V. J. F. A.

PRESTON v WILLIAMSTOWN

Preston played Williamstown at Preston Park on Saturday. H. Smith (Preston's skipper) won the toss and decided to have first use of the wind. Play was very fast and Preston were off at the bounce, forcing the play around the wing scoring a point. Preston, continuing the attack, forwarded to Morgan, who booted first goal. The locals got the hit out and a pass to Marmo resulted in a sixer. McEachern registered third goal, and Dowling, who was playing a dashing game, notched the fourth. Williamstown failed to score, the quarter ending with the scores:—Preston, 4.8; Williamstown, nil.

Preston advanced on the bounce, forcing the ball down to the forward line, where Dowling landed another goal. The home side again got the hit out and Owen passed to Fennell, who notched the majority. Williamstown broke through Preston's defence and booted their first goal. They immediately advanced on the bounce and added their second goal. Half-time scores:—Preston, 6.12; Williamstown, 2.0.

Preston opened up the third quarter very fast and R. Underhill, who was playing a great game, forwarded. Spargo brothers were stubborn defenders, whilst the locals' centre line took all the sting out of Williamstown. B. Kupsch was marking excellently and his kicking was a great help to his side. Ellis turned several attacks, his long kicking being valuable. Marmo and Bluey each scored full points, which put Preston in a winning position. Three-quarter time scores:—Preston, 8.12; Williamstown, 3.0.

In the final term Preston attacked and scored a couple of points, then Marmo accounted for full points. Fennell followed with another. Smith (Preston) was playing vigorously and rendered yeoman service being the pivot of many attacks. Marmo booted his fourth and last goal for the day the final scores being:—

Preston: 11 goals 15 behinds (81 pts)
W'town: 4 goals 2 behinds (26 pts)

Best players for Preston were H. Smith, Marmo, Underhill brothers, Owens, Ewing, Spargo brothers, Dowling, Kupsch, Ryan, Fitt. Goal-kickers: Marmo (4), Fennell (2), Dowling (2), Ryan, McEachern, Morgan. For the best and fairest player on the ground M. Underhill was presented with a pair of socks.

To-morrow Preston play Oakleigh at Cramer street park.

NORTHCOTE v PRAHRAN

(By "Rover.")

A large crowd assembled at Toorak Park on Saturday to witness the return match between the above teams. Umpire Whitburn gave a very indifferent exhibition.

The Teams

Northcote.—Backs: Davies, Edsall, Winter; half-backs: Humphries, Burns, Easton; centres: O'Neil, Van, Edwards; half-forwards: Cole, Johnson, Houldcroft; forwards: Pruser, F. Ludlow, Condie; followers: J. Ludlow, Woods; rover: Skilton.

Prahran.—Backs: Mitchell, Taberman, Mummery; half-backs: Burdeth, W. Bowtell, Scotland; centres: Neck, Dewar, Bonny; half-forwards: Smith, Geary, Foster; forwards: Gibb, Clyde, Glover; followers, Walters, Bowtell; rover: Allan.

The Play

The ground was in a bad state and the ball was bounced well over on the wing. Northcote opened the scoring with a point, followed by a goal by Cole. Foster passed to Clyde for a goal to Prahran. A behind followed, then Clyde scored another. Edsall's kick-in was marked by Bowtell, who found Clyde, and a major resulted. Houldcroft got a point, and Pruser kicked a behind and then a goal. Quarter-time scores:—Northcote, 2.7; Prahran, 2.2.

Passes between J. Ludlow, O'Neil and Johnson resulted in a goal. Prahran's next visit forward resulted in a point by Clyde. Woods, with a hasty kick, snapped full points. Glover, scouting well, scored full points, and then Allan (Prahran) gained a major. Clyde, from a free, had no difficulty in gaining full points. J. Ludlow and Woods, helped by Van and O'Neil, had the ball forward and Johnson passed to Pruser, who got the possible from a mark. Half-time scores:—Prahran, 5.9; Northcote, 5.8.

Play began briskly and Pruser got full points out of a crush in front. F. Ludlow marked right in front and made no mistake. Pruser scored another out of a fierce tussle. Ludlow snapped a sixer from a good mark, and splendid play by Van and Condie enabled Cole to add another. Pruser scored two goals in quick succession. Pruser marked and passed to F. Ludlow, and another goal was signalled. Eight goals from 10 shots went to Northcote, while Prahran had not scored. Three-quarter time scores:—Northcote, 13.9; Prahran, 5.9.

The last quarter was hotly contested. Glover managed a point, with the same result from a second try. A chain of passes ended in F. Ludlow gaining full points. Play became uninteresting, and Northcote won easily. Final scores:—

Northcote: 14 goals 10 behinds (94 points)
Prahran: 5 goals 12 behinds (42 pts)

Goal-kickers.—Northcote: Pruser (6), F. Ludlow (4), Cole (2), J. Ludlow, Woods. Prahran: Glyde (3), Glover, Allan.

Best Players

B. Burns won the £1/1/ donated by a supporter for the best player. O'Neil, Woods, J. Ludlow, Skilton, Humphries, Pruser and Cole were all in good form.

For Prahran J. Bowtell, Bonny, Allan, Neck, V. Smith and Gibb were the most conspicuous.

In the club notes it was stated that a house party was to be held on Tuesday, September 19. This was incorrect. September 26 is the night set apart for this function, and all players and officials making the trip to Ringwood will meet at the corner of Darebin and High streets at 7 o'clock.

The next match (the last of the second round) is against Port Melbourne at the seaside oval. Northcote have not won for years at Port Melbourne, and although they are not quite as strong as usual, a good game should result.

C.Y.M.S. ASSOCIATION

NORTHCOTE v ESSENDON

At McDonell Park, Northcote fielded their strongest team for the season against Essendon, S. Jones being a notable acquisition. The final scores were: Northcote, 13 goals 18 behinds; Essendon, 2 behinds. The scores do not give the truest result of the game. Moylan (Essendon) and S. Jones (Northcote) were the best players afield, the latter receiving the umpire's vote. J. Hunt was Northcote's next best, with F. Jones, Kenny, Ogden and Andrews Bros. Sullivan (captain) roved effectively, while Allen did fairly well. E. Hart gave a good display, but spoilt his play by wandering from the wing position.

Northcote meet Flemington on Saturday on the latter's ground.

LEAGUE SUB-DISTRICTS

Fairfield Seniors overwhelmed East Brunswick in the first grade on Saturday with a score of 18.17 against 10.12.

The seconds dealt an even more crushing defeat to their opponents, Alphington, the final scores being 19 goals 27 behinds to 5 goals 8 behinds.

Fairfield District.—By adding Canterbury to their list, Fairfield District maintained their positon on top of the north section second grade with a total of 60 pts. Dempsey and Milne were outstanding for Districts with a score of 5 goals each. Williams (Canterbury) also obtained 5 goals. Final scores were 12.9 to 7.8.

RAMBLERS' MATCH

P.W.P. v CROXTON

At Mayer Park on Saturday Prince of Wales Park and Croxton Methodists met in a friendly match. The ground was in a bad condition, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the players, who apparently revelled in the mud. The game was evenly contested throughout, with P.W.P. holding a slight advantage, but at no time was really good football displayed, the greasy ball being difficult to handle. Croxton owe their defeat to erratic kicking, as from 11 shots only two majors were scored. P.W.P. won a low-scoring game by three points, final scores being:—P.W.P., 3 goals 6 behinds; Croxton, 2 goals 9 behinds. Goal-kickers.—P.W.P.: Jowett, Henning, Oates. Croxton: Bock, Winslade.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

SOUTH PRESTON K.S.P. WIN PREMIERSHIP

At last South Preston K.S.P have "broken the ice" by winning a premiership. For several years past they have figured in semi-final and final matches, even having the right to challenge, but not till last Saturday did they gain the coveted honors, when they defeated Young Street at Royal Park by 8 points. The game was exciting throughout and proved a fitting termination to a successful season, as they had had only one defeat. Their success was due to co-operation and team spirit, which showed that the unfortunate happenings of last year were practically forgotten. The team is composed of local talent, as all players must be members of the K.S.P. In the semi-final and final matches the team rose to the occasion and at last shattered the hoodoo. South Preston's success was due to their great exhibition in the third term when, besides wiping off a deficit they gained the lead, which they held to the finish. Final scores:—South Preston, 10 goals 11 behinds; Young street, 9 goals 9 behinds. Goal-kickers for Preston were W. Davies (4), N. Davies (3), Steel, F. Pike and Fox.

To-morrow South Preston will play the premier team of the South Suburban section for the championship of the association.

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

LIST OF DONATIONS

FINANCES AT A LOW EBB

The coffers of the Preston Football Club are very low. The committee and numerous enthusiastic supporters have been working assiduously to place the club's finances on a sound basis, and many functions have been held to raise funds. The committee has been under very heavy expense this season in placing a team in the field. As money is the sinews of sport as well as of war, the expense has been very heavy. Undoubtedly the depression, by reason of which everyone is more or less suffering, has been one of the main causes for the unfortunate state of the club's banking account. Mr. E. Hannah, the secretary, 124 Elm street, Northcote, would be delighted to hear from any enthusiast who felt disposed to offer financial assistance at this juncture, and he would also be grateful if promises made earlier in the season would be fulfilled as soon as possible, as the club is anxious to meet its liabilities and square the ledger as the termination of the season approaches.

The following is the list of donations to date:—

£30.—W. Anderson.
£10/10/ each.—H. P. Zwar, J. G. W. Shaw.
£5/5/ each.—J. Trainor, W. P. Barrow, R. Broadhurst.
£4/4/.—Dr. Hartley Walker.
£3/3/ each.—W. Braithwaite Pty. Ltd., T. Broadhurst Pty. Ltd., W. B. Howe, W. J. Davis.
£2/2/ each.—W. Walker, Cr. J. W. Adams, Cr. G. McPherson, E. J. Callander, Barrett Bros., Cr C. T. Crispe, H. A. Norris, Carlton Brewery.
£2.—G. Dunstan.
£1/11/6 each.—A. B. Harding, H. W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. N. Alexander.
£1/6/.—A. F. Deacon.
£1/1/ each.—A. Howse, A. McPhee, J. O'Brien, Weeks and Bott, Hon. G. Webber, M.L.A., J. E. Blitz, W. L. Hayes, J. Thorpe, W. S. Neelands, W. L. McDonald, C. E. Copsey, Dr. A. C. Lear, Clarkson and Gannon, J. Cranston, N. McLeod, P. Clements, A. Morgan, Jager and Webster, D. Scott, T. A. Sands, Cr. W. T. Robeson, R. Clements, J. E. Bourke, C. McFarlane, H. C. Wood, W. D. Gibbs, Bert Saunders, T. Paterson, E. E. Murfett, R. H. Kendall, G. N. Wardell, Cr. L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ferguson, H. Harris, S. Avison, E. McMahon, D. Dinwoodie, A. B. Carthew, Langridge Bros., D. Edwards, J. Harvey, E. Norris, L. Roberts, Dr. E. Robertson, E. A. Bransgrove, M. Young.
£1 each.—A. E. Williams, W. Porteous.
10/6 each.—W. Cook, E. J. Cronin, W. Ludeman, W. J. Aitken, T. J. Hayes, J. Mehegan, W. J. Bartley, sen., W. J. Bartley, jun., O'Donohue and Brew, H. E. Jones, F. Morgan, Leo. Hemmingway, H. Allchin.
10/ each.—F. Pike, C. Morgan, W. E. Wright, R. Leticq.
6/.—J. Spears.

NORTHCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The last meeting was held on the 13th inst. The monthly competition commenced for the year and, considering the weather, a fine display of flowers was made. The syllabus item was a general gardening discussion by members, which included roses, hydrangeas, dahlias, shrubs, drainage and the use of manures. Many questions were answered.

The result of the monthly cut flower competitions was as follows:—Special prize for bunch of flowers, Mrs. Firth. Amateur, cut flowers, Mr. Toole, 6 pts.; Mrs. Corry, 3 pts.

Novice, cut flowers—Mrs. Bonnell, 5 pts.; Miss Twyford, 4 pts.

Basket of Flowers—Mrs. Corry, 5 pts.; Miss Twyford, 3 pts.

The next monthly meeting will be held in the A.N.A. Hall, adjoining the Town Hall, on September 10, when the syllabus item will be a euchre tournament. Visitors are always welcome.

ROSEBED FOR JOHNSON PARK.

OFFICIAL PLANTING TO-MORROW AFTERNOON.

For some months past preparations have been in progress for the establishment of a rosebed in Johnson Park. The Northcote Council has prepared a suitable plot and the Northcote Horticultural Society has secured a splendid assortment of modern roses. The Mayoress is expected to be present to plant the first rose, and the Mayor (Cr. Hayes) will officially declare the bed established. Afterwards the members of the Horticultural Society will complete the planting of the bed. The public are cordially invited to be present, and members of the Horticultural Society are asked to be in attendance to assist with the planting. Johnson Park runs south off Hastings St., and is about the same distance from High St. as the Northcote football ground.

Northcote Display Premiership Form

TROUNCE PRAHRAN EVERYWHERE

EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE GIVEN DESPITE WRETCHED ARENA.

HAVE 90 POINTS' ADVANTAGE AT THE END.

(By "Aequus.")

Saturday was cold and dull when Northcote met Prahran at the Northcote Park. As there was little interest in the contest the attendance was poor.

Several Changes Made

By omitting Poulter, Pruser and Hill Northcote made room for Honig, Simmonds and Ross, while Gray's last-minute withdrawal through injury allowed Huggins to take his place in the side. Osborne and Withers appeared in the visitors' colors.

THE TEAMS

Northcote.—Backs: Wilson, Cockram, Huggins; half-backs: Stockdale, Perkins, Woods; centres: Towers, Corrigan, Nicholls; half-forwards: Ross, Briggs, Garrett; forwards: Simmonds, Seymour, Milne; followers: Honig, Rowe; rover: Brown.

Prahran—Backs: Lucas, Koop, Darvall; half-backs: Parris, Beaumont, Flowers; centres: Smith, Osborne, Withers; half-forwards: Brewis, Lord, Dunn; forwards: Donoghue, Robbins, Rennie; followers: Greenwood, Lamprey; rover: Jordan.

Umpires—Field: Williamson; boundary: McGill and Barfoot; goal: Moxham and Woolfe.

THE PLAY

As there was a stiff north-westerly breeze, Rowe, on winning the toss, selected the Fairfield end. The ground was in a very bad state, the centre being nothing but a mass of mud, while the Westgarth wing was in places under water.

A Fast Commencement

Prahran commenced determinedly and were faster to the ball. However, the weakness of the forwards failed to gain an advantage and Cockram and Wilson swept the ball away. Play hovered between the back ilnes. Nicholls was completely outpointing Smith.

Too Many Free Kicks

Northcote were being freely penalised, through continually coming from behind and interfering with their opponents. Woods and Perkins were the chief offenders. Neither was in front of his man.

The First Score

A good part of the term had gone when Brown drove from the pack and Briggs marked. He scored a goal. Twice Beaumont turned back the opposition, while Koop was a persistent defender of his goals.

Garrett's Dash

Both Simmonds and Seymour were only equal to points before a thrilling dash by Garrett left Seymour in possession for second goal.

Central Play

Play hung along the creek wing for some time, and then a forward move by Osborne and Jordan was rewarded by Greenwood, from a free, scoring a goal. Honig replied with one for the locals after he had marked from Rowe.

Many Chances Missed

Simmonds, Seymour and Brown all had chances, but managed singles only. Play was good, despite the poor conditions. At times the game was willing, but not vicious. From a free in the ruck Milne goaled, while Lord, with a long shot, saw the ball bounce through, both Wilson and Wilson and Huggins having failed to back Cockram up. Quarter-time scores:—

Northcote: 4 goals 5 behinds (29 pts)
Prahran: 2 goals (12 pts)

One-sided Quarter

Playing in wonderful style Nicholls burst through after an even commencement and passed to Seymour. He sent the ball to Milne for the maximum score.

Clever Play by Towers

A fine snappy piece of play by Towers ended in his receiving a free, and two flags again waved.

Koop's Defence

Northcote were all over the Two Blues. It was only the sterling work of Koop that stopped a tremendous score. He was superb in goals and seemed to be one of the few equal to holding his own.

A Clever Goal

As the result of exchanges between Cockram, Corrigan, Briggs and Brown, Seymour was able to snap a goal. Garrett, Ross and Brown each scored minors before Simmonds cleverly convert a try into six points with a screw over his head. For a moment play went to the other end, but Wilson, in great style, drove to Ross, who passed to Simmonds for another six points.

Prahran's Only Score

Concerted efforts by Jordan and Dunn put the ball in front of Northcote's goals. A free to Lord easily gained full points. Parris and Lamprey tried desperately to score, but Stockdale was impassable half-back.

Prahran Hard Pressed

Northcote continued to advance and Prahran were in desperate straits. Good play by Honig and Milne was rewarded by a sixer from Simomnds—his third for the quarter. Seymour and Briggs scored points.

Half-time scores:—

Northcote: 10 goals 10 behinds (70 points)
Prahran: 3 goals (18 points)

More Goals Scored

Play had not commenced long before it was clear that the visitors' response could not improve. Ross, playing well half-forward, had a hand in each of the goals by Simmonds and Briggs.

Great Defence

Perkins and Woods each defended well at times, but for consistency nothing could equal Stockdale, who seemed to be always in the picture.

Humorous Incidents

The spectators often roared as the players were bowled over in the mud. There was great delight when Rennie, the stalwart visitor and a solid bumper, was himself the victim of an immersion in a gluey pool. He rose covered in mud.

Northcote's Tremendous Lead

After a series of singles by Briggs, Seymour and Brown, Seymour, twice—once the result of a magnificent pass by Ross—and Huggins each obtained goals. Corrigan and Milne were conspicuous for the locals, while Callaghan and Parris strove well for the visitors.

Prahran's Two Behinds

The visitors seldom got the ball near the sticks, and were only equal to two behinds for the quarter. Three-quarter time scores:

Northcote: 15 goals 13 behinds (103 points)
Prahran: 3 goals 2 behinds (20 pts)

Temporary Success

Being so hopelessly outdistanced, Prahran had no chance of success. However, they gallantly charged forward, and, catching Northcote in a careless mood, Donoghue posted a single. Then Dunn punted two goals and Greenwood two behinds.

Northcote Revive

Another sixer by Jordan enlivened the proceedings and the Green and Golds were stung into action. For the first time the ball crossed the centre, and Seymour, marking from Brown, notched a big point. Koop stopped another attack by Simmonds and Briggs. However, a free to Simmonds went close, and Seymour cleverly screwed it through.

Stockdale's Defence

Stockdale was a brilliant half-back, and the ball rarely passed him. Corrigan was very good in the centre.

Visitors Outclassed

Northcote continued to outplay the visitors, and points by Seymour, Garrett and Brown were recorded before Corigan helped Briggs to a goal. Just before the close Simmonds, receiving from Corrigan, punted his fifth goal. Brown and Ross snapped points. The final scores were:—

Northcote: 19 goals 18 behinds (132 points)
Prahran: 6 goals 6 behinds (42 pts)

Splendid Form

To outclass such a strong side was a splendid performance. It speaks well for Northcote's chance of another premiership. There is no weakness when all the players are fully extended. There is a tendency, however, for some members of the team to take things easy if they consider there is no need for much effort. Such carelessness should be guarded against.

Shocking Conditions

It was surprising that the game was of such a high standard. After the continual rain for the past week or so it was expected that the ground would be heavy, but few were prepared for its shocking state, despite the weather. The large rectangle of turf on which the cricket pitches are prepared was in an awful condition. Why such an immense area of the arena is set aside for wickets is difficult to understand. Far less room is needed for requirements. Surely there could be more regard for football and its wintry conditions when the turf is being laid in the centre. It is little wonder that visiting teams have a poor estimation of the Northcote ground when fields for final matches are being considered.

Stockdale's Defence

Perhaps no one did more for Northcote than Stockdale, whose defence was very good. Coupled with this was his magnificent position play. He is playing in quite his best form. Perkins and Woods gave him able assistance, but would do better if they gave less free kicks and kept their positions better. The former still has the bad habit of working too close to the back lines and crowding Cockram. The latter played well, while Wilson and Huggins had little to do.

Strong Centres

Across the centre Towers, Corrigan and Nicholls were too strong for the opposition, though Smith and Osborne did many good things.

Powerful Rucks

Honig and Rowe were great players, while Brown roved so well that he ran Stockdale close for the honors of the day. Briggs and Milne lent valuable assistance in the packs, and Seymour and Simmonds were clever forwards. Both Garrett and Ross were constantly in the picture with smart, snappy half-forward play.

A Great Defender

For the losers no one did better than the ex-Northcote player, Koop, who keeps goals for Prahran. He played a great game and turned attack after attack. His attention was always on the ball, and he did not give a free kick all day. Further out Beaumont and Parris did best. Smith was a smart wingster, and Greenwood, Lamprey and Lord followed well. Dunn and Robbins did best of the others.

The umpire, Williamson, umpired well.

CLUB NOTES

Last week's goal-kickers were Seymour (6), Simmonds (5), Briggs (3), Milne (2), Honig, Huggins, Towers. Seymour has now kicked 87 goals for the season, and still heads the list. Simmonds has kicked 36 goals up to date.

Injuries.—Wilson, Gray and E. C. Briggs are still on the injured list, but should be well by Saturday.

The players' and officials' outing to Gisborne was a great success. There was a party of 60, who were conveyed there by cars. A visit was made to Mount Macedon and Woodend. While as Gisborne the party was entertained by Mr. W. S. Stott. All expressed their admiration of his hospitality.

NEXT SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

GREAT RIVALS—NORTHCOTE AND PORT MELBOURNE

Saturday will see the return match between Northcote and Port Melbourne at the Northcote Park. Ports defeated Northcote in the first meeting, so the locals will be out to turn the tables on the seasiders. Should Ports be defeated their chances of inclusion in the four will be lost. It should be a fast, vigorous contest.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

Club	P	W	L	P.C.	Pts.
Northcote . . .	17	13	4	67.81	52
Oakleigh	17	13	4	75.35	52
Yarraville . . .	17	11	6	81.40	44
Williamstown	17	11	6	86.57	44
Port Melb. . .	17	9	7	97.78	38
Preston	17	9	7	100.14	38
Brighton . . .	17	9	8	92.00	36
Coburg	17	7	8	97.81	32
Brunswick . .	17	7	10	108.41	28
Prahran	17	6	11	132.49	24
Camberwell . .	17	4	13	124.10	16
Sandringham .	17	1	16	161.92	4

Preston, Coburg (two) and Port Melbourne have played drawn games.

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES

Northcote v Port Melbourne.
Coburg v Brighton.
Sandringham v Williamstown.
Camberwell v Brunswick.
Oakleigh v Preston.
Prahran v Yarraville.

FOOTBALL. FOOTBALL.

NORTHCOTE
(V.F.A. PREMIERS 1929).
v
PORT MELB.
AT NORTHCOTE PARK.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1930.
At 2.45 p.m.
Reserve 1/-; Ground 6d.

A SELECT DANCE
Will be held in
MASONIC HALL, BASTINGS ST.,
On SATURDAY, AUGUST 23
(In aid of Fancy Stall).
Dean's Orchestra. Admision 1/11½.
MONTE CARLO. REFRESHMENTS

NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL,
AUGUST 25 to AUGUST 30.
MONSTER BAZAAR
(In aid of Club Funds)
Host of Attractions and Novelties.
A 32 piece DINNER SET, valued at £4/4/- will be given away.
Visit the Bazaar and see this valuable gift, which can be won with the Lucky Dodger.
ADMISSION FREE.

SUPPORTERS' COMMITTEE.
SELECT MODERN DANCE
AT MEMORIAL HALL EVERY THURSDAY.
Admission—LADIES 1/-; GENTS 1/6.
Fox Trot Competitions. Entry Free.
R. L. WALSH,
Hon. Secretary.

NORTHCOTE CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northcote Cricket Club was held last Thursday (August 14) and there was an attendance of over 60.

Prior to the annual meeting a special meeting was held at which a number of the rules were revised.

The president (Mr. W. S. Stott) welcomed the Mayor (Cr. W. Hayes), and said that in his young days he had been an ardent cricketer.

Dealing with the annual report the president said that though the last year had not been as successful as the committee would have liked, still the nucleus of a strong side had been selected, and young players were being brought on to ensure that the team to be fielded in the present season would be a strong one. During the year the secretary (Mr. T. Werrey) had resigned, and Mr. A. E. Johnson had come forward to fill the breach. Though not a success from the team's view point, yet the season had been a happy one, and had been made pleasant by the harmonious associations amongst members of the club and the various social functions. The membership was decreasing, and he urged that a special effort be made to increase it in the coming year. The baseball team was now firmly established. Cordial relations existed between the club and the Northcote grounds management committee. At Easter time the team went to Mildura and under the management of Mr. E. C. Yeomans had a splendid time. The club's best thanks were due to those active members who had done so much to further the club's interests.

Mr. E. C. Miller seconded the motion for the adoption of the report.

Mayor Hayes supported and recalled early experiences on the cricket field in Northcote. He congratulated Mr. Stott on the high position he held in cricket circles, where as a member of the Victorian Board of Control, he had made his business acumen felt. He wished the club success both financially and on the playing field.

Mr. E. C. Yeomans urged that many of the leading men in the city be again enrolled as members. The team was now being built up. Apart from Messrs. Baring and Gibaud the team was practically a colts team, and all the players were showing great ability. If they stuck at it Northcote would have a very good side.

Mr. Geo. Chesswas also spoke, and the balance-sheet and report were adopted.

Mr. Stott said the club desired to encourage young cricketers. If they would come to the ground they would be welcomed to practice.

Presentation of Trophies.

Trophies won during the season were then presented by the Mayor as follows:—

First Eleven—Batting average—G. Heron, average 42. Bowling, P. Chivers, average 16.7.

Second Eleven—Batting, H. Fothergill, average 47.7. Bowling—A. McSperrin, average 21.

Club Eleven.—Batting, J. Hamilton, average 31.71. Bowling—R. Walker, average 14.

Special Prizes.—P. Chivers, 6 wickets for 59 runs against North Melbourne. Presented with the ball, mounted and engraved, by Mr. W. Walker. Highest individual score, first second, or club eleven—Won by S. Warren, 129 runs, against North Melbourne second eleven. Greatest number of wickets, first, second or club eleven S. Baring, 61 wickets for average 14.36.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Mayor, to Mr. Stott, and to the retiring office-bearers.

Mr. Harvey seconded.

Office-Bearers.

The following office-bearers were elected, all except the committee being unopposed:—

President—Mr. W. S. Stott.

Vice-Presidents—Messrs. S. Avison, E. D. Miller, J. A. Thomson, E. C. Yeomans, Crs. S. Dennis and A. H. Oldis.

Delegates to V.C.A.—Messrs. W. S. Stott and E. C. Yeomans.

Committee—F. Baring, G. Chesswass, L. Gordon, G. Heron, H. Morris, H. Wetenhall, C. Wass.

Treasurer—Mr. H. E. Harvey.

Assistant Secretary—Mr. A. Little.

Hon. Secretary—Mr. A. E. Johnson.

Auditors—Messrs. F. Dunn and P. Griffiths.

PRESTONITE CRICKET CLUB

The seventh annual meeting was held on August 18 at the office of Messrs. Henry P. Zwar Pty. Ltd. There was a fair attendance, and apologies were received from Messrs. Zwar (president), E. H. Tomkins (vice-president), Hardie, Woods, Colthrop and Leake. Mr. E. Short occupied the chair. The secretary pointed out the fine record of the club since entering the Jika Cricket Association. In all 70 competitive matches have been played, of which we won 60, drew one and lost nine. In the six seasons we have been premiers four times, were beaten once in the final by 3 runs, and lost a semi-final. We are permanent holders of the Broadhurst shield, having won it three times, and are the first winners of the Henry P. Zwar shield. This record has only been achieved by the players sticking to the club and always playing the game. The club is again placing a team in the Jika Association, and with all last season's players available we hope to make more records.

The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. H. P. Zwar; vice-president, Mr. E. H. Tomkins; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. H. R. Zwar; asistant sec., Mr. C. L. Temple; delegates, Messrs. E. Rutter and N. Parker; committee, Messrs. McKay, Featherstone, Allendar, Grierson, Waller, Hardie, Short.

THORNBURY BOWLERS.

PERSONALITIES OF THE GAME

MR. H. MURDEN

(By "Onlooker.")

There is one man who stands out at Thornbury as the most finished and stylish player on the green. He is Harry Murden. His game is an inspiration to any young bowler who takes bowls seriously, for all the things we read about as being correct play, such as balance, holding the bowl, the swing of the arm, etc., are exemplified by him. He is one of the best exponents of the game, and has a record to be proud of. He was third man for Frank Gardiner last year. This rink was undefeated in A Pennant last season, and was also runner-up in the Northern Districts Church Rink Tourney. Following this, Harry entered a rink for Carlton and played into the last four. In the Collingwood tourney at the close of the season he entered another rink with himself as skipper, and played in the final, being beaten by a champion in Jimmy Hill, of Footscray. Such consistent form cannot be attributed to luck, but is surely the result of his sound knowledge of the game. Harry has watched the Thornbury Club grow from a very small beginning, and has always been foremost in any movement for its betterment. His is a cheerful personality, and although always keen to win he appreciates any humorous incident. In fact, the endearing terms he uses to his rink mates are at times the source of much merriment to his opponents as well as his pals. The game of bowls is a popular game for two reasons. The first is because it requires skill and judgment; the second is because men like Harry Murden are associated with it. And as long as such men are attracted the game must progress. Old Bill, the poet, sent the following:—

When Harry Murden dies,
For years beyond our ken
He'll leave a light to shine
Upon the paths of men.

TENNIS.

PRESTON LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

On August 30 two teams from the association clubs, A and B Grade, will play a match against Murray road, winners of the A and B Grade premiership for season 1929-30, on the Murray road court, when the season's pennants will be presented.

Association Teams

A Grade.—Catanach (Hill), Carroll (Regent Park), D. Zwar (Rothsay), Lannigan (Cranross), Coates (Hill), Tonkins (captain), Misses J. Simpson (Regent Park), Facey (Cranross), McPherson (Hill), Wearne (Rothsay), Mrs. Tatterson (Cranross).

B Grade.—Upton (Oakover, capt.), Thorn (East Preston), Bromley (Regent Park), Reeves (Oakover), Hedger (East Preston), Mrs. Phillips (Oakover), Misses Hedger (East Preston), Butterfield (Regent Park), Frazer (Cranross), Chessell (Regent Methodists).

EAST PRESTON CLUB

The East Preston Tennis Club will hold a gala afternoon on 23rd inst. at their courts, Bell Park, the occasion being the opening of the new pavilion by the mayor (Cr. McPherson), and a social will be held in the evening. The pavilion contains a club room 25 feet by 15 feet, also ladies' and gentlemen's dressing rooms and a canteen. Built by the voluntary labor of the members, the timber and materials cost about £100. It is intended to instal a wireless set, a ping pong table, and other games, which will tend to make the rooms attractive. Tennis players are invited to be present at the opening in the afternoon.

CYCLING.

PRESTON AMATEURS

The above club's 40 mile fixture for last Saturday had to be altered on account of the professionals taking the road. A course including Epping road, Mason's lane and Donnybrook lane was chosen, and the distance was about 37½ miles. A feature of the race was the sterling ride by Lance Neumann, who left his co-markers and went away to win easily and also secure fastest time. The course was rough and punctures and retirements were numerous. Results:—L. Neumann (8.30), 1; L. Haack (8.30), 2; W. Addison (8.30), 3. Winner's and absolute fastest time, 1hr. 46min. 18 sec. Fastest unplaced, Alf. Gishus (scr.), 1hr. 48min. 16sec.

The prize for the first club rider to finish in the Ballarat-Melbourne race was won by G. Stevens.

SUNDAY CONCERTS.

REQUEST TO NORTHCOTE COUNCIL TO WAIVE BY-LAW

DEPUTATION FROM A.L.P.

Nothing Is Done

The Northcote council on Monday heard a deputation from the Northcote branch of the A.L.P., which requested that the council should grant permission to the Northcote Unemployed Relief Committee to hold Sunday entertainments to raise funds.

It was decided to hear the deputation, which consisted of Messrs. P. Carney and W. Russell.

The Deputation Heard

Mr. Carney asked the council to reconsider its decision and waive the by-law, and so allow the unemployed to help themselves.

"The council," he said, "is not asked to do anything towards the concerts or to give anything. All that is desired is that the unemployed be allowed a free hand to hold approved concerts on Sundays. To grant this request will not interfere in any way with the sanctity of Sunday, as no one need attend who did not want to do so, and no entertainments will be held during church hours. I urge the council to consider this question from the viewpoint of suffering humanity."

Mr. Russell said the A.L.P. simply wanted the council to allow the unemployed to raise money through the channels of Sunday concerts. He quoted many passages from scripture in support of the request.

"At Oakleigh Sunday concerts have proved a vast success, and there church choirs and congregations have given much assistatnce," he said. "Over £1000 has been collected by this means in the past few weeks."

THE COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Cr. Green Moves for Granting of Request

Cr. Green said the council might waive its objection to Sunday concerts, provided approved programmes were presented. He moved that the request be granted, and that the council take action to have the operation of the by-law prohibiting Sunday entertainments suspended temporarily.

Cr. Mitchell seconded the motion, and said that whilst in favor of suspending the by-law temporarily he did not think it should be repealed.

Over 1100 Unemployed Registered

There were over 1100 unemployed registered now at Northcote, and the situation was desperate. No harm could come of waiving the by-law temporarily. (Applause from the gallery).

The Mayor.—Order, please!

Cr. Mitchell.—Sunday sport is generally indulged in, and the Sunday concert I suggest is on the same footing.

Cr. Sutch.—It is not!

Cr. Mitchell.—Unemployment has never been so bad before and drastic situations require drastic remedies.

Cr. Glanfield said he was not in favor of repealing the by-law, and he was diffident about granting the request, as he did not think much money would be raised. Still he was doing his utmost for the unemployed, and if any funds at all could be raised by Sunday concerts, he for one was prepared to give the unemployed a chance to see what they could do. He would vote for the motion.

Cr. Cornish.—I don't agree with the request at all, and I will oppose it. (Outcry from the gallery).

Threat to Clear Gallery

The Mayor. — No interjections, please. If I hear any more of it I'll have the gallery cleared. (There were police present.)

Cr. Cornish.—I went to a football match in aid of the unemployed and tickets were being sold there for 3d. each. If the unemployed had wanted funds they should have asked for a bigger price than 3d. On the quotations from the Bible I would say that there is a commandment dealing with Sunday. I look round the chamber at the portraits of former councillors——.

Cr. Glanfield.—Old ziffs! (Laughter).

Cr. Cornish.—And ask: Are we going to undo what these men have done? There are six days in the week on which concerts can legally be held to raise funds, and now there is a determined attempt being made to "pinch in" on the Sunday. This looks like the thin end of the wedge.

Cr. Sutch.—I think Sunday sport and entertainment should be stopped, but as the case is desperate I am prepared to vote to give the unemployed a chance to run concerts, provided there is nothing offensive on the programmes, and they are approved. I am opposed to repealing the by-law.

Cr. Pinkney said he would support the motion if it would help the unemployed.

Cr. Dennis expressed agreement with Cr. Cornish, saying the council had given the free use of the town hall to the unemployed for a week night concert, and he had yet to be convinced that more funds would be raised by a Sunday concert than a properly organised one on a week night. He was in full sympathy with the unemployed, for whom he did all he could, but at the same time he would not support a proposal to run Sunday concerts.

Cr. Beard said he was quite prepared to waive his religious principles if a certain body would also scrap some of its principles. He was employing nine men, and would be prepared to replace them with married unemployed men of Northcote who had three and four children, if allowed to do so by the union concerned. He was prepared to waive a lot to help the unemployed.

Cr. Hughes said he had always been opposed to the violation of Sunday.

An Amendment

Cr. Oldis moved an amendment that the matter be referred to the committee of the council and further information obtained. (Ironical laughter from the gallery.) The council had already given the unemployed permission to run a week night entertainment, and he had yet to learn that the running of a properly-organised concert on a week night had proved a failure. He was satisfied that more would be raised by a week night concert than on a Sunday night.

Cr. Johnson seconded the amendment, and said he had always opposed the opening of the town hall on a Sunday.

Cr. Jones supported the amendment, saying he believed that a success could be made of the week night concerts.

Both Amendment and Motion Lost

Both the motion and the amendment were lost.

Cr. Glanfield.—What is done, then?

The Mayor.—Nothing. Both are lost. Next business please!

COUNCIL FELICITATIONS

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Northcote council on Monday, which was the last meeting of the council prior to the municipal elections, it was resolved to place on record a minute of appreciation of the services of the mayor (Cr. W. Hayes) and the acting mayoress (Mrs. J. M. David) in their mayoral year.

Cr. Johnson (ex-mayor) complimented the mayor and acting mayoress on their successful term. His sentiments were endorsed by Cr. Olver, who spoke enthusiastically of their many good qualities.

Mayor Hayes, in responding, said that on relinquishing the position he was proud to feel that he held the esteem of the council, and the citizens generally. The year's work had been hard on account of the amount of unemployment consequent on the depression, but nevertheless it had been pleasant. He thanked his fellow councillors, the officers and the general public for their hearty support, and especially those ladies who had so willingly assisted the mayoress at all times.

Cr. Turner moved a vote of thanks to the retiring councillors, saying that "that was the sum total of their wages as councillors."

Those retiring are Crs. Mitchell (Central), Hayes (North), Johnson (East), Pinkney (South) and Beard (West).

After commenting on their many good qualities, Cr. Turner said that Cr. Beard was not seeking re-election, and the other four were being returned unopposed. As a ward colleague none could wish for better than Cr. Beard, and it was with regret that he saw that gentleman retiring. Cr. Turner also paid a tribute to ex-Cr. A. D. McDonald, saying his genial face was much missed, and he regretted that circumstances had been such as to bring about his retirement.

The vote of thanks was supported by Crs. Sutch and Dennis.

Responding, Cr. Beard said he left the council after four and a half years of pleasant service, which had broadened his views. He thanked his fellow councillors and the officers for their ready help and courtesy whilst he had been in the council.

Later in the mayor's room there was a large gathering, which included many of the councillors' wives.

The toast list included the King, and Retiring Councillors, proposed by Crs. Jones and Hughes, to which Crs. Beard, Johnson, Mitchell, Pinkney and the mayor responded.

Cr. Johnson toasted Mr. J. M. David, and presented to him a gold-mounted cigarette holder, an oxidised coal box and a fire screen as tokens of good will and esteem; and to the mayor a gold-mounted cigar holder. Mr. David and the mayor responded.

Cr. Dennis proposed the mayor and acting mayoress, touched on their many good qualities, and congratulated them on their success, though arduous, year of office. To this toast the acting mayoress responded.

Cr. Glanfield proposed the officers, to which the town clerk (Mr. J. A. Thomson), the electrical engineer (Mr. T. W. Hawthorn) and Mr. C. S. Bray responded.

A happy gathering broke up to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne."

AN ELECTION ACCOUNT

Martin Hannah Sued by Newsagent

An acount for money paid for election advertisements was heard at the Northcote court on Tuesday, when Martin Hannah, a former M.L.A., who is well known in Northcote, was sued by R. D. Hiscock, newsagent, of Brighton, for £6/7/.

Hiscock, who is a newsagent at Middle Brighton, said that during an election campaign at Brighton in April, 1928, when Hannah was standing as a candidate for Parliament, certain advertisements were inserted at Hannah's instruction in the metropolitan newspapers. The total amount due was £6/7/.

Hannah said that certain advertisements for which he had arranged were not inserted by the "Age" newspaper, and he had refused to pay anything to the "Age" for any of the advertisements.

An order was made for the amount claimed (£6/7/), with £2/17/6 costs.

RESERVOIR NOTES

A special programme has been arranged for the next P.S.A. on Sunday, 24th inst., by Mr. S. G. Stevens.

Householders and blockowners in Compton street are objecting to the making of the street on the grounds that the extra cost will be a burden in these adverse times. A petition is being prepared to present to the council asking for reconsideration.

Mr. Williams, the Labor municipal candidate, assisted by Mr. Webber, M.L.A., addressed a meeting of electors of the West ward at Mr. Spencer's Epping road theatre. Mr. Hemburrow addressed a meeting this week in the Methodist Hall. It is anticipated there will be a large poll.

The Reservoir Band Committee has granted the request of the Robert Raikes committee that the band should lead the procession to Edwardes Lake and play appropriate selections. Mr. Bennett has been elected to the committee.

The movement to divide the West ward into two parts is commended in this part of the city. The petition will be widely supported by local residents, who see in the election of three representatives a possibility of creating direct interest in this area.

A shooting party of residents had a series of misfortunes last Saturday at Merriang. One of the party, while retrieving a rabbit, had an impromptu bath. The car became bogged, and after five hours' useless work they decided to get help. A passing motorist offered assistance, which resulted in extricating the entrenched car, but the helping car became bogged and was not extricated until 3 a.m. on Sunday.

An epidemic of coughs and colds among children is causing worry to many mothers.

Tennis is booming, the courts being in full swing, and many players await vacancies. The establishment of new courts has not eventuated.

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This year marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the modern Sunday school movement, which was begun by Robert Raikes, a journalist of Gloucester, in 1780. The rise of the Sunday school illustrates those proverbial words of James, chapter 3, verse 5, when in another connection he says: "How great a matter a little fire kindleth." When we review the work of Raikes, it is astonishing how rapidly his plans spread, just as a little spark, falling into inflammable material, rapidly kindles a great fire. Seeing groups of wretched children in the streets, he gathered them together in a private house, paid some women to teach them, and thus started the first Sunday school. Of course the plan has gradually undergone many striking changes, but the modern Sunday school is the direct outcome of that first group which gathered in Sooty Alley, Gloucester, in 1780. Just think of its development during those 150 years! Three years later schools were being advocated everywhere. By 1800 they were in all parts of England, and both a National Society and a British and Foreign Society were in existence.

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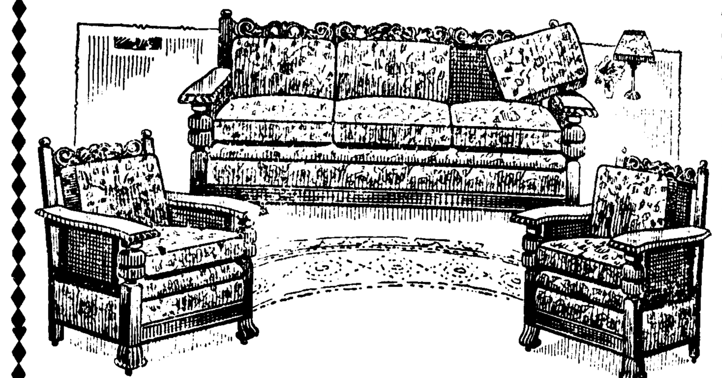

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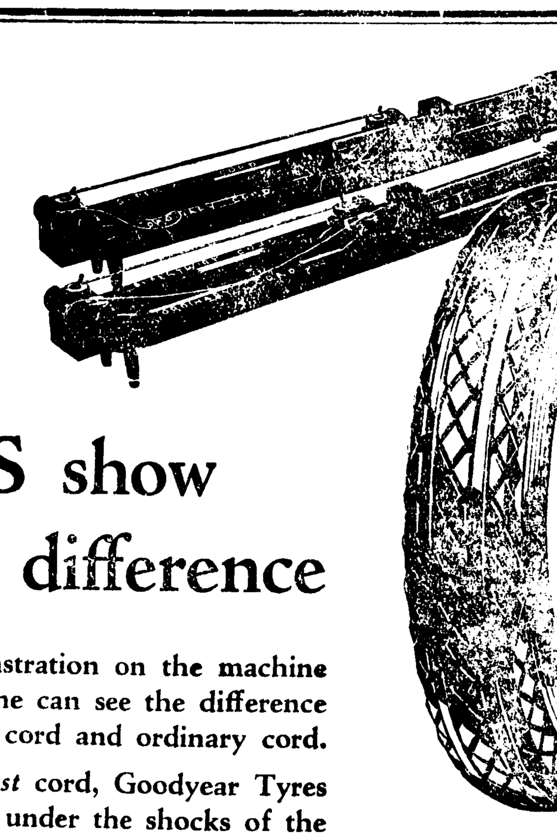

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

James Street Presbyterian Church

On Sunday large congregations assembled to hear the new pastor, Rev. T. Jones. In the morning there were detachments present from the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Order of the Covenanting Bush and Order of the Covenant. The preacher based his remarks to the young folk on the text: "What manner of child shall this be?" For his sermon Mr. Jones took the words: "I am among you as he that serveth." During the morning service the choir rendered the anthem "I Will Give Thanks."

On August 13 there was a large congregation when the Rev. Jones was inducted to the charge by the Moderator of the Melbourne North Presbytery (Rev. Legge). Addresses were given by the Rev. B. T. Buntine, Interim Moderator (Fairfield) and Rev. Chas. Neville (Hawthorn West). The Revs. A. Stewart (Preston) and W. Jones (Heidelberg) also took part. At the conclusion an adjournment was made to the school hall, where a welcome social was held. Rev. Buntine occupied the chair. The first speaker was the Moderator, on behalf of the Presbytery of Melbourne North. The mayor (Cr. Hayes) extended a civic welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, who, he said, were coming to a fine church and a fine people. Mrs. George Reid (Ladies' Guild) also welcomed the newcomers, and presented Mrs. Jones with a basket of flowers. Rev. T. Cole (Ministers' Fraternal) also greeted Mr. and Mrs. Jones. Mr. Carruthers, for the session and young people, spoke words of welcome and Mr. Pemberton (board of management) assured Mr. Jones of a full measure of support. Mr. Muir (representing the congregation) and Mr. Gossier (Sunday school) also spoke. Rev. Jones thanked the speakers.

Mr. Carruthers referred to the good work which Rev. Buntine had done as Interim Moderator, and asked him to accept a slight mark of appreciation. Mr. Buntine said his work had been very light and a pleasure. Mr. McKay moved a vote of thanks to the session clerk (Mr. Carruthers), and also to Mr. George Reid.

During the evening vocal items were contributed by Miss L. Wallace, Mrs. Clark and Mr. J. A. Thomson. Refreshments were provided by the ladies.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

On August 27 at 7.30 p.m. the Rev. S. C. Hadley will be inducted as Minister of the Presbyterian Church, Rossmoyne street, Thornbury, by the Moderator of the Presbytery of Melbourne North (the Rev. Jas. Legge, of Kew). Rev. Hadley will commence his ministry at the church on August 31. All friends of the congregation are invited to be present at these services.

Congregational Church

All previous records were eclipsed last Sunday, which was our annual orange and violet day. A fine array of fruit and flowers was brought to the morning service. Rev. Duncan E. Reeves preached a strikingly appropriate address, and hymns suitable to the occasions were sung. The junior choir rendered fine work which was greatly appreciated. A good attendance listened to the evening address, which was forceful and to the point. The newly-formed Endeavor Society met this week and elected its officers and arranged its programme. In connection with the mayor's scheme for a proper means of organisation and distribution of help for the distressed, the church intends doing its utmost to assist. A social evening being organised by the choir should be a bright and breezy function. The proceeds will be devoted to stocking a sweets stall at the forthcoming fair.

Northcote Church of Christ Sunday School Anniversary

Next Sunday, August 24, and the following Sunday the Northcote Church of Christ Sunday school will hold special children's services. For the first afternoon Mr. E. L. Williams, of Hawthorn, will be the speaker, and on the 24th Mr. Trevor Morris, of 3LO Optimists' Chorus Party, will address the meeting. The special singing will be conducted by Mr. Chipperfield, and selected duets, quartettes and part songs will be rendered. Miss M. Amery will officiate at the organ and Miss Mary Morris at the piano. There will also be a special orchestra. In the evenings Mr. A. E. Illingworth will conduct the services.

On Wednesday, September 3, the Bible School demonstration and prize night will be held.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church

The annual thanksgiving services were conducted on Sunday. The morning's offerings amounted to £78 13/, the Sunday school gave £50, and the offering in the evening was £57 . . The total for the day was £186. Rev. J. T. Duggleby conducted both services. Special soloists were Miss Thelma Rawson, of Canterbury, and Mrs. Gardner, of Thornbury.

Next Sunday is Foreign Mission Sunday. The Rev. John Thomas, B.A., a past president of the Methodist Conference, will conduct the morning service. The Rev. A. Wesley Amos will speak at the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon on "Viti Victorians." The evening's service will be in the hands of the Rev. Duggleby.

High Street Methodist Church

An enjoyable banquet and social was held at the church hall last Saturday, when members of the young men's and young ladies' classes of the High street, Prince of Wales Park, Croxton and St. George's road Methodist Churches met to have tea. The president of High street Y.M.M.I.S. (Hon. J. G. Membrey) was in the chair, and many toasts were honored. The tables were later cleared away and games indulged in.

Next Sunday Foreign Mission anniversary celebrations will be held. Rev. Wesley Amos will preach in the morning and Rev. John Thomas, B.A., in the evening. On Wednesday Rev. Amos will lecture on "Fiji and Her Firewalkers," illustrated with moving pictures. Mrs. W. H. Gray and Miss Neelands were appointed to attend the City of Northcote Central Relief Committee.

The Salvation Army, Preston

On Saturday a social evening was arranged at the Army Hall in Gower street. A pleasing programme was given by local talent, and a happy evening was spent. The funds raised were in aid of the Self Denial Appeal. The special activities of the Preston Corps will be devoted for this appeal for August and September. Local Salvationists are issued with an authorised collecting book, signed by the commanding officer (F. L. Inglis). They will call on friends in their allotted districts for subscriptions. The need is great, and because of the widespread depression the need is greater than ever. The calls on the social funds of the Army are heavy. We would like to appeal to every citizen in Preston to assist in the Self Denial appeal this year.

A fair is being arranged to take place in the city hall in September, which will be called the "Mei Hua" fair. Gifts and donations for the appeal may be sent to the officer in charge, 18 Preston street, Preston, N18.

St. Aidan's Church of England

The coronation of the queen will be performed by Archdeacon Herring in the Northcote town hall on the 4th prox.

All Saints', South Northcote

Wednesday was set apart as a day of prayer in connection with the Church Missionary Society. At the afternoon session the speaker was Mr. J. Carter, the secretary of the Honorary Readers' Association. The interval meeting was conducted by members of the Home Preparation Union. The evening session was addressed by Rev. T. Smith, of Bentleigh.

CORRESPONDENCE

CR. NEWTON'S ATTITUDE.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Permit me to voice in your paper a few corrections to the vindictive and misleading statements made by Mr. Andrews, candidate for the Council in the East Ward of Preston.

Mr. Andrews persists in stating that Cr. Newton voted against the pound for pound offer by the Government for local unemployment, despite the fact that a copy of the minutes of the council dealing with such was published in an earlier issue of your paper. Is Mr. Andrews so little interested in our city and local interests that he does not read your publication?

Cr. Newton did not vote against the Government grant. He wished to obtain work and sustenance both. Mr. Andrews would have the grant and offer pick and shovel work to all. Those unable to do that work could starve. Would Mr. Andrews resign his position in favor of someone at present unemployed and join a gang of navvies?

Cr. Newton, during his six years term as councillor, has consistently studied the interests of the ratepay-politics, and has not spared himself ers, irrespective of station, creed or in or out of the council chamber in endeavoring to obtain for the ratepayers the best return for their money.

Mr. Andrews is in favor of day labor, as opposed to contract work. If Mr. Andrews were familiar with the work done, or if he had observed both systems in operation, I am sure he would immediately alter his opinion. It would appear that he is indifferent as to how the money is spent, provided men are employed. This is bad finance. You must, if you want to be on the credit side of the ledger, get full value for money spent.

Mr. Andrews also states that the anti-labor section of the council, in which he includes Cr. Newton, has definitely spoken of increased ratings. Why this indirect reference? Cr. Newton has, at all times, opposed increased rating, and if elected on this occasion is still prepared to consider the ratepayers in the same manner.

Cr. Newton is a permanent resident of Preston; all his interests are in Preston, and in presenting himself before the ratepayers as a candidate for the East Ward, he has always fought a clean fight and has won for himself the respect of everyone with whom he has come in contact. Not only has he won respect, but he has earned the gratitude of numbers of ratepayers and residents in the whole of Preston for his unobtrusive and silent assistance in these hard times.

There are in our city to-day numbers of families who owe to Cr. Newton the fact that they are sheltered and fed. Mr. Newton has not shouted these facts from the balcony of the city hall, neither has he mentioned them to me, but those people whom he has helped—out of his own pocket—have spoken of him in glowing terms as their deliverer from dire want in the present industrial depression.

Mr. Andrews has been selected as the Labor candidate. Why does he not live up to Labor principles? He preaches the policy of one man one job, and would hold two himself. Also he is a keen advocate of 100 per cent. local employment, and gets his printing done in Carlton!

Mr. Andrews, in his speech as reported in your paper, stated that he could not criticise Cr. Newton's policy, as that policy had not been stated. Is he so busy in his present occupation that he has not the time to interest himself in anything outside his own affairs?

Cr. Newton's policy is so widely known in Preston that it requires no blast of trumpets to proclaim it, but perhaps Mr. Andrews is to be excused, as he is quite a newcomer to Preston, who has just blown in like a whirlwind amongst us, and, no doubt, will in like manner fade out as quickly if not returned as representative of the East Ward.

As an officer of the Education Department, Mr. Andrews is not likely to be resident in Preston for any length of time. He is at present employed in Fitzroy State school, and if transferred within three years of this election his return on the 28th inst. would involve the ratepayers in the expense of an extraordinary election.—Yours, etc.,

CLARENCE W. JENNER,

Chairman Cr. Newton's Committee.

DEPLORABLE STATE OF ROBERT STREET.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—It was quite refreshing to read in your valuable paper that one of our South Ward councillors had at last drawn attention to the "deplorable state of Robert St." I have been a resident of that street for twelve years or more, and during that time nothing solid has been done to make it a decent thoroughfare. Pearl, Jackson, Yeoman and Plant Sts. have all had permanent top dressings and crowned metallings, but poor Robert St. never. For every one vehicle or car that passes along the first three named streets, thirty travel through Plant St. to Clarke St. via Robert St. Hence the dreadful state it has been allowed to get into. I refer particularly to the section from Plant to Mason Sts.—Yours, etc.,

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WEST PRESTON TRAM SERVICE.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—With reference to the letter published in the "Leader" on the 15th ult., referring to the West Preston trams. As president of the West Preston Progress Association, I endorse the remarks made by the writer. These complaints from tram users have been a very much discussed subject for a long time, and the residents are always looking forward to see the urgent change take place, but unfortunately the Tramway Board do not seem to be perturbed in any way, despite the deputations they have received on numerous occasions. It is high time the change over system was abolished and the section extended to Bell St. instead of Oakover road; also we cannot understand why the trams should terminate at Regent St., when about three quarters of a mile further on we have a beautiful lake, exquisite for boating, with swimming baths and wading pool for children, which would be well patronised by travellers and residents owing to the local baths being overcrowded. I sincerely hope this constant agitation of the residents, the council, and also the West Preston Progress Association, that the Tramways Board will endeavor to concentrate their efforts and hemedy the grievances that have been neglected for a long time in the West Ward.—Yours, etc.,

W. H. BURLAND.

West Preston, 19/8/30.

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WHITTLESEA COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

The usual monthly meeting was held on Wednesday. Present were: The president (Cr. B. McCormack), and Crs. L. W. Clarke, J. Butler, M. A. Fergusson, T. Hurrey, R. Reid, W. Thomas, E. McDonald, J. Downie, D. Murphy and Scott.

CORRESPONDENCE

Wandering Stock.—Municipal Association, forwarding a letter from the R.A.C.V. re wandering stock at night on shire roads near Epping.

C. H. Zimmer, Epping, complaining of wandering stock at night time.

Cr. Scott said something should be done about this, as the danger was serious.

The president said people should keep their stock in at night.

Black Flat Road.—Country Roads Board, re request that Black Flat road from Whittlesea township to Wallan road, be declared a main road, stating the board could not agree to this. —Received.

C.R.B. Allotments.—C.R.B., stating the following amounts had been allotted for maintenance: Epping road, £1850; main Whittlesea road, £2250; Wallan road, £500; Whittlesea-Kinglake road, £1650.

Main Roads Construction—The following amounts were allotted:—Main Whittlesea (sealing completed construction work), £350; Whittlesea-Kinglake (sealing waterbound macadam between Spink's corner and Scrubby Creek bridge), £1850.—Received.

Drainage Matters.—D. H. Herald and Son, solicitors, on behalf of the Misses Thomas, with reference to a meeting of councillors and residents with a view to some arrangement being made to have water drained through the Marsh Farm, asking the council to submit any proposed arrangement.

Mr. Sabelberg said the council could, under the Local Government Act, obtain an easement through the property. The injunction obtained by the owners against the council would not interfere with the council's rights under the L.G. Act.

Cr. Hurrey said that something should be done, but the council should not have to bear the whole of the cost.

Cr. Thomas said that Craven's lane was a disgrace, and something should be done, but everything must be done legally. The council would have to be very careful as to what it did.

The president said that if the drainage was done it would improve the properties all round, and the people in the vicinity should pay something.

It was decided that the president and Mr. Sabelberg, the council's solicitor, interview Mr. Herald.

A further letter was received from D. Herald and Son re drain in Bridge Inn lane, stating the council would be held responsible for any damage done by water.

Cr. Thomas said the council had erected two bridges in the Berry lane, and had made the drain. The Misses Thomas had treated the council generously in the past and the council should shoulder its responsibilities.

The president said if the council concentrated water on a person's land it was the council's responsibility to take it off.

The engineer recommended that the council secure an easement over the land where th drain ran. That would not cost much, and the council would then have full control over the drain.

A motion that the drain be cleaned out 3 feet to the bottom was lost.

Cr. Thomas then moved that the question of an easement be discussed with the Misses Thomas' solicitors.—Carried.

A Councillor's Account.—J. Sabelberg, council's solicitor, stating that it is very unusual for a councillor to charge for any service rendered to the council. Every councillor is expected to act in an honorary capacity. Mr. Sabelberg further gave his opinion that such payment would be contrary to Section 53 of the Local Government Act. Any travelling expenses necessarily paid ought to be refunded by the council.—Received.

Preston Technical School.—Cr. Walter Thomas, stating he had gone carefully into the proposal that a technical school be established at Preston, and recommending the council to take no action at present owing to the economic depression, coupled with the excessive taxation already existing.—Recommendation adopted.

A Matter of Interest.—W. T. Mair, Eden Park, stating he was charged 9/3 interest when paying rates. When the property was valued, included in the valuation was 3 acres belonging to his sister, and a readjustment had to be made before he could pay. He asked for a refund in the interest.

Cr. McDonald moved that the interest be remitted.

The President.—The council cannot refund rates or interest. To do so would be illegal.

Writer to be informed the council had no power to make a refund.

A Flooded Street.—Mrs. M. Colby, Thomastown, complaint re state of Alexander street, which was often flooded knee deep.

Mrs. Colby.—Has the road been taken over by the council?

The Engineer.—It is a private street, and must be constructed at the cost of the owners.

The President.—The council cannot go on to a private street and spend the ratepayers' money. If the people knew what the work would cost they would not ask the people to pay for it.

Mrs. Colby.—We have to pay our rates and taxes and get nothing for it. If the council would attend to the culvert it would give relief.

The President.—The council can't do that, as it would then have to take the road over.

A Broken Culvert.—A. Gingles, Humevale, complaining of broken culvert and bad state of road leading from main road to his property. Wood carting had cut the road to pieces.

Cr. Downie moved that the work be done.—Lost.

Cr. Fergusson moved an amendment that the writer be advised that the council may be able to attend to the work within the next two years. (Laughter). The Whittlesea people should understand that the council had no money to spend unless the rates were increased.

Cr. Downie said the hole in the road was dangerous, and he moved a further amendment that the work be done at once.

This was lost.

Later a letter was received from E. M. Aitken, West Brunswick, complaining of bad state of road from Kinglake road past his property at Humevale. A pipe culvert had been broken there by heavy timber traffic. —Engineer to inspect, and if dangerous to give attention.

Cr. Downie.—This is the same culvert the council decided some half hour ago to repair within the next two years, if money is available. (Laughter). I can't follow the council's decisions at all.

Miller's Road.—C. E. Gardner, of Epping, complaining o the deplorable state of Miller's road. Relief had been promised in the drainage, but nothing had been done.

Cr. Butler said the Epping councillors were to have seen the engineer on the spot with a view to making a short deviation through Crozier's, but the inspection had not yet taken place. If the deviation was made the cost would not be great, and it would be cheaper than making the present road passable.

Road to be inspected by Epping councillors and engineer.

Cr. McDonald said a culvert broken by the shire in metal carting further down in Miller's road was diverting water on Gardner's property, and had practically ruined it.

The Engineer.—Tenders have been called for repairing that culvert.

The amendment was carried.

Thomastown Water Rates.—John Thomas, Thomastown, stating he was rated £7/10/ for water, and never used any. He asked for a reduction.

The president said the council did not want to make money out of the scheme. The rate struck was to pay interest on the cost of the scheme, and if the council was collecting more money than was required the rate would be reduced. A statement was now being obtained from the board.

General

Ellen N. Dea and E. Clarke, Epping, seeking attention to pipe trenches in High street, Epping, in front of their properties.—Engineer to communicate with Board of Works.

A. R. Hall and E. Maltzahn, Spring street, Thomastown, seeking attention to street.—Engineer to do some metalling.

W. B. Campbell, secretary, Whittlesea Presbyterian Church trustees, re defective drainage in Lime street.—Engineer to attend.

J. Booth, Northcote, seeking permit to cut wood off Scrubby Creek road or old Yea road.—Granted.

Herbert Stephens, Cooper street, Epping, complaint re flooding from road, and asking that a drainage easement be opened.

Cr. Butler said the writer's house was being damaged by water. Engineer and riding councillors to inspect.

J. Cavanagh, Eden Park, re bad state of road near his property. Water tables required cleaning.—To be done and gravel spread.

William and Patrick Ryan, South Morang, re bad state of two crossings in Boland's lane.—Referred to engineer.

R. E. Lowe and Knight and Harwood, asking that Station street, Thomastown, be constructed.—Referred to solicitor.

James Murphy, Arthur's Creek, on behalf of owners of property on east boundary of the Yan Yean water reservation, drew attention to bad state of road. In many places quagmires often one to three feet deep were quite impassable.—Board of Works to be asked to put in the three promised culverts at once.

C. A. Eiseman, Whittlesea, complaining that repairs being effected to Cemetery lane were totally inadequate.—Work not yet finished.

John W. Bramley, Arthur's Creek, re unsatisfactory state of road from Arthur's Creek to Yan Yean.—Engineer to report.

FINANCE

Received since last meeting, including current rates £165/2/9, and arrears £20/17/1, £369/14/6; Country Roads Board A/c., Dr. £1712/16/4; Crown Reserve A/c., Cr. £22/19/3; Loan A/c., Cr. £94/17/11; Water Rate, Cr. £408/14/5; bank balance, Dr. £4314/15/7.

Riding Balances.—Whittlesea, Dr. £2790/4/4; Yan Yean, Dr. £579/3/; Morang, Dr. £1886/17/6; Epping, Cr. £679/10/1; Trust A/c., Cr. £199 8/9; Dr. balance net, £4377/6/0.

Amount recommended for payment, £995/1/11; C.R.B. A/c., £123/2/10. —Adopted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Whittlesea Riding.—Andrew's lane has been completed with the exception of maintenance.

Yan Yean Riding.—She Oak lane: Patching with metal completed. Reid's Cemetery road: This has been graded. Cemetery lane east: Road trimmed with grader and ruts filled with stone. Draper's lane has received attention with grader. Lyon's drive has received attention, and Mason's lane culvert repaired. Main road: Trees lopped and tree guards being repaired.

Morang Riding.—Sackville street and Bridge Inn road west have received attention, also holes in Doctor's Gully road.

Epping Riding.—Malthzan's crossing attended to. In Spring street and Cooper street west metal blinded. Hearn's road, 150 yards of metal spread, blinded and rolled. Mason's lane contract commenced. North of Grant's lane and in Grant's lane had holes repaired with gravel.

Culvert on Eaglemont road.—Heavy carting had made this dangerous.

Cr. Murphy said it was a death trap. Decided to close bridge temporarily.

The report was adopted.

Health Inspector

The report of the health inspector (Mr. H. M. V. Woodhouse) stated that no cases of infectious disease had been reported. He had made a sanitary inspection of the shire.

Tenders

No tenders were accepted.

Caretaker, Epping Park.—E. Boyle was appointed.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Cr. Thomas moved that works in Morang Riding under extra rate be done by day labor.

Cr. Downie seconded.—Lost.

Cr. McDonald moved his usual crop of notices of motion. Two were lost, two lapsed for want of a seconder, and one was carried.

Cr. Butler moved that resolution re Eden Park—that C.R.B. be asked to spend no more money on the Eden Park-Wallan road, be rescinded.

Cr. Butler made a long statement, giving the history of the work.

A joint letter was received as follows:—We the undersigned ratepayers and residents and interested parties in Eden Park district understand that recently the council passed a resolution that the Country Roads Board be asked that no further moneys be expended on the Eden Park-Wallan road deviation, gazetted for construtcion as a developmental road. This discussion of the council had caused considerable anxiety amongst those who have for some years been looking forward to completion of the new road as a means of saving them upwards of five miles each way extra journey, to which they are now subjected, and to provide employment for a number of people in the district out of work for a long time. We respectfully ask the council to take steps to allow the C.R.B. to proceed with the work.

The signatures were: Alice Slattery, T. D. Butler, T. Butler, M. Solomon, P. Hinton, R. Hinton, F. King, V. Solomon, C. Skeat, L. Jemmett, M. Jemmett, J. Cavanagh, E. Cavanagh, J. E. Jolley, E. King, S. King, V. L. Forbes, R. Rickard, M. V. Rickard, C. Cordell, E. Corrie, L. Hanlon, W. Ryan, D. Murphy, M. Ryan, B. Simms, J. Chapman, John R. J. Butler, S. S. Thornton, E. E. Thornton, Geo. Morley, E. Morley, J. Jolley, J. King, C. King, H. Anderson, L. Anderson, J. Smith, J. Breaks, D. Smith, J. Chalmers, L. Chalmers, W. Cleal, A. J. Cordell, A. Hanlon, A. Herman, G. Congram, E. Ryan, E. Murphy, G. Grant, W. Chapman, E. A. Hobbs, A. A. Hobbs and C. Butler.

Cr. Downie seconded the notice of motion.

The president said he would not ask the board for any more money until he got an assurance that an expensive road would not be made.

The motion was carried after a long discussion.

Rates

The president gave notice for striking a general rate of 2/ in the £ and a special rate of 6d. in the £ in the Morang, Whittlesea and Yan Yean Ridings.

General

Cr. Murphy moved that 250 yards of gravel be placed on Brennan's Hill, Deviation road, 14 chains on north side of old road and 7 chains on south side, gravel to be got out of deep creek in W. J. Brennan's paddock; also that tenders be called returnable next meeting.

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CYCLING NEWS

The L.V.W. held a 50 mile open handicap on the Plenty road on Saturday, starting and finishing at Preston. Results:—E. Davey (6.30), 1; H. Bird (13.0), 2; F. Humphreys (15.30), 3. Davey also made fastest time.

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS

The above club will hold a 68 mile road race on Saturday, starting from the Rose, Thistle and Shamrock Hotel at 2.30. The course will be from Plenty road to Greensborough, Panton Hill, Queenstown and Kinglake, past Tommy's Hut to Whittlesea and thence along Plenty road to the starting point. The riders will be all off scratch and divided into three grades.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—The Pets are jubilant over Northcote's success on Saturday and hope they will keep it up. We've just passed a hectic week, as Jacko has been reading tales of France when sword-fighting was in vogue. Nothing would please him but a pair of foils, and now we have fencing bouts at all hours of the day between Fluffy and Jacko. It's really a great sight, and although they sometimes get slightly tangled up their agility and grace are rather picturesque. Jacko riles Fluffy, and when she lunges wildly he calmly calls out, "No, Fluffy darling, I'm not there, really," and poor little Fluff has to laugh and become good-tempered again. However, they're both improving quickly, and later will prove very adept with the foils. A new girl cobber is welcomed this week, so Fluffy is on top still. Remember the competitions, and the Pets send heaps of love and greetings, and so does your
UNCLE PHIL.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets wish the happiest and jolliest of birthdays to Tommy Craig (Aug. 23), Joyce Scrimes (Aug. 24), Inez Hall (Aug. 25), Billy Bilenry (Aug. 26), and Jean Neumann (Aug. 27).

OUR MAIL BAG

25 Mitchell St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I would like to become a member of the Cobbers' Club. I am 13 years of age and am in the eighth grade at school. I will close now, with love to the Pets and yourself.

Joyce Membrey

(GOOD)

(Welcome to the Cobbers and Birthday Clubs, Joyce, and we hope for a letter or contribution each week from you. Fluffy sends special greetings and asks if you play tennis. Heaps of love. U.P. P.S.—Send in a snap of yourself for our album.)

Hazel Smith. Please do not use both sides of the paper, Hazel, as we cannot use your contributions if you do. Send along some more. Heaps of love.—U.P.

Jean Wallace. Will you use only one side of the paper, please, Jean, as the W.P.B. gets all sheets written on both sides. Love.—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

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 are 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 boy or a girl. Trias, if original, should be marked "original" in one corner

ELVA'S JOURNEY TO THE MOON

Once there was a little girl called Elva. She was all day wishing that she could go to the moon in the night. One day she was wishing that she could go and see the moon when a little voice said, "Would you like to come with me and see the moon?" "Yes, please," she cried, when she saw it was a little fairy all in pink. The fairy sang one long note, and to her came a lot of birds drawing a carriage. The fairy told Elva that this was her carriage. Elva jumped in the carriage and the fairy drove her to the moon. The moon fairies were all waiting for her to come and were glad to see her. They took off her shoes and put on golden slippers. She went with the other fairies to the king's palace and they all gave her the heartiest greeting. When she had seen all the town she re-entered the carriage and came home down the moon's rays to her own garden.

(TRIA) Alma Stephens.

MY LETTER

As I was sitting in the sun one day I had nothing to do, so I thought of my weekly letter to the "Leader." Therefore, I got my pen and paper and started it. This is what I saw. I looked towards the sky and noticed a pretty little starling singing gaily. It looked as if it was waiting for another bird. That bird flew away, so I looked for something else. As it was I had noticed something interesting that day while I was up at my father's works. It was an aeroplane which flew in between my father's stacks of bricks. So you can imagine how low it was. This was a very anxious adventure.

(GOOD) George Joyce

THE TWO-TO-TWO

An old lady wished to catch a train. It was to leave as she thought at two minutes to two. Arriving at the station at one minute to two she asked the porter: "Excuse me, sir, but has the two minutes to two gone yes?" "Madame," replied the porter, "they have altered the two to two to two two."

(GOOD) R. Hubble.

WELL TRAINED

The other day as I was walking along the road I noticed an Alsatian dog sitting up in a buggy holding the reins in its mouth. When its master got into the buggy to drive away the dog let go the reins.

(GOOD) Jean Moylan.

A TRIP TO THE COUNTRY

Having a holiday Morris Cowley planned a trip, but, being a bad sailor, he refused an outing on his friend's Stanley Steamer. So he decided to go Overland, and, taking his wife Diana and Baby Austin in the Packard, they set off. The road was as smooth as Flint, so they made a Swift run to the river. At the Ford they met Willy Knight, who went with them. They came across an old Indian, who told them of some good shooting. So, taking their B.S.A. rifles, they had some good sport. Returning to the car they put up the Ariel and turned the Reostat till music came from the loud speaker. Then Dodge-ing a few stumps, they came home in the Moonlight.

(GOOD) Ruby Kupsch

THE APRON

Stitch, stitch, stitch! "Oh, when will this tiresome apron be finished," said Madge. "I am real tired of it." Madge was putting a worked apron in a competition, and it seemed easy at first, but soon the same constant stitching became very tiresome and monotonous to Madge, who was never known to sit still long in one place. It was no use asking anyone to help her with it, because it must be all her own work, and her elder sister Jessie would have been so willing to help if these had not been the rules. But Jessie could see how Madge was wearying of her work, and, casting longing eyes at a story book she was so interested in, a happy thought came to her. Jess opened the book and started reading aloud to Madge, and, ah, what a difference it made! The sewing became so easy now while she was listening to the adventures of "Norah of Billabong," and it seemed hardly any time before the last flower was worked and the apron ready to be pressed and sent away.

(GOOD) Dorothy Harris.

FAMILY SIZE

An old couple went into a photographer's studio to sit for their pictures. "Look pleasant, please," said the man behind the camera. The old couple smiled until their mouths stretched towards their ears. "Not quite so much, please," said the camera man, "the plate isn't quite big enough for that."

(GOOD) Jean Grenfell.

AN AMUSING CATCH

Ask your chum to lend you a penny. Then tell him he will not get it back again unless he answers "Matches" to three questions that you will ask him. Of course, he will think it is very easy to do that. So first ask him what his name is. "Matches," he will say. Then ask him his address. "Matches" he will reply once more. Then you say: "Which would you rather have—some matches or your penny back again?" Your chum is caught now, for if he says "Matches," then you have the right to keep the penny. It is only a catch, of course. You will let him have the penny back in the end.

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas.

ABSENT-MINDED

A professor was in the habit of letting his dog sit by his side while he had his meals. One evening while dining out, the hostess, who was sitting next to him, wishing to attract his attention, gently touched his sleeve. To the amazement of all present he mechanically transferred a bone from his plate and said, "Oh, get away! Take this out on the mat and eat it!"

(GOOD) M. McIntosh

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE THREE GOLDEN HAIRS

(Continued)

At first the mother would not hear of parting with her son, but when the king, whom she thought was only a rich man, offered to give her a bag of gold and told her about the grand things he would to for his son, then she let the babe go. Her husband also agreed. "Nothing can harm him," he said, "for he was born under a lucky star." So the next day the king took the baby away. He was a wicked man, and had not gone far when he put the little one in a box and threw it into a fast flowing river, saying, "That child will never marry my daughter. His lucky star can't save him this time." But the box did not sink. It floated like a boat and not a drop of water could get inside. Round and round the box floated, till at last it caught in the branches of an oak near a mill. One of the mill men saw the box and exclaimed. "A box! What can be inside it?" It was not long before he had opened it, and imagine his surprise when he saw a little baby asleep. He took it to his wife, who was overjoyed with having a child sent to them. The little boy grew strong and healthy. He was a favorite with every one who knew him, and the miller was proud of him. Now it happened that the king was passing through the town and saw a fine young man standing close by. He asked the miller if it were his son. "No," said the miller, "he is not. Nineteen years ago a box was seen on the mill dam, and when opened there was a baby inside it."

(To be continued)

(GOOD) Jean Wallace

THREE JOLLY JUMBOS

The three Jumbos were the most wicked fellows in the whole of the jungle. They had tiny twinkly eyes and frisky tails and they loved pretending, when they saw a toad, that they were going to step on him; but they were much too kind-hearted to do it really. They had a lot of fun when they weren't working, swishing water at each other from their long trunks and paddling in muddy ponds and eating mouthfuls of green rushes. They had all such shiny nice coats. I'm afraid that they were rather proud of them. They often said to one another what good-looking chaps they were. That was really what made them run away. You see, Ahmed was carrying a big pot of whitewash and he was sitting with his toes tucked under him on Chun-San's back. And someone threw a slice of melon for Ahmed to catch. But Chun-San thought, "I want a slice of melon. Why not me have a slice of melon. what?" which is the sort of way elephants do it. So he twisted his head and caught the slice of melon and tucked it into his mouth. Ahmed was so angry he nearly fell off Chun-San's back, only he thought what a long way to the ground it would be and, oh, dear, what a lot of bother climbing up again, not to mention fetching the step ladder from the chief's bungalow. So he leaned over to bang Chun-San hard on the trunk, and he upset the pot of paint all down Chun-San's back. Now, I've said before how proud these three elephant's were of their good looks, and you cannot really wonder that Chun-San didn't care to have a lot of paint spilt on him and left there to dry. He told Spi and Tooth about it when he got back to the big tree where they were tethered for the night.

(To be continued)

(GOOD) N. Maidstone.

AUSTRALIA'S OWN

Kangaroo and wallaby,
Emu and laughing jack,
Lovely golden wattle,
Dusty, hard bush track;

Rows and rows of gum trees,
Funny native bear
Are what we call our emblem
Of Australia free and fair.

(GOOD) Eileen Harris

THE SWAGMAN'S LAST SHILLING

I met a modest maiden
In the street the other eve;
She asked me for a shilling,
Almost shyly, I believe.

No, I did not call a policeman,
For she made me understand
I might win a box of chocolates,
At the same time help the band.

So I gave it to her gladly,
With a smile as my reward;
Though I needed it so badly
To pay my bed and board.

But a couch-grass bed will do me,
I can catch and cook some crayfish
For a few nights, at the least;
And make of them a feast.

For I've got a job with Buscall
Picking grapes on "princely pay,"
And shall save up all my earnings
For a workless, rainless day.

When I hear the brass band playing
I might score another smile,
And then think my self-denial
Was undoubtedly worth while.

(GOOD) Hazel Smith

THE THREE SAUCERS

Take three saucers. Fill one with clean water, one with muddy water, and leave one empty. Blindfold a person and lead him to the dishes, where he dips his left hand into one of the three. If by chance he touches the clear water he will marry a maid, the muddy water a widow, and the empty dish signifies that he will live and die a bachelor.

(GOOD) Cyril Henderson

THE WOOD

I went to the Wood of Flowers
(No one was with me),
I was there alone for hours,
I was happy as could be
In the Wood of Flowers.

(GOOD) F. Power.

LIBERTY

Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage;
Minds innocent and quiet take
That for a hermitage.

If I have freedom in my love,
And in my soul am free,
Angels alone that soar above
Enjoy such liberty.

(GOOD) Tommy Craig.

Young Jack he knew a thing or two
Although he was quite small,
And when Christmas time was drawing near
He made no noise at all.
He always said, "Yes, please, mother,"
And would run and help little brother;
"What's up with the boy?" father said,
"Are you sick, dear?" Jack would shake his head;
Then in a whisper to good dog Pike:
"It's getting near Christmas and I want a bike."

(GOOD) Graham Harris

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in last and also in least,
My second is in west and also in east;
My third is in hat, and also in cap,
My fourth is in dud, but not in map;
My fifth is in eat, and also in starve,
My last is in root, and also in earth;
My whole is a paper read by everybody.
Answer: Leader.

(GOOD) L. Bushell

Affectionate husband,
Motor car;
Reckless wife,
Funeral car.

(GOOD) Norman Kaufman.

There was an old fellow of Perth,
Who was born on the day of his birth;
He married, they say,
On his wife's wedding day,
And died on his last day on earth.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

There once was a girl called Sophia,
She sent in a tale for a "Tria,"
But our Uncle Phil
Said it made him feel ill,
So he threw it straight into the fire.

(GOOD) Mary Moylan

SOME HINTS

A halfpenny measures exactly one inch across.

Three pennies weigh almost exactly one ounce.

A half-crown is almost half an ounce.

A pint of water weighs a pound and a quarter.

(GOOD) Lorna McLean

FOR THE PICNIC

Next time you go for a picnic you might possibly take something with you that you have made yourself. Here is a way of making little shortbread men. Take 4oz. butter, 2oz. sugar, 6oz. flour, 4 drops of vanilla. Beat the butter well, using a wooden spoon, and when soft stir in sugar. Add the flour and work into a smooth dough with your hands. Flour a piece of greaseproof paper of the size of a baking tin and roll out the paste on it a quarter of an inch thick. Then with a sharp-pointed knife cut out little men. Lift the greaseproof paper on to a tin in the oven and bake for 20 minutes. Leave the little men on the tin till they are quite cold.

(GOOD) L. Scrimes.

STORYETTES

Manager: "How long do you want to be away on your honeymoon?" Clerk: "Well, sir—er—how long would you suggest?" "How do I know? I haven't seen the bride."

(GOOD) Jean Wills

Not All Lost.—The collection box of the little church was opened. In it were sixpence, one trouser button, and one farthing with a hole in it. "Let us give thanks," said the minister. "For what?" asked the deacon. "Because we got the box back."

(GOOD) W. Price

Gardener: "What are you tying down those onions for, Jimmy?" Jimmy: "I thought you said they were spring onions and I did not want to lose them."

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen.

"Spell 'chimney'," said the new teacher, pointing to a little girl. "C-h-i-m-n-e-y," answered the little girl. "Very good. Go up one!" said the teacher. "Please, miss," answered the little girl, "I've got a clean frock on."

(GOOD) Lily Scrimes

Stage Manager: "What do you think of Miss Twinkle who sings that ballad in the second act?" Critic: "A perfect little peach—but no Melba."

"'Twas terrible," said Mrs. Murphy, "there were twenty-seven English and one Irishman lost in a wreck." "Indade!" exclaimed Mrs. Grogan, "the poor man!"

(GOOD) Ron Kupsch.

Old Lady: "If you want some work go to Farmer Gray. He wants a right-hand worker." Tramp: "Just my luck, lady. I am left-handed."

(GOOD) Olive Prior.

Jim: "I fell off a hundred foot ladder yesterday." Jack: "It's a wonder you weren't killed." Jim: "Oh, I fell off the first step."

(GOOD) Guila Kohn.

Teacher (in natural history class): "What does the beaver feed on, Robert?" Robert: "On silk, sir." Teacher (astonished): "What!" Robert: "Yes, sir. I read in the papers that the beaver is usually lined with silk."

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy

Chemist: "Yes, sir. This one bottle of lotion will cure rheumatism." Customer: "How do you know that?" Chemist: "Well, sir, my customers never come back for the second bottle!"

(GOOD) Roy Murphy

"You don't need to be afraid of the dog, Earnest." Dogs that bark don't bite." "Yes, but supposing the beast stops barking?"

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

Husband (tuning in and feeling a sudden pain in the back): "I think I am getting lumbago." Wife: "It is no use listening, dear, as you don't understand a word of it."

(GOOD) Bob Edwards

Taking No Chances.—An Irishman living in New York started what promised to be a large family. A baby came regularly every year for four years, and then there were no more. A friend said to him one day, "Pat, why is it your wife presents you with no more kiddies?" "I don't want any more," said Pat, "because they say every fifth baby born in New York is a Jew."

(GOOD) Edward Grenfell.

Diner: "This pudding sauce tastes to me like furniture polish." Waiter: "Well you asked for cabinet pudding."

(GOOD) Jessie Prior.

Lady: "Do you drink tea with or without rum?" Gentleman: "With rum, please, but without tea!"

Lady: "Have you been dumb for a long time, my poor fellow?" Beggar: "What a silly question. You know I can't answer."

(GOOD) Alec Murphy

Most Likely.—"Waiter," cried Johnnie, "why is this cup of tea so weak?" "Well, sir, I should imagine there is either too much water or not enough tea in the pot."

(GOOD) Jean Grenfell

Teacher (to small boy): "Now, Tommy, let me hear you say grace." Tommy (feebly): "Please, sir, I don't know it." Teacher: "Well, what does your father say when he begins his breakfast?" Tommy (hopefully): "He says: 'Go steady with the butter now.'"

(GOOD) Enid Love

Teacher: "Johnny, take this sentence: 'I led the cow from the shed.' What mood?" Johnny: "The cow."

(GOOD) Rosie Goldstein.

A hunter was showing off his collection of trophies to a group of visitors. He was rapturously explaining how he acquired the various exhibits. "See that elephant?" he said. "I shot it in my pyjamas one night." "Goodness," murmured one visitor, "how did it get there?"

(GOOD) Duncan Matheson.

Teacher: "How would you punctuate this sentence: 'A ten shilling note flew around the corner'?" Phyllis: "I'd made a dash after it."

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen.

Teacher (giving history lesson to class): "Can anyone tell me where did Julius Caesar land when he came over to Britain?" Jimmy: "Yes, miss. On his feet."

(GOOD) Wilma Kruger.

Maid: "The old clothesman is here, sir." Professor (deep in thought): "Tell him we don't want any to-day."

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen

Tommy: "Mamma, are blackfellows all black?" Mamma: "Of course." Tommy: "Then do they cry ink?"

(GOOD) Allan Love.

Mike: "Did you ever speak before a large audience, Pat?" Pat: "Fairly large, I did, Mike." Mike: "Oh, what did you say?" Pat: "Not guilty, your honor."

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn.

RIDDLES

Why is an egg like cricket practice?—Because you cannot make a good batter without it.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

What is it that is neither useful nor ornamental, and yet a cart cannot go without it? —Noise.

Why should 12 inches be a very good height for a king?—Because he would make a very good ruler.

Of what trade is a minister at a wedding? —A joiner.

Why does a dog turn around twice before lying down?—Because one good turn deserves another.

(GOOD) Lily Craig.

Why do you carry an umbrella?—Because it cannot walk.

When does the sea recognise you?—When it waves in your direction.

(GOOD) Brenda Herz

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, give the title.

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FOR THE CHIC HOUSEWIFE

COVER-ALL APRONS

Cover-all aprons, fashioned in flowered ginghams and bound with contrasting colors, are suggested by Clara Bow for the chic housewife. Miss Bow wears four versions of the modern pinafore for her role in Paramount's production, "Love Among the Millionaires."

Such pastel shades as pink, blue, orchid and maize were selected by Miss Bow for her "work-a-day" costumes. Two of them were made to fit right over the frock and the others were for more decorative use.

GOWERVILLE & STAR THEATRES MONSTER MICKEY THE MOUSE COMPETITION.

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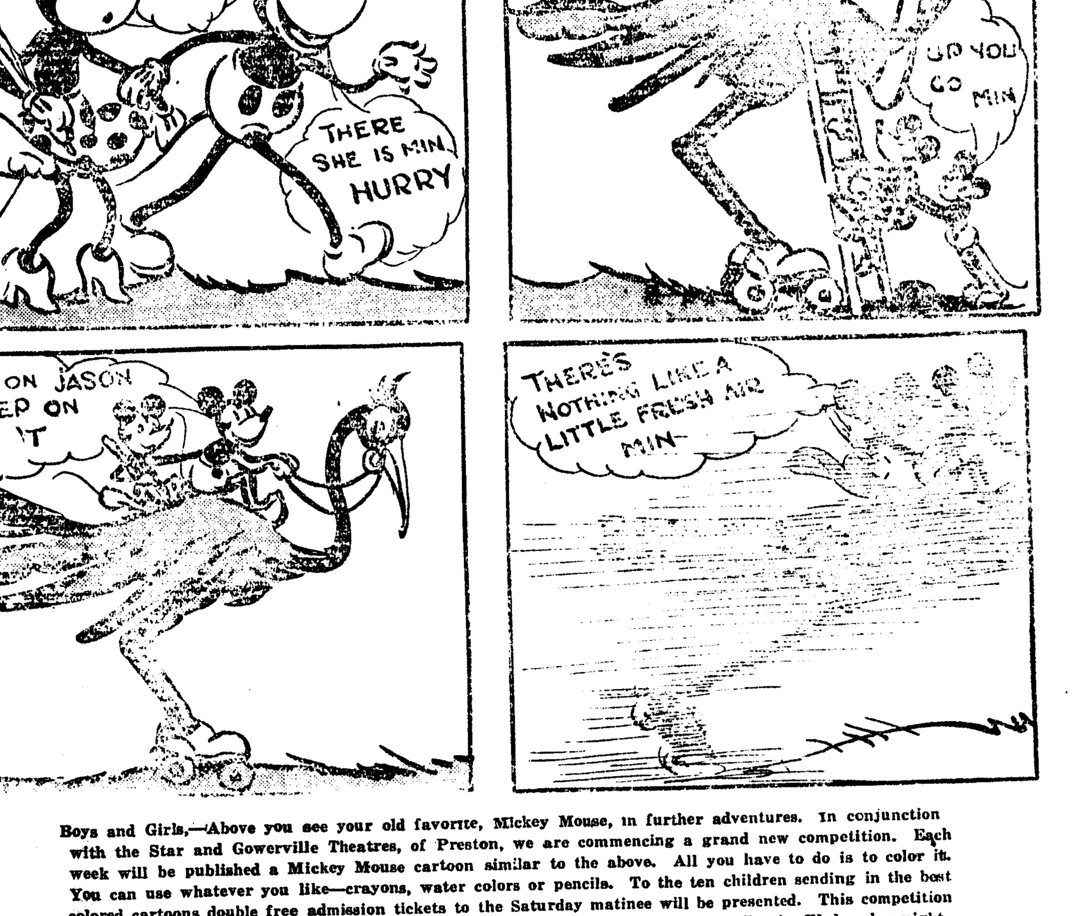

Boys and Girls,—Above you see your old favorite, Mickey Mouse, in further adventures. In conjunction with the Star and Gowerville Theatres, of Preston, we are commencing a grand new competition. Each week will be published a Mickey Mouse cartoon similar to the above. All you have to do is to color it. You can use whatever you like—crayons, water colors or pencils. To the ten children sending in the best colored cartoons double free admission tickets to the Saturday matinee will be presented. This competition is open to all boys and girls under 14 years of age. Entries must reach this office by Wednesday night, Aug. 27. Results will be published in Friday's "Leader." Name, address and age must appear on entry.

FOR RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S COMPETITION SEE PAGE 5.

WHITTLESEA COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

The usual monthly meeting was held on Wednesday. Present were: The president (Cr. B. McCormack), and Crs. L. W. Clarke, J. Butler, M. A. Fergusson, T. Hurrey, R. Reid, W. Thomas, E. McDonald, J. Downie, D. Murphy and Scott.

CORRESPONDENCE

Wandering Stock.—Municipal Association, forwarding a letter from the R.A.C.V. re wandering stock at night on shire roads near Epping.

C. H. Zimmer, Epping, complaining of wandering stock at night time.

Cr. Scott said something should be done about this, as the danger was serious.

The president said people should keep their stock in at night.

Black Flat Road.—Country Roads Board, re request that Black Flat road from Whittlesea township to Wallan road, be declared a main road, stating the board could not agree to this. —Received.

C.R.B. Allotments.—C.R.B., stating the following amounts had been allotted for maintenance: Epping road, £1850; main Whittlesea road, £2250; Wallan road, £500; Whittlesea–Kinglake road, £1650.

Main Roads Construction—The following amounts were allotted:—Main Whittlesea (sealing completed construction work), £350; Whittlesea–Kinglake (sealing waterbound macadam between Spink's corner and Scrubby Creek bridge), £1850.—Received.

Drainage Matters.—D. H. Herald and Son, solicitors, on behalf of the Misses Thomas, with reference to a meeting of councillors and residents with a view to some arrangement being made to have water drained through the Marsh Farm, asking the council to submit any proposed arrangement.

Mr. Sabelberg said the council could, under the Local Government Act, obtain an easement through the property. The injunction obtained by the owners against the council would not interfere with the council's rights under the L.G. Act.

Cr. Hurrey said that something should be done, but the council should not have to bear the whole of the cost.

Cr. Thomas said that Craven's lane was a disgrace, and something should be done, but everything must be done legally. The council would have to be very careful as to what it did.

The president said that if the drainage was done it would improve the properties all round, and the people in the vicinity should pay something.

It was decided that the president and Mr. Sabelberg, the council's solicitor, interview Mr. Herald.

A further letter was received from D. Herald and Son re drain in Bridge Inn lane, stating the council would be held responsible for any damage done by water.

Cr. Thomas said the council had erected two bridges in the Berry lane, and had made the drain. The Misses Thomas had treated the council generously in the past and the council should shoulder its responsibilities.

The president said if the council concentrated water on a person's land it was the council's responsibility to take it off.

The engineer recommended that the council secure an easement over the land where th drain ran. That would not cost much, and the council would then have full control over the drain.

A motion that the drain be cleaned out 3 feet to the bottom was lost.

Cr. Thomas then moved that the question of an easement be discussed with the Misses Thomas' solicitors.—Carried.

A Councillor's Account.—J. Sabelberg, council's solicitor, stating that it is very unusual for a councillor to charge for any service rendered to the council. Every councillor is expected to act in an honorary capacity. Mr. Sabelberg further gave his opinion that such payment would be contrary to Section 53 of the Local Government Act. Any travelling expenses necessarily paid ought to be refunded by the council.—Received.

Preston Technical School.—Cr. Walter Thomas, stating he had gone carefully into the proposal that a technical school be established at Preston, and recommending the council to take no action at present owing to the economic depression, coupled with the excessive taxation already existing.—Recommendation adopted.

A Matter of Interest.—W. T. Mair, Eden Park, stating he was charged 9/3 interest when paying rates. When the property was valued, included in the valuation was 8 acres belonging to his sister, and a readjustment had to be made before he could pay. He asked for a refund in the interest.

Cr. McDonald moved that the interest be remitted.

The President.—The council cannot refund rates or interest. To do so would be illegal.

Writer to be informed the council had no power to make a refund.

A Flooded Street.—Mrs. M. Colby, Thomastown, complaint re state of Alexander street, which was often flooded knee deep.

Mrs. Colby.—Has the road been taken over by the council?

The Engineer.—It is a private street, and must be constructed at the cost of the owners.

The President.—The council cannot go on to a private street and spend the ratepayers' money. If the people knew what the work would cost they would not ask the people to pay for it.

Mrs. Colby.—We have to pay our rates and taxes and get nothing for it. If the council would attend to the culvert it would give relief.

The President.—The council can't do that, as it would then have to take the road over.

A Broken Culvert.—A. Gingles, Humevale, complaining of broken culvert and bad state of road leading from main road to his property. Wood carting had cut the road to pieces.

Cr. Downie moved that the work be done.—Lost.

Cr. Fergusson moved an amendment that the writer be advised that the council may be able to attend to the work within the next two years. (Laughter). The Whittlesea people should understand that the council had no money to spend unless the rates were increased.

Cr. Downie said the hole in the road was dangerous, and he moved a further amendment that the work be done at once.

This was lost.

Later a letter was received from E. M. Aitken, West Brunswick, complaining of bad state of road from Kinglake road past his property at Humevale. A pipe culvert had been broken there by heavy timber traffic. —Engineer to inspect, and if dangerous to give attention.

Cr. Downie.—This is the same culvert the council decided some half hour ago to repair within the next two years, if money is available. (Laughter). I can't follow the council's decisions at all.

Miller's Road.—C. E. Gardner, of Epping, complaining o the deplorable state of Miller's road. Relief had been promised in the drainage, but nothing had been done.

Cr. Butler said the Epping councillors were to have seen the engineer on the spot with a view to making a short deviation through Crozier's, but the inspection had not yet taken place. If the deviation was made the cost would not be great, and it would be cheaper than making the present road passable.

Road to be inspected by Epping councillors and engineer.

Cr. McDonald said a culvert broken by the shire in metal carting further down in Miller's road was diverting water on Gardner's property, and had practically ruined it.

The Engineer.—Tenders have been called for repairing that culvert.

The amendment was carried.

Thomastown Water Rates.—John Thomas, Thomastown, stating he was rated £7/10/ for water, and never used any. He asked for a reduction.

The president said the council did not want to make money out of the scheme. The rate struck was to pay interest on the cost of the scheme, and if the council was collecting more money than was required the rate would be reduced. A statement was now being obtained from the board.

General

Ellen N. Dea and E. Clarke, Epping, seeking attention to pipe trenches in High street, Epping, in front of their properties.—Engineer to communicate with Board of Works.

A. R. Hall and E. Maltzahn, Spring street, Thomastown, seeking attention to street.—Engineer to do some metalling.

W. B. Campbell, secretary, Whittlesea Presbyterian Church trustees, re defective drainage in Lime street.—Engineer to attend.

J. Booth, Northcote, seeking permit to cut wood off Scrubby Creek road or old Yea road.—Granted.

Herbert Stephens, Cooper street, Epping, complaint re flooding from road, and asking that a drainage easement be opened.

Cr. Butler said the writer's house was being damaged by water.

Engineer and riding councillors to inspect.

J. Cavanagh, Eden Park, re bad state of road near his property. Water tables required cleaning.—To be done and gravel spread.

William and Patrick Ryan, South Morang, re bad state of two crossings in Boland's lane.—Referred to engineer.

R. E. Lowe and Knight and Harwood, asking that Station street, Thomastown, be constructed.—Referred to solicitor.

James Murphy, Arthur's Creek, on behalf of owners of property on east boundary of the Yan Yean water reservation, drew attention to bad state of road. In many places quagmires often one to three feet deep were quite impassable.—Board of Works to be asked to put in the three promised culverts at once.

C. A. Eiseman, Whittlesea, complaining that repairs being effected to Cemetery lane were totally inadequate.—Work not yet finished.

John W. Bramley, Arthur's Creek, re unsatisfactory state of road from Arthur's Creek to Yan Yean.—Engineer to report.

FINANCE

Received since last meeting, including current rates £165/2/9, and arrears £20/17/1, £369/14/6; Country Roads Board A/c., Dr. £1712/16/4; Crown Reserve A/c., Cr. £22/19/3; Loan A/c., Cr. £94/17/11; Water Rate, Cr. £408/14/5; bank balance, Dr. £4314/15/7.

Riding Balances.—Whittlesea, Dr. £2790/4/4; Yan Yean, Dr. £579/3/; Morang, Dr. £1886/17/6; Epping, Cr. £679/10/1; Trust A/c., Cr. £199 8/9; Dr. balance net, £4377/6/0.

Amount recommended for payment, £995/1/11; C.R.B. A/c., £123/2/10. —Adopted.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

Whittlesea Riding.—Andrew's lane has been completed with the exception of maintenance.

Yan Yean Riding.—She Oak lane: Patching with metal completed. Reid's Cemetery road: This has been graded. Cemetery lane east: Road trimmed with grader and ruts filled with stone. Draper's lane has received attention with grader. Lyon's drive has received attention, and Mason's lane culvert repaired. Main road: Trees lopped and tree guards being repaired.

Morang Riding.—Sackville street and Bridge Inn road west have received attention, also holes in Doctor's Gully road.

Epping Riding.—Malthzan's crossing attended to. In Spring street and Cooper street west metal blinded. Hearn's road, 150 yards of metal spread, blinded and rolled. Mason's lane contract commenced. North of Grant's lane and in Grant's lane had holes repaired with gravel.

Culvert on Eaglemont road.—Heavy carting had made this dangerous.

Cr. Murphy said it was a death trap.

Decided to close bridge temporarily.

The report was adopted.

Health Inspector

The report of the health inspector (Mr. H. M. V. Woodhouse) stated that no cases of infectious disease had been reported. He had made a sanitary inspection of the shire.

Tenders

No tenders were accepted.

Caretaker, Epping Park.—E. Boyle was appointed.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Cr. Thomas moved that works in Morang Riding under extra rate be done by day labor.

Cr. Downie seconded.—Lost.

Cr. McDonald moved his usual crop of notices of motion. Two were lost, two lapsed for want of a seconder, and one was carried.

Cr. Butler moved that resolution re Eden Park—that C.R.B. be asked to spend no more money on the Eden Park–Wallan road, be rescinded.

Cr. Butler made a long statement, giving the history of the work.

A joint letter was received as follows:—We the undersigned ratepayers and residents and interested parties in Eden Park district understand that recently the council passed a resolution that the Country Roads Board be asked that no further moneys be expended on the Eden Park–Wallan road deviation, gazetted for construtcion as a developmental road. This discussion of the council had caused considerable anxiety amongst those who have for some years been looking forward to completion of the new road as a means of saving them upwards of five miles each way extra journey, to which they are now subjected, and to provide employment for a number of people in the district out of work for a long time. We respectfully ask the council to take steps to allow the C.R.B. to proceed with the work.

The signatures were: Alice Slattery, T. D. Butler, T. Butler, M. Solomon, P. Hinton, R. Hinton, F. King, V. Solomon, C. Skeat, L. Jemmett, M. Jemmett, J. Cavanagh, E. Cavanagh, J. E. Jolley, E. King, S. King, V. L. Forbes, R. Rickard, M. V. Rickard, C. Cordell, E. Corrie, L. Hanlon, W. Ryan, D. Murphy, M. Ryan, B. Simms, J. Chapman, John R. J. Butler, S. S. Thornton, E. E. Thornton, Geo. Morley, E. Morley, J. Jolley, J. King, C. King, H. Anderson, L. Anderson, J. Smith, J. Breaks, D. Smith, J. Chalmers, L. Chalmers, W. Cleal, A. J. Cordell, A. Hanlon, A. Herman, G. Congram, E. Ryan, E. Murphy, G. Grant, W. Chapman, E. A. Hobbs, A. A. Hobbs and C. Butler.

Cr. Downie seconded the notice of motion.

The president said he would not ask the board for any more money until he got an assurance that an expensive road would not be made.

The motion was carried after a long discussion.

Rates

The president gave notice for striking a general rate of 2/ in the £ and a special rate of 6d. in the £ in the Morang, Whittlesea and Yan Yean Ridings.

General

Cr. Murphy moved that 250 yards of gravel be placed on Brennan's Hill Deviation road, 14 chains on north side of old road and 7 chains on south side, gravel to be got out of deep creek in W. J. Brennan's paddock; also that tenders be called returnable next meeting.

CYCLING NEWS

The L.V.W. held a 50 mile open handicap on the Plenty road on Saturday, starting and finishing at Preston. Results:—E. Davey (6.30), 1; H. Bird (13.0), 2; F. Humphreys (15.30), 3. Davey also made fastest time.

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS

The above club will hold a 68 mile road race on Saturday, starting from the Rose, Thistle and Shamrock Hotel at 2.30. The course will be from Plenty road to Greensborough, Panton Hill, Queenstown and Kinglake, past Tommy's Hut to Whittlesea and thence along Plenty road to the starting point. The riders will be all off scratch and divided into three grades.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—The Pets are jubilant over Northcote's success on Saturday and hope they will keep it up. We've just passed a hectic week, as Jacko has been reading tales of France when sword-fighting was in vogue. Nothing would please him but a pair of foils, and now we have fencing bouts at all hours of the day between Fluffy and Jacko. It's really a great sight, and although they sometimes get slightly tangled up their agility and grace are rather picturesque. Jacko riles Fluffy, and when she lunges wildly he calmly calls out, "No, Fluffy darling, I'm not there, really," and poor little Fluff has to laugh and become good-tempered again. However, they're both improving quickly, and later will prove very adept with the foils. A new girl cobber is welcomed this week, so Fluffy is on top still. Remember the competitions, and the Pets send heaps of love and greetings, and so does your
UNCLE PHIL.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets wish the happiest and jolliest of birthdays to Tommy Craig (Aug. 23), Joyce Scrimes (Aug. 24), Inez Hall (Aug. 25), Billy Bilenry (Aug. 26), and Jean Neumann (Aug. 27).

OUR MAIL BAG

25 Mitchell St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I would like to become a member of the Cobbers' Club. I am 13 years of age and am in the eighth grade at school. I will close now, with love to the Pets and yourself.

Joyce Membrey

(GOOD)

(Welcome to the Cobbers and Birthday Clubs, Joyce, and we hope for a letter or contribution each week from you. Fluffy sends special greetings and asks if you play tennis. Heaps of love.—U.P. P.S.—Send in a snap of yourself for our album.)

Hazel Smith.—Please do not use both sides of the paper, Hazel, as we cannot use your contributions if you do. Send along some more. Heaps of love.—U.P.

Jean Wallace.—Will you use only one side of the paper, please, Jean, as the W.P.B. gets all sheets written on both sides. Love.—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

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 are 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 boy or a girl. Trias, if original, should be marked "original" in one corner

ELVA'S JOURNEY TO THE MOON

Once there was a little girl called Elva. She was all day wishing that she could go to the moon in the night. One day she was wishing that she could go and see the moon when a little voice said, "Would you like to come with me and see the moon?" "Yes, please," she cried, when she saw it was a little fairy all in pink. The fairy sang one long note, and to her came a lot of birds drawing a carriage. The fairy told Elva that this was her carriage. Elva jumped in the carriage and the fairy drove her to the moon. The moon fairies were all waiting for her to come and were glad to see her. They took off her shoes and put on golden slippers. She went with the other fairies to the king's palace and they all gave her the heartiest greeting. When she had seen all the town she re-entered the carriage and came home down the moon's rays to her own garden.

(TRIA) Alma Stephens.

MY LETTER

As I was sitting in the sun one day I had nothing to do, so I thought of my weekly letter to the "Leader." Therefore, I got my pen and paper and started it. This is what I saw. I looked towards the sky and noticed a pretty little starling singing gaily. It looked as if it was waiting for another bird. That bird flew away, so I looked for something else. As it was I had noticed something interesting that day while I was up at my father's works. It was an aeroplane which flew in between my father's stacks of bricks. So you can imagine how low it was. This was a very anxious adventure.

(GOOD) George Joyce

THE TWO-TO-TWO

An old lady wished to catch a train. It was to leave as she thought at two minutes to two. Arriving at the station at one minute to two she asked the porter: "Excuse me, sir, but has the two minutes to two gone yet?" "Madame," replied the porter, "they have altered the two to two to two two."

(GOOD) R. Hubble.

WELL TRAINED

The other day as I was walking along the road I noticed an Alsatian dog sitting up in a buggy holding the reins in its mouth. When its master got into the buggy to drive away the dog let go the reins.

(GOOD) Jean Moylan.

A TRIP TO THE COUNTRY

Having a holiday Morris Cowley planned a trip, but, being a bad sailor, he refused an outing on his friend's Stanley Steamer. So he decided to go Overland, and, taking his wife Diana and Baby Austin in the Packard, they set off. The road was as smooth as Flint, so they made a Swift run to the river. At the Ford they met Willy Knight, who went with them. They came across an old Indian, who told them of some good shooting. So, taking their B.S.A. rifles, they had some good sport. Returning to the car they put up the Ariel and turned the Reostat till music came from the loud speaker. Then Dodge-ing a few stumps, they came home in the Moonlight.

(GOOD) Ruby Kupsch

THE APRON

Stitch, stitch, stitch! "Oh, when will this tiresome apron be finished," said Madge. "I am real tired of it." Madge was putting a worked apron in a competition, and it seemed so easy at first, but soon the same constant stitching became very tiresome and monotonous to Madge, who was never known to sit still long in one place. It was no use asking anyone to help her with it, because it must be all her own work, and her elder sister Jessie would have been so willing to help if those had not been the rules. But Jessie could see how Madge was wearying of her work, and, casting longing eyes at a story book she was so interested in, a happy thought came to her. Jess opened the book and started reading aloud to Madge, and, ah, what a difference it made! The sewing became so easy now while she was listening to the adventures of "Norah of Billabong," and it seemed hardly any time before the last flower was worked and the apron ready to be pressed and sent away.

(GOOD) Dorothy Harris.

FAMILY SIZE

An old couple went into a photographer's studio to sit for their pictures. "Look pleasant, please," said the man behind the camera. The old couple smiled until their mouths stretched towards their ears. "Not quite so much, please," said the camera man, "the plate isn't quite big enough for that."

(GOOD) Jean Grenfell.

AN AMUSING CATCH

Ask your chum to lend you a penny. Then tell him he will not get it back again unless he answers "Matches" to three questions that you will ask him. Of course, he will think it is very easy to do that. So first ask him what his name is. "Matches," he will say. Then ask him his address. "Matches" he will reply once more. Then you say: "Which would you rather have—some matches or your penny back again?" Your chum is caught now, for if he says "Matches," then you have the right to keep the penny. It is only a catch, of course. You will let him have the penny back in the end.

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas.

ABSENT-MINDED

A professor was in the habit of letting his dog sit by his side while he had his meals. One evening while dining out, the hostess, who was sitting next to him, wishing to attract his attention, gently touched his sleeve. To the amazement of all present he mechanically transferred a bone from his plate and said, "Oh, get away! Take this out on the mat and eat it!"

(GOOD) M. McIntosh

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE THREE GOLDEN HAIRS

(Continued)

At first the mother would not hear of parting with her son, but when the king, whom she thought was only a rich man, offered to give her a bag of gold and told her about the grand things he would to for his son, then she let the babe go. Her husband also agreed. "Nothing can harm him," he said, "for he was born under a lucky star." So the next day the king took the baby away. He was a wicked man, and had not gone far when he put the little one in a box and threw it into a fast flowing river, saying, "That child will never marry my daughter. His lucky star can't save him this time." But the box did not sink. It floated like a boat and not a drop of water could get inside. Round and round the box floated, till at last it caught in the branches of an oak near a mill. One of the mill men saw the box and exclaimed. "A box! What can be inside it?" It was not long before he had opened it, and imagine his surprise when he saw a little baby asleep. He took it to his wife, who was overjoyed with having a child sent to them. The little boy grew strong and healthy. He was a favorite with every one who knew him, and the miller was proud of him. Now it happened that the king was passing through the town and saw a fine young man standing close by. He asked the miller if it were his son. "No," said the miller, "he is not. Nineteen years ago a box was seen on the mill dam, and when opened there was a baby inside it."

(To be continued)

(GOOD) Jean Wallace

THREE JOLLY JUMBOS

The three Jumbos were the most wicked fellows in the whole of the jungle. They had tiny twinkly eyes and frisky tails and they loved pretending, when they saw a toad, that they were going to step on him; but they were much too kind-hearted to do it really. They had a lot of fun when they weren't working, swishing water at each other from their long trunks and paddling in muddy ponds and eating mouthfuls of green rushes. They had all such shiny nice coats. I'm afraid that they were rather proud of them. They often said to one another what good-looking chaps they were. That was really what made them run away. You see, Ahmed was carrying a big pot of whitewash and he was sitting with his toes tucked under him on Chun-San's back. And someone threw a slice of melon for Ahmed to catch. But Chun-San thought, "I want a slice of melon. Why not me have a slice of melon, what?" which is the sort of way elephants do it. So he twisted his head and caught the slice of melon and tucked it into his mouth. Ahmed was so angry he nearly fell off Chun-San's back, only he thought what a long way to the ground it would be and, oh, dear, what a lot of bother climbing up again, not to mention fetching the step ladder from the chief's bungalow. So he leaned over to bang Shun-San hard on the trunk, and he upset the pot of paint all down Chun-San's back. Now, I've said before how proud these three elephant's were of their good looks, and you cannot really wonder that Chun-San didn't care to have a lot of paint spilt on him and left there to dry. He told Spi and Tooth about it when he got back to the big tree where they were tethered for the night.

(To be continued)

(GOOD) N. Maidstone.

AUSTRALIA'S OWN

Kangaroo and wallaby,
Emu and laughing jack,
Lovely golden wattle,
Dusty, hard bush track:

Rows and rows of gum trees,
Funny native bear
Are what we call our emblem
Of Australia free and fair.

(GOOD) Eileen Harris

THE SWAGMAN'S LAST SHILLING

I met a modest maiden
In the street the other eve;
She asked me for a shilling,
Almost shyly, I believe.

No, I did not call a policeman,
For she made me understand
I might win a box of chocolates,
At the same time help the band.

So I gave it to her gladly,
With a smile as my reward;
Though I needed it so badly
To pay my bed and board.

But a couch-grass bed will do me,
I can catch and cook some crayfish
For a few nights, at the least;
And make of them a feast.

For I've got a job with Buscall
Picking grapes on "princely pay,"
And shall save up all my earnings
For a workless, rainless day.

When I hear the brass band playing
I might score another smile,
And then think my self-denial
Was undoubtedly worth while.

(GOOD) Hazel Smith

THE THREE SAUCERS

Take three saucers. Fill one with clean water, one with muddy water, and leave one empty. Blindfold a person and lead him to the dishes, where he dips his left hand into one of the three. If by chance he touches the clear water he will marry a maid, the muddy water a widow, and the empty dish signifies that he will live and die a bachelor.

(GOOD) Cyril Henderson

THE WOOD

I went to the Wood of Flowers
(No one was with me),
I was there alone for hours,
I was happy as could be
In the Wood of Flowers.

(GOOD) F. Power.

LIBERTY

Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage;
Minds innocent and quiet take
That for a hermitage.

If I have freedom in my love,
And in my soul am free,
Angels alone that soar above
Enjoy such liberty.

(GOOD) Tommy Craig.

Young Jack he knew a thing or two
Although he was quite small,
And when Christmas time was drawing near
He made no noise at all.
He always said, "Yes, please, mother,"
And would run and help little brother;
"What's up with the boy?" father said,
"Are you sick, dear?" Jack would shake his head;
Then in a whisper to good dog Pike:
"It's getting near Christmas and I want a bike."

(GOOD) Graham Harris

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in last and also in least,
My second is in west and also in east;
My third is in hat, and also in cap,
My fourth is in dud, but not in map;
My fifth is in eat, and also in starve,
My last is in root, and also in earth;
My whole is a paper read by everybody.
Answer: Leader.

(GOOD) L. Bushell

Affectionate husband,
Motor car;
Reckless wife,
Funeral car.

(GOOD) Norman Kaufman.

There was an old fellow of Perth,
Who was born on the day of his birth;
He married, they say,
On his wife's wedding day,
And died on his last day on earth.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

There once was a girl called Sophia,
She sent in a tale for a "Tria,"
But our Uncle Phil
Said it made him feel ill,
So he threw it straight into the fire.

(GOOD) Mary Moylan

SOME HINTS

A halfpenny measures exactly one inch across.

Three pennies weigh almost exactly one ounce.

A half-crown is almost half an ounce.

A pint of water weighs a pound and a quarter.

(GOOD) Lorna McLean

FOR THE PICNIC

Next time you go for a picnic you might possibly take something with you that you have made yourself. Here is a way of making little shortbread men. Take 4oz. butter, 2oz. sugar, 6oz. flour, 4 drops of vanilla. Beat the butter well, using a wooden spoon, and when soft stir in sugar. Add the flour and work into a smooth dough with your hands. Flour a piece of greaseproof paper of the size of a baking tin and roll out the paste on it a quarter of an inch thick. Then with a sharp-pointed knife cut out little men. Lift the greaseproof paper on to a tin in the oven and bake for 20 minutes. Leave the little men on the tin till they are quite cold.

(GOOD) L. Scrimes.

STORYETTES

Manager: "How long do you want to be away on your honeymoon?" Clerk: "Well, sir—er—how long would you suggest?" "How do I know? I haven't seen the bride."

(GOOD) Jean Wills

Not All Lost.—The collection box of the little church was opened. In it were sixpence, one trouser button, and one farthing with a hole in it. "Let us give thanks," said the minister. "For what?" asked the deacon. "Because we got the box back."

(GOOD) W. Price

Gardener: "What are you tying down those onions for, Jimmy?" Jimmy: "I thought you said they were spring onions and I did not want to lose them."

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen.

"Spell 'chimney'," said the new teacher, pointing to a little girl. "C-h-i-m-n-e-y," answered the little girl. "Very good. Go up one!" said the teacher. "Please, miss," answered the little girl, "I've got a clean frock on."

(GOOD) Lily Scrimes

Stage Manager: "What do you think of Miss Twinkle who sings that ballad in the second act?" Critic: "A perfect little peach—but no Melba."

"'Twas terrible," said Mrs. Murphy, "there were twenty-seven English and one Irishman lost in a wreck." "Indade!" exclaimed Mrs. Grogan, "the poor man!"

(GOOD) Ron Kupsch.

Old Lady: "If you want some work go to Farmer Gray. He wants a right-hand worker." Tramp: "Just my luck, lady. I am left-handed."

(GOOD) Olive Prior.

Jim: "I fell off a hundred foot ladder yesterday." Jack: "It's a wonder you weren't killed." Jim: "Oh, I fell off the first step."

(GOOD) Guila Kohn.

Teacher (in natural history class): "What does the beaver feed on, Robert?" Robert: "On silk, sir." Teacher (astonished): "What!" Robert: "Yes, sir. I read in the papers that the beaver is usually lined with silk."

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy

Chemist: "Yes, sir. This one bottle of lotion will cure rheumatism." Customer: "How do you know that?" Chemist: "Well, sir, my customers never come back for the second bottle!"

(GOOD) Roy Murphy

"You don't need to be afraid of the dog, Earnest." Dogs that bark don't bite." "Yes, but supposing the beast stops barking?"

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

Husband (tuning in and feeling a sudden pain in the back): "I think I am getting lumbago." Wife: "It is no use listening, dear, as you don't understand a word of it."

(GOOD) Bob Edwards

Taking No Chances.—An Irishman living in New York started what promised to be a large family. A baby came regularly every year for four years, and then there were no more. A friend said to him one day, "Pat, why is it your wife presents you with no more kiddies?" "I don't want any more," said Pat, "because they say every fifth baby born in New York is a Jew."

(GOOD) Edward Grenfell.

Diner: "This pudding sauce tastes to me like furniture polish." Waiter: "Well you asked for cabinet pudding."

(GOOD) Jessie Prior.

Lady: "Do you drink tea with or without rum?" Gentleman: "With rum, please, but without tea!"

Lady: "Have you been dumb for a long time, my poor fellow?" Beggar: "What a silly question. You know I can't answer."

(GOOD) Alec Murphy

Most Likely.—"Waiter," cried Johnnie, "why is this cup of tea so weak?" "Well, sir, I should imagine there is either too much water or not enough tea in the pot."

(GOOD) Jean Grenfell

Teacher (to small boy): "Now, Tommy, let me hear you say grace." Tommy (feebly): "Please, sir, I don't know it." Teacher: "Well, what does your father say when he begins his breakfast?" Tommy (hopefully): "He says: 'Go steady with the butter now.'"

(GOOD) Enid Love

Teacher: "Johnny, take this sentence: 'I led the cow from the shed.' What mood?" Johnny: "The cow."

(GOOD) Rosie Goldstein.

A hunter was showing off his collection of trophies to a group of visitors. He was rapturously explaining how he acquired the various exhibits. "See that elephant?" he said. "I shot it in my pyjamas one night." "Goodness," murmured one visitor, "how did it get there?"

(GOOD) Duncan Matheson.

Teacher: "How would you punctuate this sentence: 'A ten shilling note flew around the corner'?" Phyllis: "I'd made a dash after it."

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen.

Teacher (giving history lesson to class): "Can anyone tell me where did Julius Caesar land when he came over to Britain?" Jimmy: "Yes, miss. On his feet."

(GOOD) Wilma Kruger.

Maid: "The old clothesman is here, sir." Professor (deep in thought): "Tell him we don't want any to-day."

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen

Tommy: "Mamma, are blackfellows all black?" Mamma: "Of course." Tommy: "Then do they cry ink?"

(GOOD) Allan Love.

Mike: "Did you ever speak before a large audience, Pat?" Pat: "Fairly large, I did, Mike." Mike: "Oh, what did you say?" Pat: "Not guilty, your honor."

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn.

RIDDLES

Why is an egg like cricket practice?—Because you cannot make a good batter without it.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

What is it that is neither useful nor ornamental, and yet a cart cannot go without it? —Noise.

Why should 12 inches be a very good height for a king?—Because he would make a very good ruler.

Of what trade is a minister at a wedding? —A joiner.

Why does a dog turn around twice before lying down?—Because one good turn deserves another.

(GOOD) Lily Craig.

Why do you carry an umbrella?—Because it cannot walk.

When does the sea recognise you?—When it waves in your direction.

(GOOD) Brenda Herz

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, give the title.

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Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week.

FOR THE CHIC HOUSEWIFE

COVER-ALL APRONS

Cover-all aprons, fashioned in flowered ginghams and bound with contrasting colors, are suggested by Clara Bow for the chic housewife. Miss Bow wears four versions of the modern pinafore for her role in Paramount's production, "Love Among the Millionaires."

Such pastel shades as pink, blue, orchid and maize were selected by Miss Bow for her "work-a-day" costumes. Two of them were made to fit right over the frock and the others were for more decorative use.

GOWERVILLE & STAR THEATRES MONSTER MICKEY THE MOUSE COMPETITION.

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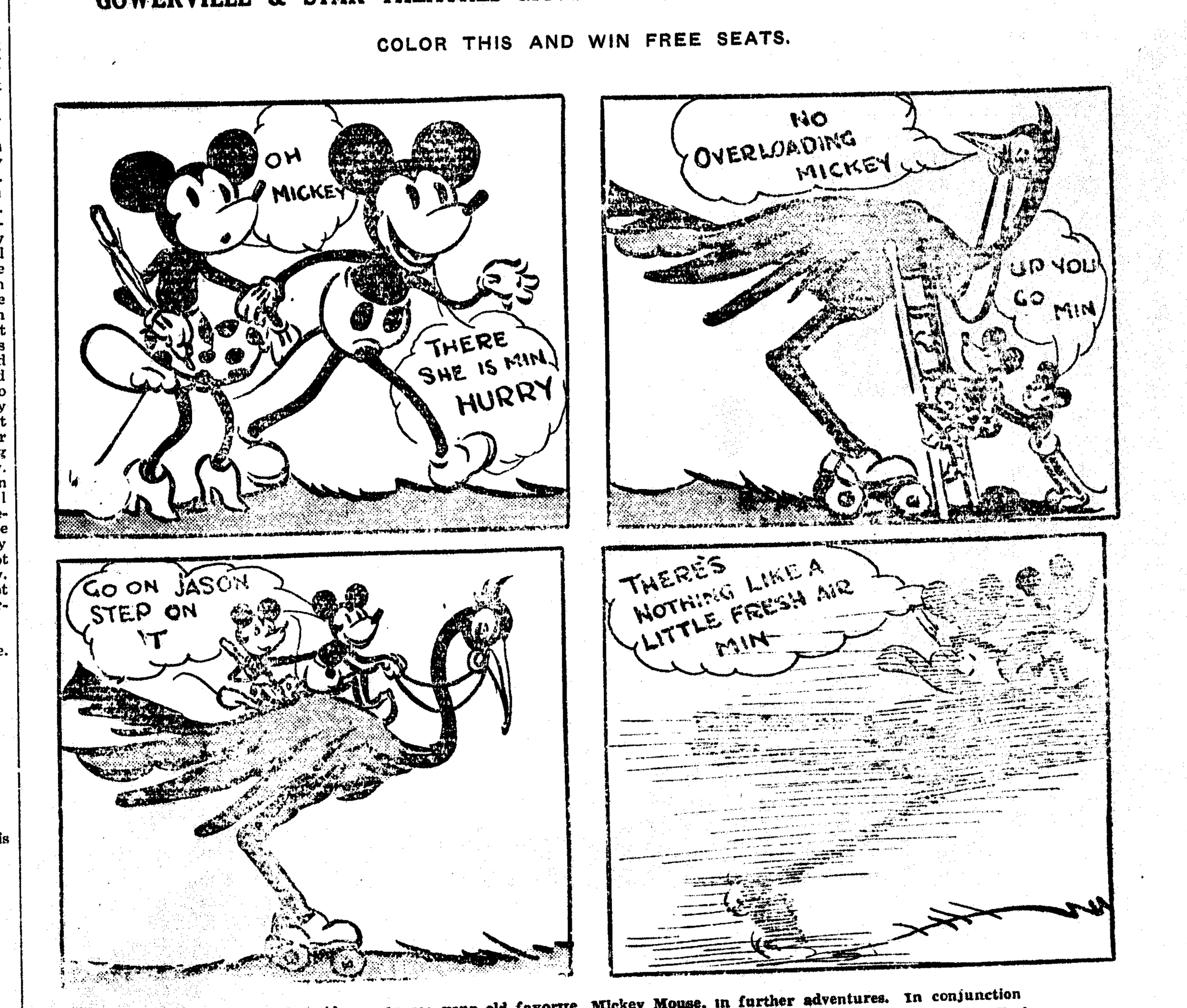

Boys and Girls,—Above you see your old favorite, Mickey Mouse, in further adventures. In conjunction with the Star and Gowerville Theatres, of Preston, we are commencing a grand new competition. Each week will be published a Mickey Mouse cartoon similar to the above. All you have to do is to color it. You can use whatever you like—crayons, water colors or pencils. To the ten children sending in the best colored cartoons double free admission tickets to the Saturday matinee will be presented. This competition is open to all boys and girls under 14 years of age. Entries must reach this office by Wednesday night, Aug. 27. Results will be published in Friday's "Leader." Name, address and age must appear on entry.

FOR RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S COMPETITION SEE PAGE 5.

Of Interest to Women

(Conducted by "PENELOPE").

FANCY'S FASHION

LADY'S EVENING FROCK

There has been much discussion among women regarding the length and styles, which certainly add years to one's appearance, making the young look old, whereas the trim short styles of a few months back reversed the order, and made the old look young. However, fashion has decreed that we must wear our skirts longer, and all our waists shorter, and so despite preference or controversy, we wear them. Certainly, some of the evening gowns are very graceful in appearance (as the model which we are offering for this week is cut on the very latest lines), and is one that will find immediate favor. The bodice

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is slightly molded at normal waistline, and is nicely fitting at the hips. The flared skirt is cut in five sections, and is arranged to fall in points, nearly reaching to the floor. The back is finished with a bow and long ends reaching to the hem of skirt. The pattern is No. 3360, price 10½d., and is cut in sizes to suit 34 to 36, and 38 to 40 inch bust measurement. Patterns can be purchased from the agents (a list of local agents will be found elsewhere in this paper) or direct from the manufacturers, Debenham and Co., Collingwood, N5. Ask for free copy of the monthly fashion leaflets, containing the latest fashions, a complete story, and useful recipes and hints.

RECIPES

Sausage Custard

Ingredients.—One pound of pork sausages, three eggs, half a pint of milk, pepper and salt. Method.—Skin sausages and place in a pie dish, beat up the eggs, adding half a pint of milk. Pour this over sausages and season with pepper and salt. Bake in a moderate over for three-quarters of an hour.

Devilled Grilled Kidneys

One ox kidney, a little mustard, cayenne, butter and salt. Cut the kidney in slices about half an inch thick, score with a sharp knife. Mix the mustard with the butter, cayenne and salt; put this mixture into the scores and spread well over the kidney, and then grill over a nice clear fire. Serve at once, as devilled kidneys get very hard if left standing.

Cheese Crumpets

Ingredients.—Two ozs. of dry, grated cheese, two ozs. of bread-crumbs, two ozs. of mashed potato, one egg, two ozs. of lard, seasoning to taste. Method.—Mix cheese with potato and white or brown breadcrumbs, season to taste, add a flavoring of herbs, if liked. Beat the egg and add it. Put margarine into frying pan and heat it, roll mixture out, cut it into shapes, and fry it in the fat to a golden brown, turning with a fish slice.

A Savoury Pie

Allow a quarter of a pound of stale bread to every pound of cold cooked meat, a sprig of parsley and thyme, a dessertspoonful of tomato ketchup, a gill of gravy or stock, one onion, salt and pepper, mashed potatoes, dripping. Chop the onion, parsley and thyme. Cut the bread and meat into small pieces, season, mix with the chopped onion and herbs, and put through a mincer. Add the tomato ketchup and gravy to the mince. Put it in a greased pie dish. Cover with mashed potatoes, put a few pieces of dripping on the top and bake for half an hour in a moderate oven.

21ST BIRTHDAY PARTY

At the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cooper, of Edward street, Wyndgarth, an enjoyable evening was spent on August 13 at The Palms, Alexandra avenue, by their friends, including the Westgarth Baptist Church Tennis Club, to celebrate the coming of age of their daughter Mabel. Items were liberally contributed by Mr. James Fraser (baritone) and Mr. Parry, the talking juggler, while Mr. Percy Prout acted as accompanist. Mr. Ivan Costello efficiently conducted the programme, which concluded happily with Auld Lang Syne.

SATIN AND LACE PYJAMAS

Quite one of the most delightful combinations for sleeping attire is worn by Carol Lombard in Charles Rogers' next starring picture for Paramount, "Safety in Numbers." It is composed of ecru lace trousers bordered with satin in the same shade

SATIN & LACE PYJAMAS
As featured by Carol Lombard in the Paramount Picture "Safety in Numbers"

and an over blouse of the satin which sports jaunty little bows on the left hip and the V-neck.

Naturally, the suit is sleeveless, and has one of those smart little satin coatees bordered with grooved coney.

CHARM OF WHITE SATIN

White is ever popular for the jeune fille, and its charm is captured in a gown of most intricate cut which June Collyer wears in "A Man from Wyoming," a Paramount picture.

The gown sweeps the floor all round and flares from the knees. The severely tight hip yoke is cut into peaks, and the V-neck in front has a smart flat bow of the satin, with the shoulder straps carried over and ending in a bow on the swathed belt, which is on the natural waistline, the dress being backless.

CHOOSE MOIRE

One of the most versatile of the season's materials is flowered moire. It has a dignity and charm all of its own, and is particularly suited to the present evening frock styles or even for smart afternoon wear. Its versatility is most marked, however, by the fact that it is at the same time suited to the very young girl and to the much older woman.

If you want an evening frock that recalls the Christmasses of long ago, a white, cream, or any pastel shade of moire surpiced with rosebuds will most certainly fill the bill, and nothing could be fresher, sweeter, or more unsophisticated looking. If you want something more flamboyant, you will choose black, flowered with big patternings of orange or crimson, or even white scrawled over with vivid colorings.

For the older woman, a soft, deep shade of fawn or stone relieved by old rose or heliotrope, will add to the dignity she already has. If she prefers black, and this is always a foil for white hair, she should choose something with a small and rather subdued patterning.

BALANCED FRUIT DIETS

The slogan "Eat more fruit" is on everyone's lips nowadays. While it is true that all fruit is beneficial to health, yet the greatest good results only from the best balanced diet. The most valuable fruits are those richest in vitamins and the active cleansing salts. Because of their high acid content they are known commonly as the "acid fruits."

The acid fruits are oranges, apples, lemons and grapefruit. The more acid the fruit the more should we exercise moderation in its consumption. Over-indulgence in oranges, for instance, can cause skin rashes, digestive disturbances, and even dental decay.

How many oranges should be eaten in the day? Four are ample. If other acid fruits or raw greenstuffs are being taken, reduce the number to three, or even two. Do not exceed a like number of apples or grapefruit. A hot drink of lemon juice is valuable before breakfast, but few of us are heroic enough to tackle the actual fruit itself

Fresh acid fruits should not be eaten at the same meal as starches—such as bread, milk puddings, and breakfast foods. The mixture, sooner or later, will cause indigestion. The only allowable addition to a fruit meal is a hot drink of orange or lemon juice sweetened, if desired, with honey. If there is much digestive disturbance it is better to avoid combinations of milk and fruit.

In theory acid fruit is best eaten at midday, but is most conveniently taken at breakfast. A fruit breakfast is very common in summer. It is equally valuable in winter, and the feeling of chilliness which may ensue is harmless if unpleasant. Fresh acid fruit can only do its best work if nothing whatsoever is eaten before the next meal.

Some Fruit Menus

The dried fruits, cooked or uncooked, combine very favorably with starches. Dates, prunes, and figs go well with cereals. The accompanying menus are the result of experiment and experience.

Breakfast.—Two oranges and an apple, or vice-versa; six figs, eight prunes, or a dozen dates. The dried fruit can be followed by bread and butter and a boiled egg, if desired. So can salads, tomatoes, or dried bananas.

Tea.—Salads, dates, or bananas.

Supper.—Nothing but a little fresh acid fruit, such as one orange or two apples.

WATCH FOR
'Montana Moon'
NEXT WEEK

Joan Crawford

The story of the Metro . Goldwyn-Mayer film of the same name, featuring Joan Crawford.

This Western Romance starts next issue.

TO WAVE HAIR

Wavy hair is not hard to cultivate. A waving lotion, a good brush, and a little patience is required. The lotion is made as follows:—Put six tablespoonfuls of elderflower water in a basin and add, a drop at a time, one teaspoonful of glycerine. Then add a teaspoonful of rectified spirits of wine, and half a teaspoonful of fluid ammonia. Shake well. In the morning brush a little of this lotion on your hair. Then with long hairpins or hair slides, dress your hair as it suits you best, pinning it down into waves, and leave it in this position until the lotion dries, then take out the hair pins or slides and comb your hair and you will find it in deep waves. At first it may not be a great success, but persevere, as, after a time, it naturally falls into waves.

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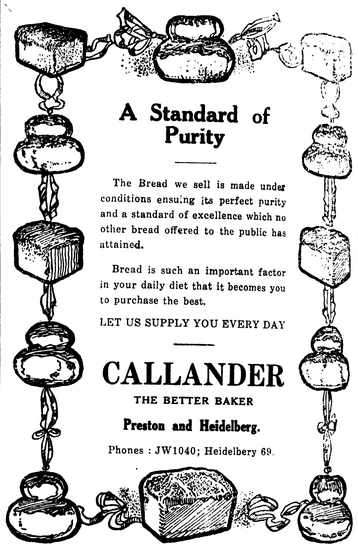

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THE YENDALL CASE

AGAIN BEFORE THE COURT.

HUSBAND'S MOTHER SAYS SHE BEGGED THE PARTIES NOT TO MARRY.

A MAINTENANCE ORDER MADE.

"I begged the girl not to marry my son," said a woman at the Northcote Court on Tuesday. "I did my utmost to stop them getting married."

A month ago the bench at the Northcote court adjourned a case in which Clarice Beatrice Yendall, of Cunningham St., Northcote, proceeded against her husband, Ormond Lawrence Yendall, of the Eildon weir, claiming maintenance for herself and child. The case was adjourned to give the husband a chance to make a reasonable home.

Wanted a Suitable Home.

Mrs. Yendall said—On July 22 when the case was last before the court my husband asked me to return to him at the Eildon weir. I said : "I'll go providing you rent a suitable home." He left two days later, and soon afterwards sent a wire stating that he had a house and furniture.

Couldn't Find Husband.

When I arrived at the weir two days later, I could not find my husband anywhere, and after several hours met him returning as if from one of the "gambling schools."

Host Didn't Smell Too Good.

He took me to a house, which was old and dilapidated, and when I said so he said : "It doesn't smell too good."

There was no furniture in it, and when I pointed this out he said "Well, it was there yesterday."

Was Willing to Go To Boarding House.

I asked him to take me to a boarding house over the river, and he said : "I can't. I owe money all round, and owe a month's board."

He also said : "The bank book of mine you've got is no good. I made a declaration and got another one and drew the money." There had been about £15 in the bank when he gave me the book.

He also said : "It's no good buying any furniture, as I might be put off at any time."

No Support Since March Last.

Since the case was adjourned he has not given me a penny, nor have I had anything from him since March 21.

Mrs. Rosanove (for defendant)—Are you prepared to return to your husband?

Mr. Ridgeway (for the wife) objected Mrs. Rosanove—Did anyone tell you that defendant could not come down to the court to-day, as he would probably lose his job?—No.

Did you tell his mother that the trouble was that there was no furniture?—No.

Did his mother say she would buy the furniture if that was all that was keeping you apart?—No.

What is the tariff at the guest house at the weir?—I don't know.

Is it £2/15/- per head per week?—I don't know.

Took a Return Ticket.

When you went to the weir did you buy a return ticket?—Yes.

Then you had no intention of staying there?—Only for two days. If the house was suitable I would have come back to get my things.

The only way your husband said he could leave the weir was by "swagging it?"—Yes.

Wanted Wife Back.

Mrs. Rosanove (for Yendall) said Yendall wanted his wife back, but she did not seem to want to go back to the weir. He was not at court, as he was afraid he might lose his job. When the wife went to the weir and saw the house she complained about the absence of furniture. Yendall's mother had then offered to buy the necessary furniture.

Mother's Evidence.

Yendall's mother was in court and said she had "nothing against the complainant." She wanted the parties to come together, and she knew that the wife could bring out all the good there was in her son.

Was Prepared to Provide Furniture.

Continuing, she said she was prepared to buy furniture and pay the rent of the house for a while to give them a start.

"Begged the Girl Not To Marry."

Mr. Ridgway—You want to push this girl back on to your son?—No. I begged the girl not to marry him in the first place.

You wanted the wife to go back to her husband?—I believe a wife's place is with her husband. They were only 18 and 21 when they got married, and I did my best to stop it.

An order was made that Yendall pay his wife £1 weekly for herself and 10/- weekly for his child. He was also ordered to find a surety of £50 to comply with the order and to pay £3/3/- costs.

PERSONAL

Cr. J. Sutch has been appointed by the Northcote Council as its representative on the Municipal Association.

Birthday Party.—About 30 infant friends of Miss Marie De Laine assembled at her residence, Plenty road, on Saturday, the occasion being her fourth birthday. The children spent the afternoon at indoor games, and the day was brought to a fitting close with a delightful party in the evening.

An old resident of Northcote in the person of Mrs. Minnie Jane Clements, wife of Mr. Edwin James Clements, of Latham St., passed away last week after having been confined to her bed for only a few days, although she had been a sufferer for a lengthy period. She was a native of Collingwood, but had resided in Northcote for nearly 22 years. She leaves a family of seven, viz., Percy, Clarice (Mrs. Gledhill), Frank, Roy, Doris (Mrs. Pooley), Vera (Mrs. Rainey), and Fred. The interment took place at the Melbourne General Cemetery on Friday last, the service being conducted by Major Wilkinson, of the Mitchell St. Salvation Army Corps. There was a large attendance of mourners at the funeral, and numbers of wreaths and floral tributes had been sent as marks of sympathy, also very many telegrams and cards. A memorial service was held at the Salvation Army barricks, Mitchell St., on Sunday evening, August 17, by Major Wilkinson, which was largely attended.

The death occurred on Saturday afternoon last of Mr. Harry S. Hancock, of 3 Balcombe Place, Northcote, after a painful illness. Up till the end of last November deceased appeared to enjoy the best of health, but early in December he was smitten down with the illness which eventually caused his death. He was a highly respected resident of the district, previously to his untimely death having been employed in Mr. Lewis's hairdressing saloon, where by his bright nature and genial disposition he had won the respect and esteem of all. He was also a prominent member of Preston Druids C.C., of which he was one of the founders. He was laid to rest in the Fawkner cemetery last Monday afternoon, when there was a large gathering of friends to pay their final respects. The service at the home and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Dyson, of the Palmerston St. Methodist Church, Carlton, who was the clergyman who had officiated at Mr. Hancock's marriage. Deceased, who was aged 33 years, leaves a widow and five children, aged from 11 years to two weeks.

Mr. O. S. Rawson, who has been chairman of the Northcote Traders' Association for over three years, intimated on Wednesday that he would be away from the district for about six months. Mr. Rawson recently suffered a sad bereavement in the loss of his life partner, and is going to reside temporarily with his son at Euroa. On behalf of the Northcote Traders' Association, Mr. W. E. Laidler handed Mr. Rawson a handsome pipe. He trusted when he used it he would think of his Northcote associations. Mr. Rawson suitably responded

Mrs. H. G. Hayden, of "Jessmond," Penders St., Thornbury, has been confined to her bed through illness.

On Thursday afternoon about forty friends gathered at the Junction Hotel, Thornbury, to bid goodbye to Mr. R. S. Clark, manager of the National Bank, Thornbury, and Mrs. Clark. Mr. Clark, who has been in Northcote for five years, will take the position of manager at Oakleigh National Bank. During his sojourn in Thornbury Mr. Clark has taken an active part in public affairs. He is a member of the Thornbury Bowling Club, and a keen football supporter. A wallet of notes was presented to Mr. Clark and a memento to Mrs. Clark. Mr. W. J. Walter, of Merbein, will succeed Mr. Clark and until his arrival the accountnat (Mr. R. English) will be acting manager.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Naunton, Plenty road, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter.

Sister Holland, of Preston Baby Health Centre, has recovered from an attack of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackman, of Aslins St., Preston, and about 40 local residents, entertained Sergt. and Mrs. Lang at a social gathering on Tuesday evening, as a mark of appreciation of a number of pleasant functions arranged by the sergeant and his wife during the recent queen carnival. A most enjoyable time was spent in cards, music, etc., and during an interval a beautiful crystal vase was presented to Mrs. Lang.

Mr. H. P. Zwar has been elected president of Preston Cricket Club, also Regent Cricket Club.

New Progress Body

A new progress body has been formed in the North Ward, which will be known as the North Ward Ratepayers' League.

Mr. W. J. Canty, and the president Mr. Stackpool,

THE ELECTIONS

CENTRAL WARD, PRESTON.

CR. McPHERSON'S ADDRESS.

Cr. McPherson, at Day's Hall, Reservoir, on Monday evening, gave an exhaustive account of his stewardship for the past six years. Statements had been made that the present financial stringency demanded more economic and efficient management, Cr. McPherson said he had been fully alive to the situation, and had, early in 1928, moved for an investigation of the office organisation. His suggestion was rejected and a more expensive method was entered into by the engagement of Mr. Wallace Ross to investigate. The report was considered by a committee (Crs. Crisne, Adams and himself), when certain recommendations were made. Up to the date of his elevation to office as Mayor nothing had been done. On assuming office he instructed the town clerk to investigate the costing and office methods, and the report of these officers will improve the administration and effect economies without impairing efficiency. He was opposed to any increase in rates until every avenue of legitimate economy has been explored.

Cr. McPherson dealt with private street construction, swimming baths, town hall, baby health centre, which had given a lot of employment. He had advocated silin paving, more parks and gardens, and had done a great deal to minimise unemployment and assist the workless. He had also carried out the social duties connected with the office of Mayor with credit

Preston's valuation was the lowest in the metropolis, i.e., £42 per acre. Though this gave a smaller income, it had been wisely expended.

After questions had been answered the meeting unanimously carried a vote of confidence and pledged themselves to assist to secure Cr. McPherson's re-election.

Municipal Elections

HOW TO VOTE

On August 28, the date of the municipal elections, many people are confused as to how to record their votes. If there are two candidates the voter must mark the figure 1 against the name of the candidate for whom he desires to vote, and 2 against the other candidate. If there are three candidates the figures 1, 2 and 3 should be used to indicate the voter's order of preference. Place a number against every candidate's name or your vote will be invalid. Do not strike out the name of any candidate or the vote will be invalid.

Polling Hours

Northcote and Preston, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Whittlesea.—8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A REPLY TO CR. McPHERSON.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Replying to Mayor McPherson's invitation to examine his record, I wish to point out a few items that may not have been noticed by many ratepayers. That the brochure has been compiled entirely by the Mayor there is not the slightest doubt, the diction from start to finish indicates the author. It was printed outside Preston, and as actions speak louder than words, it proves that the Mayor has no consideration for local printers.

To illustrate how quickly he found weak spots in municipal matters, he points out that, as far back as 1928, he discovered that the town clerk and his staff were not doing all they should do, etc., therefore it took Cr. McPherson four years to find that out. The councillors were so little impressed that they ignored the matter entirely. They knew that Cr. McPherson was neither an accountant or auditor, that he had no knowledge of municipal book-keeping, and that it would be dangerous to allow him to meddle with the existing system. The council showed their wisdom by getting the advice of a public accountant. As regards the secretarial duties of the Mayor, he is not a member of the Institute of Secretaries nor a qualified secretary. His secretarial duties consist in "settling industrial disputes" and have been of little value to the council. With regard to valuations. If high or low valuations are beyond the control of the council, why make comparisons. Can the Mayor explain why a house worth £1000, street and paths made, is rated at £34, while another house worth £800, street and paths not made, is rated at £38. Both are in the West Ward, both streets run from Gower St. to Murray road. His success in borrowing money is of no value to the council. Everyone knows that if a municipality pledges its assets and pays the necessary interest, money can be obtained. What is more to the point, is a judicious expenditure of that money and to see that value is received. As to the diurnal duties of the Mayor, his meetings in the "yard" and "big business" offices and "sanctums" of Cabinet Ministers, that can be termed "polite fiction." In his opening speech the Mayor stated that the objects of his party (that is the Labor party) were definite. No doubt they are definite, and sometimes more "definite" than desirable. In the present state of municipal affairs in Preston it is necessary to make a change. To say that "efficiency in office administration" will produce enough to pay the interest on the overdraft, and eventually discharge the principal, is an insult to the understanding of the ratepayers. It is a misleading statement, and wholly devoid of facts.—Yours, etc.,

A RATEPAYER.

CR. NEWTON AND THE PUBLIC MEETING

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I have just been notified that the mayor (Cr. McPherson) has convened a public meeting in the town hall for the purpose of allowing the candidates for the East ward to place their views before the ratepayers. As one of the candidates of the East ward, I wish to state that not only have I not been consulted in the matter, but I knew nothing of it until midday on Wednesday, when I was informed by letter that the meeting is to be held. Even had I desired to partatke of this cheap publicity at the expense of the ratepayers, I was not given an opportunity to arrange my business in order to attend.

I deeply resent this underhand method adopted by those responsible, and wish to inform the ratepayers that I can not, and will not, be at the town hall on Friday night.

Further, I might state that a number of those people who signed the request presented to the mayor did so on the understanding that I was cognisant of that request, and that twelve signatures were necessary to have it presented.—Yours etc.,

A. E. NEWTON.

71 High St., Preston.

Northcote Municipal Elections.
WEST WARD.
VOTE AND WORK FOR
F. LEE
PROGRESSIVE AND ONLY NON-PARTY CANDIDATE.
POLLING DAY—
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28,
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Shire of Whittlesea.
ANNUAL ELECTION.
EPPING RIDING.
CR. J. R. J. BUTLER
Who has been a Councillor for 20 years, has been requested to OFFER HIMSELF FOR RE-ELECTION and HAS CONSENTED TO DO SO.
He again seeks the support of the Ratepayers of the Riding, for whom he has worked faithfully and well, and he will in the future, as in the past, do his best to further the interests of the Shire in general and the EPPING RIDING in particular.
On Thursday, August 28,
VOTE FOR
BUTLER, J. R. J.
AND RETURN YOUR TRIED REPRESENTATIVE.

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TO THE GRAND OPENING OF OUR
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NORTHCOTE NOTES

Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary

The monthly meeting was held in the Dispensary Hall, Thornbury, on Wednesday. In the absence of the president (Mrs. H. G. Hayden), Mrs. S. Hicks was in the chair. Two new members were welcomed. Covers for hot water bags were given out for the month's work. The auxiliary will hold a plain and fancy dress novelty night in the Memorial Hall on August 30.

Water Activities

The Board of Works has commenced lowering the water mains in Bastings street, east of Grandview grove, and also in Jones street. The board is also laying mains in Peel street.

Heavy Traffic on Closed Street

The Thornbury Estate Association complained to the Northcote council on Monday about heavy traffic (brick lorries) using Watt street, which had been closed against such traffic. The council referred the matter to the public works committee.

Sales of Firewood

The Northern Weights and Measures Union has agreed to provide its inspectors with a set of scales so that he may be able to check the weight of bags of firewood sold in bags in the streets.

Objection to Bus Service

The Northcote Council has decided to recommend to the Public Works Department that the operation of a new bus service along Bastings, Rathmines and Station streets to Darebin road and return be not granted, as other services are already operating over portions of the route, and some of the roads mentioned are not considered by the council fit to carry such a route.

Purchase of Street Flusher Suggested

The Northcote council, when considering its estimates for the next financial year, will give consideration to the purchase of a street flusher at a cost of between £200 and £300.

Community Singing

Last week community singing lost very little by reason of the change of location to the small town hall. The conductor of the Northcote Professional Orchestra was Mr. Costa, and the musicians played Scottish melodies and selections from "Hit the Deck," and "Golden Dawn." Fine vocal selections were given by Miss Bysouth and Mr. Harry Hillman. Both singers were much appreciated. Mr. Nicholl conducted the community singing capably and received hearty applause.

Northcote's Future

Speaking at the luncheon of the Northcote Trader's Association on Wednesday Mr. O. S. Rawson referred to the financial position of many traders. "Many traders," said Mr. Rawson, "are inclined to be depressed owing to the unsatisfactory financial outlook. This is only the cloud which very soon will roll away and the silver lining will show through." Mr. Rawson, who served a number of years as an accountant and a banker, was manager of the E. S. and A. Bank at Northcote for over 10 years. In that time High street, Northcote, he said, had doubled its business. He had great confidence in Northcote, and had no doubt about its future as a shopping centre.

Sunday Trading

On the motion of Cr. Sutch (Northcote), the Municipal Association has decided to urge that the Police Offences Act be amended to provide that the police and not the councils shall be responsible for the enforcement of the law relating to Sunday trading.

Northcote Branch A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting was held on August 15, Mr. Carney, the president, occupying the chair. Mr. Blackburn delivered an instructive and interesting lecture on first aid, illustrating his lecture with charts. The quarterly meeting will be held next Thursday.

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NORTHCOTE THEATRE

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WED., AUGUST 25, 26, 27.

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PARIS

Children Not Admitted.

THE SECOND TEST MATCH With exclusive pictures of

DON BRADMAN

MAKING HIS COLOSSAL SCORE.

LAUREL & HARDY in their latest mirth-maker

WHOSE GOW

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SAT., AUGUST 28, 29, 30.

GEO. BANCROFT

The mighty thrill man, fighting and roaring his way to success in

LADIES LOVE BRUTES

PATSY RUTH MILLER

In a rollicking Comedy Drama—

SO LONG LETTY

MICKEY MOUSE CARTOON

AUTUMN

COMING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1—

GEORGE ARLISS in DISRAELI

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

For to-night and Saturday Hollywood's splendid extravaganza in full technicolor, "Gold Diggers of Broadway," which has been witnessed by packed houses all the week, will be continued. A first rate programme of talkie shorts is in support.

On Monday piquant Irene Bordoni, French accent and all, will be seen and heard in "Paris," which is the spicy story of a Boston family with Mayflower ancestry who land in the French capital to prevent the marriage of their son to an actress. It is an all-dialogue production with musical sequences, depicting the French theatre, and some of the lavishly brilliant scenes are made in technicolor. Laurel and Hardy, the inimitable comedians, will be seen in "Whose Gow," and Don Bradman making his colossal score in the Test will also be shown.

George Bancroft learnt all about hot rivets when making "Ladies Love Brutes," which comes on Thursday. The burly star with husky fists appears as a steel worker, who builds a business of his own and becomes wealthy. He strives for recognition in society and falls in love with a daughter of the rich. This leads him into new difficulties. The climax is surprising. Mary Astor, Frederic March, Stanley Fields, Ben Hendricks, Jun., David Durand and Freddie Burke Frederick support the star. Splashy and hilarious and full of all of Charlotte Greenwood's famous long-legged tricks is "So Long Letty," the Warner Bros.' version of the notable stage farce. Charlotte Greenwood is featured in the title role. Grant Withers, Patsy Ruth Miller and Helen Foster are also in the cast. Mickey the Mouse in "Autumn" is the cartoon.

Buster Keaton has temporarily forsaken golf for bayonet drill. Practicing for his war comedy, "Forward March," he is putting in several hours a day at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, "brushing up" on training he has forgotten since he served in the army in France.

HOYTS MERRI THEATRE

George Jessel in "Love, Live and Laugh," and Alice Joyce in "He Knew Women" form the programme for to-night and Saturday. Special matinee features for the kiddies will be shown on Saturday.

Irene Bordoni is the star of "Paris" on Monday night. Some of the outstanding scenes are made in technicolor. One is a famous Parisian music hall during the performance of one of those glittering revues for which the City of Light is so famous. These color effects are not only startlingly realistic—they are utterly beautiful. And in the midst of this chromatic revelation is Bordoni—Bordoni the laughing, the singing, the scintillating—Bordoni at her most inimitable. Charlotte Greenwood leads in the hilarious farce, "So Long Letty," and one of her stunts is stepping over chairs, tables and sofas. The beach cottages which figure so prominently in the story are equipped with the last word in modernistic furniture which, of course, is featured by its proximity to the floor. The davenports, chaise lounges, stools and wicker davenports are all much lower than the old type of furniture. Patsy Ruth Miller and Grant Withers play opposite Miss Greenwood.

How the talkies are made forms one of the interesting features of "Let's Go Places," Fox Movietone singing and dancing whirl around Hollywood, playing at the Merri on Thursday. The story is laid chiefly in the film capital, and actual studio scenes of the filming of vocal pictures are incorporated in the story. Joseph Wagstaff, Lola Lane, Walter Catlett, Dixie Lee, Sharon Lynn, Frank Richardson, Ilka Chase and Charles Judels are featured. Hoot Gibson in "Prairie Kings" is a fast, peppy comedy drama with thrills and stunts in profusion. Laurel and Hardy and Mickey Mouse are the comedy relief.

Bronzed from a mountain vacation, John Gilbert is back at the Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer studio preparing for his next starring vehicle, "Way For a Sailor," which Sam Wood is to direct. Most of the picture will be screened while at sea aboard a tanker.

A scene from "The Racketeer," which is coming to Hoyts Merri Theatre shortly. Robert Armstrong and Carol Lombard are featured.

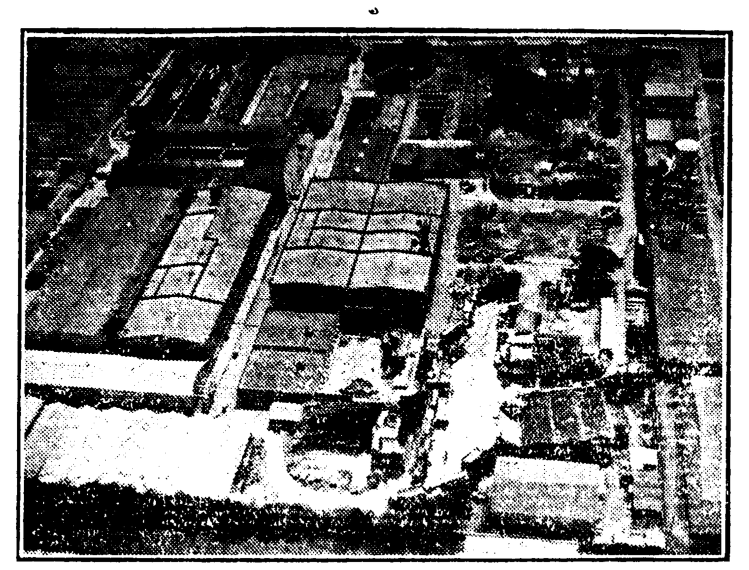
The SCREEN and its STARS

MOVIE PROGRESS.

STUDIOS LIKENED TO SMALL INDUSTRIAL CITIES.

(Exclusive to the "Leader" by Jesse L. Lasky, Vice-President of Paramount).

Since the first motion picture camera turned in Hollywood more than a score of years ago, the industry has progressed beyond the farthest stretch of the imagination. Not only has it undergone vast changes in methods of production, improved photography, more effective direction and audibility, but the studios at which the motion pictures are made have been similarly improved and expanded. From the small, one-storey buildings in which equipment, artists, technicians and settings were once housed, these studios have grown to the point where they are now likened to small industrial cities in themselves.



An impression of the enormous size of the modern motion picture plant may be gained from the above aerial view of the Paramount Studios in Hollywood. The entire studio covers 26 acres of ground and contains 90 separate departments, employing nearly two thousand workers, exclusive of actors.

Few persons outside of the industry realise the magnitude and completeness of a large film centre. It has been said that, given a day in which to stock up, a studio could withstand a long siege. We have at the Paramount Studios a cafe where every employe could be fed. We have a large building of dressing rooms with all the accommodations of a hotel room. There is a huge wardrobe department with clothes enough to equip our personnel for years.

Neither is it known that our studio comprises carpenter shops, paint rooms, a plaster shop for the making of statuary, machine shops, foundry, plumbing department, electrical shops, a nursery to grow all our plants and shrubs, a school house and hundreds of other departments.

Figures show that there are 200 carpenters employed steadily at the studio, constructing settings for pictures. During the past year this department used more than four million six hundred thousand feet of timber for the 60 pictures we produced. Each feature picture requires from twenty-five to sixty settings. These vary from royal palaces to western frontier houses.

In addition to the carpenter's department many hundreds of other tradesmen and technicians are employed at the studio. There are 107 laborers, 17 in the art plaster shop, 25 in the property making department, 73 in the grip department, 44 handling properties, 46 scene painters, 134 stage electricians, 48 in electrical construction, 45 in mechanical departments, 43 in general office, 47 in the accounting department, 48 in the camera department, 48 cutters, 188 in the laboratory, 85 scenarists, 19 directors and 15 assistants, 122 handling stock equipment, 50 in the transportation department, 64 handling wardrobe, 10 in sound recording work, 36 in cafe, 10 in nursery, 42 in publicity and still departments, 22 in machine shop, 14 architects and 10 in the print shop. This makes a grand total of nearly 2000 employees on the pay roll, not including the large numbers of extra players used in many scenes.

In spite of the present magnitude of the modern motion picture producing centre, with its many picture-making facilities, it is still impossible for us to film all of our productions within the studio walls. This was accomplished when talking pictures first came into being, but with the public demand for adventure-talkies, we have once more had to return to outdoor settings.

Exclusive to "THE LEADER."

LAWRENCE TIBBETT.

Lawrence Tibbett, leading operatic and concert baritone of the present day, makes his debut on the audible screen in an original musical photoplay entitled "The Rogue Song," a M.G.M. all color production.

Tibbett leaped to fame on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, in Verdi's "Falstaff," in the role of Ford, when he was 26 years old. He was recalled several times by the audience on that occasion and given an ovation that lasted 15 minutes. Since that time Tibbett scored repeated successes in "Lohengrin," "Pagliacci," "Tales of Hoffman," "The King's Henchman," and other operas, and has been enthusiastically received on his concert tours.

Tibbett was born in Bakersfield, California, and when he was six years old his father, William Edward Tibett, sheriff of Korn County, was killed in a fight by bandits. Mrs. Tibbett took Lawrence and her other children to Los Angeles, where she supported them until they were old enough to go to work. Lawrence attracted attention in amateur theatricals, and later played Iago in "Othello," with the Shakespearian repertory. During the war Tibbett enlisted in the navy. After the war he left the navy and took vocal lessons for six months. After persistent attempts he finally secured an audition with the Metropolitan Opera Co., and soon his big chance came with "Falstaff." Tibbett is fond of swimming, motoring and aviation. He keeps dogs and plays the piano.

When Ramon Novarro dances a sailor's hornpipe in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's most ambitious eye and ear production, "The March of Time," undoubtedly many of his admirers will be surprised at his pedal dexterity. Novarro, however, trained to be a professional dancer before his thoughts turned to screen acting.

Popular candidates for the lion's share of the world's laughs—Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, the famous Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer comedians, who make their "feature length" picture debut with Lawrence Tibbett in "The Rogue Song," an all technicolor operetta.

Cliff Edwards, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer comedian, has a new invention. He has designed a glass ukelele, which he will play in his next picture. The idea is at the end of the tune to hit a high note and shatter the instrument, of course.

A diamond ensemble, consisting of necklace, bracelets, ear-rings, brooch and ring worn by Irene Delroy in "Nancy From Naples," Warner Bros.' adaptation of Elmer Rice's stage play, is valued at £50,000. Armed guards stood watch during the filming of the sequence, and immediately following it's completion the jewels were returned to a Los Angeles shop, from which they had been borrowed, under heavy insurance. "Nancy From Naples," one of the most pretentious talkies of it's type ever filmed, has a cast including Charles King, Lowell Sherman, Noah Beery, Olsen and Johnson, Lotti Loder, and Vivien Oakland.

THE WESTGARTH TALKIES

This Friday and Saturday, August 22 and 23.

LILA LEE and GEORGE JESSELL in

LOVE, LIVE AND LAUGH

And CONSTANCE BENNETT in

RICH PEOPLE RICH PEOPLE

Children under 16 not admitted.

TERRY TOON CARTOON—"CAVAIR."

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, August 25, 26, 27.

ROD LA ROCQUE in

THE LOCKED DOOR

Children under 16 not admitted.

And JOE E. BROWN in

PAINTED FACES PAINTED FACES

Children under 16 not admitted.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 28, 29, 30.

SEVEN FACES SEVEN FACES

With PAUL MUNI, who plays Seven Characters.

Children under 16 not admitted.

And JOSEPH WAGSTAFF and LOLA LANE in

LET'S GO PLACES

TERRY TOON CARTOON—"SPANISH OMELETEE."

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Last Two Nights of "GOLD DIGGERS OF BROADWAY."

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 26, 27.

IRENE BORDONI in

PARIS PARIS

Children under 16 not admitted.

ALL TALKING, SINGING, DANCING AND COLOR.

PATSY RUTH MILLER in

SO LONG LETTY

ALL TALKING AND SINGING.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 29, 30.

JOSEPH WAGSTAFF in

LET'S GO PLACES

FOX MOVIETONE. ALL TALKING.

PAUL MUNI in

SEVEN FACES SEVEN FACES

FOX MOVIETONE. ALL TALKING.

MICKEY THE MOUSE.

WESTGARTH TALKIES

This week-end in "Rich People," the scenes of the story are laid in Vienna, and the theme deals with a woman who kills a man in defence of her honor, with dramatic results. Constance Bennett is supported by Regis Toomey and Robert Ames. Lila Lee, David Rollins and George Jessell are featured in "Love, Live and Laugh," a human drama of Italy. There are three beautiful ballads and a number of Italian folk songs introduced. Gay street festivals provide a colorful background. On Monday the story of "The Locked Door" concerns the adventures of a young woman who is innocently caught in the meshes of a rotter, marries another and is forced into a compromising situation with the man to save her sister-in-law. There are many dramatic moments in the picture, which has an exceptional cast including Rod la Rocque, Barbara Stanwyck, William Boyd and Betty Bronson. Circus, vaudeville and the jury room provide three different backgrounds for the story of a clown's vengeance as told in "Painted Faces," which stars that matchless comedian Joe E. Brown. On Thursday in "Seven Faces," adapted from a brilliant story by Richard Connell, Paul Muni portrays even distinctly different characters, ranging from an old French caretaker of a waxworks museum to such famous historical and legendary figures as Napoleon, Don Juan, Schubert and others. Muni dominates the production at all times through his rare artistry, although there is a delightful love story cleverly woven into the texture of the picture. "Let's Go Places" is a riotous, tuneful, diverting story of life and night life in the screen capital. Authentic and intimate views of the real Hollywood—behind the scenes of a talkie studio, a genuine movie party, a wealth of catchy songs—all are woven into this merry, whirling musical romance. A large cast includes Joseph Wagstaff and Lola Lane.

Micky Byrnes, amateur bantam champion of Victoria for the past three years, who lives in Preston, has decided not to enter for the State boxing championships this year. However he will be ready for the club competitions, when he will defend his title.

STAR AND GOWERVILLE

BIG PICTURES COMING

The Star and Gowerville Theatres are certainly keeping up to their reputation of "the best show in town," with the excellent attractions they are screening. According to Mr. W. Edmonds, manager of the theatres, this policy of submitting only the cream of talkie productions will be maintained at these popular theatres. Maurice Chevalier in "The Love Parade" heads the programme for this week-end, with a special children's show on Saturday afternoon, with "Peter Pan" and free bags of sweets to every child attending.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 25, 26 and 27, "The Black Watch" will be shown. Victor McLaglen, Merna Loy and Roy D'Arcy head the cast of this entertaining talkie dealing mainly with an Indian outpost of the British Empire.

For next week-end, commencing on Thursday, August 28, there will be plenty of laughs in Paramount's all-talking feature, "Men Are Like That!" In addition Ralph Ince and Aileen Pringle will be seen and heard in "Wall Street."

Coming shortly to these theatres are such pictures at "The Cock-eyed World," "Young Eagles," with Chas. (Buddy) Rogers, "Words and Music," a musical comedy, and "The Sky Hawk," with John Carrick, who will be remembered as Reginald Dandy associated with "Rose Marie" and other stage shows in Australia a short time ago.

"Peter Pan" and Free Sweets at Matinee

In addition to the showing of "Peter Pan," the story of the boy who wouldn't grow up, at the Star and Gowerville Theatres, at the special matinee this Saturday every child attending will be presented with a bag of sweets. The admission price of 6d. will assure a record attendance, and children are advised to arrive at the theatres early. Doors will open at 2 p.m.

Roy D'Arcy, Myrna Loy and Victor McLaglen in a scene from "The Black Watch," an all-talking sensation showing at Star and Gowerville Theatres on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 25, 26 and 27.

"THE BEST SHOW IN TOWN."

AT

STAR HIGH ST. PRESTON JW 2676

AND

GOWERVILLE JW 1469

PLENTY ROAD, PRESTON

SHOWING—

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

ALL TALKING SENSATION

THE BLACK WATCH

WITH VICTOR McLAGLEN MYRNA LOY ROY D'ARCY AND DAVID ROLLINS

Love and laughter, passion and intrigue, adventure and mystery amid the tinkle of temple bells, and the perfume of Asiatic nights.

The story of an enigmatic adventuress, voluptuous and cruel, inflamed with power, but enslaved by passion—and the love duel that went on when she gambled for an empress' tiara and only lost when a man of iron melted in her arms. A breath-taking romance.

Children over 6 and under 16 not admitted.

Also on the same programme—

CONAN DOYLE IN THE GREAT BEYOND

And a Rib-tearing All-Talkie Comedy—

THE BATH BETWEEN

THURSDAY, AUG. 28 FRIDAY, AUG. 29 SAT., AUGUST 30 TWO ALL TALKIES

IF he argues with a traffic policeman he tells you how smart he is. You want to have a good laugh, remember

MEN ARE LIKE THAT

A Paramount Picture. With HAL. SKELLY

You'll laugh your head off when you see this all talkie comedy.

ALSO SHOWING—

RALPH INCE and AILEEN PRINGLE IN WALL STREET

Children over six and under 16 not admitted.

COMING SHORTLY—

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

THE COCK-EYED WORLD.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

YOUNG EAGLES. SKIN DEEP.

Children over 6 and under 16 not admitted.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

THE SKY HAWK. WORDS AND MUSIC.

ALWAYS "The Best Show in Town."

COUNCIL BY-LAWS

From time to time there has been a good deal of litigation over municipal by-laws. With the object of guiding municipalities the Government is to be asked to draft model by-laws, when giving councils power to make them. This matter was brought before the Municipal Association by the Heidelberg Council.

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Reservations JW 4212.

TO-NIGHT AND SATURDAY.

A Complete Change of Programme.

Geo. Jessell in "LOVE, LIVE & LAUGH."

ALSO

Alice Joyce in "HE KNEW WOMEN."

Children over 6 and under 16 not admitted.

Mickey Mouse in "HAUNTED HOUSE."

NEXT MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 25, 26, 27.

Irene Bordoni in "PARIS."

ALSO

Patsy Ruth Miller in "SO LONG LETY."

Children over 6 and under 16 not admitted.

NEXT THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.

Paul Muni in "SEVEN FACES."

Jack Wagstaff in "LET'S GO PLACES."

SPECIAL EIGHT UNIT MATINEE THIS SATURDAY AS USUAL.

Hoot Gibson in "PRAIRIE KINGS."

Two Comedies including LAUREL & HARDY and MICKEY THE MOUSE. Also SERIAL

DON'T MISS IT.

AT ST. GEORGES RD. NTH FITZROY

WOMAN KILLED AT NORTHCOTE.

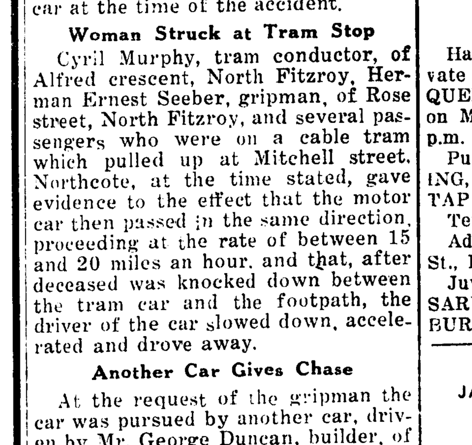
KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR

TWO MEN FOR TRIAL

Remarkable evidence was given at the inquest last Friday (August 15) concernng the death of Grace Watkins, 65 years, of Spencer street, Northcote, who, at 6.45 p.m. on June 29, was knocked down by a motor car in High street, Northcote, and sustained injuries from which she died in the Melbourne Hospital on August 7. Mr. R. Gray appeared for the relatives of deceased.

Two Men in Car

Charles Leslie Douglas, baker, of Victoria parade, Collingwood, and William Franklin Dolphin, laborer, of



MR. TOM RALPH.

Vice-President of the Preston Football Club, has now seriously taken on golf.

Fitzroy street, Fitzroy, were in the car at the time of the accident.

Woman Struck at Tram Stop

Cyril Murphy, tram conductor, of Alfred crescent, North Fitzroy, Herman Ernest Seeber, gripman, of Rose street, North Fitzroy, and several passengers who were on a cable tram which pulled up at Mitchell street, Northcote, at the time stated, gave evidence to the effect that the motor car then passed in the same direction, proceeding at the rate of between 15 and 20 miles an hour, and that, after deceased was knocked down between the tram car and the footpath, the driver of the car slowed down, accelerated and drove away.

Another Car Gives Chase

At the request of the gripman the car was pursued by another car, driven by Mr. George Duncan, builder, of Gooch street, Thornbury, who, in giving evidence, said that after a chase he overtook the car at Stanley street. A constable called on the driver to stop, and after proceeding for some little distance the car was brought to a standstill. When the car passed witness it was travelling at the rate of about 40 miles an hour.

"Was Not in Northcote That Night"

Constable G. W. McCulloch stated that when he was asked whether he knew he had knocked down a woman at Northcote, he replied, "This is tough. I have not been in Northcote to-night." Witness then took him to the Collingwood watch house. When the car passed witness there were two men in it.

To the Coroner (Mr. Grant).—He staggered when he got out of the car, and smelt of liquor. He was also thick in his speech.

After hearing other evidence the Coroner said he felt justified in concluding that both Dolphin and Douglas were responsible.

Two Men for Trial

A verdict was recorded that deceased died from injuries sustained by being knocked down by a car driven with criminal negligence by Charles Leslie Douglas and William Franklin Dolphin, whom he committed for trial at the Court of General Sessions on September 1 next. Bail was allowed.

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Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE

USUAL SERVICES.
Rev. A. H. Constable, Vicar.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY.

AUGUST 24—TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Matins 11
Evensong 7.
Preacher—The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
USUAL SERVICES.
Rev. J. H. Raverty, Vicar.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET

Morning 11
Evening 7.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

NORTHCOTE.
11 a.m.—Rev. W. Amos
7 p.m.—Rev. J. Thomas
PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m.—Rev. J. Thomas
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD
11 a.m.—Pastor E. C. Perkins
7 p.m.—Rev. S. Shepherd
CROXTON.
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
7 p.m.—Rev. W. Amos

CHURCH OF CHRIST
High Street, Northcote.

BIBLE SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.
11—Mr. J. McGregor Abercrombie.
3—Pastor L. E. Williams
7—Pastor A. E. Illingworth. Subject: "The Postman."
Choir of Children and Orchestra. Conductor—Mr. A. G. CHIPPERFIELD
Visitors Invited.

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SOUTH PRESTON
11 a.m.—Mr. W. H. Gray.
7 p.m.—Rev. H. Williams
PENDER'S GROVE.
11 a.m.—Mr. H. Gardiner
7 p.m.—Mr. W. J. Gray
OAKOVER ROAD.
11 a.m.—Rev. H. Williams
7 p.m.—Mr. C. R. Burvill

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, at 7 p.m.
"The Voice of Jesus." Special Music.
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Rev. Duncan E. Reeves.
11 a.m.—"More About Joy."
7 p.m.—"Above the Average.
You are invited to worship with us.

HALL situated corner of Percival and High Sts., Regent. SUNDAY, AUGUST 24. The Gospel of God concerning His Son will D.V. be preached 7 p.m. All welcome.

City of Preston.

WEST WARD—ANNUAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF POLL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Candidates have been NOMINATED for the OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR, viz.:—

CHARLES THOMAS CRISPE.
WILLIAM JOHN HEMBURROW.
ERNEST FRANCIS WILLIAMS

For the WEST WARD, and as the number of Candidates exceeds the number of Councillors to be elected a POLL WILL BE TAKEN for the ELECTION OF ONE COUNCILLOR on THURSDAY, the 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1930, at the following places, viz.:—

BRADFORD HALL, High Street, Preston.
METHODIST SCHOOL ROOM, Murray Road, Preston.
SHOP, T. F. Brown, 647 High St., near Tyler St., Preston.
ST. GEORGE'S HALL, Byfield St., Reservoir.
S. P. SLEITH'S OFFICE, 607 Gilbert Road, Preston, and at SHOP in Gilbert Road, opp. Burgess Street.

The Poll will commence at eight o'clock in the forenoon and will close at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated this 15th day of August, 1930

WILLIAM THOMAS ROBESON.

Returning Officer for the West Ward of the City of Preston.

A Dance a Day Keeps Old Age Away.—Mr. and Mrs. STRETTON, Teachers of Ballroom Dancing Class every Monday, Normanby Hall, next Thornbury bowling green. Three private lessons, 10/6. Old-time and modern. Studio, 9 Woolton Avenue Phone: JW2270.

City of Northcote.

ELECTION OF ONE COUNCILLOR.

WEST WARD.

THE provisions of Voting by Post, also provisions for Compulsory Preferential Voting (as altered by the Governor-in-Council) are applicable to this Election.

Notice is hereby given that the following Candidates have been duly NOMINATED for the OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR for the WEST WARD of the City of Northcote:—

ALAN CHARLES BIRD.
JAMES ARTHUR HOGAN
FREDERICK NORMAN LEE.

As this exceeds the number to be elected a POLL WILL BE TAKEN on THURSDAY, the 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1930, for the ELECTION OF ONE COUNCILLOR for the said Ward of the said City at BELL'S HALL, corner Normanby Avenue and Stott Street; at the MARQUEE erected in Arthurton road, adjoining the railway line; at the CHURCH OF CHRIST HALL, Smith Street, near St. George's road; and at the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rennie Street, Northcote, commencing at 8 a.m. and closing at 8 p.m. on the aforesaid day.

J. O. HUGHES,
Returning Officer, West Ward.
Dated this 13th day of August, 1930.

City of Preston.

CENTRAL WARD—ANNUAL ELECTION.

NOTICE OF POLL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Candidates have been Nominated for the OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR, viz.:—

GEO. CLUNY McPHERSON.
HENRY PETER ZWAR.

For the CENTRAL WARD, and as the number of Candidates exceeds the number of Councillors to be elected a POLL WILL BE TAKEN for the ELECTION OF ONE COUNCILLOR on THURSDAY, the 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1930, at the following places, viz.:—

TOWN HALL, High Street, Preston.
METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOLROOM, corner of High and Tyler Streets, Preston, and at the
RESERVOIR BAND ROOM BUILDING, 760 High Street, Reservoir

The Poll will commence at eight o'clock in the forenoon and will close at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated this 15th day of August, 1930.

GILBERT ERNEST ROBINSON.

Returning Officer for the Central Ward of the City of Preston.

City of Preston.

EAST WARD—ANNUAL ELECTION.

NOTICE OF POLL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Candidates have been Nominated for the OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR, viz.:—

THOMAS WILLIAM ANDREWS
ALBERT EDWARD NEWTON.

For the EAST WARD, and as the number of Candidates exceeds the number of Councillors to be elected a POLL will be taken for the ELECTION OF ONE COUNCILLOR on THURSDAY, the 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1930, at the following places, viz.:—

SHOP, Mrs. Lynch's, 338 Plenty Road, Preston.
CHURCH OF ENGLAND BUILDING, corner Tyler Street and Plenty Road, Preston.
PRIVATE GARAGE at residence of C. Wittig, "Gleneska," 101 Dundas Street, Preston.

The Poll will commence at eight o'clock in the forenoon and will close at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated this 15th day of August, 1930.

ROBERT HENRY ERNEST MAYNARD.

Returning Officer for the East Ward of the City of Preston.

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Alongside Station; handy Electric Trams, Executors' Realising Auction Sale of
Household Furniture, Effects, etc.,
Comprising Drawingroom and Wicker Suites, Wardrobes, Duchess and Cedar Chests, Sideboard, Tyanko Sewing Machine, Hall Stand, Lino Runner, Rugs, Pedestal, Ornaments, Bedsteads, Wire Glassware, Crockery, Saucepans, Table, Chairs, Safe, Fenders, Pot Plants, Lawn Mower, etc.
At 3 o'clock, the property "Carnarvon"
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Six rooms, Bathroom, Det. Washhouse, Sheds, Sewered, E.L., Gas Stove, etc. Land 32 x 120 to roadway.
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27,
At 3 o'clock at the Property,
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 30,
At 3 o'clock on the Property,
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Mortgagees' Realising Auction Sale of
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Entertainments

City of Preston.

COMPLIMENTARY BALL.

COMPLIMENTARY BALL to be tendered to the Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. G. C. McPherson) by the Citizens of Preston, TUESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1930, at 8.30 p.m. at new City Hall, Preston.

All surplus of proceeds to be donated to the Mayor's Preston Unemployed Relief Fund appeal.

Tickets obtainable at Town Hall, Preston. 7/6 Single.

L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk.
For the Committee.

ADJUTANT AND MRS. ABEL invite you to
A FLORAL FAIR
To be held in the Salvation Army Hall, Thornbury (cnr. High and Gooch Sts.) on August 21, 22 & 23. The Acting Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. J. M. David) will open the Fair at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Lieut.-Col. D.McClure will presid e.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS CARNIVAL

A Grand Cinderella Ball and Card Party

Will be tendered by MR. T. RALPH in TOWN HALL, PRESTON, on

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.

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THORNBURY Red Cross Auxiliary for Queen Victoria Hospital, will hold a NOVELTY NIGHT in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, High St., Northcote, on SATURDAY, AUG. 30, at 8 p.m. Plain and Fancy Dress. Good Prizes and Refreshments. Tickets 1/6. Mrs. H. C. Scott, Hon. Sec., 27 Normanby Av., Thornbury. Phone JW 1850.

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Public Notices

CITY OF PRESTON.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A PUBLIC MEETING is hereby Convened at the request of Ratepayers of the East Ward of the City of Preston, to be held at the old Town Hall, Gower Street, Preston, on FRIDAY EVENING, 22ND AUGUST, 1930, at EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M., for the purpose of allowing the Candidates for the East Ward to place their views before the ratepayers.

G. C. McPHERSON,
Mayor City of Preston.

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Next Term commences on MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1930.
7/6 a Term of Ten Lessons from 7.15 p.m. to 9.5 p.m. on MONDAY NIGHTS.

Full particulars are obtainable from the Principal at the school.

NORTH SUBURBAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will be held on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, in the Library Hall (next Town Hall), High St., Preston, when entries for the Summer Competitions will be received.
Further particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary
MR. S. T. GREY,
273 High St., Preston.

NORTHCOTE & Preston Protestant Churches Cricket Asso.—Umpires Required—Applications are called for position of UMPIRE in above Association. Fee—10/- per Saturday. Applications, stating experience and qualifications, to be forwarded in time for Annual Meeting, SEPTEMBER 1. P. Steel, Hon. Sec., 1 Walker St., Northcote South N16.

GEORGE V. No. 3632, Sec. 106.
GEORGE V., No. 3632, Sec. 124.
GEORGE V., No. 3792, Sec. 27.
NOTICE.

A RULE to administer the estate of each of the undermentioned deceased persons has been granted to me, and creditors, next of kin, and all others having claims against the estate of any of the persons so mentioned are required to send particulars of their claims to the Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, No. 267 Queen Street, Melbourne, on or before the 27th September, 1930, or they may be excluded from the distribution of the estate when the assets are being distributed.
LEA, FRANK EDWIN, late of No. 34 Charles Street, Northcote, jeweller, died on the 18th July, 1930. Intestate.
OLNEY, EMMA (with the will annexed), late of No. 12 Stone Street, Preston, home duties, died on the 29th June, 1930.
WALTER B. HOUSE.
Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons.
Melbourne, 15th August, 1930.

NORTHCOTE COACHING & BUSINESS COLLEGE (Reg. 1284), 901 High St., Thornbury.—The following students have received appointments—Misses Phyllis Hall, G. Perkins, B. McNeil, M. Johnson, G. Speedy, F. Perkins, V. Bansgrove, and McGuinness; Messrs. John Tadich, Colin Morris, Phillip Robinson, and L. Wright. Special arrangements have been made for coaching candidates for the Telegraph Messengers' Exam on September 13, as well as for merit examination. Classes are also held for Ticket and Show Card Writing.—(Advt.)

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False Teeth Used as Weapon in St. George's Road Assault Case

GREENGROCER'S AMUSING ASSAULT

WIFE SELLS BUSINESS WHILE HUSBAND IS AWAY.

"This is a new one to me," said Mr. O'Grady, P.M., at the Northcote Court on Tuesday, when it was alleged that during an incident which culminated in a charge of assault one of the parties took out his teeth and struck another man with them in his hand. It was also alleged that as a result of this, the man struck sustained a cut ear.

The Charge and Claim for Damages.

The case was one in which Robert Gould, of Bank St., Richmond, greengrocer, formerly of St. George's road, Northcote, was charged with having on August 2 assaulted his brother-in-law, David Cromwell Walters, greengrocer, of St. George's road, Northcote. Walters also claimed £49 damages for injuries received in the assault, pain and suffering, damage to clothes and medical and dental expenses.

Brutal Assault.

Mrs. Rosanove (for Walters) said that Mrs. Walters and Mrs. Gould were sisters, and on the date in question that Walters was brutally assaulted by Gould.

Purchased Gould's Business From Wife.

Walters said—I had purchased Gould's greengrocery business from his wife.

Meeting With Gould.

About a fortnight later (on August 2) I was in Hobson St., Northcote, on my round when Gould drove up and began to abuse me.

"A Cowardly Blow."

I tried to reason with him, but he became violent and struck me a cowardly blow from behind, and then several more blows, breaking my nose and teeth.

"Struck One Blow."

I was dazed and could not defend myself, but I did strike one blow, and do not know if that struck Gould or not.

"Nose Was Broken."

In the afternoon I went to a doctor and had my nose set, and also my mouth, which was cut by my false teeth.

"Kept The Evidence."

Mr. Hoare (for Gould)—Have you any teeth now?—No; I didn't get them repaired, as I thought they might be wanted as evidence.

Examination on Damage.

Mr. Hoare—You kept the evidence then (Laughter.) You ask £5/5/- for your suit. How long have you had it?—Two and a half years. (Laughter.)

You can get your hat cleaned for about 7/6?—Yes.

And you ask 35/- damages for it?—(No answer.)

You ask £5/5/- for damage to your teeth? How do you make that up? Have you got an estimate?—No, the lady next door told me the cost would be about £5/5/-

You say a man went on your round for you whilst you were in bed after the assault. Was he not a lad of about 17 who was home with a broken leg?—Yes.

And you claim £3 for his services for two days. Have you paid him or received an account from him?—No.

Bought From Gould's Wife.

Did you purchase Gould's business from his wife, even though you knew Gould was conducting the business?—Yes.

Gould was out at the time on his rounds, and when he came back you were in possession of the shop?—Yes.

After selling the business Mrs. Gould left her husband?—She went to her sister's place.

Did Gould later meet you at the market and say "Give me a fair go, and don't go spreading lies about me. I've got to live and keep my little boy."—No.

A Witness' Hearing.

Have you any doubt about hitting Gould?

Witness—I beg your pardon.

Mr. Hoare—I said hitting.

Witness—Kicking him?

Mr. Hoare—Don't be dense. You heard what I said. H-i-t-t-i-n-g him.

Witness—I'm not sure.

Mr. Hoare—Well, where did you get the idea that you might have given him a "flick on the ear?"

Witness—A snick?

The P.M. (impatiently to Walters)—Oh, listen to the questions. We are further away than you and can hear all right.

Witness (meekly)—I can't help it. (Laughter.)

Didn't Strike a Blow With Teeth in His Hand.

Mr. Hoare—Didn't you hit Gould with your false teeth in your hand and "bite" his ear with them?—No. (Laughter.)

The P.M.—That is a new one to me. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hoare—Was it not a "stand up" fight for four or five blows?—No.

Not An Amateur Boxer.

Did you tell anyone you were an amateur boxer and would "deal" with Gould next time you met him?—No.

Did you ever think you were as good a man as Gould?—No. (Laughter).

Did you ever try your boxing ability on your wife and give her a black eye?—No. She got a slight black eye in a scuffle. (Laughter.)

And she went to the Northcote police for assistance?—(No answer.)

Did you think Gould was responsible for the friction between you and your wife?—We live happily together.

Evidence of Injuries.

Dr. W. H. Hinricksen said that he examined Walters on August 2. When he examined Walters he was suffering from a broken nose, lacerations on the face, gums and lips, a black eye and shock.

Mr. Hoare—Lacerations are really scratches?—Yes, but a broken nose isn't. (Laughter.)

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FINANCIERS' CONFERENCE AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

Arriving at Parliament House for the inter-State conference on finance problems were, left to right—Professor Theodor Gregory, Sir Otto Niemeyer, the Governor of the Commonwealth Bank (Mr. E. C. Riddle), and the chairman of the Commonwealth Bank Board (Sir Robert Gibson). (Photo by courtesy "The Argus.")

UNEMPLOYMENT

RELIEF AT PRESTON.

The number of men and women seeking relief is as large as ever, and it takes the committee all its time to meet the calls made. Parcels of clothing, boots, etc., are urgently required, as well as food, meat and groceries. It is expected that a truck of wood will arrive from Broadford at the week-end, and the fuel will be distributed among deserving cases. A fine lot of vegetables has been sent in from different sources, and the gifts have been greatly appreciated.

WHAT RELIEF HAS COST AT PRESTON

Some interesting figures were given by the mayor of Preston (Cr. McPherson) on Tuesday night as to what it had cost to relieve the unemployed during his mayoral term, which has just drawn to a close.

Cr. McPherson said that with Government and council contributions and donations of money and goods, the equivalent of nearly £12,000 had been raised and spent, and this spoke volumes for the generosity of the citizens of Preston.

PRESTON COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT GRANT

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday the mayor (Cr. G. C. McPherson) moved a notice of motion that a previous resolution of the council, that the council do not accept the offer of the Government for a grant of £2500 on the £ for £ basis for unemployment relief works unless sustenance be also provided, be rescinded, and that the council accept the grant, provision having been made for sustenance of those who could not be given employment by the local relief committee.

After a good deal of discussion the mayor indicated that owing to the seriously depressed state of the finances, and in view of the fact that the council was about to proceed to draw up a schedule for big drainage works, he would withdraw the notice of motion.

CENTRAL RELIEF COMMITTEE, CITY OF NORTHCOTE

On the 22nd instant, at the invitation of the central relief committee, representatives of many churches and organisations met in the Town Hall to discuss the proposals of the committee relating to the co-ordination of relief efforts in the city. There was a good attendance and the mayor (Cr. Hayes) occupied the chair.

On behalf of the executivt committee a statement was submitted showing the relief measures which have been operating in the city for several months. Information was made available which showed that 1100 men had registered at the Town Hall in three months, and that sustenance made available by the Government was only being distributed to 250 families weekly on an average of 10/- each. The council were now employing 50 men on five days' work each as a result of money made available by it and the Government. It was therefore necessary for other measures to be adopted to provide sustenance for others, and in order to avoid duplication of effort the committee of the unemployed and other organisations had combined. It was considered that £100 per week would be required to carry out the objects of the committee. A discussion took place as to the best means of establishing a fund, and it was agreed that a canvass of the whole of the city be undertaken. It is proposed to engage a number of the unemployed to carry out this work, and citizens are requested to meet the advances of the canvassers with sympathtic support. The whole of the business section of the city will be waited on by representatives of the committee and a certificate will be issued to the proprietor of each shop which undertakes to support the committee.

The depot at the tramway engine house will open on Monday next and food will be distributed on five days a week. Those desiring relief in this way are requested to register at the Town Hall.

MAYOR OF NORTHCOTE'S UNEMPLOYED RELIEF COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Mayor's Unemployed Appeal Committee, which has been operating in the city for some months, was held on the 22nd inst., when reports presented indicated that the net result of the appeal to date is £509. The total sum raised was £611, and the expenses were £102, of which £83 represented wages paid to unemployed in collecting ticket money for concert. The appeal will not be closed until the proceeds of the charity race meeting in September are received. An allocation of the amount in hand has been made, and £350 contributed to the council for relief works, £59 to the Ladies' Benevolent Society, and £100 to the new central relief committee. The mayor (Cr. Hayes) expressed pleasure that such a large sum was raised and thanked the various societies which had taken great interest in the appeal.

PRESTON COURT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Before Mr T. D. O'Callaghan, P.M., and Mr. Orlando A. Walker, J.P.

Ejectment

The State Savings Bank Commissioners obtained an ejectment order against William John Inglis, of McNamara street, Preston, under the War Service Homes Act. It was stated in evidence that defendant was in arrears to the extent of £56.

John Frederick Smith, of the Inter Suburban Finance Co. Pty. Ltd., obtained an ejectment order against James Henry Smith and Henrietta Smith, of Oakover road, Preston, under a mortgage.

Noisy Motor Cycle

Arthur Ludlow was charged with having on July 27 allowed a motor cycle to emit an offensive noise in High street, Preston.

Traffic Constable Perkins said on the day in question—a Sunday—when defendant's machine was passing the Church of Christ at 11.45 a.m. the noise could be heard for a distance of 400 yards. When stopped defendant said he did not know it was a church. The silencer connections were loose. Asked how long the nuts had been loose defendant said, "I don't know much about it. The motor cycle was bought for me by the football club."

Fined £2.

Maintenance Case

Jean Hartman proceeded against John Rudolph Hartmann, calling on him to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for not finding a surety under a maintenance order. There was also a claim for arrears.

This case had been adjourned for 14 days.

Mr. R. T. Cahir (for the husband) said that defendant had had 14 days' work, but was now out of work. He had paid something to his wife. He (Mr. Cahir) had been instructed to appeal against the present order, and this would be heard next month.

Mr. E. W. Norris, who appeared for the wife, said that she required support pending the hearing of the appeal.

Preston Tradespeople Who Offer Value for Your Money

Activities at Preston

By The Rouseabout.

East Preston Social Club

THE euchre party and dance held by the club and L.O.L. No. 12 at the town hall on Saturday night last was a big success, about 400 people passing through the doors. As soon as all tickets are accounted for a cheque will be forwarded to the distress appeal fund. The committee is deeply indebted to Mr. E. Hannah and other officials of the football club for their great help and assistance. The mayor (Cr. G. C. McPherson), in a brief speech, thanked the committee for the work it was doing in trying to provide comfort for their less fortunate citizens.

High School Subjects

THE Education Department has advised the Preston council, in response to a request that high school subjects be taught in primary schools, that consideration will be given to the matter when arrangements for next year's work are being made.

West Preston Progress Social Committee

THE house party on the 13th inst. proved a great success. Although gratifying to the committee to see the attendance increasing, there is no reason why the hall should not be packed, and those members who have not yet attended one of these functions have no idea of the good night they are missing. Those present could not speak too highly of the music supplied by the "Knuteackers' Band," for which Mr. George Mouchmore made arrangements. The ladies deserve credit for the artistic decorating of the stage and hall, and the wonderful effect of this could best be seen when the lights were dimmed during the shadow dance. Old time dancing is becoming more popular every day, and the above committee have decided to cater more for this class of dancing.

Reservoir "Wig-wag" Signal

MR. J. Cain, M.L.A., Minister for Railways, has advised the Preston council that the provision of a "wig-wag" signal at the Epping road railway crossing at Reservoir is now engaging the attention of the Country Roads Board. In reply to Cr. Jones, the engineer said the road was not under the control of the C.R.B. The board's line started north of this point. The matter was sent to the committee of the council.

Australian Women's Association

THE quarterly meeting of the Preston branch was held in the Bradford Hall on Monday last. The business sheet of the annual association conference was briefly discussed. Conference will be held at Sandringham this year on September 16 and 17. The secretary gave a detailed report of a pleasant evening spent at Northcote branch on 18th inst. After the meeting Miss C. Pearson arranged a candle lighting competition and donated a trophy, which was won by Miss M. Ellis. The president made the presentation on behalf of Miss Pearson. The next meeting will be held on September 8, the syllabus item being quoits. A hearty welcome is extended to all interested.

Cramer Street Park

PRESTON council has decided to consider with its estimates a proposal to expend £250 on a drainage scheme on the oval at Cramer street park. This will be a foundation for a fuller scheme to be carried out later.

Preston Red Cross Auxiliary

A JAM day will be held at next meeting (Wednesday, September 3) for the Austin Hospital. Jam may be left at the town hall marked "Austin Hospital," or at the residences of the mayoress, Jessie street, Preston, Mrs. A. K. Allchin, or Mrs. F. Shepard, High street. The election of officers will take place at the meeting and the annual meeting will be held at the old town hall on September 10 at 2 o'clock. New members are welcome.

New Kindergarten Room

A NEW kindergarten room will be opened at Oakover road Methodist Sunday school, West Preston, on Saturday next.

Newsagents' Enterprise

MESSRS. H. May, authorised newsagents, High St, Preston, have recently purchased new premises situated at 355 High St, Preston. The agency has been established just over four years and so rapid has been the growth of the business under its capable and careful management that it has now been found necessary to move to larger and more commodious premises. It is expected a move will be made in about three weeks time. The new site is next to the Council Club Hotel.

Lane Construction

A SPECIAL meeting of the Preston council will be held on Monday, September 8, to hear objections to the cost of r.o.w. between High St., Roseberry Ave., and Plenty and Murray roads. Anyone desiring to object should attend at the meeting.

School Bands' Association

AN interesting article appears in the August issue of the Education "Gazette" on the School Bands' Association from the pen of Mr. J. F. Roe, headmaster of West Preston State School.

Fire Brigade Items

ON Wednesday afternoon, August 21, Preston firemen assisted in extinguishing an outbreak at a dressmaker's shop in High St, Northcote. On August 23, a single-seater motor car, belonging to H. Hinchesse, Robertson St, Moonee Ponds, caught fire in Burgundy St, Heidelberg. Preston fire brigade responded to a call for help and put the flames out. The car was only slightly damaged.

Two false fire alarms were given on Monday, one from the corner of Oakover road and Whitwell St, and the other from the corner of Gilbert road and Collins St.

Fined on Two Charges

MR. O. Walker, J.P. attended at Preston watchhouse on Monday morning and dealt with a labourer named John Bernard McGann on two charges. For being drunk and disorderly, McGann was ordered to pay a fine of 10/-, in default 3 days imprisonment and on a charge of wilfully damaging property in the watchhouse cell, defendant was fined 10/-, with the alternative of 7 days' imprisonment and ordered to pay damages to the extent of 10/.

Preston Citizens' Band

LAST Saturday afternoon the above band had an outing at Oakleigh and joined forces in rendering selections of music at the Oakleigh-Preston football match. Band-master Hellings and his men were entertained at tea by the Oakleigh people, and a number remained to take part in a dance which was held in the evening.

Cocoanut from New Guinea

AN interesting object is on view in the headmaster's room at West Preston State School, in the shape of a cocoanut, which the Rev. F. W. Guy, Presbyterian missionary in New Guinea forwarded to his wife, who is a resident of Murray road, Preston. The specimen referred to is quite unlike the ordinary nuts which are seen in shop windows, it being considerably larger and bearing a resemblance to a melon in shape. The cocoa-nut was forwarded by parcels post and is a curiosity in a way. It is understood that Mr. Guy will bet returning from New Guinea shortly in order to take up duty at Portland.

Preston C. of C. Cricket Club

THE annual meeting of the above club was held in Preston Church of Christ hall last Wednesday night, the president, Mr. A. J. Fisher, occupying the chair. The secretary reported a good year's sport, and although the club did not top the list, yet it played a good game and enjoyed the fellowship of the other clubs in the association. The treasurer's report showed a satisactory credit balance. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. A. J. Fisher; vice-presidents, Messrs. O. A. Walker, J.P., J. Foster, F. J. Lang, J. D. Lang, A. E. Ferris; joint secretaries, A. Scaife and F. Sharman; treasurer, A. Scaife; committee, Messrs. A. Scaife, F. Sharman, C. Scaife, C. Meats, F. Meats; delegates, A. Scaife and G. Brookes. The results of last year's playing was announced, trophies being awarded as follows:—Best all-round player, F. Sharman; best batting average, H. Clack; best bowling average, J. Polglase. F. Sharman received the highest number of points in each of the above, but as only one trophy can be awarded to any member he chose the cup, medals being awarded to the others. The awards will be made at a club social at a later date. There was a good attendance of past and new members. On September 21 a cricket parade will be held at the evening service of the Preston Church of Christ.

Kit Bag Found

AN owner is required by the Preston police for an imitation leather kit bag, found by Mrs. W. Dickens, Roseberry Ave, on her front lawn on August 25.

Shopbreaking and Stealing

RUPERT Neville Pears, confectioner, High St, Preston, reports that a quantity of sweets and cigarette-holders, to the value of £1 were stolen from his shop between closing time on August 25 and 10 a.m. on the following day. Entrance to the premises was effected by forcing a rear window of Bishop's billiard saloon, which is close to the shop occupied by Pears.

Theft of a Rifle

A RIFLE and about 200 cartridges were stolen from the house of Ern. Jas. Coggins, warder, Osborne Grove, Preston between 10.30 a.m. and 4.15 p.m, on August 25. The house had been securely locked, and entrance was effected by forcing a back window with a sporting nail. The stolen property is valued at £1/5/.

Stolen Snowballs

AT 9 p.m. on August 23, a glass jar containing snowballs valued at 12/6 was stolen from the confectionery shop of Jos. Allen, Plenty road, Preston. The jar was taken from a shelf in the shop. Four youths are supposed to have been concerned in the robbery.

Jewellery Disappears

A LADY'S gold wristlet watch on a black moire band, gold cable bangle, gold chain, bangle, diamond and opal ring, pearl ring, ruby necklet and emerald ring, valued at £48 were stolen from the house of Eveline Amelia Martin, Bell St, Preston, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on August 21. The back door of the house had been left open by a boarder, and the thief entered and took the jewellery from the bedroom.

Bicycle Found

JOSEPH Grogan, Beauchamp St, Preston, found a bicycle in Central Ave, Preston, on August 26. The bicycle is now at the local police station awaiting a claimant.

Preston Footballers' Dance

THE weekly dance held under the auspices of the Preston Football Club will be continued in the town hall to-morrow evening, when the third heat of the fox trot competition will eventuate. Stubley's orchestra will supply the music, and a most enjoyable evening is assured all patrons.

Cradle Roll Reception

THE Women's Guild of the Preston Church of Christ held a most successful cradle roll reception last Wednesday afternoon, when a goodly number of mothers with babies were gathered in the school hall. Mrs. R. A. Morrall presided over the meeting, and Miss Reeves, of the W.C.T.U. Kindergarten, gave an address telling of the work of the Kindergarten Union. A very enjoyable afternoon concluded with afternoon tea, served by the Guild.

Quality Footwear

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Larency of a Bicycle

ON August 21, a bicycle, valued at £20, was stolen from the yard of Broadhurst's tannery. The bicycle was the property of Walter Clarke, tanner, Barry St, Northcote.

Plenty Road Robberies

VICTOR Bateman, carpenter, Amess St, North Carlton reports the loss of tools, valued at £5 from Bransgrove's sand pits, Plenty road, Preston north between 5.50 p.m. on August 20 and 7.10 a.m. on the following day.

At the same time and place, tools belonging to Albert Aldridge, engineer, Chambers St, Coburg, valued at £2/10 were stolen.

Grocer's Shop Entered

ON August 19, cordials, cigarettes, coffee, cocoa, etc. were stolen from the stop of Wm. Ernest Froebel grocer, Plenty road Preston. Postage and duty stamps, and £5 in silver and copper were also taken. The total value of the property stolen amounts to between £20 and £25. The thieves gained an entrance by forcing open the back door of the shop with a jemmy.

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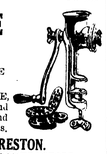

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PROMPT ACTION NECESSARY.

Some months ago Preston shopkeepers decided that it would improve the City of Preston, and make High Street more attractive for the shopping public, if a scheme of better lighting of shops were introduced.

With this end in view the council and electrical engineer (Mr. F. Bird) were consulted and a scheme drawn up.

Advantages of the Scheme.

One of the chief advantages of a community scheme such as this is uniformity, as the street would present a uniform and even appearance. The dark spots disappear, and the lights are alight every evening, Sundays and holidays included. Night lighting is also a deterrent to prowlers who at the present time are legion.

Could Cost Be Reduced?

If it is felt the cost of the scheme is too high, possibly a trial period of say 12 months at a reduced rate could be tried. Business is at a very low ebb just at present, and if assisted in this way by the council, business people would have a practical demonstration of the value of lighting. The electrical undertakings in Preston are showing a considerable profit, and it should be the object of the council to foster local trade where possible.

We trust that the Shopkeepers' Association, landlords, and individual shopkeepers will not miss this wonderful chance of adopting a scheme which must spell progress and eventually prosperity for the City of Preston.

If the council and electrical engineer were approached in the proper spirit, we are confident every consideration would be shown to traders, and a satisfactory trial period on a proper business basis arranged.

This scheme, which is deserving of every encouragement, was evolved by Mr. Bird after securing data from other centres and going into the matter most comprehensively.

In a nutshell it provided that 50 shopkeepers would be required to fall into line, and a 100 c.p. light would be installed by the council in front of each shop. This would be done by the council and maintained by the council, and current would be supplied from dusk till midnight for an inclusive charge of 7/6 per month.

This scheme would greatly add to the attractiveness of the street and make for an improvement in trade by a general brightness which would go far to dispel any doubts held by many customers.

The next step after the scheme was presented was to get guarantees from those concerned. To this end forms were sent out by Mr. Bird, to be completed and returned, but out of 53 sent out only 10 have actually been completed. This was some weeks ago.

The attitude of those shopkeepers who have "gone cold" is difficult to understand and most regrettable. It is probably argued that the cost is too high, but at 7/6 per month it only amounts to a bare 2/- per week. This provides one light from dusk till midnight.

COMPLIMENTARY BALL AT PRESTON

MAYOR AND MAYORESS ENTERTAINED.

At the Preston Town Hall on Tuesday evening a complimentary ball was tendered to the Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. G. C. McPherson) prior to the close of their term.

There was an attendance of about 250 and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Presentations.

At an interval Cr. W. T. Robeson made a presentation to the Mayor and Mayoress of an electric wireless set in a handsome cabinet, and paid a tribute to their self-sacrificing during their term. The year had been strenuous possibly the most strenuous yet in the history of Preston—but both the Mayor and Mayoress had acquitted themselves with credit. To the Mayoress Cr. Robeson presented a handsome wallet as a memento of esteem, and to Miss McPherson a dainty gold wrist watch.

Rousing cheers were given and the health of the Mayoral party were honored.

The Mayor, who was received with applause, said he appreciated the thought of those who had arranged the function. Though the work had been hard, he felt he would leave the office of Mayor having made many close personal friends. The citizens had given every help in assisting to relieve those unfortunates who were unemployed, and the response to his appeal had been magnificent. The presentations would be cherished as mementoes of a pleasant though strenuous year. The Mayoress had not spared herself in unemployed relief work, and had been given great help by the ladies and by Mr. Davies and Mr. H. S. Osborne, had acted as secretary to the appeal, and he too had been inspiring in effort, and it was on his shoulders that the burden of the appeal had rested. The council officers too had done their share willingly and courteously.

The Mayor made a presentation to Mr. Osborne in recognition of his work and Mr. Osborne, in responding, said that what he had done had been a pleasure.

The Supper.

A dainty supper was provided, the tables being tastefully laid out.

At the supper table, after the toast of the King had been honored, Cr. Crispe proposed the health of the Mayor and Mayoress.

The Mayor said he appreciated the many kindnesses shown, and he would long remember the night as a happy ending to his Mayoral term.

Stubley's band supplied the music, and this, combined with a good floor, made the dances go with a swing

The committee which made the arrangements consisted of Messrs. F. P. Bird, H. P. Zwar, N. S. Osborne and L. W. Williams (town clerk), who are to be complimented on the way the arrangements were made.

It was a tired but happy gathering which dispersed about 2 a.m.

POINTED PROVERBS.

BETTER THAN THE DOCTOR.

The work of the Sunday schools, which was begun 150 years ago by Robert Raikes, aptly illustrates that proverb "Prevention is better than cure." As Raikes saw the evil surroundings of the children in the pin manufacturing district of Gloucester, he conceived the plan of gathering the children together to teach them the principles of the Christian faith. Raikes spent much of his time in prison reform, but he did a far greater work in his Sunday school activity, for he taught the children so that by the influence of the «Bible teaching they were saved from becoming criminals. The children of the pin district were ill-fed and ill-clothed, and fought, lied, stole and swore. Property was insecure because of their dishonesty, and the streets rang with their cries and curses. Yet three years after Raikes had started his schools he wrote to a friend: "A woman who lives in a lane where I fixed a school told me the place was like a heaven on Sundays compared to what it used to be." His observation led him to the conclusion that many lives were being wrecked by the absence of instruction and inspiration. "Vice," he said, "is preventable," and so he set about to provide that instruction and inspiration for the young by means of the Sunday school. Eternity alone will reveal how much suffering, vice and crime have been prevented through the instrumentality of the many Sunday schools, which trace back their origin to the first school started by Raikes just 150 years ago.

Another Tyre Stolen

EILEEN Mary Callow left her sedan car standing outside her home in Miller St, West Preston between 9.30 and 10 a.m. on August 22, and during her temporary absence a spare rim, tyre and tube, valued at £8 were stolen.

Mr. J. Goonan Preston's captain and coach, has retired for the season owing to injuries. At Oakleigh last Saturday he had the misfortune to have two ribs broken.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE.

The quarterly meeting of the Northcote branch was held in the Town Hall supper room on Monday afternoon, August 25. Mrs. John Booth, hon. treasurer of the League, presided and was supported on the platform by the Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. David) and Mrs. Bartle-Ryan, president of the branch.

Mrs. Berry was the speaker, and in her address urged members of the league present to continue their interest in politics. She said there was too much voting for their own interests and too little intelligent thought given to the responsibilities of the franchise. Mrs. Berry referred to the number of people who turned Labor at the last Federal election, and who were now full of disappointment, and complained that the Labor Party is doing things for which it had no mandate. This showed that they were completely ignorant of the platform and policy of the Labor Party, and they certainly did not try to understand the policy of the National Party. Mr. Scullin made it quite clear in both the opening speech in the campaign and in the closing speech at Geelong two nights before the election that the platform of the Labor Party would be the policy of the Government. The legislation of the last session has been based on that platform, and only for the fact that the Senate stands in the way, complete Socialism would be attempted. Yet we heard many unthinking Nationalists agreeing with the abolition of compulsory military training, socialised marketing, abolition of the Upper House, and so on. All these things are a means to an end as far as Labor is concerned.

Surely it is time more earnest thought and consideration was given to politics, Mrs. Berry said. If that were the attitude of every voter to the sacred responsibility of his or her vote, she for one would not fear for the results. Some of the things that had been done during the last session were indeed alarming—the removing of a judge from one court to another because the trades unionists demanded it. This was a dangerous action and the beginning of party political interference with the principle of clean, unbiassed decisions. It was surely a most serious matter. The power to appoint an Australian Governor-General, the abolition of compulsory military training, the picking out of the defence section of public servants only for retrenchment, all showed that the Labor Party was anti-Imperial.

Mrs. Berry claimed that Australia was not safe in their hands.

Continuing, she said that Mr. Scullin had told the electors that the Labor Party would deal with the problem of unemployment by encouraging industries already here and by helping and safeguarding new industries, and yet the A.L.P. at that moment was sending a delegate to an International Industrial Conference at the other side of the world. Mr. A. C. Crofts was the accredited delegate to that conference of all the colonies of the world, and his message to them was that his party in Australia was out to abolish capitalism. Seeing that only by the principle of encouraging and protecting capital could industry in this country continue or new industries be encouraged and safeguarded, how could we rely upon Mr. Scullin doing what he had promised in this regard? The destruction of wealth is one of the chief causes of all our unemployment problems. While Labor persists in this madness unemployment will increase and our own financial problems remain unsolved.

Mrs. Berry urged all present to work unselfishly for our cause for legislation for the good of all and for safety and security now and in the future.

Madame Cunard and Miss Gibb accompanied by Miss Jamieson delighted members with their songs. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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Thornbury Salvation Army Floral Fair.

Bright sunshine heralded the opening of the Floral Fair at the Thornbury Salvation Army Hall on August 21. The hall was tastefully decorated, multi-colored streamers being draped from a floral centre piece to every stall, each of which was decorated to represent a flower.

In the absence through ill-health of Lieut.-Colonel McClure, Major Dean ably presided at the opening ceremony. A short programme was rendered, after which the acting mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. J. M. David) declared the fair open. In the evening the mayor (Cr. W. Hayes) presided, and a programme was rendered by the Rossmoyne street Presbyterian Church choir.

On 22nd inst, the programme was given by the Thornbury Salvation Army Silver Band and Songster Brigade, Adjutant Abel being in charge of the proceedings.

Saturday, 23rd inst., being the final day of the fair, a goodly crowd assembled to listen to the programme rendered by the Croxton Methodist Church Choir, and afterwards each stall did brisk business. The chairman for the evening was Cr. S. Dennis. During an interval Mr. Hannah, wood expert, presented Cr. Dennis with a piece of polished Muray pine from the Snowy River as a token of esteem for Cr. Dennis' father. He also presented Brigadier H. J. Wright with a piece of polished timber, the brigadier being a keen collector of timber. Mr. Hannah, who is shortly going to London with specimens of Australian woods for Australia House, said that he regarded Brigadier Wright in the light of a brother. Both the Brigadier and Cr. Dennis voiced their appreciation of Mr. Hannah's presents.

In the young people's hall an excellent display of timber from all over Australia and other countries was on show. A great deal of this was kindly loaned by Mr. Hannah from the collection which he is taking to Australia House. There was also a quantity from Brigadier Wright's own private collection, under whose charge the display was organised. Mr. Hannah gave a talk on "The Timbers of Australia" on the evening of 21st inst.

The bandsmen used Adjutant Abel's office as a museum, from which all who viewed their collection emerged in laughter. Bandsmen L. Davis and F. Sincock were responsible for the museum.

During the three days of the effort a goodly sum was netted for the Self Denial fund.

In conclusion Adjutant Abel recorded a vote of thanks to all who had worked for weeks beforehand in the interests of the fair.

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THE ILLUSION THAT WE GOVERN OURSELVES.

Democracy has been defined as government of the people by the people for the people. For years we have had government of the people, but we have fooled ourselves that we have government by the people for the people. We have no democracy save in name. We have not yet passed out of the age of autocracy. We have merely changed its form and changed our rulers.

There have been mighty monarchs who have ruled by force of arms and whose rule has been spectacular—the Alexanders, the Caesars, the Napoleon. But mightier than any kings who have worn golden crowns are those monarchs of finance who lend out golden crowns, but crowns of a different kind. These money kings are not spectacular; they rule in secrecy and silence; they remain in the background of government, but they dictate policy and kings and cabinets obey.

We are told that the world's money capital, London, is the only place that can save Australia. We are not told to regain enough national energy to become independent and disease-resistant and solve our own problems. We may be nursed back to health and independent energy only so far as will enable us to go on working to pay for our earlier prodigality and reckless waste of our financial and national strength and substance; the pound of flesh must be given, but the body must be kept alive to grow more flesh.

Next we have our exclusively Australian dictatorships. We fool ourselves all the time into thinking that we govern ourselves, whereas what we have is government of the people by the secret juntas within one political party or another. We have one man one vote, but the power and effectiveness of the vote is taken away by the creation of party political machinery. Against powerful and wealthy organisations controlling the avenues of publicity and propaganda, what chance has a man standing alone? The people have not the readily available means of information on public affairs, and have formed the habit of taking their politics like patent medicines, ready-made and sometimes quack. They do not vote at elections to elect a man to represent them in Parliament. They vote for this or that policy. They vote for this or that party, but not for the man.

The man who sits in Parliament might be dumb and ignorant, but he must be obedient and vote Yes when the party manager says Yes, and No when he demands No. Our democratic franchise permits us to select one of two or three groups of party managers and "fines" us if we do not make a selection. Two Australians out of three cry that they are tired of parties, and that party politics are the ruination of the country; they choose at elections between the lesser of two evils; they vote parties out of power to get rid of them; rarely do they vote the other party into the office of government; it goes by default.

Then there is the dictatorship of bureaucratic government which caused a strong protest in England by the Lord Chief Justice in his recent book "The New Despotism," and which a Brisbane barrister recently called "The New Despotism in Australia," under which parties have passed laws delegating legislation and judicial powers to the executive or departmental chiefs under the guise of regulations.

Does Australia need hunger? Does Australia need suffering Does Australia need distress to wake up her citizens out of their dream world of cricket and racing and wrestling and movies and getting and spending, to the hard fact that they also live in a world of realities, a world of hard facts, a world where deeds are demanded and words and promises and betting tickets are not currency? Does Australia need national and economic earthquakes and volcanoes breathing depression, doubt, death and destruction to get her people out of that state of ineffective and helpless helplessness in which most of them are? Do they need to be strained and crushed to breaking point before they will rise up to think and speak and act for themselves? When shall we have enough national spirit to rise up in our democratic power and protest effectually against any longer being mere pawns in the national game of politics, pawns of this party or that?

True democratic government is needed in Australia to solve our problems. Australia must carve a pathway to true democracy; Australians must do the hewing. Our leaders may not lead us, but the measure of the greatness of our national leaders will be measured by the greatness of the individual citizen.

Until Australians wake up and become Australians instead of merely citizens of Australia, until we become individually great in our love and devotion and willingness to sacrifice for our own country—then we must look for mediocrity in our national leaders. A people willing to make sacrifices for their country will demand and produce leaders who will sacrifice themselves and sacrifice parties for the well-being of their country, for the well-being of the people as a whole, without considerations of party, sect or class.

"What is the best government? The best government is that which teaches us to govern ourselves," says Goethe. Until there is individual self-government there cannot be the best national self-government. Where shall we commence to learn? And do we prefer to learn in the hard school of national suffering or will Australians take our present lessons to heart and commence to live and learn deliberately?

In short, we get the governments we deserve!

THE MAYORAL ALLOWANCE

August 28 is polling day in all municipalities throughout the State. On this day confidence is expressed in those councillors who, through the effluxion of time, relinquish their seats, or new representatives will be returned to replace them. In these time of unparalleled economic stress it is sincerely to be hoped that the ratepayers in both Northcote and Preston, in common with other municipalities, are fortunate enough to secure representatives at the council table who will safeguard the revenue and keep a rigid watch to effect all economies that are possible.

Following the decision as to what councillors take their seats in the council chamber comes the question of election a mayor to represent the council and the municipality. The position of mayor is no easy one to fill, especially in times of difficult financial stress. The banner of the city must ever be carried in a fitting and proper manner so as to reflect credit upon the municipality. Before electing a mayor it is the custom to decide upon an amount which shall be voted by the municipality to the mayor for the purpose of upholding the dignity of the position. In Northcote the mayoral allowance in the past year was £325, and in Preston £350. This amount, while not large in comparison with the calls made upon the mayor, must necessarily come out of the ratepayers' pockets. A fine example has been set by the Malvern council, which has decided to reduce the amount for the coming year by £100 from that allowed last year. The reduction was made after the term of the past mayor had expired, and before the new mayor was appointed. In this way no hardship was imposed upon either the retiring or the new mayor.

It is to be hoped that both Northcote and Preston councils will seriously consider this avenue when applying economies in other directions. There can be no grievance, as the amount is fixed before the selection takes place. In these distressful times people must be educated to expect less from the holder of this high civic office.

Six cases of diphtheria and three of scarlet fever have occurred in Preston during the past two weeks.

At Broadmeadows court last Friday, Henry B. Neilson, of Benambra road, West Preston, was fined £7 for having driven a truck with a load exceeding 3 tons at a greater speed than 15 m.p.h. Inspector Jarvis stated the load was nearly 4 tons and the speed 32 m.p.h.

A kiosk at Preston Park has been leased for a 12 month period for the sum of £17/10/- to E. Ross.

The board of directors of the Northcote Coaching and Business College, Reg. No. 1284 (tram terminus), 901 High St., Thornbury, have decided to grant two full scholarships for a full commercial course (type writing, shorthand, book-keeping)—one for boys and one for girls. The date and place of examination will be advertised at a later date. Intending entrants should apply at once to the principal. The principal has no difficulty in placing in good positions students who have completed a full course of study.

DRUNKEN HUSBAND CHASED OUT LIKE "MANGY DOG"

"KISS AND BE FRIENDS," SAYS POLICEMAN.

"The man's downfall has been due to drink," said Mr. Cahir at the Preston police court on Thursday, when prosecuting an application for maintenance against Gilbert William White. "He has had jobs at various times with nearly all the taxi companies in Victoria and has lost them all."

The husband subsequently denied the allegations.

Irene Margaret White, of Bell St., Preston, proceeded against Gilbert William White, formerly of Regent St., Preston, and now of Noone St., Clifton Hill, seeking maintenance for herself and two children.

Mr. Cahir (for the wife) said the husband's downfall was due to drink. He had lost position after position through that cause, and eventually the wife had had to go out to work to keep the home going. The husband had been cruel to his wife, mainly through drink. He was a taxi driver, and had had jobs at different times with nearly every taxi company in Victoria and had lost them all. On one occasion he tricked his wife into signing a promissory note and the wife had to go to work to pay off the money he had borrowed.

Mrs. White, who resides at Bell St., Preston, said "I was married in 1919, and there are two children.

Was a Prime Minister's Garage.

My husband is a chauffeur, and when I married him he was at the Prime Minister's garage. He kept that position for 6½ years and he was dismissed because of drink and abuse.

"Drink His Trouble."

Drink has been my husband's trouble throughout our married life. He drinks beer and cheap wine. (Laughter.)

A Home Incident.

A couple of weeks before the birth of my first child my husband came home partly under the influence of liquor. Two other men came home with my husband, and one man started to call me "Dear" and behave offensively. My husband did not interfere, and I collapsed.

Loaf of Bread.

On June 9 last my husband was in a mad state, full of drink. He started to abuse me and threw a loaf of bread at me.

Struck Cowardly Blow.

The children were terrified and I quietened them. My husband then came up behind and struck me a cowardly blow on the back of the head.

Went For Police.

I went for the police, and when I returned with a policeman my husband again abused and threatened me.

We had been living at Regent St., where my husband was buying a house. From July 18 to February 19 last I was working as a tailoress, earning £1/10/- to £2 a week. My health broke down and I then went home to my mother. When I left, although my husband had been out of work, the only debt then owing was £27 on the house.

Tricked Into Signing a Promissory Note.

When my husband got another job one day he tricked me into signing a promissory note for £14, as I didn't understand the transaction. My furniture was put up as security and I had to work to pay it off.

Since September last my husband had had no permanent employment, but has done casual work.

No Money For Three Months.

It is now three months since I have received any money from him.

Drinking Becomes Worse.

Before my husband left he had become much worse drinker, and I often found under the pillow for razors, I was so frightened.

Was Threatened.

He often said he'd shoot me, and he would "swing for me."

The house was being purchased from the bank, and my husband also said he would borrow £100 on it "from the Jews." That would have left me homeless, so I got out before I was made homeless.

Wife Cross-examined.

Cross-examined—You know your husband cannot pay you anything now?—Yes.

He is living with his uncle?—Yes.

When he got jobs he gave you money?—Yes, after he had been to the football and had drink.

Did you ever throw a kettle of boiling water at him?—No.

Was the kettle thrown without the boiling water?—Yes; I threw the kettle on the floor.

Did you hit him with a stick of firewood?—No.

When your husband left was there another man in the house?—Yes.

That man goes to sea?—Yes.

He always visits you when he comes to Melbourne?—Yes.

Husband Denies Drunkenness.

White denied that he had ever lost his employment through drink.

Argument Over a Man.

Continuing, he said—On one occasion an argument cropped up about a man named Brooks, and then my wife danced an Irish jig and hang! goes a kettle at me. (Laughter.) I stepped aside and the kettle burst on the floor. I had to clean up the mess. (Laughter.)

Hit With Firewood.

Another time I was standing in front of the fire after coming home from the football.

Both Lost!

When I told her that Geelong had lost their match that day, I lost also, because she hit me with a piece of firewood. (Laughter.)

Owned Up to Moneylender Business.

Whilst in regular employment I gave my wife all I could. I own up to the incident about the moneylender.

Not Able to Pay Anything Now.

At the present time I am not able to pay her anything.

Admitted Wife Was Keeping "Pot Boiling."

When the bank inspectors came I admitted like a man that I didn't know just where I was, as my wife was keeping the "pot boiling."

Wants Wife Back.

I want my wife and children back and the home is still there.

On the day she left she sent me into town to get three "tuppenny tins of bon pomfrit" when I returned she and the children had gone.

Furniture Given to Wife.

The furniture which I bought out of my war gratuity money I gave to my wife.

Husband's Drinking Habits.

Mr. Cahir—You drink to excess?—No; I have been drunk. I'll admit that.

What do you drink?—Beer. Not wine?—No.

Did your wife drink with you when you brought liquor home?—Yes.

She is not addicted to drink?—No; I'm not here to "sling mud."

Your wife has been a good wife and a good mother?—Yes.

How about the incident when one of your friends didn't behave to your wife as a gentleman should?—If I'd have seen it he would have gone out on his head quick. (Laughter.)

Your wife took in work to pay off your money lending debts?—Yes.

Chased Out Like a "Mangy Dog."

Have you often been under the influence of drink this year?—No. Often when I came home I was chased out like a mangy dog. (Laughter.)

How often have you been drunk?—Two or three, three or four times.

"Not a Camel."

And there are other occasions?—What! Do you think I'm a camel? (Laughter.)

When you get "tight" you get abusive?—No; I'd sooner sing a comic. (Laughter.)

Did you hit your wife behind the ear?—No; I just gave her a "flick."

And she went for the police?—Yes. And what did the policeman say?—"Kiss and be friends." (Laughter.)

Did you ever say you'd wait till the 28th and then you'd clear out?—No. I said I would go and board with my uncle at Clifton Hill.

Vincent Arthur Brown said he had employed White and had never seen him under the influence of liquor. He would employ him again if business warranted it.

An order was made that White pay his wife £1 weekly for herself and 10/- for each of two children; that he find a surety of £25 to comply with the order, and that he pay £2/8/- costs.

THE ELECTIONS

PRESTON

A fair amount of interest was shown in Preston on Thursday when there were three contests. Interest centred in the Central Ward, where there was a straight-out fight between the retiring mayor (Cr. McPherson) and Mr. H. P. Zwar. Polling was fairly steady all the day.

In the West ward a good deal of vim was put into the contest, the candidates being Cr. C. T. Crispe, Mr. W. Hemburrow and Mr. E. Williams. Judging by the way voting was going up to 4 p.m. the poll there will be very heavy.

In the East Ward Cr. A. E. Newton is being opposed by Mr. T. Andrews. Here again the stream of voters was fairly steady in all polling booths.

The poll had not closed when we went to press.

NORTHCOTE

Not a great deal of interest was taken in the Northcote contest in the West ward, which is the only contest. There were three candidates, Messrs. Alan Bird, J. A. Hogan and Lee. Cr. Beard, who was retiring candidate, did not seek re-election. There was little excitement shown, but the polling was steady.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. Marshall, assistant town clerk to the City of Preston, has resigned, he having accepted a position of a similar nature at Caulfield, which means advancement to him. Whilst at Preston he has proved a brilliant and energetic officer, and at the last meeting of the council appreciation of his services and best wishes for his future were expressed by the Mayor (Cr. G. C. McPherson) and other members of the council.

Cr. G. E. Robinson, J.P., will attend the annual conference of the Municipal Association in October as the representative of the Preston Council.

Mr. F. Block, 87 Rena St., Preston, Mr. Fred Judkins, 57 Dundas St., Preston, and Mr. Duggan, of Mont Park, have been appointed commissioners for taking declarations and affidavits for Victoria under the Evidence Act.

The death occurred on August 25 of Mrs. Ellen Sullivan, wife of Mr. Eugene Sullivan, of Drummond St., Carlton. The deceased lady is the mother of Mr. Eugene Sullivan, of Northcote.

A pleasant evening was spent at "Claudroy," Bridge St., on August 16, when Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Mercer entertained the officers of the 6th Divisional Signals and their wives, the object of which was to say goodbye to Major and Mrs. Paul, who are making their home in Western Australia. A musical programme was arranged and dancing in the lounge occupied the attention of the young people. Lieut.-Col. Mercer in a short speech said that in Major Paul the unit was losing a valued and enthusiastic officer, and on behalf of the unit expressed a wish that Major Paul would continue to take an interest in the work he was so fitted for. The Misses Wyn and Dorothy Mercer assisted their parents in the entertainment of the guests, who included among others Captain and Mrs. Foikes, Captain Solomon, Captain Haynes, and Lieutenants Lionel Smith, Gibbons, De Hugard, Sillitoe, and Bridge.

The death occurred on Sunday of Bernard Ambrose Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Banks, of Aslin St., West Preston. The interment was made at the Fawkner Cemetery on Monday.

The Great Reaper called to Charlie Henry Howell Waldron, of Yea. Mr. Charles Waldron, of Preston, is a son.

The death occurred on August 26 at his residence, Youngman St., Preston, of Mr. Richard Harkness at the age of 78 years. Mr. Harkness was well known in the South Morang district, and was held in high esteem. He leaves a son (Harold) and two daughters (Ivy and Olive). The interment was made privately at the Kangaroo Ground cemetery on Saturday.

There passed away on Friday last (August 21), after thirteen years' illness, Mrs. Rachael Conway, wife of Mr. John Conway, of Rossmoyne St., Thornbury. The late Mrs. Conway was widely known in Thornbury, and was held in high esteem by her large circle of friends. Mrs. H. C. Dyte, of Thornbury, is a daughter. Mr. Charles Conway (Sydney) is a son. The funeral took place last Sunday, the interment being made at the Fawkner Cemetery.

The death occurred on August 15 of Mrs. Marie Champion. Mr. Charles Champion, of Fairfield, is a son.

Twenty-five years ago (on August 23, 1905) Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan celebrated a marriage between Mr. Robt. Rank, and Christina, only daughter of William H. Aumann, of Heidelberg The couple, who live at 83 Cape St., Heidelberg, have received many congratulations on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Neumann, of Rathgowan road, Reservoir, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lightfoot, of 247 Wood St., Preston, are the proud parents of a daughter (Violet Gladys), who was born on August 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Denison, Oakhill Av., Preston, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Leonard Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Green, of Preston, has just returned after having spent a month's holiday for the benefit of his health at Tarrawingie and Bright.

Mr. Louis Raine, of Northcote, who is on a world tour, reached Paris about the middle of last month after touring Switzerland.

Mr. P. L. Griffiths, who has just been appointed Solicitor-General of Tasmania, is a brother of Mr. Griffiths, head master of Alphington State school.

Mr. F. P. Bird, J.P., took his seat on the bench at the Preston court on Thursday for the first time since his appointment, and he was welcomed by Messrs. O. A. Walker, J.P., R. T. Cahir (for the bar) and Sgt. Lang (for the police).

Friends say I'm a good as a golfer. That my "putting" and "slicing" are weak.
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MRS. A. E. KUPSCH PASSES AWAY.

LIFE OF A WONDERFUL OLD LADY.

A LINK WITH EARLY PRESTON SEVERED.

There passed peacefully away on Monday Mrs. Ann Eliza Kupsch, of "Annkarl," Cramer street, Preston, in her 79th year.

The late Mrs. Kupsch was a native of Preston as it is now, and she was the first white child born in the district. Her grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Shepherd, then owned Shepherd's Run, which extended from what is now the Coburg cemetery to High street, Preston. This area was also known at various times as Irishtown and also Pentridge. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd married a settler on Shepherd's Run by the name of Young, and Mrs. Kupsch was the eldest child of a family of 13. From her early days Miss Young (as Mrs. Kupsch was then) became accustomed to all the vicissitudes of the pioneering life, her parents having settled near the Darebin Creek. When about 19 years of age she married Mr. Karl Kupsch, a native of Krutzen, Prussia, who had come to Australia at the age of nine years. Some 46 years ago Mr. and Mrs. Kupsch moved to Cramer street, where they built a house, and Mrs. Kupsch has lived there ever since. Mr. Kupsch passed into the Great Beyond 36 years ago.

In all her 79 years Mrs. Kupsch was only away from the district for a fortnight, and that was when she went with her husband to Avenel—not by train or motor car—but by bullock dray, for that was 51 years ago. As a girl Mrs. Kupsch took a great interest in St. Mary's Church of England, at the corner of Plenty road and Tyler street, and with a number of other girls took a leading part in the erection of that edifice, obtaining a donation of the stone required for the building from the owner of a quarry on the Darebin Creek. It was when she was married the ceremony was performed at St. Mary's.

As a child she went to school at the Clifton Hill school-house, a very small building—and in those days schooling had to be paid for at the rate of 3d. a week. On her way to school she would walk from the Darebin Creek along a bullock track, passing the old site of Emery's pottery works, and a number a wells, in which crayfish and yabbies were to be caught. When the first settling tank was built at Reservoir (the first one on the left-hand side going north along High street), Mrs. Kupsch as a girl carried milk to the men on the works. In the winter months the tracks were often ankle deep in mud, and Mrs. Kupsch had a distinct recollection of the winter days when she was returning after dark along the sloppy tracks through the thick scrub, the way being lighted by the vivid flashes of lightning, and often to the accompaniment of the eerie sounds of clanking chain hobbles on bullocks. What a sensation this would be for the girl of the present day! In those days there were no bridges across the Darebin Creek, and it was a common thing for Mrs. Kupsch to take off her shoes and wade across the creek, or if it was running high, to ford it on bullock back.

There were hundreds of aborigines in the vicinity, and Mrs. Kupsch often told the tale of one occasion when they were inclined to be troublesome. She was then living on Shepherd's Run, and Mr. Timothy Shepherd—known affectionately as Grandpa Shepherd—donned a red jacket and got out a musket. The blacks did not wait for any more, but fled at the sight of a soldier!

Mrs. Kupsch had distinct memories of aboriginal corroborees on a spot where Sylvester grove now is, the site being later known as Walsh's paddock. After these tribal celebrations and feasts there would be vast mounds of ashes. In the early days the blacks were inclined to be dangerous at times, but as time went on they did not so much resent the presence of the whites, and so the settlers lived in peace and harmony, although they were always on the alert until such time as the aborigines became somewhat civilised and harmless.

On the site of the old blackfellows' corroboree ground in Sylvester grove Mr. Kupsch at one time sank a shaft in search of gold. It is many years, since the shaft was filled up with trees, on top of which the earth was shovelled. A depression is still to be seen at the spot.

With the advent of the gold days many of the diggers passed through what is now High street, Preston, on the way to the diggings, and amongst them Grandfather Young caught the fever. He was successful in winning some gold, and by that time bushrangers had become a menace. Grandfather Young elected to carry his own gold rather than entrust it to the gold escort. He was "stuck up," but the bushrangers didn't get his gold—it had been baked into Johnny cakes for safe keeping!

The present site of the Preston town hall was remembered as a spot where Mrs. Kupsch had often gathered wild turkey eggs, and the spot where Braithwaite's tannery now is was a swamp, and a capital place at which to get a bag of wild duck—and there was no bag limit in those days. This was a favorite spot for sportsmen, and some enormous bags of duck were taken off it.

During the reconstruction of High street, Preston, recently there was a good deal of argument as to where two enormous red gums had stood. Mrs. Kupsch was consulted, and was able to indicate the exact spot. When the excavations were being made the contractors found the roots and portion of the stumps of the trees under the roadway.

Mrs. Kupsch also remembers the time when she had to walk to Clifton Hill, where the nearest bank was situated, and if one wanted any goods particularly it was quite a common thing to walk to Melbourne for them.

Mrs. Kupsch often told a story in connection with a land transaction. During the Great War she desired to purchase some land in Town Hall avenue, Preston. She want to take out naturalisation papers and was making an affidavit before the late Mr. Hooper, J.P. He said to her, "What do you want to take naturalisation papers for?" Where were you born?" She replied with a smile, "Pentridge," and Mr. Hooper was astounded and could not understand it until Mrs. Kupsch indicated that that was the name of the district then, and not the gaol.

During the whole of her life Mrs. Kupsch enjoyed remarkably good health. As a girl she was as good at taking her hand at the work to be done as any boy, and as she grew she could do any work at all. She could and often did drive a plough with the best of the men in the district, and could swing an axe against anyone. The hard life, no doubt, had a good deal to do with her splendid constitution, and it was not till just before last Christmas that she had her first illness. Since then she has suffered on and off, and she spent the last two months in her bed. The end came peacefully in the midst of her family.

When the district grew from a sparsely populated open space into a thriving city of over 30,000 inhabitants, replete with the latest modern conveniences—trains, trams, electric light, sewerage, good roads, streets, modern buildings, water, shops, factories, and the thousand and one conveniences that modern civilisation has devised.

Mrs. Kupsch also took a keen interest in All Saints' Church of England.

Members of the family are Christian (Hutton street, Thornbury), Edward (Crawley street, Preston), Annie (Mrs. Duffield, Sydney), Lucy (Mrs. McPherson, Christchurch), William (Hawthorn), Julia (Mrs. Shepherd, deceased), George (deceased), Elsie (Mrs. Morris, Hawthorn) and James (Wilcox street, Preston).

The funeral, which was very largely attended, was held on Tuesday, the interment being made at the Northcote Cemetery.

WHITTLESEA.

Football.—Bourke-Evelyn Association.—Epping, 15.8, d Mernda, 7.8; Donnybrook, 3.9, d Arthur's Creek, 3.3; Whittlesea, 13.16, d South Morang, 2.2; Mildred Rovers d Kinglake by about 8 goals.

Mr. L. Jacobi, of Eden Park school, has received an appointment as head teacher at Wattle Glen school.

Mr. W. G. Thompson, who has been in charge of Yan Yean school for a number of years, is leaving for Cranbourne, where he has been appointed head teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. James Balharrie, of Glenvale, are enjoying a holiday in Sydney.

Mr. Mathews, of North Fitzroy, had a fortunate escape from serious injury when the car he was driving on Sunday night plunged headlong down a gully at Dobson's Chalet, on the Kinglake—Whittlesea road. Mr. Mathews, who had a full load of passengers, mistook the road at the Chalet, and instead of taking the sharp turn went straight off the roadway and down the gully, coming to rest on a log about 14 feet down. No one was hurt. The car suffered little damage, and was recovered next day with the aid of a "forest devil."

On Thursday night the relatives of Mr. James Coulthard are inviting the public to a social in the parish hall to celebrate the 90th anniversary of his birthday.

The Church of England ladies are preparing for the forthcoming bazaar.

MAINTENANCE ORDER MADE

At the Northcote court on Tuesday Mrs. Hilda Cooper, of Darebin street, Northcote, obtained a maintenance order against her husband, Albert George Cooper, of Lidcombe, N.S.W., for 15/ weekly for herself and 7/6 for each of five children.

The defendant did not appear, Mrs. Cooper stating that he was at present in hospital.

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Montana Moon

By VAL NEWTON.

Written from the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer western musical romance of the same name.

Joan Prescott, with a body Fischer could envy, a complexion that Palmolive's pictured beauties could never attain, and a general air of "you just know she wears them", was on her way to Montana. Characteristically she was too late to catch the special train that her father had ordered to transport Joan, her sister, Elizabeth, and a party of friends to his ranch in Montana for a few months of range life. Likewise characteristic was her instant decision to catch the train when it stopped to change engines at Harmon.

Jumping into the roadster of foreign make which her father had given her for her last birthday, Joan sped off to Marmon, violating every conceivable traffic rule and beating death by inches at least a dozen times. Just as the Twentieth Century, with John Prescott's special cars hitched on, was about to pull out of the station. Just as the train began to gather speed, Joan jumped out of her roadster and grabbed on to the rail of the observation platform. She ran a few steps, holding to the rail, endeavoring to pull herself aboard. The train was going too fast for that, and she was about to let go when a handsome young man whom she had never seen before leaned over and pulled her aboard.

Before lowering Joan to the platform, the young man held her in his arms a moment longer than was absolutely necessary. When he finally let her down, she looked at him pertly and said, "Now what do you think of that?"

"I think it's gorgeous", the young man answered, looking with admiration straight into Joan's bright, blue eyes.

"Oh, Jeff", Elizabeth, Joan's sister said, coming up to them. "I want to introduce you to my kid sister".

"We've met." Jeff said with a smile remembering how he had held Joan's warm body in his arms just a moment before. "Where have you been hiding this kid sister of yours, Elizabeth?"

Elizabeth who had gone a bit acid in her search for a husband, and was making one last, desperate attempt to win the handsome Jeff Pelham, tucked her arm possessively through his and answered, "In the nursery, where she belongs."

Joan made a face as Elizabeth led Jeff away. He turned just in time to see her do this and winked at her.

John Prescott, who had observed the entire scene from where he sprawled in a big leather arm chair, came up to Joan and said, "Joan, you'd better not annoy Elizabeth this trip. She's not getting any younger, you know, and we don't want to have a spinster in the family. Do we?"

"No Dad. I'll let her alone", Joan answered.

The trip out to the Prescott Ranch in Montana was just one wild party after another as far as the younger members of the party were concerned. The phonograph ground out jazz music without ceasing from dawn to dusk. Even Joan, jazziest of the jazz maidens, got a bit sick of it on the last night of their trip, and slipped on to the observation platform to look at the moonlit ranges as they rolled by.

As she sat there, Jeff came out and, after saying hello, sat down and proceeded to make himself comfortable. As Jeff, who was acknowledged as Elizabeth's suitor, had several times tried to win some encouragement from Joan, she decided that it would be better for her to go inside.

She said good-night, excused herself on the plea of headache and turned to go inside the car. Before she could open the door, however, Jeff had put his arms about her and drawn her to him in a mad embrace. Joan struggled away from him just as she heard Elizabeth calling his name inside the car.

"Get in there quick—you fool!" she whispered tensely to Jeff as she pushed him to the door.

As he entered the car, he caught sight of himself in a mirror. His hair was mussed and a dab of Joan's lip stick still clung to one corner of his mouth. Franticaly he wiped it with his handkerchief.

As Elizabeth came into the car, Jeff decided upon a desperate measure to keep her from noticing Joan's lipstick on his mouth.

"Hello, Jeff," she said as she came up, "I was looking everywhere for you. Where were you?"

He took her into his arms and planted a long lingering kiss on her lips. When he let her go, Elizabeth looked up at him, and exclaimed, "Oh, Jeff—look—I've left some lipstick on your mouth".

Jeff wiped his mouth with his handkerchief and looked at the red streak on it.

"So you have", he remarked.

A minute later Elizabeth ran into her sister's room, and flung her arms about Joan. "It's happened! It's happened! Jeff kissed me.

When she was gone, still bubbling with happiness, Jeff stole into Joan's room and tried to make love to her. She broke away from his embrace and said curtly, "Get out!"

Jeff flung out of the room just as the train came to a stop at a watering station. Flinging a few clothes into a handbag, Joan, disgusted with the state of affairs aboard the train and fearful of the consequences if Elizabeth ever discovered that Jeff was two-timing her, clambered off the train.

Shivering in the cool night air, Joan stood and watched the red tail light of the train recede in the distance.

Hardly had the train's ribbon of yellow lights vanished around a curve in the line than Joan picked up her suitcase and started walking to where the lighted window of the little station house gleamed like a yellow eye in the cold moonlight.

Putting her bag down on the dirty floor of the little station, Joan turned to the station master, an old fellow with wisps of grey whisker that made him look like a billy-goat. He was looking at her with eyes that were wide with astonishment. Fumbling through the ticket rack he listened to her demand for a telegraph blank and a ticket to New York.

Joan dispatched a telegram to her father, vaguely explaining that she was bored and wished to return to New York, and asking that he pay no attention to her absence. By this time the agent had prepared her ticket.

"When does the next train leave?" Joan asked, as she fished out a big bundle of bills from her pocket book with which to pay him.

"In two hours," the old man answered.

"May I leave my bags here while I stroll about?" Joan asked, thinking to pass the time away by walking in the moonlight and looking at the long, rolling Montana ranges.

"Sure," the old chap said. "But Paul Smith's cross-eyed wife's gone to bed by now."

"Well, I might find something worth looking at", Joan answered, taking a cigarette from her case, and lighting it as she stepped out, across the threshold, into the moonlight.

For a few moments Joan wandered down the right of way looking at the prairie. It was a relief to be alone with one's own thoughts after the hectic hours spent in an interminable party on the train. She was glad to be free of the blare of jazz and the flicker of wisecracks. A little way out from the scraggly collection of houses grouped around the station, Joan sat down on a heap of railway ties and smoked the last few puffs of her cigarette.

As she sat there a man's voice, singing ta cowboy ballad, was brought to her by the thin wind that wandered over the ranges. She listened for a moment, but the singer was too far away for her to distinguish the words of his song, and prompted by curiosity, she rose and wandered across the range to where a pin point of ruddy light told her there must be a campfire at which the singer was sitting.

Coming closer, Joan saw that the source of the singing was a young cowboy. He was busy boiling coffee. Strolling up behind him, Joan cried as he finished his song on a high note, "Bravo, Caruso! Bravo!"

Pulling his guns from their holsters, the cowboy whirled and faced her. On seeing that it was a girl he lowered his guns, and stood looking at her with a sheepish expression on his face.

"Your front door was open", Joan said smiling, "so I just walked right in and made myself at home.

The cowboy smiled and put his guns back into their holsters.

"I'm not used to seein' ladies about this here way," he explained.

"But that's not goin' to stop me from askin' you to have a cup of coffee," he went on to say.

Joan sat down on a boulder near his campfire and said, "I'd love to have a cup of coffee. It smells so good."

He poured out a cup for her and she drank it, controlling an impluse to spit out the dark, murky liquid once she had got it into her mouth. She had never tasted any coffee as bad but she managed to say, "I think this is very good. I don't know when I've tasted coffee just like this before."

"Want some more?" the cowboy asked.

"No thanks." Joan said quickly, "but I will have a cigarette."

He rolled her a cigarette. As he did so Joan noticed the name, "Larry Kerrigan," had been crudely printed on the leather of his tobacco pouch.

"Thanks! Larry," Joan said as he lit her cigarette for her. "This is marvelous, the way you live here—all alone."

(To be continued.)

LAWN TENNIS

DANELLA PARK TENNIS CLUB

Members and intending members of the Danella Park Tennis Club held a social gathering in Day's Hall, Reservoir, on August 19. Dancing, games and recitations were features of the evening. The response for new members fully justified the committee's action in securing two new courts in North road, which will be available to members early in September. The mayor, who was welcomed by Mr. N. V. Hooke (president) wished the club every success, and said he would be pleased to accept the club's invitation to open the new courts. Intending members are requested to get in touch with the secretary, Mr. E. A. Beck, 82 Thackeray road, Reservoir.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON SCOTTISH SOCIETY

An enthusiastic audience gathered in the small town hall on August 20 to celebrate the eighteenth anniversary of the inauguration of the society. Bro. W. Mackay, the retiring chief, accompanied by Bro. Joe Foster, chief elect, was piped in by the society's piper, Bro. Jack Foster. The programme was ably sustained by Mr. W. Nielson, Mrs. Campbell (vocalists), Mr. Ron Bohme (violinist), Mr. Bob Gray (humorist), and the Northcote troup of Highland dancers. During the evening the new chief, Bro. Joe Foster, was installed by Bro. W. Menzies (president, Victorian Scottish Union). Bro. Menzies also invested the retiring chief with a past chie's badge, and presented to him a fountain pen and a brass gum vase for Mrs. Mackay. Bro. Mackay thanked all officers and members for their support. Visitors were welcomed and afterwards entertained. A memorable night closed with young and old taking part in the dance which followed.

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NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Before Mr. O'Grady, P.M., and Messrs. W. Hayes, H. Evans and W. Jones, J.'sP.

Debt

L. H. Tadich sued R. E. Lewis for £10/14/9. Mr. H. H. Gray appeared for Tadich and obtained an order for the amount, with £1/6/ costs.

Income Tax Prosecution

John Francis Need, High street, Northcote, was charged with having, between April 4 and 19, faild to furnish an income tax return.

Evidence was given that notice was served on the defendant in April to furnish a return, and it had not been sent in until August 25.

Fined £3, in default distress.

Noisy Motor Cycles

Cyril Candy, of Woolton avenue, Croxton, was charged with having driven a noisy motor cycle in High street, Thornbury, on July 5, and was fined £2. Traffic police said the noise could be heard a quarter of a mile away.

Harold Porter, Hall street, Fairfield, for a similar offence on July 20, was fined £3. In this case traffic police said the noise could be heard for a distance of 300 yards. When the police overtook defendant he closed his "cut out" and the noise abated.

Theodore Sabelberg, Wood street, Preston, was charged with having allowed a motor cycle to emit an offensive noise on July 20; and also with having, when passing another vehicle, failed to pass such vehicle on the right-hand side.

Traffic Constable Cunningham said that the noise from defendant's machine could be heard for a distance of 300 to 400 yards. He also passed a motor car on the wrong side. When spoken to defendant said, "I broke my fishtail."

Mr. R. T. Cahir (for defendant). —There was a car ahead of defendant near Normanby avenue?

Witness.—Yes.

Did you hear a horn blow?—No.

The car did not move off the tram rails?—No.

Mr. Cahir said the car did not move over to give defendant a chance to pass it, even after he had blown his horn twice.

Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges and was fined £3 for the noise and £2 on the second charge.

Safety Zone Standard Knocked Down

Jack Almond, of Fenwick street, Thornbury, was charged with having on July 16 driven a motor car in a dangerous manner in Queen's parade, Clifton Hill.

Traffic Constable Cunningham said at 3.40 p.m. on July 16 defendant's car passed a tram, and 400 yards further on the car ran over a safety zone and carried a standard a distance of 75 yards. It was a wet day and the road was very slippery. When he spoke to defendant he said, "I could not see because of the mud on my windscreen." Witness estimated his sped at 35 miles per hour.

Almond.—There was mud on my screen?

Witness.—Yes, but you had a wiper on.

Almond.—That was what spread the mud over the screen. A car in front of me splashed mud over my screen. I was travelling at about 30 miles per hour.

A fine of £4 was imposed.

Drunk

Eleanor Madden, Jeffrey street, Regent, was charged with having been found drunk and disorderly in a public place on August 23.

She was discharged.

Ejectment Order

Walter Morrison obtained an ejectment order against Harold W. White, Clapham street, Thornbury.

PRESTON HUSBAND WHO WANTED TO GO BACK TO "MAMMA"

WIFE SECURES MAINTENANCE ORDER.

"I think that the trouble is that my husband wants to go home to his mother," said Mrs. Ellen May Knoll, a 20-year-old wife, of Beaver's road, Northcote, when seeking a maintenance order against her husband, Charles William Knoll, of Showers street, Preston, at the Northcote court on Tuesday.

The Wife's Story

Mrs. Knoll sought an order for herself and her child. She said:—My husband got out of work about a year ago, and to keep things going I went to work, and during that time we were on good terms. When the baby was five months old the trouble started, and my husband told me I would have to go back to my mother, as he was going back to his. I said, "You are a married man and should keep your wife." Three months later I had an argument with my people and then I went to my husband's people.

Overheard Talk

Whilst there I was sitting in the kitchen and heard my husband and his mother talking about me, and after that I got a room at North Fitzroy, and my husband went with me.

I was then working as a boot machinist. My husband kept telling me I would have to go back to my mother, but I could not go back as my mother couldnt' keep me, my father being an invalid. One day my husband said, "You'll have to go, as the furniture is to be taken away." Later the furniture was taken away and my husband went back to his people. The child is now 13 months old.

"Seems to Want to go Back to Mother"

My husband seems to want to go back to his mother, leaving baby and me. When he is working he is a butcher earning £5/10/ a week.

Cross-examined. — You left your husband before. Why?

Witness.—Because he was not what he should have been to me.

You went home to your mother the first time of your own volition?—No; I was told to go by my husband.

He only asked you to go to your mother because he couldn't keep up his payments on the furniture and the rent?—He was at me for months to go.

Are you still fond of him?—Yes.

Hoped to Come Together Again

Do you think you and your husband will come together again?—I hope so.

Hold old are you?—Twenty.

And your husband?—Twenty-two.

Attempt at Reconciliation

The P.M. (Mr. O'Grady).—It is terrible. Isn't there any chance of you coming together again?

The Wife.—His mother interferes, and we would be happy but for her. My people don't interfere.

The P.M.—You appear to be a decent couple, and it is tragic to see you parted. I think an adjournment should be granted to enable the parties to come together again.

The Wife.—What am I going to do? My people can't keep me as my father is an invalid.

The P.M.—This man has got to keep his wife.

The Husband's Means

Charles William Knoll said.—In the past year I have earned only £42, and when I had money I always kept her. When my wife went back to her own people we were "hard up" and in arrears with the rent. Of the last money I earned (10/-) I paid my wife 3/ and paid 7/ for wood.

An Order Made

An order was made that Knoll pay his wife £1 weekly for herself and 10/ weekly for the child. He was also ordered to pay 6/ costs.

No order was made as to the custody of the child.

A.N.A., PRESTON

(To the Editor)

Sir,—We would be glad if you will publish this letter explaining the reasons why the dance, which was to have been held by the Preston South branch of the Australian Natives' Association, on August 11, was abandoned. This dance was to have been held in conjunction with Stubley's orchestra, who were running weekly dances in the new town hall every Monday evening. On August 10 a representative of the orchestra called at residence of the secretary and informed him that owing to the depression and other circumstances they had decided not to continue their weekly dances at the new town hall on this Monday, but had made arrangements for our dance to be held in the old town hall, and they would supply an orchestra of two persons. Owing to the short notice of these altered arrangements the secretary was unable to advise ticket sellers, and when people began to arrive at the hall and found that it was to be held in the old hall complaints were numerous, and as they would not entertain the idea of dancing in this hall members of the committee present, after waiting a considerable time, decided to abandon the dance. Trusting this will explain matters to any citizen who purchased tickets for this dance.—Yours etc.,

M. B. HAYLOCK, President.
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FATAL EARTH FALL.

MAN KILLED AT NORTHCOTE

Whilst working in the Northcote Brick Company's quarry last Thursday, August 21, John Barker, of Raleigh street, Thornbury, was fatally injured by a fall of earth.

He was working at the bottom of the quarry when a quantity of earth and rubble, which had probably been loosened by recent rains, broke away from the edge of the quarry and fell 70 feet on top of him. A large stone struck him on the forehead.

His work mates immediately went to his help, and he was taken to the Melbourne Hospital where he died several hours later.

The late Mr. Barker was 57 years of age. He leaves a widow, and members of the family are Eva, Les, Walter and William (killed in action). The funeral took place on Saturday, the interment being made in the Heidelberg cemetery.

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A. B. RAVERTY.

NURSERYMEN AND COUNCIL THANKED.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—We have now succeeded in having a rose bed established in Johnson Park, which we hope will fully justify its existence. It is the second such bed to be established in the metropolis. Allow me, on behalf of the Northcote Horticultural Society, to thank all those who have made the establishment of the bed possible.

First we have to acknowledge our indebtedness to the council for maknig the land available and preparing it for the reception of the plants. Secondly to the following nurserymen, who have so generously assisted us with donations of plants:—Messrs. Hazelwood Bros., of Epping, N.S.W.; B. V. Rossi, of Ivanhoe; S. Brundrett, of Narre Warren; C. E. Isaac, of Noble Park, Hodgins Nurseries, of Essendon and Greensborough; J. B. Wood, of Ivanhoe; and Law, Somner Pty. Ltd., of Block Place, Melbourne. To the council and the abovementioned nurserymen we tender our best thanks, and we trust that the confidence they have placed in us will be justified.—Yours, etc.,

W. BEATTIE.
Hon. Secretary Northcote Horticultural Society.

THORNBURY PRESBYTERIAN C.C.

At the Rossmoyne street school hall on August 21 the above held its 13th annual meeting. The following officers for season 1930-31 were elected: —President, Rev. S. C. Hadley; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Lamb, Nichol, Brown, G. Paterson, A. H Shaw, J. Gardener, M. C. Jones; committee, J. C. Watson, A. Boyd, C. Bowden, E. G. Pepper, R. Montgomery; hon. sec., Mr. R. Montgomery; hon. treas., Mr. E. G. Pepper; delegate, Mr. J. L. Milne; hon. scorer, Mr. T. W. Pepper. Regret was felt at the resignation of Mr. Robt. Patterson, sen., one of the foundation members, who has removed to another district, but he hoped the club would continue to prosper.

NORTHCOTE CRICKET CLUB

A most marked revived interest in the affairs of the club is already apparent, and the newly-elected executives are enthusiastically at work in an endeavor to place the team in the same exalted position as that held by the football club.

A remarkable wave of enthusiasm has been aroused throughout Australia by the wonderful performances of our youthful players in England, and this interest is certain to be revealed locally this season. A nice compliment was paid both the club's representatives at the annual meeting of the Victorian Cricket Association this week, when Mr. W. S. Stott was elected as treasurer and proxy to the Board of Control, and Mr. E. C. Yeomans to the Pennant Committee.

A proposal is on foot for the club to enter a team in the mid-week cricket competition. It is desirous that any players in a position to play in this team should hand in their names to the secretary, or to Mr. Yeomans at the Westgarth Theatre. Only two seniors are permitted to play in this team, so juniors or retired seniors are therefore preferred.

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(By "Follower.")

As far as the premiership is concerned the curtain dropped over Preston by their defeat at the hands of Oakleigh. As a matter of filling in their engagements, Preston will still have two matches to play, though the winning of both will not have any material effect on their position. They journeyed to Oakleigh on Saturday, where they were pitted against a side whose success was mainly due to **superior high marking, improved** ground play and long kicking. On the other hand, Preston forwards had ample opportunities, though they failed to take advantage of many advantageous openings. The first half was decidedly in favor of the home side. The second half was more even, though perhaps the scores did not indicate it. They attacked constantly, but mistakes in front of goal deprived them of the result they were seeking.

The four to be eliminated are Brunswick, Prahran, Camberwell and Sandringham.

THE TEAMS.

PRESTON :—Backs: McMahon, Gray, McGann; half backs: Reichman, Taylor, Surtees; centres: Dodd, Goonan (c.), White; half forwards: O'Doherty, Mackie, Petchell; forwards: Monohan, Davie, Gall; followers: Escott, Campbell; rover: Summers.

OAKLEIGH:—Backs: Morris, Gunyon, McAlister; half backs: Wiltshire, Dolan, Thomas; centres: Oprey, Beasley, Driver; half forwards: Chapman, Withers, Goding; forwards: Yemm, Fraser, Salter; followers: Fleming, Spain; rover: Maher (c.).

THE PLAY.

Goonan won the tos, deciding to kick towards the eastern (Drummond St.) goal.

Oakleigh moved forward first, being driven off by Gray, after Fraser and Beasley had scored singles.

The visitors then attacked, Monohan securing a single.

A powerful kick-in by Gunyon had a telling effect, as immediately Withers, marking high, forwarded, when out of a struggle in front of the locals' goal Beasley snapped a sixer.

Resuming the attack the home side had their opponents in difficulties until Fleming with a flying shot notched the coveted number.

The home side were handling the ball better, their judgment also being truer.

In a rush forward Davie, dashing in, booted Preston's first big point.

Oakleigh replied in a similar manner, as Fleming, soaring high, marked beautifully, capping an applauded effort with honors.

The home side were attacking strongly, when a delightful dash by Gray saved the situation.

Dolan returned the sphere to Yemm, who made no mistake.

Player Injured.

At this stage Driver injured his knee, necessitating him leaving the field, Allison taking his place.

Preston sailed forward, when a clever hit out by Escott to Davie saw the latter turning the opportunity to full advantage.

Summers paved the way for Davie, who registered his third goal for the quarter.

A pleasing thrust by the home side was successful as a free to Yemm **brought six points in its train.**

An Amusing Incident.

In rushing forward Dodd was grabbed by Fleming, who tore from him his knickers. The incident caused much amusement, as Dodd left the ground to restore his peronal comfort.

The scores at the first change were

Oakleigh—5 goals 4 behinds (34 points).

Preston—3 goals 4 behinds (22 points).

Preston Attack.

On the change over through Dodd the visitors advanced to Summers.

A fine mark by Spain stemmed the tide, Beasley untimately securing a single.

Taylor repulsed an advance. Yemm returned to the attack. Dashing in, McMahon forwarded, when Summers getting possession, sent the leather **on, Escott marking** and scoring an easy goal.

The home side made strides to equalise the effort, Surtees with a capital mark, barring the way.

Systematic exchanges between Goonan, O'Doherty and Summers were frustrated by the splendid defence of Morris.

Fast spectacular football had merited commendation from the onlookers.

In a twinkling Oakleigh advanced, when Salter lost no time in whipping the ball through.

Locals' Good Defence.

Both Surtees and Mackie pulled down beautiful marks, though they were of little service, as Dolan drove the attackers off.

A kick out of the ruck by Petchell accounted for a single.

Preston's fumbling defence tactics made the way open for Salter, who was quick to seize the opportunity.

Another drive by Preston proved resultless, as Beasley returned the ball to Withers, and an easy goal was booted.

Campbell worked play to a favorable position, when a free to Davie brought the coveted number.

Just before the interval Oakleigh replied in a similar strain through Withers, the scores as the players adjourned being:—

Oakleigh—9 goals 7 behinds (61 points).

Preston—5 goals 6 behinds (36 points).

Preston Wake Up.

The third quarter revealed both sides playing desperately to penetrate. Preston had livened up, initiating several moves. They were unfortunate in not having materially increased their score, as they were on the verge of clapping **home their advantage**, when the cool, steady Gunyon was the turning point.

A rush forward by Oakleigh enabled Fraser to secure a single.

Playing grandly on the wing, White sent the leather onward, though his side were being beaten in the air.

A dangerous onslaught launched by Spain was turned out of its course by Taylor, who was the pick of the visitors' defenders.

Up and down the play journeyed, some very interesting football being exhibited, though Oakleigh appeared to be too fast.

Gunyon Troublesome.

Preston's passing was inaccurate. A pleasing advance initiated by Goonon and supported by Petchell, looked like being brought to fruition, when **a brilliant mark** by Gunyon saved on the line.

Delightful nippy passing by the home side was effective until McGann darting in at the right moment, foiled the effort with a spectacular mark.

Taylor was continually under notice for his saves, the home side eventually penetrating when Yemm scored the only goal for the quarter, which ended as follows:—

Oakleigh—10 goals 13 behinds (73 points).

Preston—5 goals 8 behinds (38 points).

Little Hope of Success For Preston.

Whilst Preston had given an encouraging exhibition during the previous term they were not impressive. They had as much of the last term as their opponents, though they were unable to turn their opportunities to advantage.

Travelling forward at a great pace Preston's misfortune continued as a flying shot by Summers was touched in transit.

Both sides were fighting determinedly, first one attacking, then the other.

Maher favorably advanced for the home side, when a free to Fleming incidentally aided Spain to register a sixer.

Taylor swept aside the invaders, Summers, roving tenaciously, came to his aid by shooting the ball around the wing to Dodd, who fumbled.

Monohan checked an advance, which led to O'Doherty punting the coveted number, the outcome of a free.

White made repeated moves towards his objective. Passing on to Davie, the latter registered a single, Summers a moment later sharing the same fate.

Maher gave Fraser a chance to "break the ice," but he failed to clinch the chance.

Campbell made an onslaught fruitless as he passed on to Dodd.

The rebuff was useless, as at a terrific pace Oakleigh went forward, when Maher passed out to Fraser, who with a neat place kick secured his only goal for the afternoon.

A forward rush by the visitors was fruitless, as Gunyon rushed the sphere out of the danger zone, the final scores being:—

Oakleigh—12 goals 16 behinds (88 points).

Preston—7 goals 11 behinds (53 points).

Oakleigh's sharpshooters were:—Yemm (3), Fleming (2), Salter (2), Spain (2), Withers (2), and Fraser.

Preston's goals were kicked by—Davie (4), Escott, Surtees and O'Doherty.

For the winners Beasley, playing in the centre, was splendid, being the pivot of many attacks. Others to show out decisively were Gunyon (full back), Withers, Dolan, Spain, Yemm, Morris, Oprey and Maher.

Preston had two outstanding players in Summers and Taylor. Dodd and White were in good form, whilst **Davie, Escott, Campbell**, McGann and Gray were continually under notice.

TO-MORROW'S ENGAGEMENT.

PRESTON TO PLAY COBURG.

Preston will play Coburg to-morrow afternoon, being the seventh and eighth teams on the premiership list. Neither side can possibly secure the premiership.

The official attendance was given as 8000, whilst the takings amounted to £80.

WINNERS AND LOSERS.

ASSOCIATION.

Northcote 12—15 d Port Melbourne 8—17.

Oakleigh 12—16 d Preston 7—11.

Brighton 12—15 d Coburg 11—13.

Williamstown 21—19 d Sandringham 17—16.

Camberwell 17—15 d Brunswick 11—14.

Yarraville 15—16 d Prahran 11—14.

LEAGUE.

Geelong 18—17 d Hawthorn 6—7.

Fitzroy 11—5 d Richmond 8—12.

Collingwood 17—13 d St. Kilda 14—7

South Melbourne 11—18 d Footscray 8—18.

Melbourne 12—11 d Carlton 11—11.

Essendon 14—11 d North Melbourne 6—12.

ASSOCIATION GOAL KICKERS.

Seymour (Northcote) 91 still leads the list, with Fraser (Oakleigh) second with 79. McCormack (Preston) is third with 46. Further down the list Davie (Preston) has 44, Surtees (Preston) 40 and Simmonds (Northcote) 38.

THE TAKINGS.

At the Oakleigh-Preston match there was an attendance of 8,000, the sum of £80 being received. £85 was paid by 6000 people to see the Northcote-Port Melbourne match. Total attendances at Association matches was 21,000, and the total takings were £259.

At the League matches the attendances totalled 90,000, and the takings were £1,862.

PREMIERSHIP LIST.

	P	W	L	For	Agst	Pts
Northcote	18	14	4	1764	1208	56
Oakleigh	18	14	4	1691	1262	56
Yarraville	18	12	6	1526	1235	48
Wil'town	18	12	6	1621	1394	48
Brighton	18	10	8	1625	1494	40
Port Melb.	18	9	8	1372	1360	38
Preston	18	9	8	1456	1494	38
Coburg	18	7	9	1408	1387	32
Brunswick	18	7	11	1375	1521	28
Prahran	18	6	12	1277	1691	24
Camberwell	18	5	13	1345	1605	20
Sand'ham	18	1	17	1386	2195	4

Preston, Coburg (two) and Port Melbourne have played drawn games.

C.Y.M.S.

NORTHCOTE V. FLEMINGTON.

At Ascot Park, before a large number of spectators. In their previous engagement Northcote won rather comfortably, but since then Flemington have been undefeated. The game proved to be a thriller, with the standard of football very high, and it was only in the last few minutes that Flemington came with a rattle and snatched a well deserved victory. The losers were not disgraced by any means, but the selectors will have to unearth a reliable full forward if the premiership is to come to Northcote. Beginning the last quarter the excitement was intense. Science was thrown to the winds and the game became fierce with, however, not a semblance of spite. Northcote had several chances of pulling the game out of the fire, but their weak forward line let them down. Ogden was playing sparkling football On the bell Cavanagh with a beautiful drop kick increased their win by 13 points. Final scores—Flemington 10—5 (65); Northcote 7—10 (52). Northcote now drop to third position, and it appears with only one more match to play they will have to defeat Flemington (minor premiers) to earn premiership honors. S. Jones was their most notable player, and he was responsible for four goals. F. Jones (his brother) was a dashing defender, with Andrews and Daniels rendering valuable help. The pick of the rest of a very even team were Ogden, Baker, Kenny, Hart brothers. Gibson roved well at times, but spoilt his display by infringement of the rules. Joyce, the field umpire, umpired efficiently. Credit must be extended to Flemington, who have some positively brilliant young footballers.

FOOTBALL ! FOOTBALL!

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PLAY

COBURG

At the PRESTON PARK TO-MOR ROW AFTERNOON.

Admission—RESERVE 1/-; OUTER GROUND 6d; CHILDREN HALF-PRICE.

Members' Tickets will not admit. Pay at the turnstiles.

NOVELTY NIGHT AND THIRD SEMI-FINAL IN FOX TROT COMPETITION.

Mr. Broadbent and Partner (red) will compete against Mr. Hyde and Partner (green).

ADMISSION—1/6 ONLY.

Another Bumper House Fully Anticipated.

COME AND RECORD YOUR VOTE.

Stubley's Eureka Orchestra will supply the music.

E. J. HANNAH,
Secretary.

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR LEAGUE

THORNBURY DISTRICT V. PARKVILLE AMATEURS.

Thornbury defeated Parkville Amateurs, second on the list, in a fast and cleanly contested game on Saturday at Thornbury East. Thorbury were the better side in the first half, playing particularly well together. Parkville attacked time and again, but most of these were easily driven off by J. Cleary and H. Jackson. The locals were winning across the centre, where Jenkins and Williams were prominent. Flemming, of Thornbury, and Costigan, of Parkville, were having some fine duels in the centre. Thornbury began the last quarter with a 40 point lead. A feature of the match was the brilliant roving of P. Lane. Lane also bagged 3 goals. Final scores—Thornbury, 14—19 (103 pts.); Parkville, 12—10 (82 pts.).

Best players for Thornbury were P. Lane (best and fairest on ground), J. Cleary, full back (full points umpire's vote), E. Jenkins, V. Flemming, H. Jackson, H. Clack. Goalkickers—Thornbury—P. Lane (3), H. Clack (4), D. J. Baxter (2), R. Cleary, J. Lacey, E. Jenkins and K. Harper (2). Best players for Parkville were Costigan, Meade, Heywood, J. White. Goalkickers—Wilkinson (5), White (3), O'Reilly, Costigan, Heywood.

H. Clack with 58 goals leads the club's goalkicking list; K. Harper is next with 22. P. Lane has secured best and fairest (umpires' vote) in the last seven games in succession.

Players and members alike are heartened over the recent successes. They have now defeated three of the leading teams in succession. They are now equal for fifth place with Fawkner and Merlyston.

A trip to Kilmore has been arranged for September 20, when a match will be played with Kilmore, who will also hold a dance for the visitors. It is expected that three or four vans will make the trip and others will travel by cars.

Northcote High School Old Scholars are requested to be present at the school at 1.50 p.m. on Saturday to catch the bus to Fawkner.

RESERVOIR NOTES

The friends of Mr. Spencer, the proprietor of the Reservoir Picture Theatre, will regret to hear of his serious illness.

The P.S.A. was held at this theatre on Sunday. The secretary and organiser of the State Relief Committee, Messrs. Stenning and Bunker, emphasised the needs of the needy. Solos were rendered by Messrs. Smith (vocal), D. Eames (piano and violin), R. Eames (piano) and S. G. Stevens (vocal). The collections amounted to £2/5/, with 10/ expenses.

The working bees are doing steady and progressive work in the foundation work of the Reservoir Catholic Church in Spring street.

The St. George's Dramatic Society repeated its performance at the old shire hall, Epping.

The newly-formed Reservoir Masonic Lodge held a meeting at the office of McFadzean and Ross Pty. Ltd. It was decided to carry on with the purchase of the land in Spring street, but for the time to meet at the Preston Masonic Hall. Debentures are to be issued to finance the project.

It is understood that the R. A. Club's scheme for the level crossing at Reservoir is favored by Mr. Cain, M.L.A., and that the work for the deviation and right-angled crossing will be carried out by the council in connection with the Country Roads Board.

The wandering cattle nuisance is still evident, cows, calves and horses wandering at will along paths and roads—an irritating and unsatisfactory menace.

A seat for bus users has been placed in Broadway.

CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

HALE PRESTON RESIDENT.

An old resident of Preston, Mr. John Alexander Creig, of 61 Erin St., will celebrate his hundredth birthday on September 4. Not many have had the opportunity of watching Preston grow from a small settlement to a large city as Mr. Creig has, having lived there for 50 years. He is proud of his family of nine, who are nearly all married with families of their own. Up to February of this year Mr. Creig enjoyed excellent health, and was seen at least once a week walking as far as the Preston Town Hall. The owner of one of the local libraries says that there is not a book in her shop that this gentleman has not read. In February Mr. Creig had a slight stroke, which hampered his activities a little, but he is still a fine looking man.

CENTRAL PRESTON

The lady members and concert party of the Preston R.S.S.I.L.A. spent last Thursday evening at McLeod Sanatorium entertaining the inmates. On Sunday night the branch gave the entire takings (about £3) from their weekly euchre party and dance to the Lord Mayor's fund.

On Saturday a large number attended the dance at the Preston town hall, which was run for the benefit of unemployed.

Preston Traders' Association has apparently given up all hope of increasing local patronage. Although the body was energetic at its inception it has not had a meeting of members for some weeks, and no indication is given of any further meetings.

An entertaining evening was spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Byers, Wallace street, when they tendered a social evening to a large number of friends.

Preston United suffered defeat on Saturday for the second time this season, scores being: South Melbourne, 17.23; Preston, 4.6. United's best were Aitken, Bahen, Cordell, Tannock, Donath and Rogers; goal-kickers, Harding (2), McGlynn, Lang.

PRESTON COUNCIL FELICITATIONS.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Preston council last Monday a **vote of thanks** was passed to the mayor and mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. McPherson) for their untiring and energetic efforts during their mayoral term.

Later in the mayor's room Cr. Crispe, in proposing their health, said they had filled the positions with credit to themselves and to the city in general. It was the general opinion, said Cr. Crispe, that no lady had ever occupied the position of mayoress more ably than Mrs. McPherson. The unemployment problem had given a great deal of anxiety, and neither the mayor or mayoress had spared any effort to give all the relief possible. (Applause).

Responding the mayor said that previous mayors had set a high standard, and he had done his best to live up to it. The year had been strenuous, and both the mayoress and he had done their best. (Applause). Although they might differ in opinions with many of the councillors, he felt that all were honest in their opinions and had the general welfare of the city at heart.

Other toasts proposed were the Staff by the mayor, who said Preston was fortunate in having such a splendid set of officers, and eulogised their work. The town clerk (Mr. L. W. Williams), the engineer (Mr. W. Scott) and the assistant town clerk (Mr. Marshall) responded.

Presentations were made to Messrs F. Lucke (hall keeper), Gilchrist (assistant hall keeper) and Connolly (State coach driver) as marks of appreciation.

Cr. Robinson proposed Retiring Councillors, to which Crs. Crispe and McPherson responded, an apology being received from Cr. Newton.

The Visitors was in the hands of Cr. Robeson, to which responses were made by Messrs. C. Barling (Regent Central Progress Association), W. H. Burland (West Preston Progress Association), Rogerson (East Ward Progress Association), Phillips (Reservoir Progress Association), W. H. Webber (Preston A.L.P.), McCartney (A.N.A.), and Messrs. Meehan, McGregor and Paynter responded as representatives of the various schools.

NEWS OF THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

EAST-NORTH WARD

The usual fortnightly meeting was held at St. Aidan's Hall on August 20, when a fair number were present. After the ordinary business the evening took the form of a pound night. Most of the evening was spent in a closely contested game of carpet bowls, the victors defeating their opponents by 1 point. Members were interested in the exploits of Woodfull's team and closely followed the broadcasting by 3DB. A portable wireless set supplied by the president (Mr. D. Deeley) was much appreciated. At 10 o'clock members sat down to a well-filled table, and were most successful in removing most of the good things supplied. The president spoke on matters concerning the welfare of the association and the city in general. Several other members also spoke, and an enjoyable and successful evening was brought to a close at 11 p.m. The committee intend to hold more meetings of a social character during the year. We again extend a hearty invitation to all ratepayers to join.

Northcote Court Business.

So great has been the pressure of business at the Northcote court in the past few weeks that on two occasions cases listed have been adjourned because they could not be heard, whilst others stood part heard. On Tuesday the P.M. (Mr. O'Grady) obtained the services of a second P.M. to help clear up the list. A number of special summonses were heard. It would appear as though the time is at hand when an additional court day should be appointed at Northcote, as one of the principles of justice is that cases shall be dealt with as soon as possible.

Northcote Head Premiership List at End of First Round

DEFEAT PORT MELBOURNE IN FAST OPEN CONTEST

SEASIDERS FIGHT DESPERATELY, BUT FORWARDS FAIL.

(By "Aequus.")

The last of the home and home matches was staged at Northcote Park last Saturday in glorious weather, when Northcote, last year's premiers, met Port Melbourne, runners-up. The ground had made a splendid recovery and rolled out well. There was a good attendance.

Stanbridge Absent.

Port's captain, Stanbridge, was unable to appear through injury. This was a big loss. Hyde was omitted and Joyner appeared in his stead. Northcote included Hill and Gray in place of Huggins and Ross.

THE TEAMS.

NORTHCOTE :—Backs: Wilson, Cockram, Hill; half backs: Stockdale, Perkins, Woods; centres: Towers, Corrigan, Nicholls; half forwards: Gray, Briggs, Garrett; forwards: Simmonds, Seymour, Milne; followers: Rowe, Honig; rover: Brown.

PORT MELBOURNE :—Backs: Erridge, Bedford, Morton; half backs: Barlow, McInnes, Baker; centres: Smith, Wilkins, Lovett; half forwards: Bolwell, Brooker, McKenzie; forwards: Lahiff, Joyner, Tyson; followers: Fisher, Leggo; rover: Plumridge.

Umpires—Field, Stuart; boundary, Martin, Ashmore; goal, Axton, Sharp.

THE PLAY.

Rowe won the toss from Wilkins and selected the Fairfield end. A faint southerly breeze blew right across the ground.

First Blood to Ports.

Ports opened smartly and Leggo and Smith combined nicely in attack. Joyner received from them and with an easy shot scored a point. A brilliant dash by Nicholls ended in Brown from a free equalising the score.

Port's Defence.

Both Corrigan and Woods were prominent in the centre and initiated attacks, but sterling defence by Barlow and McInnes nullified the efforts. Northcote continued to attack, only to see their efforts die in the teeth of goal. The locals were innaccurate with their short passing, and many exchanges went to the visitors instead of to the wearers of the green and gold.

Rowe's Ruck Play.

Both Rowe and Honig outpointed their rivals in the ruck. However, Ports' rovers were smarter and often intercepted the hits from the packs. Northcote's first goal was the outcome of a clever piece of work by Gray, who outwitted several opponents.

Perkins Brilliant.

Playing in great style, Perkins was marking brilliantly and took some beautiful marks. Honig, playing well, was freed close in and gained full points. He followed it with a single.

Plumridge In Form.

Plumridge was a strong rover and Fisher helped him to a try, which Wilson relieved. Plumridge gave Joyner a chance, but Woods saved with a brilliant mark.

Powerful Rushes.

Ports were going very strongly and were fighting for their football lives. Their dashes through the packs were game and vigorous. However, they were dismayed when Briggs, marking from Milne, goaled. McKenzie replied with a point.

Uncertain Play.

Then poor understanding between Cockram and Hill let Joyner in for the visitors' first goal.

Perkins Again.

A beautiful skyscraper by Perkins brought forth a great roar, when he saved. He was kicking poorly, however.

Simmonds Fails.

Nicholls, Briggs and Gray combined cleverly for Simmonds, but he was only equal to a point from close in. Then Gray and Rowe helped him to an easier shot, but he again managed a single only. Quarter time scores—

Northcote—3 goals 4 behinds (22 points).

Port Melbourne—1 goal 2 behinds (8 points).

Even Term.

Northcote attacked and though Garrett and Seymour had tries, Baker, McInnes and Bolwell checked scoring. A smart move by Wilkins ended in Brooker, in capital style, punting a sixer. Then Lahiff scored a point.

Makes Amends.

Perkins continued to mark splendidly. He played to Briggs, and Simmonds marked cleverly and goaled attractively. Thus he redeemed himself. Nicholls, despite a rough handling, was brilliant. Towers was not prominent on the wing,, and Garrett, half forward, was no match for the strong defender, Barlow.

Seymour Shines.

Bedford was keeping a good watch over Seymour, but he was unable to check Seymour from marking brilliantly from Nicholls. He kicked his first goal for the match.

Port's Great Effort.

The seasiders, seeing the game going against them, flung themselves into the fight desperately. Leggo notched a point before Plumridge with a great kick scored the possible. Plumridge was a great fighter and two frees to him gained a single.

The Forwards Fail.

Despite Perkins' great work Ports continued to fight forward, but failed to score in accordance with their superiority. Both Joyner and Tyson had easy shots. wo behinds were small recompense. Northcote still held the advantage at the bell. Half time scores:—

Northcote—5 goals 5 behinds (35 points).

Ports—3 goals 7 behinds (25 pts.).

More Fire.

Up to the interval Northcote had been below form. There was not the customary dash and vigor, but after the resumption Northcote's play was fast and vigorous. Nicholls smartly played to Briggs. Bedford relieved. Another move forward saw Milne rush the ball through. The seasiders were now defending grandly, but smart exchanges between Simmonds, Milne and Seymour ended in a goal. Corrigan, who had been well held by Wilkins, was doing better. He passed to Briggs for a point. Both Plumridge and Lahiff obtained singles.

Nicholls Injured.

Towers, who had been replaced on the wing by Garrett with good results, was again called into that position when Nicholls was injured.

All Ports.

The visitors were all over Northcote and did everything but kick goals. A shot by McKenzie went out before Plumridge twice scored points. Things began to look serious for the locals when Brooker ran in and goaled.

Eight Points Difference.

In a flash the aspect of the game changed when Gray, picking up from the pack, ran right in and presented Seymour with a goal. Gray was the originator of the next attack. He played to Towers who, dashing through in great style, added another six points.

Woods' Defence.

Twice with splendid dash Woods relieved the pressure.

More Goals Scored.

Luck was in Northcote's way when Briggs' long shot bounced through, but it was a sterling effort by the same player when he marked and goaled close in later.

Smart Play Staged.

Garrett was doing grandly on the wing. Stockdale and Woods were also giving Perkins great assistance half back. Just before the last change Seymour marked from Brown for the maximum. Northcote finished the term 37 points in front. Three quarter time scores—

Northcote—11 goals 7 behinds (73 points).

Ports—4 goals 12 behinds (36 pts.).

Seasiders' Final Effort.

Being 37 points behind did not deter the visitors from a fighting finish. Failure meant no chance for the final four, and they at once attacked. Both Smith and Joyner scored singles and Northcote were lucky that Brooker did not make the best of a poor kick in by Cockram. His shot went out.

Northcote Increase Lead.

Sterling work by Honig and Rowe enabled Brown to goal. Bedford and Morton stopped further progress. Play went to the other end, where Stockdale and Woods were prominent.

A Lucky Goal.

From near the fence Wilkins blindly drove for the goals and was successful. It seemed to give the visitors more life. Both Woods and Bedford each saved brilliantly. After a nice mark by Bolwell, Lahiff received and kicked a splendid goal. Joyner added a single.

Several Chances Missed.

Northcote now took a hand and a single was rushed. Simmonds had two tries, but a single was poor reward for the efforts of his club mates.

Ports' Good Defence.

Nicholls was useless on the forward line. Barlow and Leggo defended well. Cockram stopped an advance on his sticks.

Ports Creep Up.

Ports continued to get closer to Northcote's total when McKenzie cleverly goaled and Morton scored the eighth. Bolwell, receiving from Joyner, missed the easiest of shots, while Fisher scored a point from well out.

Sixteen Points in Front.

Awakened by the success of their opponents the locals, who had taken things rather easily, fought back and were attacking when the bell rang.

Final scores:—

NORTHCOTE—12 goals 9 behinds (81 points).

PORT MELBOURNE—8 goals 17 behinds (65 points).

First On The List.

By this success Northcote remained on top with Oakleigh, but the latter's percentage is less than the locals', and so Oakleigh will be counted as occupying second place. Port's chance for the four has gone.

THE PLAYERS.

For the winners none did better than Perkins, who was in wonderful form. His marking and dashes were superb. The only blemish was a few weak kicks. He kept his position well throughout. Woods showed fine dash at times and Stockdale and he were strong half backs. For once Cockram was off form. He did little right. Wilson did well under the circumstances, but Hill was never prominent.

Ports' Centre Line.

Across the centre the visitors held the advantage. Wilkins, especially in the first half, more than held his own against Corrigan, though the latter improved towards the end. Nicholls, until hurt, outplayed Lovett, but Towers was no match for Smith. Garrett was a failure half forward, but played splendidly on the wing.

Briggs in Form.

Forward Briggs marked very well. Seymour was well watched but gained four goals. Simmonds was not very successful. Rowe, Honig, and Milne were grand followers and Brown and Gray roved fairly.

Losers' Best.

For the losers the two rovers, Plumridge and Lahiff, fought doggedly throughout. Their dashes through the pack were daring. Bedford, full back, did an immense amount of work, as did Barlow and McInnes further out. As already mentioned Wilkin and Smith were excellent, while Brooker, Leggo and Joyner were the best of the remainder.

The Umpire—Stuart, though technical, umpired very well.

FOR THE MINOR PREMIERSHIP.

NORTHCOTE OR OAKLEIGH?

NEXT SATURDAY'S TEST.

The first match of the second round will take place next Saturday, when Northcote journey to Oakleigh to fight for the minor premiership. Should Northcote be successful they appear certain of the double try, even if defeated the following week, as their percentage is excellent. It should be a game well worth going all the way to see.

CLUB NOTES.

Membership tickets do not admit to any more matches that Northcote take part in.

Seymour made his total 91 goals for the season. He scored four last week. The other goal kickers were Briggs 3, Gray, Honig, Simmonds, Brown and Towers.

The final nights of the bazaar at the Northcote Town Hall are Friday and Saturday, August 29 and 30.

A plain and fancy dress ball will be held no Thursday, September 11, at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

Mr. Cyril George, the club treasurer, who underwent a serious operation lately, is making fair progress towards recovery. All wish him well.

There is a Monte Carlo fox trot competition at the pavilion on Tuesday evenings. Enter now before it is too late.

FOOTBALL. FOOTBALL.

NORTHCOTE

(V.F.A. PREMIERS 1929).

V

OAKLEIGH

AT OAKLEIGH.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1930.
At 2.45 p.m.

Reserve 1/-; Ground 6d.

Note.—Members' Tickets do not admit to the match.

SEE THE STRUGGLE FOR THE MINOR PREMIERSHIP.

Travel by Supporters' Committee Vans, which pick up at various points in High St. (between Croxton Park Hotel and Westgarth St.) at 1.45 p.m. on Saturday.

FARES—1/6 RETURN.

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Hon. Secretary.

V.J.F.A.

NORTHCOTE V PORT MELBOURNE

(By Rover).

In brilliant weather and the ground in good condition. Northcote outpointed the seasiders and won a hard fought game.

Northcote:—Backs: Davis, Edsall, Winter; half backs: Briggs, Burns, Easton; centres: O'Neil, Skilton, Edwards; half forwards: Pruser, Johnson, Houldercroft; forwards: Ackland, Ludlow, Condie; followers: L. Ludlow, B. Woods; rover: Docking.

Port Melbourne:—Backs: Keating, Conlon, Atkinson; half backs: Conole, Farman, Wilson; centres: Dwyer, Julian, Keyhoe; half forwards: McNamara, Adam, Davis; forwards: Brennan, Jennings, Sharp; followers: Boquest, Bills; rover: Keating.

Pruser and Briggs were included in the visiting team; Humphries was unable to play owing to injured ankle, and Van was also omitted. R. Docking was included, while F. Ackland filled the other vacancy.

THE PLAY.

The home side had first use of the wind. First point went to the visitors. The ball was forced in front of the visitors' goal, where Bob Woods snapped full points. The home side replied with one from a clever bit of play by Davis. The quarter ended with the home side six points ahead. Scores:—Port Melbourne 1—6 (13 pts); Northcote 1—1 (7 pts.).

With the help of the breeze our chaps rushed the ball away and J. Ludlow scored a lovely sixer. Ports' back line were having a hot time. They broke down forward moves by the visitors, who were playing all over them. Port Melbourne were introducing rough stuff and F. Ludlow was the victim of a most cowardly kick and was laid out unconscious, but after attention by our ambulance officer, Jack Bowman, he was able to resume. A good move by O'Neil to J. Ludlow to H. Pruser was rewarded with full points. Two more behinds were scored by the visitors, who were having the best of the play, and were attacking hard when the bell sounded for half time. Scores:—Northcote, 3—4 (22 pts.); Port Melbourne, 1—8 (14 pts.).

Port Melbourne opened well after the long interval and for Northcote Docking marked well and scored the possible. Our back line were hard at it to prevent further scoring by the home side, and many attacks were broken up by Burns, Easton, Winter and Co. The umpire has reported a home side player for striking. Port scored a single and McNamara got full points after a doubtful mark. This gave them more heart. Then forward moves were broken up by the clever work of Davis and Edsall. W. Edwards, a midget wingster, had been playing a great game, and put Skilton in possession, who made no mistake. F. Ludlow missed an easy shot a few minutes later. Houldercroft, marking over the pack, sent the ball sailing through the sticks, to the delight of our followers. Port Melbourne were now resorting to rough play. Docking received a severe handling and had his collarbone splintered. He will be out of the game for the rest of the season. Some ugly incidents now began to creep in and many free kicks were given. Scores, third quarter:—Northcote, 6—6 (42 pts.); Port Melbourne, 3—10 (28 pts.).

Having two men injured the visitors were in a bad way. Dave Condie, working like a veteran in the ruck, got the ball out and passed it forward, where H. Pruser beat his opponent and scored full points. A clever move by the home side put Davis in possession, and he booted the leather through. Edwards cleverly played round the wing. Johnson marked and played to F. Ludlow who, marking almost in front, had no difficulty in scoring the possible. Umpire Jury was most severe. Port charged forward in one of their lightning moves and Keating collared the ball around the pack and booted it through. Port Melbourne were now playing a losing game. They introduced all the cave man tactics conceivable, and could only manage a couple of points just as the bell rang, leaving us victors of a hard game and the first victory scored at Port Melbourne for at least seven years. It is hoped the hoodoo is now conquered. Final scores:—

Northcote—9 goals 6 behinds (60 points).

Port Melbourne—5 goals 12 behinds (42 points).

Northcote goal kickers—F. Ludlow (2), Pruser (2), Skilton, Houldercroft, Woods, Docking, F. Ludlow. Port Melbourne—Keating (2), Davis (2), McNamara.

Best Players—There was not a dud in the side, and I think W. Edwards was the best. His play was clean, nippy and clever. He beat his opponent all day.

C. O'Neil, the other wingster, was in great form. He never gave his opponent a look in all day.

Bob Skilton gave a fine exhibition on his old home ground. He received the attention of the opposing players on many occasions, but generally came out with flying colors.

Bob Woods, Houldercroft, Pruser and Docking (who by the way had his collarbone broken during the third quarter), deserve to be mentioned.

Several injuries were reported. Edwards, sprained ankle; F. Ludlow, broken finger; Condie, black eye; Easton, split eye.

Umpire Jury had a hard game to control, and carried out his duties well. His decisions were prompt and accurate.

This is the final of the home and home matches. The four lowest teams will drop out, the same as in the senior association. As the list stands we are second, and on Saturday play Preston, who are occupying first place. This is the first of the eliminating matches to decide the final four. The game is at Coburg and players and officials are requested to meet cars at the corner of Arthurton road and High St. at 2 o'clock sharp. Both sides are training hard, and the coaches are both experienced leaders. It should result in a splendid game if given fine weather

Club Notes.—Next Tuesday, September 2, we are holding our second dance social in the Dispensary Hall. Les. Bligh's band has been arranged for, and the singing drummer will be in attendance.

PRESTON OUTCLASS OAKLEIGH.

The Cramer St. Park was in better condition than expected. Preston made off at the bounce and, forcing the play around the wing, Fennell scored the first two goals. Oakleigh broke through and scored two goals, then Preston had the game to themselves. McEacharn, Lee, Dowling and Morgan scoring goals for the locals. The first quarter scores were—Preston, 6—7 (43 pts.); Oakleigh, 2—3 (15 pts.).

R. Underhill and Spargo brothers, who were the centre line for Preston, did good work in the second term, while B. Kupsch and Ellis were also prominent. Preston added five goals to Oakleigh's one goal in the second quarter, which ended as follows:—Preston, 11—10 (76 pts.); Oakleigh, 3—5 (23 pts.).

The third term saw Preston attacking forcibly, G. Smith and Dowling registering sixers before the game had far advanced. Dowling, McEachern and "Bluey" Ryan were always to the fore. Eventually Oakleigh penetrated the locals' defence, securing their objective. The scores at the last change were—Preston, 13—17 (95 pts.); Oakleigh, 4—8 (32 pts.).

The last quarter saw Preston driving home their advantage, Oakleigh being unable to pass the home side's centre line, who were giving a delightful exhibition. The game ended all in favor of the locals, who outclassed their rivals in every department. The final scores were:—Preston, 17 goals 25 behinds (132 pts.); Oakleigh, 7 goals 10 behinds (52 pt.).

The winners were best served by H. Smith (who captained his side tactfully), Ryan, McEachern, Marmo, Underhill brothers, Spargo brothers, Lee, Fennell, Dowling and Ellis. The goal kickers were—Fennell (6), Dowling (5), McEachern (3), Lee, Morgan and G. Smith.

To-morrow afternoon Preston, who head the premiership list, will play Northcote (second) at Coburg. These teams have each defeated the other. Northcote defeated Preston at the opening match of the season. They also lost the second match, but since then have had a wonderful run of success, not sustaining a defeat. In the return match Preston turned the tables on their neighbors, and they are confident of again emerging successful after to-morrow's engagement, which should be a contest of thrills.

ASSOCIATION SUB-DISTRICTS.

A Grade—Spotswood 22-21 d Alphing 2-10.

B Grade—Yarraville 7-8 d Croxton 5-7.

C Grade—South Melbourne 17-21 d Preston 4-6.

RAMBLER'S MATCH.

Prince of Wales Park Methodists played their last match of the season on Saturday when they met Wardrop House at Hayes Park. Despite the good conditions play for the first three quarters was not the best, although several players of both teams gave fine individual displays. P.W.P. gained an early lead, but their forwards were all astray in kicking for goal, the scores at the last change reading—P.W.P., 4.16; Wardrop House 0.2. In the last quarter both teams gave of their best and fine flashes of play resulted in quick scoring, with the Park boys still in the ascendancy. Good team work and splendid marking enabled the home team to add 5-5 to the visitors' 2-5, making the scores at the end of an enjoyable game—Prince of Wales Park, 9 goals 21 behinds; Wardrop House, 2 goals 7 behinds. In individual play Wardrop House held their own, but the Park boys played better as a team. Goal kickers for P.W.P. were A. Ward (2), N. Randell (2), Jowett, H. Cornish, Risk, Lobbe, Sharp.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

In the Phi Beta Pi Basketball Association last Saturday Newmarket defeated Preston by 16 to 13.

BOWLING NOTES

THORNBURY BOWLING CLUB

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held at the club's pavilion on August 23, a large number of members being present. The retiring president (Mr. Eli Forth), in referring to the balance sheet, drew the attention of members to the item of £103 7/- contributed by the ladies' club. He said the ladies' club had gone ahead by leaps and bounds and he appreciated the way in which the ladies had worked to help the club. He also thanked members for the way they had supported him during his term of office. He asked that in the coming season members would pay every attention to practice, as in his opinion they had at Thornbury all the material necessary for the winning of pennants.

The mayor (Cr. Hayes) presented to Mr. Forth and Mrs. Forth a fine piece of cut glassware and a beautiful table centre. In making the presentation the mayor asked Mr. Forth to accept the gifts as conveying a special mark of esteem from the members to himself and his wife during their term of office. Mr. Forth suitably responded.

The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. F. Cornish; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. E. Carlyle and H. Dyte and Cr. W. Olver; secretary, Mr. G. Allen; assistant secretary, Mr. W. Warren; treasurer, Mr. F. H. Hammett; auditors, Messrs. E. Rogerson, J. Pemberton; committee, Messrs. E. W. Rose, H. Frencham, E. H. Smith, G. Willis and L. Roberts; works committee, Messrs. A. E. Carlyle, W. Bartly and J. Whalley; selection committee, Messrs. Mark Sharp, G. Willis and W. Mahoney.

The new president (Mr. F. Cornish), on being installed, was presented with a handsome book of poems by Mr. E. W. Rose. The gift was subscribed to by members as a mark of appreciation of the president's efforts as the club's poet.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE I.O.R.

The quarterly meeting was held in the Rechabite Hall on August 21, there being a fair attendance of members. At the invitation of the C.R. (Bro. E. Youl), Bro. S. Dennis, D.D., presided as the representative of the District Officers. One new member was received on clearanc. and Bro. Dennis extended a welcome to two newly-initiated members. A circular from the District gave a resume of the various activities of the order, including a statement that the total membership of benefit members had increased by 234 during the year. Some discussion took place on the position of unemployed members, and Bro. Dennis explained a scheme, which was now under review by the District, whereby some assistance may be rendered the less fortunate brethren. In addition to the usual reports the annual meeting of the cricket club was commented on. It is proposed to run only one team this season instead of two, as in past years. The syllabus item for the evening was "Grievance Night," which gave members an opportunity of bringing forward several matters which should be of benefit to the tent. The next meeting will be held on September 4, the syllabus item being a mixed euchre tournament, to which all members and friends are invited.

JOHN VALE JUNIOR TENT

A pleasant evening was spent on August 18 at a social in St. Aidan's Hall, Northcote East, under the auspices of the John Vale Junior Tent. Despite the unfavorable weather there was a large gathering of members and friends, who enjoyed a splendid programme of dances and games under the able direction of Bro. W. Walker, the music being supplied by Bro. E. Youl. Several novelties were introduced, and prizes were won by Mr. Thompson and partner (Monte Carlo) and Mr. Wise and partner (spot dance). Altogether it was a very fine evening, and a happy gathering broke up just on midnight with the singing of Auld Lang Syne. Much of the success of the function was due to the untiring work of a willing band of ladies, who prepared a fine supper and also made numerous donations. The superintendents wish to thank all who in every way assisted to make the evening so enjoyable.

USE OF A CRICKET GROUND

There has been a lot of discussion over the use of a cricket pitch on land between Pine and Warwick streets, Reservoir. Both the Regent Cricket Club and the West Preston Progress Association Cricket Club want to use the same pitch, although the land referred to has an area of some nine acres.

After a good deal of discussion at the Preston council meeting on Monday, a recommendation that the two clubs be granted the use of ground, with equal rights for alternate matches, was carried.

An amendment by Cr. Robinson that the decision be reconsidered was lost on the casting vote of the mayor. Crs. Crispe, Spratling, Robinson and Maynard voted for the amendment, and the rest against, Cr. Adams being absent.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON & NORTHCOTE CLUB

Pack Run.—Last Saturday the club held a 10,000 metres pack run with the Williamstown Club. The course was difficult and the swampy area made the conditions heavy. The pace throughout was slow. Results:—1000 yards run in: D. McEachern, 1; A. Galagher, 2; W. Weightman, 3; F. Bates, 4; E. Edwards, 5; C. Thorne, 6. The performances of Bates and Edwards have improved remarkably in the last few weeks. Wally Weightman complained of an injured foot and ran with much difficulty on the road.

Track Season.—A few of the track runners have commenced light training at Edwardes Lake, Reservoir, in preparation for the approaching season. Should R. Lewis strike his old form at walking his services will be invaluable in the summer season.

A. Angus, who broke the high school record for the long jump, has joined the club, thereby filling another weak place in the team.

J. Tannock, a promising half-miler, who was to have commenced training this week, met with an accident while playing football and will not be able to train for a few weeks. Tannock has been most unfortunate since last June, when, after a severe illness, he failed to strike form in the five mile junior championship of Victoria.

The club is likely to obtained the services of Fred Johnstone, who is good at throwing the discus and javelin.

Junior Club.—The junior members are training hard for their events with the Glenhuntly Club, which will be held in about two weeks' time. Any junior who desires to compete should communicate with the secretary at the Preston football ground on Monday or Wednesday evenings.

Party Dance.—Mr. and Mrs. Orr, parents of one of the committeemen, Mr. Norman Orr, are holding a party dance in the interests of the club on September 11 in the Preston town hall. Assisted by the social committee, Mr. and Mrs. Orr are sending out 400 invitations.

Five Mile Cross-country Championship of Victoria.—Contrary to expectations, F Chegwidden (St Stephen's) won this classic event from E. Briggs (Coburg) and G. Hyde (Melbourne), the favorite, on the Dowling Forest racecourse at Ballarat on Saturday. Chegwidden is also the holder of the 10 mile championship held last year.

10,000 Metre Handicap. — This event will be held from St. Mary's next Saturday over a course of approximately 6¼ miles. Mr. Williams, a vice-president of the club, is donating a handsome trophy for this fixture.

CRICKET

JIKA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Jika Cricket Association was held in the Rechabite Hall, Preston, on August 22, there being a large attendance. Mr. H. P. Zwar (president) occupied the chair.

The new Henry P. Zwar shield, donated by Mr. Zwar, was presented on behalf of the winners, Prestonite, to Mr. C. Temple, the captain. Mr. Zwar said he hoped all teams would go their hardest to win the shield. The runners-up trophy was received by Mr. E. Hannah, on behalf of the Preston Footballers. The batting average (a cricket bat, donated by Leviathan Ltd.) was won by Les. Punch, of Preson Footballers, with an average of 33.28. The bowling average was won by Les Barklem (Gowerville), who took 66 wickets for 304 runs, average 4.6. (trophy donated by Mr. J. Jack, of Preston).

The following office-bearers were elected for season 1930-31:—President, Mr. Zwar; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Hannah, H. Torrens; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. J. Carr (who has held this office for five years); assistant secretary, Mr. W. Beacom; auditors, Messrs. W. Davie and J. Digby; V.J.C. Union delegate, Mr. R. J. Carr; executive committee, Messrs. Digby, Forde, E. Hannah, H. Torrens, Delaney, Bruce and Rutter; permit and umpire committee, Messrs. Hannah, Coulsen, White, Torrens, Delaney.

Applications from three new teams were approved, making 14 teams, the new teams being West Preston Progress, Soccer, and Northcote Junior Footballers. Applications from teams have been extended until September 2, by when it is expected more teams will apply.

Owing to the V.C.A. having adopted the larger wickets the junior clubs have been asked to adopt the same size. The season will commence on September 27.

BASEBALL

Results of Saturday's matches:—

B Grade.—Ivanhoe (15) d Preston (9); Northcote (9) d Malvern (nil).

D Grade.—Northcote (18) d Fitzroy (8).

E Grade.—Port Melbourne (13) d Preston (2); Northcote (19) d Williamstown (6).

HOCKEY

A Grade.—Section 1: Fairfield drew with Brunswick, 1 goal each. G. Brown, Bawden (goal scorer) and Munro were Fairfield's best.

Grade.—Section 2: Ivanhoe, 4 goals, d Essendon, 3 goals; University, 3 goals, d Fairfield, 1 goal.

CYCLING

PRESTON PROFESSIONAL CYCLING CLUB

The above club held a 68 mile road race on Saturday under championship conditions, all the starters being off scratch and divided into three grades. The route was a strenuous one and a very severe try-out for those who intend competing in the long L.V.W. open races. The race started at the Rose, Thistle and Shamrock Hotel at 1.50, the 26 starters moving off very smartly. They were well together going past Mont Park and into Greensborough lane. Harry Bird punctured at this stage and had to retire. Through the Greensborough township the field was still well bunched. Here a dog on the road caused a bad mix up, but fortunately no one fell. Going up the Briar Hill Walkley tried to secure a break, but the other boys were too keen for him. Through Diamond Creek the riders were still well together and began to manoeuvre for positions for the sprint through Hurstbridge. Walkley was first in, with Johnson second and Shannon third. Going through Panton Hill the riders were still well together. Going strongly at this point Johnnie Kean and Norm McLeod fell and retired. Kean was attended by an ambulance official, who was right on the spot. After leaving Panton Hill the riders began the long grind up the mount to Kinglake. At this stage the fast pace and hot sun were starting to have an effect on the riders, but they all struck to is grimly. Into Kinglake the leaders were Humphreys, Walkley and Johnson, followed by Sterry, Shannon and Gascoyne, then coming J. Jones, Cross and Alexder. This order was unchanged passing Tommy's Hut and down the mountain into Whittlesea, where some of the back riders began to move up. Coming into Yan Yean Humphreys, Walkley and Johnson were still the leaders. At Mernda Johnson had had enough and dropped off, leaving Humphreys, who had ridden a wonderful race, to dispute the lead with the Australian 25 mile champion. Coming into South Morang Walkley and Humphreys were still together in front, followed by Johnson, Sterry and Shannon. Through Bundoora and coming up the hill Walkley was able to get rid of the younger rider, Humphreys, and was not troubled to win by 100 yards, with Humphreys, who had ridden a remarkably fine race, to cross the line in front of all his own grade riders, and all but Walkley in the A Grade. Results:—

A Grade.—A. Walkley, 1; T. Johnson, 2; K. Cross, 3.

B Grade.—T. Humphreys, 1; C. Sterry, 2; W. Shannon, 3.

C Grade.—J. Jones, 1; H. Smith, 2; L. Jones, 3.

MOTOR CYCLING

EAST PRESTON MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

East Preston had a stroke of bad luck on Sunday when the challenge hill climb had to be postponed on account of the hill not being available. So it was arranged between the two captains to go out to the club's sports ground at Watson's Creek and have a working bee clearing the trees and levelling the ground. Our next official run will be to finish the work started on Sunday last at Watson's Creek on September 7, leaving Ludeman's garage at 10 a.m. The next general meeting will be at Ludeman's Garage on September 8. All intending members are invited to come along.

PENALTY FOR DRIVING ACROSS PAVED PATHS

The Crown Law Department has sought the Preston council's views about the reduction of a fine of £5 imposed on a driver for driving across a footpath, thereby contravening a council by-law.

Cr. Jones said that a fine of £5 was heavy, and if it was an ordinary path a fine of £1 would suffice, plus the cost of the damage. If it was a flagged path the fine should be heavier.

Cr. Crispe said that he had seen a man deliberately drive a heavy vehicle across a flagged path when there was a crossing only 20 yards away. He felt that if the court, with the full facts before it, imposed a fine, that decision should stand.

The matter was referred to the committee of the council.

Institute For The Blind.

AUXILIARY FORMED AT IVANHOE

At a largely attended meeting of citizens of Ivanhoe last Friday afternoon an auxiliary to work for the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind was formed.

Messrs. H. Van, Assche and K. Sutherland, of the institute, were present and addressed the meeting.

Office-bearers appointed were:—Patron, Cr. E. L. Van; president, Mrs. L. Godfrey; vice-presidents, Mesdames W. P. Bainbridge, A. E. Whitelaw, Irvine Anderson, Foster and Miller; secretary, Mrs. T. T. Marke; treasurer, Mrs. Irvine Anderson.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Club Shoots

Northcote. — First Stage Gordon Trophy.—Askew, 44 (9), 50; Hargreaves, 41 (14), 50; Randall, 45 (7), 50; Appleby, 45 (3), 48; Waters, 39 (9), 48; Hook, 41 (5), 46.

Preston.—Club Trophy.—Chynoweth, 47 (5), 50; Bignell, 46 (5), 50; Court, 44 (7), 50; Piggott, 39 (9), 48; Griffiths, 44 (2), 46; Perrett, 33 (10), 43.

FOOTBALL BRAWL

(To the Editor)

Sir.—In your paper dated August 22, 1930, you have referred to my club under the headlines "Football Brawl at Preston." I would like a correction of the same in the next issue of your paper. The football clubs concerned are the Preston United and West Preston Football Clubs—not the Bell Star Club. The Bell Star is a cricket club around that locality, and there is no connection.—Yours etc.,

W. WILSON,
Hon. Secretary,
Bell Star C.C.

28 Scotia St., West Preston.
August 23, 1930.

CORRESPONDENCE TO PRESTON COUNCIL

Cr. Jones suggested to the Preston council on Monday that all letters asking for attention to streets, electric lights, etc., be sent direct to the committee instead of coming before the council and then being sent to the various committees.

Cr. Robinson.—I would like to know more about it before taking action. I don't think the Local Government Act would allow it.

Cr. Jones.—I don't think that Cr. Robinson could quote the section of the Act, anyhow. It is only a suggestion.

PERMISSION TO MILK A COW

On Monday evening D. G. Phillips asked the permission of the Preston council to milk a cow on a block of land in the Merrilands Estate.

Cr. Crispe.—Have they got to get the council's permission for that now? (Laughter).

Cr. Maynard.—We've got a by-law for goats, but not for cows. (Laughter).

The Mayor.—Oh, well, he can milk it, then. (Laughter).

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Northcote Congregational Church

Congregations appear to be steadily increasing and greater interest is being shown by the young people in the various activities of the church. The pastor (Rev. Duncan E. Reeves) has already found plenty of outlet for his energy and enthusiasm. The senior choir at the evening service, under Mr. Geo. Doward, render capable service, while the junior choir at the morning service are a decided acquisition to the church. At the Endeavor Society this week an interesting paper on Prohibition was read by Miss Sweetland. The men's club had a great time at their social evening, the proceeds from which will help stock the produce stall at the forthcoming fair. The addresses for next Sunday will be found in our church advertisement.

James Street Presbyterian Church

The James street Presbyterian Women's Guild and P.W.M.U. held their annual thanksgiving day on August 21, when 50 ladies were present. Mrs. Heathcote Fletcher, who received a warm welcome, gave a comprehensive outline of Home and Foreign Missions. Mrs. Fletcher also welcomed Mrs. Jones, from Dookie. Mrs. Paull and Miss Green delighted the meeting with their singing.

Salvation Army Fair

A Floral Fair was held in the Salvation Army Hall. It was opened on Thursday by the acting mayoress (Mrs. J. M. David), and each evening entertainment was provided.

Thornbury Married Women's Choir Concert

The Thornbury Married Women's Choir, conducted by Mrs. Colin Gardiner, whose concerts always draw crowded audiences, gave a concert in the Northcote town hall on 20th inst. in aid of the Women's Hospital, which will benefit considerably. The mayor moved a vote of thanks to the ladies, which Cr. Cornish seconded. Cr. Jones responded on behalf of the ladies. A vote of thanks to the mayor was moved by Mr. Hawthorn and carried by acclamation.

Epiphany Church Ladies' Guild

The Church of Epiphany Ladies' Guild organised a musical afternoon in aid of the church building fund on 20th inst in the parish hall. Instrumentalists who contributed a trio were Mesdames Fraser, Bayson and Graham; vocalists were Mrs. Davern, Miss Ronald and Mr. Moy Ling; Mrs. Bayson contributed a violin solo, whilst Mrs. Fraser chose as her instrument the violincello. Recitations were given by Mrs. Peters and Miss K. Brewer. The chair was occupied by the vicar (Rev. T. Cole). Mr. Hughes moved a vote of thanks to the artists.

Presbyterian Y.M. Club

For some time the evenings of the Presbyterian Young Men's Club have been devoted to basket-ball competition. The final contest took place in the school hall on 20th inst., when there was a fair gathering. It resulted in Beecher's team scoring 42 points and Wallace's team 37 points. The proceeds will be used to purchase material for the club's gymnasium.

Methodist Church, High Street

Next Sunday evening a special mission service will be held, the preacher being the Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M. Miss Olive Batten will be the soloist, and a male double-quartette will also take part. The choir will render special anthems.

A successful Foreign Mission Anniversary was held on Sunday, the Rev. A. Wesley Amos taking the morning service, and the Rev. John Thomas, B.D., preaching in the evening.

Next Sunday afternoon members of the Y.M.M.I.S. will attend the interdenominational rally at Collins street Congregational Church, to celebrate the second anniversary of the signing of the Peace Pact. Professor Bailey will be the speaker.

Last Wednesday the Christian Endeavor Society attended the second anniversary rally of Reservoir Methodist C.E.S.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist

A committee of ladies has been formed to assist with the distribution of soup and general relief at the tramway engine-house, High street.

The young men of the church have inaugurated a cricket club.

The Rev. A. Wesley Amos has delighted his audiences with stories of the old and new Fiji, where for years he labored as a missionary.

Church of England, Bell

Provision has now been made for conducting divine service for the Anglican community of Bell at the local State school. There will be morning prayer every Sunday at 10 o'clock, and evening prayer at 7 o'clock. On the fourth Sunday of each month Holy Communion will be celebrated. A Sunday school will be opened shortly.

"Fighting Mac" to Visit Northcote

It has been arranged for a visit to Northcote of Lieut. Commissioner McKenzie, universally known as "Fighting Mac." The Commissioner has lately come from China to take command of the Southern Territory of Australia. This embraces Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania. The Salvation Army Corps of Northcote and Thornbury are uniting to give their chief a befitting welcome. The town hall has been engaged for Monday night, when the Commissioner, accompanied by Mrs. McKenzie and headquarters staff, will give a stirring recital on the work of the Army in China. In the carrying out of his duties he was in the danger zone, held up by brigands, and had seven revolvers pointed at his head. He superintended the feeding of 50,000 a day of the starving millions of China. Bands of Northcote and Thornbury Army Corps will supply music. A charge of 1/ is being made, the proceeds going to help the annual Self Denial Fund. Cr. W. Olver will preside at the gathering. An advertisement appears elsewhere.

Gardening Notes

WHAT TO DO IN THE GARDEN.

QUICK-FLOWERING HARDY ANNUALS TO SOW NOW.

There is a long list of highly decorative plants which come into flower within a comparatively short period of time from the sowing of the seeds, that one may sow in the positions in which they are to flower with good results, and a note on a few of the most useful of these may be of interest at the present sowing season. A border of these hardy annuals will be a source of interest and delight, for many of them have elegant form, attractive blendings of color, and refined appearance.

Sow the seeds thinly, while from the first the plants should be kept sufficiently thin to prevent overcrowding. The flowers of crowded plants will be poor, and their period of display brief, but bold thinning will result in robust plants with ample foliage, and well developed flowers, yielding a floral display worthy of admiration.

The Candytufts are of fine habit, are very profuse flowerers, and are among the gayest, hardiest and most accommodating of hardy annuals. They flower in a very short time, remain in beauty a long period, are excellent for massing in beds and borders, and are admirably adapted for edgings, while their fragrance adds to their charms.

Clarkias are remarkably effective border plants, possessing softness and delicacy of shade quite unique. Their elegant spikes of large, handsome double flowers are very decorative and distinct.

The Calliopsis are exceedingly graceful border plants, providing throughout spring and summer an abundance of elegant, showy flowers, their deep golden petals, with dark centres, making them very attractive. Besides the tall-growing varieties there is a pigmy race forming perfect little bushes smothered with similar brilliant flowers.

Eschscholtzias (California Poppy) bear brilliantly colored flowers, which produce striking effects in beds and borders. They thrive in poor, dry soils, where many annuals would not grow, and reproduce themselves freely from year to year.

The Godetias are beautiful hardy annuals, forming sturdy little bushes covered with large, handsome, Malva-like flowers in a wide range of colors, from white through the various shades of pink, salmon, scarlet, and crimson. Although somewhat stiff, it is an excellent border plant, holding its flowers well up and furnishing abundance of color.

Gypsophila elegans and its varieties are very graceful plants of light, fairy like growth, as fine as G. paniculata and equally useful in vases as a ground-work for heavier subjects.

The annual larkspurs are also splendid plants for back positions in the border, and while not having the stateliness and dignity of the perennial delphinum, their finely cut foliage, handsome, erect spikes of semi-double flowers, and wide range of beautiful colors, give them an appealing beauty all their own.

The annual lupins provide another group of large growing plants bearing handsome spikes of flowers in many striking colors.

Mathiola bicornis, the night-scented stock, is a most useful plant, flowering in an amazingly short time from seeds, and emitting a delicious perfume perceptible at a considerable distance; and Nigella (Love-in a-mist), particularly the variety Miss Jekyll, is a very graceful plant, its lovely azure blue flowers being partially hidden by the curious fine, feathery bracts surrounding them.

Nemophila insignis is a very popular annual on account of its easy culture. In spite of its somewhat untidy habit, it is every effective for beds, borders, or ribbons, its clear light blue flowers, with white centres, making it very attractive.

Another excellent blue-flowered annual is Phacelia campanularia, a charming plant, producing a terminal raceme of intense blue flowers with conspicuous white stamens.

No collection of hardy annuals could leave out the annual poppies. The Shirley strain is of light, graceful habit, with beautiful satiny flowers in a wide range of delicate shades of color, while the giant paeony-flowered poppies bear large, handsome double flowers in various brilliant colors, and are splendid border plants.

The plants noted above by no means exhaust the list of hardy annuals for present sowing, but give a selection of those which flower in a relatively short time from seeds, and afford material to fill an empty border and maintain an effective floral display during the months from spring onwards.

Essential Work.

Spray paths with weed killer. This will permanently destroy the weeds and save much laborious hand-weeding.

Give lawns an application of rich, loamy soil with the addition of a sprinkling of fertiliser, such as bonedust, sulphate or ammonia, or Flora aphas (one ounce per square yard). This will ensure satisfactory growth during the summer months.

Give all beds and borders a manure mulch this month.

Prune all winter-flowering shrubs that have dropped their leaves, thus enabling them to make plenty of flowering wood for next season.

Where roses have not yet been pruned, this operation should be commenced without delay.

Herbaceous plants, such as Cannas, Shasta Daisies, Chrysanthemums, Salvias, Perennial Phlox, and Asters, which are to be divided, should be lifted now and planted out. If plants are to remain in same position, they should be lifted and the soil well dug and manured, and the roots then planted back again.—"Garden Lover."

BOY SCOUT NEWS

2ND THORNBURY TROOP

The appeal for medicine and sauce bottles will close at the end of this month, so all who have any are asked to bring them to the troop hall or the A.S.M. Mr. Frank will take charge of the troop from September 1. The troop has been going for four years next month, and an old boys' night will be held on September 6. All old boys are cordially invited. A Morse class is now in full swing. Seconds Baker and Gadsden have been promoted to patrol leaders, and Scouts Le Blanc and Jones to seconds. The troop will hold a picture night in October to provide a Christmas tree for the poor children of Thornbury, details of which will be advertised later.

1ST PRESTON TROOP

On Saturday we won the open age scout football competition against the 6th Melbourne Troop, final scores being: Preston, 7.14; Melbourne, 6.12. Our best players were S. Dineen (captain), E. Robinson, W. Fitzgerald, R. Cordell and J. Connell. We are now permanent holders of the shield. On Saturday we play a team from Turnick Bros. on our ground. Last Saturday a "Back to Childhood" evening was held at the scout hall, and also a house party at Mr. Knipe's, Reservoir. On Monday a house party was held at Mr. Oliver's, and on Tuesday a surprise party was tendered Mrs. Yorky Smith. It has been decided to hold the Thos. Hurford competition during September and October. The Hurford memorial service will be conducted in the scout hall on September 7. The final night of the popular girl contest will be held on Saturday. The usual social will be held on Wednesday, and on Saturday next a complimentary evening will be tendered the contestants and committees of the popular girl competition. The leaders have been invited to a birthday party by the Fitzroy Rangers next Friday.

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PRESTON COUNCIL

MONDAY, AUGUST 25.

The usual meeting of the Preston Council was held on Monday. Present were the Mayor (Cr. G. C. McPherson) and Crs. C. T. Crispe, A. E. Newton, G. E. Robinson, W. T. Robeson, W. Spratling, L. Jones and R. H. E. Maynard.

East Preston Progress Association.

East Preston Progress Association, asking: (1) immediate attention to right-of-way north side of Reno St.; (2) re rating valuation in the East Ward; (3) applying for a cricket pitch for the coming season. Items were dealt with as follows:—1 engineer to attend; 2 committee of the council; 3 Parks Committee.

West Preston Progress Association.

West Preston Progress Association, (1) asking that a deputation be received in connection with request made to Tramways Board for an alteration in the timing of trams; (2) attention to footpaths in Robeson Av.; (3) re drainage in Butters, Powell, Excelsior and Franklin Sts.

(1) Deputation to be received by the committee of the council; 2 and 3 sent to P.W. Committee.

Cr. Robeson asked if the Board had received a request for a deputation. It would be better for the deputation to go with the council.

Cr. Crispe—The Board has already said that it would be no use holding a deputation at this juncture.

Cr. Robeson—The council already knows what the deputation wants. It would be for the rearrangement of the services in Brunswick St.

Cr. Robeson—The West Preston deputation should go to the Board before these services are rearranged.

Cr. Jones—Probably the West Preston Progress Association wants to place its views before the council on the rearrangement of the services before the actual rearrangement of services.

Regent Central Association.

Regent Central Progress Association, asking (1) erection of street light in Joffre St., near Queen St.; (2) light Queen St., opposite Joffre St., to be removed one pole further south; (3) additional highway light between hotel, Plenty road and Rubicon St.; (4) light on footway between Wild St. and Regent R.S. (at present there is a 100 c.p. lamp at the corner of Wild St. and Robinson road, but the distance between this point and the station is too far to permit adequate illumination for footway; (5) attention to roadway in Robinson road, near Wild St.; also approach to Regent station across pipe track; (6) attention to crossing corner Youngman and Nugent Sts.; (7) attention to footpath in front of No. 13 King William St.; (8) attention to road in Wilkinson St.; (9) attention to path in Foch St.; (10) erection of street name (Home St.) corner Home and Wilkinson Sts.

Items 1 to 4 sent to E.L. Committee, and 5 to 10 to P.W. Committee, on the motion of Cr. Spratling.

GENERAL.

F. A. Ryan and 29 others—(1) re state of Gilbert road north; (2) re light for corner Home and Wilkinson Sts.; (3) re outlet from Wilfred St. into Edwardes St. near park gates—1 and 3 to P.W. Committee; 2 to E.L. Committee.

Reservoir Rand, asking when the Council will meet Preston Bands in committee.—Committee to fix date.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Accounts £580/11/11 were passed for payment.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Accounts passed for payment totalled £4,476/7/-.

Regent Central Progress Association, re attention to drain rear of shops in Plenty road north, behind Smith's newsagency.—Left in hands of engineer (cost £1).

Church of Christ, that drain next church property be covered.—No funds available for work at present.

Re drain in r-o-w, David St. to Sinnott St.—The engineer to attend (cost 10/-).

The engineer said the cost of the whole job would be enormous. All it was proposed to do was to fill a couple of holes.

Cr. Newton said that drainage was damaging a property, and the council should spend a few pounds and safeguard this person's property.

The Mayor—The engineer has only a certain amount to spend, and has to cut expenses.

Cr. Maynard—here is a way out.

The clause was referred back to the committee.

Footbridge, corner of Prior and Sinnott Sts.—No action at present (cost £7). Referred back to the committee.

Right-of-way between Wilcox St. and Youngman St.—No action at present.—Referred to list for private construction.

Construction of Shakespeare Av., Ellison St. and Hawker Av.—Tender of Hewitt and Coffey for £2,883/10/4 accepted.

Cr. Jones said that if the council so desired the people could be given an opportunity of doing the work by day labor. The estimated day labor cost would be £380 more than the present tender price.

Cr. Robeson said whilst he was in favor of day labor, in this case he was prepared to vote for the acceptance of the contract. If the engineer had the plant, no doubt he could do the work at a price corresponding with or even under the tender. Of the people concerned in this street 54 per cent. had expressed a wish that the work b edone by day labor.

The Mayor said that there were a number of unemployed in the streets, and the idea was that these men get employment. The engineer might make representations to the contractor to this effect.

Speaking of the other tenders the engineer said that eight tenders averaged £3,136, and his estimate for day labor was below that of this average.

Cr. Robinson said the council would be wise to accept the tender, as the engineer's estimate for day labor included an additional £150 on his estimate for contract work. He suggested that the engineer should find a closer dump for the material, and save extra cost of cartage.

The tender was accepted.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Accounts £107/18/- were passed.

Milton St.—A street lamp to be erected.

The council has agreed to a proposal by the State Electricity Commission that before new bulk equipment is installed, the Commission shall be acquitted as to the class, description and quality. His recommendation was arrived at after a conference between the electrical engineers of the various municipalities who have their own undertakings and the Commission.

Cr. Robinson said the council should scrutinise all proposals made by the Commission, as it seemed to be their aim to absorb council undertakings. It would be a sorry day for the council when it lost its undertaking.

Cr. Newton said the E.L. Committee had scrutinised the proposals closely and would recommend nothing that would be detrimental.

Cr. Robinson asked what would be the extra cost.

Cr. Spratling—If there's any cost you'll get it. (Laughter.)

Cr. Jones—If our electrical engineer (Mr. F. P. Bird) advised acceptance of this proposal, well and good.

The recommendation was adopted.

FINANCE.

The treasurer (Mr. L. W. Williams) reported that collections in the past fortnight totalled £641/2/-. Dr. bank balance, £25,552/13/1; private street construction account, cr. £15,801; E.L. account, cr. £10,228/18/4.

Cr. Robinson said the overdraft was £25,000, and there was still a month to go to the end of the financial year. Expenditure for the fortnight was £5,000 and the income £300.

The report was received.

Health Inspector.

The health inspector (Mr. J. O. Iles) reported that during the past fortnight 6 cases of diphtheria and 3 of scarlet fever had been reported. He had prosecuted in food cases and for breaches of by-laws, the fines and costs totalling £59/16/.—Received.

Building Inspector.

The building inspector reported that 10 permits had been issued during the past fortnight of an approx. value of £1,920.

Engineer's Report.

The engineer reported the quarry output for the fortnight to be 1,994 tons.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Use of Town Hall.—Cr. Robinson referred to the use of the town hall for a certain purpose last Friday night and said that if a candidate at the elections required the use of a hall in which to place his views before the ratepayers he should do so in the ordinary way by engaging the hall. In order to safeguard the mayor in future, and to define the purposes for which the mayor might grant the use of the hall, Cr. Robinson moved that the matter be considered by the committee of the council.

Cr. Newton seconded the motion. He said that on the previous Wednesday he was quite surprised to receive a letter stating that he was invited to attend at the town hall on the night mentioned to place his views as a candidate before the electors of the East Ward. As far as he knew neither of the East Ward candidates had been consulted as to the holding of the meeting.

Continuing, Cr. Newton said:—I had heard that a petition was sent to the mayor that the meeting be arranged, and that being so, I believe it would be only right and proper for the petitioners concerned to pay for the use of the hall on that occasion. I have since seen one of the petitioners, who told me that the matter had been misrepresented to him, otherwise he would not have signed the petition.

The mayor said the petition was presented to him as mayor in the usual way, and it was in order, as it bore the requisite number of signatures, which were checked and found to be right. He then made the arrangements accordingly, believing that the candidates concerned knew all about the matter. Later he had some misgivings, but by that time the meeting had been arranged.

Continuing, the mayor said.—I would like the committee to go into this question with a view to safeguarding future mayors.

The motion was carried.

A Special Council Meeting.—Cr. Newton referred to a meeting concerning the Regent Central Progress Association, and surprise was expressed that not more councillors were present. He had received a notice calling a meeting of the "Regent Central Progress Association," and no mention was made of councillors. He would have been present had he thought it important. He had understood that the mayor was going to meet the members of the Progress Association.

Cr. Jones said that he attended the meeting on the Friday night, and on meeting Cr. Maynard learned that the meeting was to be held until the Saturday. A month ago he had asked the engineer for a report on this matter, to be submitted to open council.

The mayor said that "things got a little bit mixed." At the Regent Central Progress Association's meeting it was decided that a committee meet the council. The date was then fixed for Friday, but later it was altered to Saturday. When the conference was held on the Friday, he apologised for the councillors not present and explained that their absence was due to a "mix up."

Cr. Jones said as far as the business paper stated it was not a special meeting of the council, but simply a meeting of ward members with a committee of the Progress Association.

The Mayor.—I did state at the meeting of the Progress Association that I would call a special meeting of the council. Through high and damaging statements were being made, and I announced a special meeting of the council to explain matters.

Cr. Newton.—I'm quite satisfied with the mayor's explanation.

Drainage Works.—Cr. Robinson moved that in view of the urgency to carry out drainage works, the committee of the council consider the preparation of a new loan schedule.—Carried.

Speed of Motor Lorries in Gower street.—This was referred to the inspector, on the motion of Cr. Newton.

The mayor moved that placing of lights in Carroll, Whitelaw and Suffolk streets be referred to E.L. committee.—Carried.

ESTABLISHING A ROSE BED.

BY NORTHCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

After several delays the much discussed rose bed in Johnson Park became an established fact on Saturday afternoon. In glorious sunshine a small but enthusiastic band of councillors and horticulturists greeted the Mayoress (Mrs. David) with a round of applause when she stepped up to the bed to plant the first rose.

In declaring the bed established, the Mayor (Cr. Hayes) congratulated the Horticultural Society in its determination to have a rose bed which he hoped would be both beautiful and educational. Although some delay on account of lack of funds and a good deal of discussion regarding the site had taken place, the council was at all times anxious to assist any local body in an effort to beautify the city. He expressed the hope that this was only the first of other such plots, and that in due course similar beds would be planted in other parts of Northcote.

Mr. Dunallan, president of the Horticultural Society, said that he had long hoped to see a rose bed planted in the City of Northcote, and he felt sure that, once established, it would be an added attraction to Northcote. The Horticultural Society, said Mr. Dunallan, appreciated the support received from the council, and was glad to cooperate in the beautification of the city. The variety used for the official planting was an Australian rose, "Golden Dawn," raised in Sydney, and although only in commerce for a year, it had given the utmost satisfaction in England, America and the Continent.

Roses of this variety were planted by the Acting Mayoress (Mrs. David), the Mayor (Cr. Hayes), Crs. Mitchell, Cornish, Oldis, Green, Pinkney, Hughes, and Jones; Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Firth (who is a daughter of the late Cr. Pearl), and Messrs. Dunallan (president), Beattie (secretary), Gibson (treasurer), and Tanner, of the Horticultural Society, and Mr. J. A. Thomson, town clerk.

At the conclusion of the official planting members of the Horticultural Society set to work, and before evening 228 roses had been planted.

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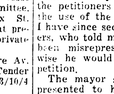

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(GOOD) Brenda Hern

THE LITTLE HOUSE

Of all the dreams that children love
There stands alone
Is the dream about the little house
That is your very own.
It's sometimes built in Treetop Land,
Or in branches brown and wide,
And through the window's leafy frame
You scan the countryside.
Or in some hollow of the rocks
The sandy floor is dry,
And bravely curls the purple smoke
From your fire into the sky,
It may be set on frozen shores,
With a polar bear your friend;
Or a charcoal-burner's tiny hut
In the wood that has no end.
But always it is very small,
And can only just hold two;
The other may be a dog or a child,
Or it may be you.
Just one who will wait at dreamland door,
And who with you when you roam,
To the place where twinkling in the dusk
Your little house calls you home.

(GOOD) Terry Power.

CRIES THE CLOCK

"Tick, tock, tick tock," cries the clock,
"Seize each passing minute;
Take the chance before it goes
To pack some good things in it.
Sixty seconds passing by,
Never more returning;
Do your work, and do it now,
While the light is burning."

(GOOD) Bob Edwards

COBBERS ALL

Cobbers big and small,
Cobbers short or tall,
We are Cobbers all
In the Cobbers' pages.
Come and join our happy band,
Then perhaps you'll understand
Why we've such a merry band
In the Cobbers' Pages.
Uncle Phil leads the crew,
He's a jolly leader, too;
Join up, for we all want you
In the Cobbers' pages.

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in Devon, but not in sea,
My second is in only, but not in me;
My third is in new, but not in bought,
My fourth is in bowled, but not in caught;
My fifth is in France, but not in dance,
My sixth is in Lance, and in trance;
My seventh's in Don, but not in Arthur,
My eighth's in man, also in Martin;
My ninth is in waves, but not in York,
My tenth is in ranch, but not in pork.
My whole name's an Australia knows well,
Answer.—Don Bradman.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

SQUARE WORD

Clues. Adam's wife, pledge, female sheep.

F V E
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(GOOD) M. McIntosh

JOKES

Gentleman: "Say, hurry up! You will be late for school." Tibby: "It's all right, sir; school's open all day."

(GOOD) Allan Love

AN ABSENT-MINDED MAN

I had an absent-minded friend,
He was a comic one;
He simply never did things right.
From dawn till set of sun,
I took him out to tea one day
(That day I'll never forget),
He spread a crumpet on his knees
And munched his serviette.
He ate a glass of lemonade,
He drank a piece of cake;
Then, shutting both his eyes at once,
He murmured, "My mistake."
Said I, "We'd best be going home!"
He couldn't find his hat.
He crammed the milk jug on his head
And walked away in that.
One day he thought he'd cook an egg,
The pot was on the boil;
Said he: "My watch will time it well,
I'll see it does not spoil."
He timed it with the greatest care,
But found, with grief and pain,
The egg was safely in his hand—
He'd boiled his watch and chain.
He had a stick of chocolate,
Which brought his aid disgrace,
For when he went to shave himself
He rubbed it on his face.
His thoughts were far away the while
He rubbed it up and down,
Until he cried: "Great steeplejacks!
This soap has turned me brown!"
Let's hope he washed it off again
And grew a better brain;
I never met the like before
And trust I shan't again.

(GOOD) Brenda Hern

THE LITTLE HOUSE

Of all the dreams that children love
There stands alone
Is the dream about the little house
That is your very own.
It's sometimes built in Treetop Land,
Or in branches brown and wide,
And through the window's leafy frame
You scan the countryside.
Or in some hollow of the rocks
The sandy floor is dry,
And bravely curls the purple smoke
From your fire into the sky,
It may be set on frozen shores,
With a polar bear your friend;
Or a charcoal-burner's tiny hut
In the wood that has no end.
But always it is very small,
And can only just hold two;
The other may be a dog or a child,
Or it may be you.
Just one who will wait at dreamland door,
And who with you when you roam,
To the place where twinkling in the dusk
Your little house calls you home.

(GOOD) Terry Power.

CRIES THE CLOCK

"Tick, tock, tick tock," cries the clock,
"Seize each passing minute;
Take the chance before it goes
To pack some good things in it.
Sixty seconds passing by,
Never more returning;
Do your work, and do it now,
While the light is burning."

(GOOD) Bob Edwards

COBBERS ALL

Cobbers big and small,
Cobbers short or tall,
We are Cobbers all
In the Cobbers' pages.
Come and join our happy band,
Then perhaps you'll understand
Why we've such a merry band
In the Cobbers' Pages.
Uncle Phil leads the crew,
He's a jolly leader, too;
Join up, for we all want you
In the Cobbers' pages.

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in Devon, but not in sea,
My second is in only, but not in me;
My third is in new, but not in bought,
My fourth is in bowled, but not in caught;
My fifth is in France, but not in dance,
My sixth is in Lance, and in trance;
My seventh's in Don, but not in Arthur,
My eighth's in man, also in Martin;
My ninth is in waves, but not in York,
My tenth is in ranch, but not in pork.
My whole name's an Australia knows well,
Answer.—Don Bradman.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

SQUARE WORD

Clues. Adam's wife, pledge, female sheep.

F V E
V O W
E W E

(GOOD) M. McIntosh

JOKES

Gentleman: "Say, hurry up! You will be late for school." Tibby: "It's all right, sir; school's open all day."

(GOOD) Allan Love

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, uncle Phil and the Pets send the heartiest and happiest of birthday greetings to Leslie Walker (Aug. 29), Kevin Jackson (Aug. 30), Muriel Pasco and Henry Ryan (Aug. 31), Mary Power (Sept. 1), Dennis Kohn (Sept. 2), Ruby Kupsch (Sept. 3) and Keith Smith (Sept. 4).

OUR MAIL BAG

2 Simpson St., Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I wish to join the Cobbers. We get the "Leader" every week and I enjoy reading it. I will send in poems next week.

(GOOD) Rita Quinn

Welcome, Rita, to the clubs, and to your contributions soon. Send your address for our Cobbers' Pencil Case, and don't forget to write us.—Uncle Phil.

Did the certificate arrive safely? Welcome to the Pets and U.P.

Bruce Golden.—We have sent your prize and Rose's together. Congratulations on gaining another hundred marks. How are the garden looking? The Pets send love.—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

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 are 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 get your tria 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 boy or a girl. Trias, if original, should be marked "original" in one corner.

HOW PINS ARE MADE

The neat white pin which looks like silver is generally made of brass, and brass has to be made from copper and zinc, which, like all other metals, have to be dug out of the ground. If you saw the brass from which pins are made, you would never think it could be changed into such sharp, bright little things. First of all, the brass must be made into wire. Then the wire is drawn through a wonderful machine which gradually shapes it into pins. When the pins come out of the machine they are still yellow, so they are then put into big tubs filled with shining silver liquid. When they come out of this they are covered with what we call nickel, which makes them look like silver. As soon as they are dried the pins are ready for use. Before this machine was invented it took no less than 14 men to make one pin.

(TRIA) Enid Love.

THE FROG

The frog is green, striped and marked with yellow and black. It is white underneath and the feet are brown and protected by color corresponding to the surroundings. The eyes are big and black, and are encircled with yellow rings. The mouth is large, and the tongue is long and slender, and is covered with a sticky fluid. The forelegs are small and weak, and have four toes each, while the hind legs are large and strong, fitted for leaping and swimming. There are five webbed toes on each hind foot.

(GOOD) Jean Grenfell

THREE CROWS

Farmer Griggs had had some trouble with his sheep. While searching for them he saw an angry crow. The crow attacked him, but he drove it off with his staff. Later on he found her nest with three baby crows in it. He took them home, where they were a "bag of tricks." The first crow learned to talk like a parrot; the second learned to be a jester, and his favorite trick was to pretend to be dead. The third liked to untie people's laces and peck Farmer Griggs' wife's legs. One day a chicken ran into the crows' ground and stole their food. This happened several times until the crows got angry. The chicken tried this thing once too often and was plucked by the crows. It was in such a state that it had to be killed.

(GOOD) Leonard Bushell

THE LOST TEN SHILLINGS

There was once a family who lived in a little hut on the coast of England—a mother, a father and four children. They were very poor and sometimes they would not have anything for their lunch. One day the mother had earned ten shillings and she put it in a drawer for another day. One morning she went to get it to buy the children some bread, but, but when she opened the drawer, to her dismay the money was gone, so there was no breakfast that morning. They all searched for it, but it could not be found.

so the children gave up the search and went to play on the swing which they had made in the wood beside their home. Rose, the eldest, got on the swing, but felt dizzy and stopped it. She got off when she noticed something lying in the sand. She picked it up and found it was the ten shilling note which her mother had lost. She rushed to tell her mother, and how delighted her mother was. They all had a very good lunch as a reward for finding it. But who do you think had put it in such a funny place? Why, the puppy, finding the drawer open, had taken the money and buried it there. When the money was spent they were a poor set. A few days passed in this way, but one day the postman brought a letter to the children. She opened it and gave a cry of delight, for in the letter it said she had inherited fifty thousand pounds from her grandmother, and with it she set up a shop, which gave them enough comfort and money for the rest of their lives.

(GOOD) Albert Stephens

SLIGHTLY INACCURATE

In an essay written by a child on the subject "Kindness to animals" we were glad to find "Feed your horse with horse-radish and horse will be fat. If you want him to grow." Another wrote: "If you are very kind to your cat it will be sorry when you are dead in your grave."

A little girl said: "The Esquimaux are very fond of their reindeer; in fact, they love their reindeer sometimes more than their wives."

But then they are useful to them!" A pupil from a school wrote thus about cruelty: "Water is a liquid, but in winter you can slide on it. In the summer the water little beasts occur in a greater or lesser extent. Even a cruelty of heat cannot kill these curious little animals. Hence some people prefer spirits!" The following startling announcement was seen on the entrance to a photographer's studio in Belgium: "Momentary execution of infants at all hours." And this reminds me of a story I heard, when a friend went to see her grandchild, and greeted her with the exclamation, "Oh, mother Lil! Auntie Laurie came yesterday and took me to the execution!" It sounded gruesome, but "exhibition" was what she meant.

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen

WHAT TREES AND PLANTS GIVE US

I could not tell you half the useful things we get from plants and trees, but let us look round our room and see what things in it came from them. The tables, desks, presses, seats, etc., are all made of wood used in the walls and roof of this schoolroom once grew in the forest. The paper from which you read, and that on which you write, was once a part of a plant. There is not one of us who has not some clothing of cotton, and cotton grows on a plant. The ink you use is partly made from soot, which we get from plants; and the leather of your boots was tanned with the bark of a tree. The cotton thread with which your clothes are stitched was once a part of the stalks of flax; and so were the towels with which we dry our hands and faces. Many of the bright colors of our ribbons and dresses are produced by the dyes made from plants. The India-rubber you clean your drawings with was once the latex of a tree, and the cork of a bottle was at one time the bark of a kind of oak. If it were not for trees and plants we should have no fruit, no honey, no milk, no butter, no bread, no beef, and no mutton. We could not live in houses to live in, with stone doors. We would die if there were no trees and plants, as they are very useful to us.

(GOOD) Leslie Craig.

CONTRIBUTIONS

(Concluded)

THREE JOLLY JUMBOS

"Ha, ha!" said Spi. "Ho, ho!" said Tooth, and he sank down on his back legs and mopped his eyes on a banana leaf. "You needn't laugh," said Chun-San, and he turned sulkily and walked away as far as he could. But Spi and Tooth went on laughing, and about 8 o'clock next morning they stopped and said yes they agreed with Chun San that it was beastly and they hadn't had any sleep that night and they were tired of being elephants and carrying wood, and were going to run away, too. So when he came to undo the tether rope they knocked him over all among the cactus and pretending he was a toad they pretended they were going to make him "pop," but, of course, they didn't really. They ran off all through the jungle. Spi kicked his heels as high as anything, and Tooth and Chun San trumpeted the whole way and they twisted one another's tails, and altogether found life great fun. "We'll never work again," said Tooth next morning. "We'll be free to sculsh water as much as we like and Spi and Chun San said yes in elephant language. But they made a mistake, because the Rajah was waiting round a cactus bush, and he said to his men, "Three elephants! Just what I want!" and next thing our three Jumbos knew they were being marched into the palace grounds. "Wot" mourned Chun San, "I wish we'd stayed in the forest." But next day they didn't. The Rajah came and saw them all and gave them a pail full of dates each. The Rajah said, "These shall be my own special elephants. And so they were. They had satin bed-cloths and when they weren't out with Rajah they were playing squish or eating dates in the palace grounds. This shows how lucky these elephants were.

(GOOD) N. Maidstone.

RHYMING

Dear Uncle Phil, you like to see
Little maidens just like me
Putting all their wits to test
To try and win a credit "Best."
I sit and think for a long time,
Then try to put these thoughts in rhyme:
Sometimes these thoughts they stray away,
So then I go and have a play.
Say, is it right for one so young
To sing of themes that have been sung?
(BETTER) Mary Moylan

AFTERNOON

The soft white feet of afternoon
Are on the shining mead;
The breeze is a pleasant tune,
Among the happy reeds.

(GOOD) J. Power.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

Please enrol me as a member of the COBBERS' CLUB.

Name.....

Address.....

Date of Birthday ..... Present Age.....

29/8/30.

Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week.

Mavis had just seen her new baby brother. "What is his name, Mother?" she inquired curiously. "Baby hasn't got one yet," replied her mother, smiling at the eager face. "Then however did he know he belongs to us?" asked mystified Mavis.

(GOOD) Lorna McLean

He'd Tried It.—"What a nuisance!" said Freddie's father. "This saw I bought yesterday is no good! It would not cut butter!" "Oh, yes, it would, dad," said Freddie. "Why, I cut a brick right in half with it this morning!"

(GOOD) Wilma Price.

Mike: "Did you ever speak before a large audience, Pat?" Pat: "Fairly large, I did, Mike." Mike: "What did you say?" Pat: "Not guilty, your honor."

(GOOD) Rosie Goldstein.

"I thought you objected to you taking holidays alone?" "Oh, that was two years ago." "Then he's changed his mind?" "No; I've changed my husband."

(GOOD) Tommy Craig.

"Two little boys were having a quarrel over the back fence. "Your mother takes in washing," cried one in tones of contempt. "Of course she does," was the response, "you don't think she would leave it out all night when your mother lives next door, do you?"

(GOOD) Jessie Prior.

Bertha: "I don't think you've sown the grass seed properly, daddy?" Daddy: "Why is that, dear?" Bertha: "Well, I've looked all over the soil and I can't find a trace of stitches anywhere."

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn.

"Can you tell me what a novelette is?" "A short story or tale." "Can you give me a sentence with novelette in it?" "As I was coming to school I saw a rabbit with a novelette."

(GOOD) Jean Moylan.

No Favorites.—"Sorry, but you'll have to go round to the main gate." "Oh, but we're the Berrys." "Lady, I don't care if you're the cat's meow, you'll go round to this gate."

(GOOD) Edward Grenfell.

Teacher: "What is the Order of the Bath?" Tommy: "Pa first, then ma, then us kids."

(GOOD) Olive Prior.

Teacher: "You've been in this class for nearly a year and you don't yet know a thousandth part of what I know." Boy: "Well, sir, you've been 30 years in the same class."

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen.

Tim: "I'm very glad I wasn't a rat or a mouse yesterday." Dick: "Why, Tim: "Because it was raining cats and dogs, of course."

(GOOD) Lily Serimes.

Chemist: "Yes, sir, this one bottle of medicine will cure rheumatism." Customer: "How do you know that?" Chemist: "Well, sir, my customers never come back for a second bottle."

Pat: "If you are good I will give you a bright new penny." Willie: "Rather have a dull old sixpence."

(GOOD) Duncan Matheson

Billie: "I've just been having a tussle with the dentist." Jack: "Who won?" Billie: "It ended in a draw."

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen.

"Why aren't you at school, my little boy?" "I stayed at home on account of sickness, sir." "And may I ask who is sick, my lad?" "The truant officer, sir."

(GOOD) Irene Whipp.

Burglar: "The moment is favorable. We can strip the house." Assistant: "Is the housewife away from home?" Burglar: "No, but there is a notice on her door: 'Gone to neighbor's. Back in five minutes'."

(GOOD) Myra Whipp.

"I am a woman of few words," announced the haughty mistress to the new maid. "If I beckon with my finger that means 'Come'." "Quite so, mum," replied the girl. "I am a woman of few words myself. "If I shake my head that means I ain't comin'."

(GOOD) Ruby Kupsch

Joe: "Why do you call your dog Blackspit?" Jim: "Because every time he sees me he makes a bolt for the door."

(GOOD) Thelma Stead

RIDDLES

Why is a horse with a sore neck like next Friday? Because its neck's weak (next week).

Why is the backbone like a serial story?—Because it is continued in our necks (next).

Why is a little lame pup like High street?—Because it is a slope up (slow pup).

R. Hubble

What nodding makes the best cricketer? A good batter.

What part of France is in London?—The letter N.

(GOOD) Howard Jolley.

BELL STATE SCHOOL

At the Bell State School on Friday morning last the mayor of Preston presented an enlarged photograph of the swimming baths and the swimming club in the district. The mayor, who was introduced by the head teacher (Mr. R. O'Brien) said he desired to congratulate the head teacher and staff, the school committee and the Mothers' Club on the progress made since the school was opened less than two years ago. The mayor then handed to Mr. O'Brien the enlarged photograph to be hung in the school hall.

Mr. O'Brien thanked the mayor for the presentation, and said that it would be looked upon with pleasure by both the staff and the committee. He also desired to thank Cr. McPherson for the interest he took in educational matters.

The next presentation, Cr. McPherson said, was one that was won during last summer, being the bronze medallion of the Education Department for swimming and life saving, which he had much pleasure in presenting to Master W. Webber, who was congratulated on his achievement.

The mayor then presented to Gordon Jonas a gold medal which he had decided to present to the boy or girl winning the spelling bee for the Preston district. He desired to congratulate Gordon on his win, and trusted that when the other tests came along Gordon would still be at the top, and continue to bring laurels to the city. (On Friday afternoon at the Helen street school Gordon Jonas won the test for the No. 4 Metropolitan District, and will compete in the final test to be held during show week for the winners from all school districts throughout the State for the "Sun-Pictorial" championship spelling bee trophy).

The secretary of the school committee (Mr. W. H. Webber) said he desired, on behalf of the committee and staff of the school, to thank Cr. McPherson. It was indeed good to have the chief citizen taking such a keen interest in educational matters. He had also to thank the councillors and officers of the council for the courteous manner in which they had always treated requests from the committee. He further took the opportunity of congratulating Mr. O'Brien and his staff on the progress being made. If the children showed respect to their teachers and took pains to do all they were told they would grow up to be worthy and respected citizens.

What has wings but cannot fly?—Roast fowl.

(GOOD) Lily Craig

What river is not mad?—The Seine (sane).

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen.

COMPETITION CORNER

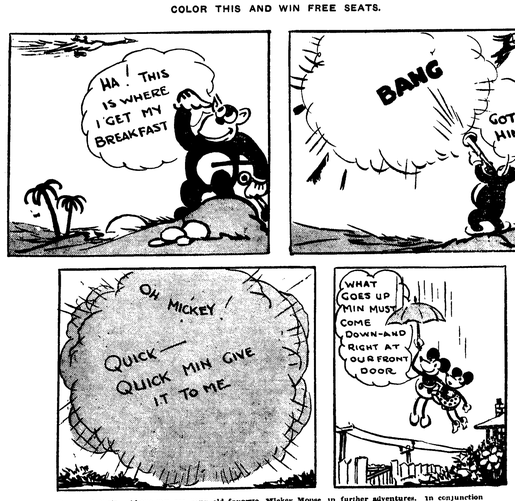
Stories, riddles, catches, puzzles, jokes, short verses, or anything you think will be interesting to the Cobbers' Club should be sent to Uncle Phil, "The Leader," 191 North Uncle Phil, "The Leader," 191 North-st., Northcote. They will be printed and marked Good, Better, Best—Good, 5 points; Better, 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, give the title.

HOW TO JOIN THE COBBERS' CLUB

Fill in the form at the bottom of the page and address to Uncle Phil, the "Leader," High St., Northcote. In due course you will receive a beautiful certificate to say that you are a member of the club. Join now, and tell your friends to join, too.

GOWERVILLE & STAR THEATRES MONSTER MICKEY THE MOUSE COMPETITION.

COLOR THIS AND WIN FREE SEATS.



Boys and Girls,—Above you see your old favorite, Mickey Mouse, in further adventures. In conjunction with the Star and Gowerville Theatres, of Preston, we are commencing a grand new competition. Each week will be published a Mickey Mouse cartoon similar to the above. All you have to do is to color it. You can use whatever you like—crayons, water colors or pencils. To the ten children sending in the best colored cartoons double free admission tickets to the Saturday matinee will be presented. This competition is open to all boys and girls under 14 years of age. Entries must reach this office by Wednesday night, "Leader." Name, address and age must appear on entry.

FOR RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S COMPETITION SEE PAGE 5.

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ROMANTIC CIRCLE

DOUBLE WEDDING

Henderson—McDonald; Hoare—McDonald

The interest which had been evinced in the above event culminated on Saturday, August 23, when two happy couples were married in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Westbourne grove, Northcote, by the Rev. Father Gallivan, P.P., assisted by the Rev. Fr. T. Fitzpatrick. Over 800 witnessed the ceremony. The contracting parties who are well known, were Mr. James Francis Henderson, youngest son of Mrs. Henderson, Victoria parade, East Melbourne, and Miss Mary Josephine McDonald, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McDonald, Mason street, Northcote; and Mr. William Stephen Hoare, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoare Gordon grove Northcote, and Miss Elsie Magdalene (Madge) McDonald, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McDonald, Mason street, Northcote. Miss Josephine entered the church on the arm of her father, whilst her sister was escorted by her brother Jack. As the bridal party entered the Wedding March was played by Miss Lilian Beagley. During the signing of the register Gounod's "Ave Maria" was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Phil Hennessy. Both brides wore long frocks of ivory satin, the hem lines forming long petals, which merged into semi-trains. The first bride wore a beautiful lace veil, lent by the nuns of the Good Shepherd Convent, Abbotsord. Her sister's veil, also of exquisite design, was lent by Mrs. G. Edlin. They carried shower bouquets of azaleas, sweet peas and snowdrops. The bridesmaids for Miss Josephine were her cousins, Misses Josephine Quilter and Doris Green. Their frocks of rose pink and lime green georgette respectively had deep cape collars reaching to the waistline at the back. Large hats of cream lace straw, trimmed with a pink silk rose, and bouquets of sweet peas and heath completed their toilets. The flower girl was little Hilda Anderson, dressed in an ankle length frilled frock of powder blue georgette, and a blue poke bonnet trimmed with forget-me-nots. The best man was Mr. Norman Hoare and the groomsman Mr. Don McDonald. The bridesmaids for Miss Madge were Miss Dorothy McDonald (sister of the bride) and Miss Grace Heron, who wore frocks and hats similar to those of the first party, whilst little Phyllis Hoare, as the flower girl, harmonised with her companion in dress and bonnet. The best man was Mr. Joe Treacy, and Mr. W. Green was groomsman. The reception was held at Normanby Hall, where 80 guests were entertained. Mrs. Henderson's travelling costume was light brown heather tweed, with a close-fitting navy hat. Mrs. Hoare wore a green repp ensemble, with hat to match. The brides' mother wore an ensemble of lido blue woollen georgette, with close-fitting black hat, and carried pansies and heather. Mrs. Henderson, sen., was gowned in black crepe satin, whilst Mrs. Hoare, sen., was attired in a black face cloth costume, relieved with grey fur. Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson, after spending their honeymoon at Hepburn Springs, will reside at Ivanhoe. Mr. and Mrs. W. Hoare, after a sojourn at Marysville, will take up residence at Horsham.

ALLEN—FORBES

On August 16, at the Penders Gve. Methodist Church, Thornbury, the Rev. Williams officiated at the wedding of Mr. Reginald A. Allen, younger son of Mr. J. and the late Mrs. Allen of Northcote, and Miss Ethel Dorothy Forbes, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Forbes, Arcadia. The bride was given away by her father and entered the church in an ankle-length white chiffon georgette gown with long wide sleeves finished with lace and a full skirt over which fell a beautiful lace veil mounted on a white tulle train. Her bouquet was composed of white jonquils, sweet peas, camelias and pink heath. Little Miss Betty Forbes (sister of the bride) was train-bearer, and wore a dainty long pink georgette frock with tiny frills from waist to toes. Misses Pearl Brunette and Nance Thurgood were bridesmaids, and were frocked alike in ankle-length blush pink satin with silver shoes, kid glooves and pink picture hats. Mr. Russel Foard and Mr. John McMahon were best man and groomsman. Wearing a smart black gown and carrying red carnations, Mrs. Forbes received her guests at Normanby Hall, Thornbury, where the breakfast was lavishly and tastefully set out. The catering was in the capable hands of Mrs. Olorenshaw and left nothing to be desired. Immediately after the breakfast the bride room and bride (wearing a navy blue ensemble suit) left on a motor tour to the Grampians prior to taking up their residence in Ivanhoe.

FANCY'S FASHION

GIRLS' PYJAMA SUIT

Every thrifty mother will be keen to provide her small daughter with a pyjama suit such as the one we are illustrating this week. They are quite easy to make, and offer no difficulties whatever, even to the most inexperienced of home sewers, so why not make them yourself? You will enjoy doing so, and at the same time you will be able to have far better quality and appearance for less than half the cost of ready-made garments.

These pyjamas would make up very successfully in flannels or winceyettes if warmth is required, or, if for the warmer months, fuji silks, cotton fuji, cambric, and other similar materials could be used.

3139

The pyjamas illustrated are in the two-piece style—jumper and trousers—the jumper being finished with a neat little rever collar and pockets. The trousers are drawn in at the waist with a cord, or elastic may be used if preferred. The pattern is No. 3139 (price 10½d.), and is cut in sizes to suit girls of 6 to 8, 9 to 11, and 12 to 14 years. Patterns can be purchased from district agents listed in another column of this issue.

YOUTHFUL IDEAS

Aim of Style Parade

Youth is the hub of the revolving wheel of the season's fashion parade. Puff sleeves, fluttering ruffles, succulent chiffons and high waist are gathered to the rostrum of the mode.

This youthful trend is very aptly illustrated by Marion Shilling in Paramount's "Shadow of the Law." A delightful juene fille dinner frock is created in orchid and lavender chiffon with puff sleeves, whilst another model of beige and orange kaska, achieves the suitable brilliance of youth for a semi-sports costume.

ENGLISH DINING ROOM

A distinctly English dining room graces the home of Clive Brook, Paramount's star who will be seen in "Paramount on Parade."

The woodwork is walnut and ebony, and the room is lit by diffused lighting from the walls. The chairs are softly upholstered in pastel tonings, softening somewhat the severity in the treatment of the room.

Only one picture, a beautiful English water color, is on the cream plastered walls, and the long window curtains repeat the colors in the upholstery.

BAQUETTE SEQUINS INTRODUCED

The sequin returns to fashion, but in an entirely new shape.

Cut in the baquette style, that cleverly imitates the shape of modern diamonds, these chic sequins create a gown and wrap of striking effects for Jeanette MacDonald, in Paramount's production, "Let's Go Native." The sequins are silver, and are attached to a base of chiffon that lends the gown the suppleness of satin.

RECIPES

BEETROOT JELLY

Cook two average-sized beets until tender, peel and slice them. Line a mould with the slices, and fill the centre with diced beetroot. Dissolve 2 dessertspoons gelatine in 1½ cups of boiling water, add to it half a cup of vinegar, some salt, pepper and sugar to taste. Pour this over the beetroot and allow it to set.

Chocolate Pudding

Here is an old standby dressed up in a new treatment, which will be found a pleasant dessert. You require ¼ cup butter, 1 cup sugar, yolks 2 eggs, ½ cup milk, 1¾ cups flour, 3 teaspoons baking powder, white 2 eggs, 1½ squares unsweetened chocolate, 1½ teaspoons salt, ½ teaspoon vanilla. Cream the butter, and add one-half the sugar gradually. Beat yolks of eggs until thick and lemon-colored, and add, gradually, remaining sugar. Combine mixtures and add milk alternately with flour mixed and sifted with baking powder and salt; then add whites of eggs beaten until stiff, melted chocolate and vanilla. Bake in an angel cake pan, remove from pan, cool, fill the centre with whipped cream, sweetened and flavored and pour chocolate sauce around.

Chocolate Sauce

Boil one cup sugar, one-half cup water, and a few grains cream of tartar until the consistency of a thin syrup. Melt one and one-half squares chocolate and pour on gradually the hot syrup. Cool slightly and flavor with one-fourth teaspoon vanilla.

Brown Crumpets

Ingredients—Two pounds of brown flour, one ounce of yeast, two and a half pints of milk or water. Method—Let yeast ferment in a little of the tepid milk or water, add it to the centre of the flour, and work all together gradually, then let it rise for forty-five minutes. With an ordinary crumpet measure, pour mixture on to a very hot plate, letting crumpets run and not using rings, and bake until done.

Delicious Tea Crumpets

Ingredients.—Four ozs. of ground rice or cornflour, four oz. of white flour, half a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, one tablespoonful of syrup, milk. Method.—Mix dry ingredients well and then beat in thoroughly syrup and sufficient milk to make a thick batter. Have ready a pan of boiling fat, and put one tablespoonful of batter in at a time. Fry to a golden brown.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

There is an art in covering jam. Dip tissue paper in milk, three pieces, one over the other; it will dry like parchment.

A sheet of grease-proof paper, soaked in vinegar and wrapped round a piece of cheese, will keep it fresh and new for days.

Plaster of Paris mixed with the white of a fresh egg will mend china and numberless other articles in daily domestic use. Work quickly, as the paste rapidly hardens.

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NORTHCOTE NOTES

Ministering Children's League.

The annual combined meeting of junior and associate branches of the Thornbury M.C.L. was held in the Hutton St. school on Tuesday evening, 26th inst., when very satisfactory reports were presented to a full gathering of members and friends. Besides maintaining the cots at the Children's Hospital and the Queenscliff Cottage by the Sea, the league has been able to help many local cases of distress. Short addresses were given by the chairman, Mr. Hall (head master), Mrs. Dobbin, Mrs. Wignall, and Mr. Taylor, of the Junior Red Cross. Mrs. Hosking, associate president, in thanking members and friends for past loyal support, especially mentioned Mr. Melvin, Regent picture theatre manager; Mr. Sidney Smith, our capable M.C.; Mr. Hall and school committee, also the members' husbands who are such willing workers. A good musical programme was rendered by junior members, Mrs. Goodall acting as accompaniste for the evening. The next euchre party and dance will be held in the Thornbury Dispensary Hall on Saturday, September 27.

St. Vincent's Red Cross Auxiliary.

The president (Mrs. J. J. Ryan) and members of St. Vincent's Red Cross Auxiliary are holding their first annual ball on September 9 in the Northcote Town Hall. Dancing will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., and Clarrie Collins' 3LO band will supply the music, while the catering arrangements are in the hands of Mrs. Olorenshaw, of Normanby Hall, Thornbury. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. J. F. Cooper, hon. secretary, or any of the members. An advertisement appears elsewhere.

Northcote C.Y.M. Society.

There was a large attendance at the meeting on Monday last. Mr. T. Howard was in the chair. The secretary reported on the sound financial position. The election of cricket secretary resulted in Mr. D. McDonald being elected A team secretary, and Mr. R. Clancy for the B team. Mr. Hoare spoke of the recent trip to Warburton, where a most enjoyable week-end was spent on the snow-clad slopes of Donna Buang.

Incident on Tram Line.

An accident which might have had much more serious consequences occurred on Rucker's Hill on Saturday morning. A Chev. motor truck was proceeding up the hill, when suddenly one of the front axles broke off short, allowing the wheel to get free. The wheel continued its progress and came to rest on the footpath. At the moment the car was only proceeding slowly and the driver was not injured. A portion of the gear got into the tramway slot and before it could be extricated a crowbar had to be borrowed from a tram, which was forced to stop owing to the obstruction.

Community Singing.

Community singing was held in the small Town Hall on Friday, and was much enjoyed by a large audience. The singing of Mr. R. Turnley was much admired. The audience recalled the singer. Miss Sheridan sang "The Waters of Minnetonka." Miss Beryl Cook captivated the audience with "The Rescue." To a decided encore she responded with "Waiting for the Tram." Mr. Turnley's contribution in the second half was "Lighterman." Miss Beryl Cook brought down the house when she recited "Our New Motor Car." Miss Sheridan sang "Danny Boy" (encore). During the evening the Northcote Professional Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Kost, contributed several selections. In future the evening for community singing will be Thursday, and it will be held in the small Town Hall.

Northcote and Preston Scottish Society.

The last semi-final of the 50 guinea fox trot competition will be held in the large Northcote Town Hall on Saturday night, August 30. Particulars of contestants appear in the advertisement elsewhere in these columns.

Fairfield Notes

Alphair Harmony Club held an enjoyable dance on Saturday night at the Soldiers' Hall, Fairfield. Prizes were awarded for Monte Carlo dances.

Wedding.—A quiet wedding was celebrated on August 20 at St. Paul's C. of E., Fairfield, by Rev. C. Pay, the parties being Miss R. Ellis, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ellis, of Northcote, and Mr. S. Deaville, of Dromana. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a becoming frock of fawn crepe satin relieved with blue, and smart hat to match. A reception was held at the residence of the brode's parents, when occasion was also taken to congratulate the bride's father on his birthday. The young couple intend making their home at Dromant.

Dance to Aid Austin Hospital.—A successful dance in aid of the Austin Hospital was held on Saturday night at Fairfield by the Alphington Tennis Club. There was a large attendance and the committee expect a substantial sum.

REGENT TALKIES

"Disraeli"

Monday's programme brings that splendid picture, "Disraeli," with an English historical theme, with George Arliss, Joan Bennett, Anthony Bushell, Florence Arliss and David Torrence in the lead. In Disraeli's career there was the realisation in fact of the dream which has floated before eyes of many an ambitious youth; a clear proof that there is no eminence to which genius, aided by courage, resolution, patience, industry, and 'happy chance' may not attain. Disraeli appears a grand and magnificent figure, standing solitary, towering above his contemporaries, the man of fervid imagination and vision wide and deep, amid a nation of practical minds, philistine, Puritan-minded; his life at once a romance and a tragedy, but a splendid tragedy; himself the greatest of our statesmen since the days of Chatham and Pitt. "Seven Keys to Baldpate" is the second attraction, in which Richard Dix gives one of the finest performances of his long screen career as Magee, the novelist who meets with many adventures while spending the night in a deserted tavern trying to write a novel. The personality of Dix, the splendid performances of his supporting cast, the thrilling developments of the plot and the mysterious setting for the action, make this film one of the most intriguing offerings.

In "Happy Days," Thursday's feature, all the Fox screen stars have a special role. The story concerns a lovable old trooper, whose friends do not forget him in his hour of need. A sweet and romantic love story is also told during the action of the picture. Lavish settings, gorgeous costumes, colorful ensembles, beautiful girls, spectacular drills, bewildering surprises, new music and catchy songs, side-splitting jokes are included in this all star, all talking musical romance. "The Racketeer" features Carol Lombard and Robert Armstrong in a sensational story. He was a dissipated violinist who had seen better days, and she—a high-born aristocratic girl—loved him with all her heart and soul. Then came a ruthless underworld Czar, and, sweeping all before him, he sought to win her love.

HOYTS MERRI THEATRE

A special matinee for the kiddies has been arranged for Saturday. Tom Mix in "Painted Post" is a story of outdoor life with thrills galore, and Laurel and Hardy are the comedians. A serial episode, comedy and news reel will also be shown.

For Monday, in "Disraeli" intrigue, melodrama and high finance are intermingled in a brilliant story. Geo. Arliss portrays with fidelity the character of the powerful conservative British Premier who, in the face of scoffing and ridicule by his opponents and powerful banking interests, acquired the Suez Canal for England, out-witting Imperial Russia, solidifying the position of England in the Far East, and making Queen Victoria "Empress of India" through his action. Woven through this plot of diplomacy is a charming love story, carried by Anthony Bushell and Joan Bennett. Florence Arliss, the star's wife, plays the lead opposite him as "Lady Beaconsfield." The companion feature is "Seven Keys to Balpate," which has a good cast headed by Richard Dix, Miriam Seegar and Margaret Livingstone. The eerie shadows of Baldpate Inn, the howling of the wind outside, and the ominous sound of seven keys turning one by one in the lock of the tavern door, all create an atmosphere of mystery that rivets one's attention on the screen. The surprise ending of the story is one that even the most imaginative minds will not guess.

"Happy Days," coming on Thursday, has an all-star cast of the leading Fox players with a special chorus and ballet. A romantic and heart-touching story is interwoven through this minstrel show entertainment, yet there is fun in plenty and Victor McLaglen, Janet Gaynor, Chas. Farrell, Ann Pennington and Will Rogers are some of the featured stars. The support is "The Racketeer," which deals with a society girl, Rhoda Philbrook, who, through an indiscreet romance with a musician, falls outside of the pale. She encounters Mahlon Keene, a Czar of the underworld, who helps her and her sweetheart, and then falls madly in love with the girl himself. The machinations of fate are colorful, dramatic and thrilling. In the cast Robert Armstrong, Carol Lombard, Roland Drew and Jeanette Loff.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

In the presence of a large congregation the Rev. S. C. Hedley was inducted as minister of the Presbyterian Church, Rossmoyne street, Thornbury, on the 27th inst. He will commence his ministry on Snuday next, and on Tuesday evening a welcome social will be tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Hadley, to which all friends of the congregation are cordially invited.

ST. GEORGE'S ROAD ASSAULT CASE

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE.

Blood in Pools on Road.

Thomas O'Donnell, a stepson of Walters, gave evidence of the assault. He added : "As Gould drove away he said : 'That's not all your're going to get.' " After the assault there was blood in pools all over the road. (Laughter.)

Gould Gave In When Hit.

Mr. Hoare—Gould gave in when he was hit once?—Yes. (Laughter.)

How do you make that out?—As soon as he was hit he jumped into his waggon and drove away. (Laughter).

Another witness named Ackeroyd also gave evidence.

The Defence.

Mr. Hoare (for Gould) said that Gould was quite innocent of any assault, and what was alleged to be an assault was really a "stand up" fight, in which Walters had got the worst of it. Walters had stepped in when Gould was out on his rounds and bought his business behind his back from his wife. (Laughter.)

The P.M. (sweetly)—Is that provocation for an assault?

"Story Takes Believing."

Mr. Hoare—The story told by Walters is extraordinary and takes a lot of believing. What actually happened was that both men became heated and had a "stand up" fight. Now, having got the worst of it, Walters claims extravagant damages.

"Wife Sold Business Behind His Back."

Gould said—My wife sold my business to Walters when I was out one day. When I got back to the shop I found Walters, who is my brother-in-law, in possession.

Later when I continued my rounds I ascertained that Walters had been telling a lot of lies about me, and on meeting him on August 2 I said : "What lies have you been telling about me?" He said "None."

After a few more words Walters struck me and I said "Is that what you want?" He said "Yes." I said : "Come on then," and we had a fight. After about four blows had been struck, Walters said : "I've had enough," and I stopped.

Struck With Teeth.

Before the fight Walters took his false teeth out of his mouth and he had them in his hand when he bit me on the ear with them. (Laughter.)

Mrs. Rosanove—Did you get wild?—No; I was on the sick list.

Did you tell a Mr. Ackeroyd that if you had a gun you'd shoot them all up?—No. (Laughter.)

You don't need a gun. Yuo're pretty good with your fists?—No.

Are you threatening in your remeanor?—No; I say a lot of things I don't mean.

Your wife has left you. Did you threaten her?—No. They're all out to rob me.

On August 2 were you upset?—No; I got upset. (Laughter.)

A Conviction Recorded.

Gould was convicted and fined £2 for the assault, and he was ordered to pay £4/4/- damages and £3/9/6 costs.

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PRESTON UGLY MAN COMPETITION

HAMPER PICNIC TO DOREEN

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BOXING ACTIVITIES

William Smith, of Preston, lightweight champion of Australia, competed in the weight for weight championship of Australia, which was held on 27th inst. at Morgan's school, Moonee Ponds, the official school of the Weight Lifting Association. The results are not yet to hand.

The other week it was given out that Micky Burns had decided not to enter for the boxing championship. He has, however, been approached for the third time, and there may be a surprise for residents of Preston shortly. He is in training at present, and his trainer is satisfied with his progress.

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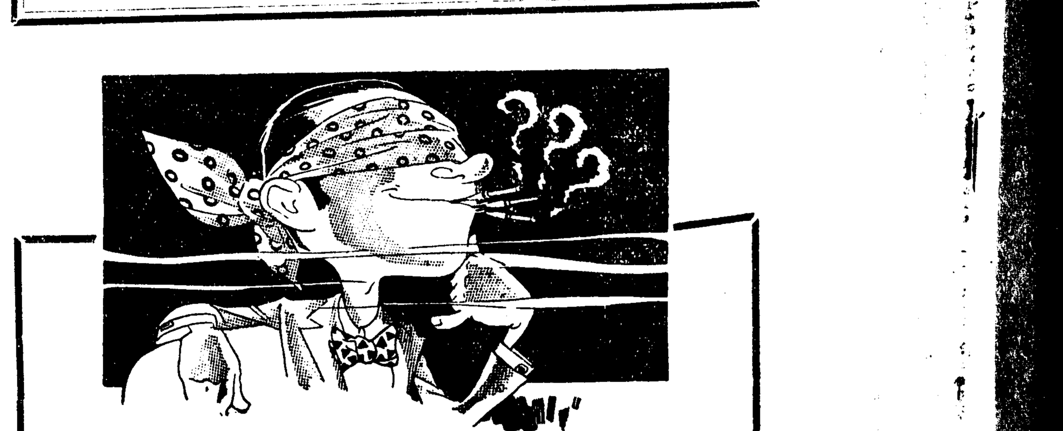

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For the week-end George Bancroft is starred as a self-made man finding his place in society in "Ladies Love Brutes," with a rollicking companion picture, "So Long Letty," in which Patsy Ruth Miller heads a good cast. A Mickey Mouse cartoon will also be shown.

"Disraeli," the year's epic of history, forms portion of Monday's programme. The shrewd and ambitious diplomat—the cunning and intriguing female—the fascinations of a youthful love, budding and blooming—the development of a gripping plot, tense with human reactions and human impulses. All these great dramatic forces blend in this masterpiece of screen entertainment. Disraeli, the wit, the ladies' favorite, the keen

fun with the lovable young fighters behind the lines; glamor and gaiety in war-time Paris, the valhalla of the soldiers wearied with fighting; romance between Buddy and Jean; mystery centering around a beautiful girl spy; the comradeship of man-for-man, and a final great punch scene that will set hearts galloping.

Thursday brings the red-headed Clara Bow in one of the snappiest of comedies, "True to the Navy." She loved the sailors till they all came to port on the same day, and then things happened. Frederic March and Harry Green have the leading male roles. Dorothy Mackaill, Myrna Loy and Ian Keith head the all-star cast of "The Great Divide," which has the wild west for a background. Sioux Indians and desert are the setting of a big city sophisticated flapper who thought she had tasted of every thrill in life, till the kiss of a Western he-man seared her soul. Romance and drama are combined in this colorful feature.

Claudette Colbert, Paramount featured player, was born in Paris, France. She is a decided brunette with large eyes. She is 5ft. 5in. tall and weighs 7st. 5lbs.

Richard Dix, Radio Picture star, who plays the lead in "Seven Keys to Baldpate," a thrilling mystery drama with a surprising ending.

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Yes! Lon Chaney Will Sing.

"Maybe I'll fool 'em—and sing." So remarked Lon Chaney when he signed his contract to talk at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. And now he's singing. The "Man of a Thousand Faces" sings "Sweet Rosie O'Grady" in "The Unholy Three," his first talkie. He does it, however, in the squeaky voice of a ventriloquist's dummy, as part of his "act" in the picture, in which he plays the sinister "Professor Echo."

The new picture is a drama of a sideshow ventriloquist, midget and giant, who played the midget in the original silent version some years ago,

appears in his old role. Lelia Lee is the heroine and Elliott Nugent the romantic lead in the new picture, which Jack Conway is directing. Though the idea of Chaney singing caused some surprise around the studio, Chaney says he does not see why it should, as for many years on the stage he sang as a musical comedy comedian.

Chaney has gone into the building business in a large way. He is building a new home in Beverly Hills, and at the same time is building himself a fishing lodge in the high sierras for his vacations. Life is just one architect after another for him.

(News of the death of Lon Chaney from pneumonia has just been reported.)

"From Fifty On" will be the title of a book Marie Dressler plans to write some day, as a companion piece to her earlier work "The Life Story of an Ugly Duckling." "I am far happier to-day than I was in my struggling youth," stated the comedienne recently. "I am firmly convinced that nine people out of ten lose eventual happiness because they forget to prepare, mentally and financially, for the road down hill." The buxom Miss Dressler is co-starring with Polly Moran in a new vehicle for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, directed by Chuck Reisner.

Buster Keaton, preparing to film "Forward March," a new army comedy at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, is brushing up in military drill a bit. He hasn't done the manual of arms since he mustered out after the armistice. In fact, he's sworn never to drill again—but Fate was against him this time. And how he hates drill.

World's Music Centre.—Hollywood Takes First Place.

Hollywood is seen as the future popular music centre of the world by Richard A. Whiting, noted composer of such melodies as "Japanese Sandman" and "Till We Meet Again," who bases his contention on the fact that most of the popular music of the future will be written for motion pictures.

"The hit songs of to-day are practically all from musical shows of the stage or screen," says Whiting. "The films, because of their immeasurably larger audience range, are a far better medium than the stage for introducing popular melodies."

Whiting, who achieved fame as a writer of stage musical comedy songs and ballads prior to migrating to Hollywood, recently composed the many catchy numbers for "Safety in Numbers," Charles (Buddy) Rogers' latest Paramount musical film.

Undersea Talkie.—Special Cameras On Ocean Bed.

Having long since ventured successfully into the air, sound photography has extended its conquest of the elements to the bottom of the ocean. A new motion picture camera, able to operate at great pressure in synchrony with sound recording apparatus, has proved successful in action. The equipment was designed and perfected by the camera department of Paramount's Hollywood studios for use in making "The Sea God," a story told partly on the floor of the ocean, which features Richard Arlen and Fay Wray.

Although electrically controlled from the deck of a tender vessel, it is operated on the ocean's bed by a cameraman, who works in a diver's suit. Through a specially perfected system, similar in principle to the sights of a rifle, he is able to gauge his manoeuvring of the camera to cover the action at all times.

A square bronze box protects the camera from the water. In the front of the box is a glass porthole through which the action is photographed. The water-proof encased microphone is suspended alongside the camera and just out of view of the lens.

"The Sea God" is now in production on a small island off the coast of Southern California, under the direction of George Abbott. Supporting the principals in the film are Eugene Pallette, Robert Gleckler, Maurice Black and Ivan Simpson.

Influence of Color—Enables Realistic Acting.

Although varying tones of grey are the only colors to be reproduced in the black and white films, each motion picture setting is painted in natural colors by the art department solely to make the actors feel comfortable.

That information comes from William Saulter, art director at Paramount's New York studios, who is at present supervising the construction of settings for "Animal Crackers," the Four Marx Brothers' next Paramount screen musical.

"It would be a lot easier and just as effective photographically if all interiors were painted in varying tones of grey," he explains, "but it has been found that, without exception, actors become stilted, uncomfortable and unable to remember their lines when they are put into colorless surroundings. So we use tints such as they ordinarily would see about them in real life."

The Four Marx Brothers' new Paramount screen musical comedy, "Animal Crackers," which has just gone into production in New York, is adapted from their stage success of the same name. Lillian Roth has been assigned the leading feminine role, and the supporting cast will include members of the original stage production.

Radio Creates Entire Island for Talkie.

A coral beach dotted with towering palmettoes, papaya and bread fruit trees, swept by a typical Honolulu bay surf, was created in realistic detail on the mammoth Radio Picture sound stages 9 and 10 in Hollywood. Finding it impracticable to go to Hawaii for certain scenes in "Leather-necking," the company brought Sandwich Island scenery and backgrounds to the studio. The sea, which occupies approximately two acres, was designed by Max Ree, RKO art director. Thirty technicians worked two weeks in the construction. "Leather-necking" adapted from the stage hit "Present Arms," and has an all-star cast which includes Irene Dunne, Ken Murray, Eddie Foy Jun., Louise Fazenda, Benny Rubin, Lilyan Tashman and Ned Sparks.

25,000 Miles Covered in Filming "The Stalwart."

One hundred players and technicians left Los Angeles on a special train bound for a score of middle western cities between Butte, Mont., and Chicago, to photograph the Radio Pictures' spectacular railroad story, "The Stalwart." Louis Wolheim, Jean Arthur and Robert Armstrong are featured in the production, adapted from an original story by James Ashmore Creelman. George B. Seitz, director, left with an advance party for Butte. In addition to scenes never before shown on the talking screen, the film will show operation of a huge railway system from top to bottom. More than 25,000 miles will be covered by the troupe. Locations showing virtually every type of scenery in the United States will be filmed. Revolutionary methods in both photography and sound recording will be applied. Karl Struss, noted cinematographer,

John Gilbert, Eleanor Boardman, Conrad Nagel and Renee Adoree are the principals in Gilbert's outstanding Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture "Redemption," from the famous Tolstoi play.

will be in charge of the camera. Clem Portman, recordist and inventor, will initiate new sound equipment, including the newly developed RKO Boom microphone, which is selective and directional. Hugh Herbert, writer and director, will direct dialogue, assisted by Allen Fagan, New York stage director. Myles Connolly is associate producer.

H. B. Warner, well known Warner Bros. player, who recently appeared in "The Gamblers," insists upon being London tailored. He has a standing order with a London tailor, who sends him a new suit on the first of every month.

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On Monday "Vengeance" is a vivid drama of Africa well performed by Jack Holt and Dorothy Revier. Interest in the story centres about a group of people in an isolated trading post in West Africa. Tolstoi's poignantly tragic drama of the Russian officer who, lured by the nomadic call of gipsy ancestry, deserts his wife and family to find repentance too late when he returns, is the vehicle for John Gilbert's new all-talking picture, "Redemption." The cast also includes Renee Adoree, Conrad Nagel and Eleanor Boardman.

During the unfolding of the delightful love story that threads its way through the plot of "Happy Days," the all star, all talking musical romance that will be screened on Thursday next, more than 20 specialties are introduced by the 100 entertainers featured in the picture. Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell have an entrancing number, Victor McLaglen and Edmund Lowe are heard in another. Most prominent among the others are Will Rogers, William Collier, Sr., Walter Catlett and Marjorie White. Robert Armstrong also appears in the "Racketeer."

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For the week-end commencing on Thursday, September 4, the popular Chas. (Buddy) Rogers will appear in the Paramount all-talking feature, "Young Eagles." Fascinating Jean Arthur keeps the heart interest at a high pitch, but the story itself is an intense human story about war-time aviators in France, and is built on the novel theme of the affection and friendship which springs up between two enemy aces (Chas. Buddy Rogers and Paul Lucas). Monte Blue in "Skin Deep" is the other attraction showing with "Young Eagles."

On Monday week, September 8, at these theatres there will be shown on the same programme two William Fox specials in "The Sky Hawk," featuring Reginald Dandy (who will be remembered here for his work in the "Rose Marie" company), and "Words and Music," an all-talking, singing, dancing and musical revue with a huge cast headed by Lois Moran.

Feminine styles of 1930, with long skirts and moulded to the lines of the body, had their counterpart in the style of one hundred years ago, according to Vivienne Segal, opera prima donna. She turned motion picture star in "Bride Of The Regiment," a First National all technicolor romance. "Women of that time," said Miss Segal, "were gay and attractive, and dressed in keeping with their lively personalities. Evening dresses were more daringly decollete than they are now. The short sleeve, now gaining popularity, was a favorite in those days. I have a splendid opportunity to wear some very beautiful gowns in 'Bride of the Regiment.' " The story is based on the play "The Lady Of The Rose."

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The desert shots with sound, sight and natural color cameras which make up an impressive part of "Under A Texas Moon," Warner Bros.' outdoor technicolor picture recently completed, were made in the face of a multitude of difficulties. It was not the extreme heat, which reached 120 deg. on the location, which caused all the trouble—not the arid atmosphere and the consequent loss of twenty pounds of flesh by Frank Fay, the featured player of the picture—not the wind that blew in gales at times and whistled in the microphones—not the cactus that various members of the cast sat or stepped on—not the dust, nor the sand, nor the fear of rattlesnakes. The thing that hindered most of the Vitaphoning of the scenes in the great Californian deserts was the more or less constant stream of aeroplanes that made the desert skies their highway. It at last became necessary to work only between air schedules.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

(By "Observer.")

Australia and England.

At the moment there are two men's names on the lips of various sections of people in Australia and England. Don Bradman is acclaimed the cricket hero of the century, his team having easily beaten the Motherland, proving that sport is a young man's game when it comes to a test between countries. The Australian, in sport and war, can hold his own with the next man, no matter what countryman. He can also go the pace and live up to what he is making. That is the reason why the name of a man from England is very much mentioned at present. Sir Otto Niemeyer, representing the largest banking institution in the world (the Bank of England), has created a stir at the extreme end of life to what Bradman is doing. He has undertaken the task of setting a young nation right by going through the accounts and telling the people what they have to do, much the same as a father does when he brings his sons up with a round turn when he discovers that they have exceeded the limit of their allowance.

The people are blaming the various Governments for the past 15 years for the financial mess that the country is in, but the people are equally to blame, for they have been, like Oliver Twist, "asking for more" every year in the way of borrowed money to supply ease and comfort. Our credit having stopped, the Big Banker tells us to borrow less, pay our debts, work more, produce more per head and lessen the cost of primary production. By this means Australia will be in a position to compete with foreign markets, without which our surplus wool, wheat, butter, cheese and fruit will be useless. When commodities are produced cheaply, people can live cheaper, consequently when they get a lesser wage it will go as far in proportion as what they are getting now.

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Rationalisation.

Now that trade and finance are on a lower level in Australia and other countries than previously, ways and means are being adopted to stem the tide, and the word "rationalisation" is being used to express what is being used to express what is being done. It is a translation of a German word, implying the idea of combination of business to secure efficiency. In the words of one of its prominent British exponents, it is "the marshalling of the technical, commercial, and financial forces of an industry to secure efficiency in manufacture, and economy in production and selling costs, scientific control being applied to the industry as a whole, instead of merely to individual works." It implies the scrapping of out-of-date plant, the best possible management and joint research. The field for rationalisation in farming itself is limited, as experience shows that attempts at large-scale farming, comparable with large-scale industrial establishments, are uneconomic. At the same time there is much improvement to be effected in grading and marketing. It is notorious that much activity in this direction and transport is inefficient, duplicated and loaded with unnecessary overhead costs. In the words of Sir Otto Niemeyer, "We must concentrate on reducing costs of production."

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THOUGHTS.

(By "Mernda")

I am wondering, Mr. Editor, when this fair State of Victoria will wake up and take steps to put things in order, so as to give our splendid country a chance to progress as it should. Among other matters retarding our progress are our system of legislation, both Federal and State, and our railway services. Until we do away with the detestable party system we will not have the success that we should have in our politics. Personally, I am every time for elective ministries, and thus stay the constant fighting between the ins and the outs. By elective ministries, elected by the people as a whole for the term of the parliament, thus giving peace for the term of the sessions, and as they acted in their positions, so would they be rewarded when applying for re-election. Another factor for contentment would be that all classes would be represented on an elective ministry, and this would be another factor in its favor.

Re the railways, we are worse than mad to go on as we are, piling up the agony when we could sell them to better advantage for all concerned. They may pass as many transport bills as they like and bolster up the railways by special taxation, but in the end it will all be of no avail, as the motor traffic has come to stay. Its flexibility is bound to prevail in the end. True, special legislation may for a time retard it, but it will be a case of the survival of the fittest. It speaks wonders for the State of Victoria that but for the incubus of the railways in these depressed times it would have been in a good position.

I say let us tackle our financial obligations in a business-like manner, and that will never be the case by special legislation, which, after all, is only a robbing Peter to pay Paul policy. Millions of pounds can be saved by judicious retrenchment, but under the party system of Government that will not come as pressure by party organisations will be constantly exercised, no matter what party is in power.

It has been puzzling me, Mr. Editor, in my thoughtful moments as to whether our long-suffering over-taxed friends, the rank and file of the nation, ever realise that all this additional taxation means in every case an added burden for him to carry, for as sure as the sun rises each additional tax levied will be passed on until that long-suffering person, the final taxpayer, is reached. 2½ per cent. sales tax means 2½ per cent. more cost to the producer—not much chance of reducing the cost of production by such methods or bringing the cost of living down. One of the most temperate addresses I have read on the above matter is that given by Mr. Macfarlane, the member for Brighton in the Assembly. To show sincerity you want to begin at the head and gradually work down. No doubt in these times of stress, starvation and want a 10 per cent. reduction on all Government salaries for a year would have done a lot to balance the ledger for this year, but the aim seems to be all the time not to do that, and all pleas of economy are futile and insincere unless you are willing to bear your share of the burden owing to the depressed state of everything at present. We all have to curtail our expenses, and that being the case, why should not those with regular and safe salaries bear their share. I am certain that my income will be less by nearer 25 per cent. than 10 per cent. this year. Yet the result is this. I have to do without extras and can still give a little to assist others. We badly need a Sir George Turner or a Sir Thomas Bent at the helm now. If we had we would have a very different outlook, for after all, sir, this depression is only temporary, and will soon pass away. I would like to see our railways on a proper business footing. I see by a correspondent in "The Age" the other day that they are over-capitalised to the extent of £16,000,000, and the sooner they are de-capitalised the better for the State and the railways. It is all bunkum to bolster them up by transport laws, as it is certain that if we don't go with the times the times won't go with us, and the cheaper transport we have the better chance to compete with others. The flexibility of the motor traffic makes it impossible for the railways to compete with it in many lines, and after all Victoria's deficit is largely the railway deficit. I without hesitation say in the interests of my much-loved native country, sell the railways and we will have on the whole better service, and certainly will have a very great incubus lifted off this splendid State of Victoria. Not every time there is a failure in the wheat, wool or butter. A strenuous cry either for drastic legislation to bolster our railways up and spoon feed them by special legislation that will retard the progress of the State.

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