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MOTOR PATROL'S MIDNIGHT DASH

ATTEMPT TO ROB PRESTON GARAGE.

Four Arrests Made.

On hearing a suspicious noise outside his garage on Thursday evening, Mr. Rayner phoned the police. In response to the call No. 1 Patrol in the "Grey Streak" rushed to the scene at 50 m.p.h., arriving in four minutes. They arrested a man and woman and later on two men at Brunswick.

Receiving a call to go to Rayner's garage in Bell street, Preston, early on September 25, the motor patrol reached the garage within four minutes, after covering a distance of something like three miles.

At about 1 a.m. on the date mentioned, Mr. Rayner, a member of the firm of Rayner Bros., heard a noise outside the garage. He immediately called police headquarters, and armed with a revolver went outside to prevent the intruders from escaping by the back door.

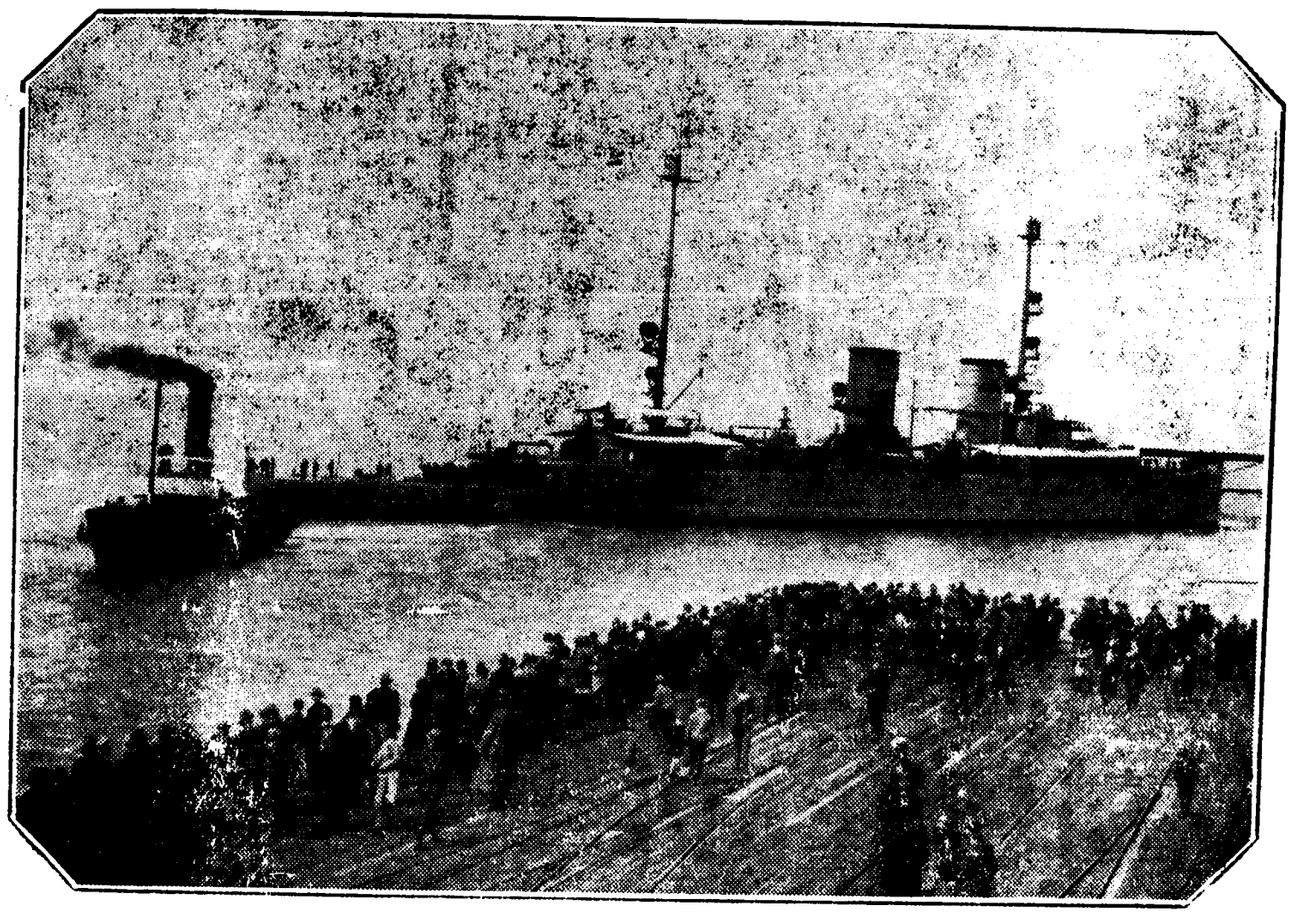
The patrol wasted no time arriving, and Plainclothes Const. Donnelly and Guider went ot the rear door, with the intention of searching the premises. On approaching the door one of the constables fell over a barbed wire fence, and the noise disturbed two men who ran out of the building and escaped. In a lane nearby however, the police discovered a car in which there was a man and a woman. The driver tried to start the engine, but the police got there before he could do so.

Members of the patrol questioned these two, and later visited a house in Brunswick. No one was then there but later Const. Guider who waited at the place arrested two men.

Later George Lewis, aged 33 years, of Chaleyer St., Preston; Ernest Leithead, aged 22 years, a bill poster, Owen St., West Brunswick; Allan Chadwick, aged 28 years, a motor wheel worker, Donald St., Brunswick; and Ida Chadwick, 38 years, home duties, were each charged with attempting to break into the garage of Rayner Bros., with intent to steal.

The story of the capture was told at the Preston court on Thursday, when the four accused were committed for trial at the Supreme Court. Bail was fixed at £100 each.

NETHERLANDS SQUADRON IN PORT.



The photograph shows the arrival at Prince's Pier of the Dutch cruiser Java, flagship of the Netherlands East Indies squadron. The destroyers Evertsen and De Ruyter berthed later.

(Pictures by courtesy of the "Argus" Melbourne.)

HUSBAND SUED FOR MAINTENANCE ARREARS.

THE GUILLERNE'S AT PRESTON.

At Preston court on Thursday Esther Guillerne proceeded against her husband, Victor Peter William Guillerne, of Yarra St., Richmond, for £7/15/- arrears of maintenance. He was also called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for failing to find a surety of £40 to comply with the maintenance order

"Not Paid Anything."

Mrs. Esther Guillerne said—Since the order was made in September last my husband has not paid me anything.

Cross-examined—We have been married for 12½ years and there are three children. We have only been parted for 10 weeks on Saturday next.

Mr. Cullity (for Guillerne)—He has expressed a wish to return?

"Too Many Promises."

The wife—He has made too many promises before for me to consider any he makes now.

Mr. Cullity—If you give him time you might come together.

The wife—He would leave the State.

Mr. Cullity—It is a long way to walk. (Laughter.) Your husband is a builder?—Yes.

This morning did you not practically agree to accept his offer to return to you?—I couldn't do that. He couldn't prove himself in 10 weeks.

You don't want him to go to gaol?—No.

Prior to the separation he always maintained you?—Not as he should.

What security could you get?—I have pleaded with him to put the children on the State, and he refused.

He has told you he had a prospect of getting work?—Yes. He said he was going to get work for certain, but he didn't give me any money.

You won't have him back?—No; no at present.

How long do you think it should take him to prove himself?—Six months at least.

Mr. Cahir (for the wife)—Did he say anything about work at Deniliquin?—Yes. He said he had three years' work there.

Did you go to Bentleigh?—Yes, and I saw him arm in arm with another woman.

Mr. Cahir—That was how he was working at Deniliquin. (Laughter.)

The wife—I asked him why he wasn't at Deniliquin, and he said "I've been there and have come back."

Mr. Cahir—Did he say anything about what he would do if you got an order?—Yes. He said he would go to gaol or leave the State.

Will you return to him?—Yes, if he proves himself. If he behaves himself for six months and supports me, I will, for the sake of the children, take him back.

Mr. Cahir—We will agree to an adjournment if some assurance is given that support will be given to the wife.

Husband is "Broke."

Mr. Cullity said Guillerne was "broke," and could not get any work. He had some prospects of getting something to do. Guillerne was anxious to return to his wife, and the main thing preventing the reunion was the financial stringency.

Mr. Cahir—This man is alleged to have stated he would sooner go to gaol than pay anything for his wfie's support.

An Order Made.

Mr. Walker, J.P., said that an order would be made that defendant be imprisoned until the arrears (£7/15/-) were paid, a stay of 14 days being granted. In respect to the surety the bench ordered that in default of finding the surety Guillerne be imprisoned for three months.

MERNDA

Vigorous criticism was levelled at the Whittlesea Shire Council at a meeting of the Progress Association on Monday night owing to the council not taking action in removing the flood waters from Cheapside lane. It was decided to ask the council to receive a deputation of residents to consider suggestions for expediting the work of removal. It was also decided to ask Mr. J. G. Orgill, president of the association, to nominate for the vacancy in the council caused by the ousting of **Evan McDonald.**

Mr. C. E. H. Brownhill, who so worthily held the seat for several years, is also being pressed to allow himself to be nominated.

The annual meeting of Mernda Tennis Club will be held on October 7, when officers for the coming year will be elected.

Jack Buchanan, featured with Jeanette MacDonald in Ernest Lubitsch's new production for Paramount, "Monte Carlo," is one of London's favorite musical comedy stars.

PRESTON COURT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Before Messrs. O. A. Walker, T. J. McMahon and C. W. Hooper, J'sP.

False Pretences Alleged.

Manuel Roy Leigh Alberry, a builder, was charged at Preston court with having, between March 15 and May 22, by means of false pretences, representing himself as W. G. Alberry, he obtained from David Henshaw, timber and building materials to the value of £133/17/2, with intent to defraud.

The case came before the court on September 25, and after voluminous evidence had been taken, the hearing of the case was adjourned. It again came before the court on Thursday.

After hearing the evidence Alberry was committed for trial at the Supreme Court on October 15. Bail was fixed at £200.

Offensive Noise.

Herbert Boyle, of Epping, was charged that on July 20 he allowed his motor car to emit an offensive noise in High St.

Traffic Const. Cunningham said that the noise could be heard from a distance of 300 yards. The silencer on the truck was broken. Boyle said: "I am only the driver of the vehicle."

Fined £1.

Maintenance Order by Consent.

Ethel May Snodgrass, Etnam St., Preston, proceeded against her husband, Kennett John Snodgrass, of Little Mountain St., South Melbourne, asking for an order for maintenance.

Mr. Cahir appeared for the complainant and by consent an order was made that defendant pay his wife 27/6 per week, that he find a surety of £25 to comply with the order, and that he pay £2/8/- costs.

Vehicles Driven Over Footpaths.

P. Kelly, Cooper St., Preston, charged with having driven a motor truck across a slab footpath in Queen St. on September 16, was fined £2, with 2/6 costs.

Inspector J. O. Iles prosecuted in these cases for the City of Preston.

Others also fined for similar offences in various streets were—A. Porter, High St., Preston; W. McCubbin, Devon St., Preston; W. Rexter, Dennis St., Northcote; and E. Guthrie, Stewart St., Preston.

One of these men, when told the fine would be £2, said "Or how long?"

Mr. Walker—You want a stay.

Defendant—Things are so bad that I'll be out of my wages for some time at 5/- or 6/- a day. Anyhow, the police can pick me up down at Northcote if they want to.

C. Read was charged with having driven across the footpath cnr. Gregory Gr. and Plenty road.

Read said that he was carting sand to place it on a council dump, and the council foreman had told him to drive over the footpath at the point where he had done so.

The case was withdrawn at the suggestion of the bench.

R. B. Turney, Bell St., Preston, who drove a milk cart along Powell St., was fined £2, with 2/6 costs.

No Light.

D. Block, Harold St., Thornbury, who drove a milk cart without a light in the early morning of September 16, was fined £3, with 2/6 costs.

Vehicles Pass Stationary Trams.

T. Hewitt, Goe St., Caulfield, was charged that on Sepetmber 18, in Plenty road, he drove a motor car past a stationary tram car whilst passengers were boarding or alighting.

Action was taken in this case under a by-law of the City of Preston.

Inspector O'Doherty said that he saw defendant's truck, going at a speed of over 20 m.p.h., pass a stationary tram whilst two people were about to get on to the tram.

The chairman said—This is a very dangerous practice, and we are only sorry the by-law is not uniform in all suburbs.

Fined £2, with 2/6 costs.

On a similar charge H. Brown, Heidelberg road, Ivanhoe, was also fined £3, with 2/6 costs.

Stepson Charged With Housebreaking

Frederick Webb, 19 years, was charged that on September 12 he broke into the house of Ernest Taylor and stole a suit of clothes, an electric torch and £1/10/- in money, to the total value of £7/10/-

Ernest Taylor, foreman of the Preston City Council, said that he missed the goods mentioned from his house on September 14. Later he identified his suit and other goods in the hands of the police. Webb is his stepson.

Det. W. Campbell said on September 26 he saw Webb in Flinders St., and asked him where he got the suit he was wearing. After some questioning he said "I pinched the suit from my stepfather.' Asked where he had been living he said "I've been sleeping in railway carriages." In a statement he admitted having watched his mother "plant" the key, and then he used it to enter the house, where he obtained a suit, a torch and about £1/5/- in money.

Webb was committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

DISTURBANCE AT FOOTBALL MATCH.

SPECTATOR STRIKES PLAYER.

FINED £5.

As a sequel to a disturbance at a football match on August 16 Ray Bassett, otherwise Roy Bassett, appeared at the Preston court on Thursday, charged that on August 16 he behaved in an offensive manner at a football ground, known as Hutton's paddock.

Bassett pleaded "guilty under provocation."

General Fight.

Sgt. Lang said that during a football match Bassett, who was a spectator, rushed on to the ground and assaulted a player. The result was a general fight.

Walter O'Doherty said he was at the match and saw Bassett run 80 yards on to the ground and make a "swipe" at a player. The player turned round and the blow cut his eye open. A general fight then ensued.

Gave Himself Up.

Sgt. Lang said that a warrant was issued for Bassett's arrest and he gave himself up.

"Struck First in Self Defence."

Bassett said a fight started and he went and looked on. He was struck and struck back in self defence.

Sgt. Lang—The whole scene was disgraceful. There were 40 or 50 in the fight.

Fined £5 in default a month's imprisonment.

The fine was paid.

Misunderstood

Driven From Home

Tompkins and his wife had been having the worst quarrel of their married life. Pots, pans, and dishes were flung one after the other at his head. As the water jug hit him on the ear, Tompkins came to the conclusion that he could stand it no longer. He rushed upstairs and packed his bag. "Where are you going?" snapped Mrs Tompkins as he opened the front door. "I'm leaving," he said, "and I'm never going to come back. Woman, your bitter tongue has ruined two lives. We will never meet again. I wish I were dead!" Mrs. Tompkins suddenly looked thoughtful. "That reminds me," said she, "have you paid your life insurance premium yet? It's due!"

A Ben Turpin comedy and "Intolerance" comprised Clive Brook's motion picture education when he appeared before a film camera for the first time six years ago.

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EDWARD EVERETT HORTON

The Ace of Fun-makers in a comedy that breaks the Non-Stop Laugh Records.

THE AVIATOR THE AVIATOR

Children Not Admitted.

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The SCREEN and its STARS

HOW NOT TO LAUGH

Have you ever attended a dignified gathering when the hostess dropped a plate of soup into the lap of her most dignified guest? Did you succumb to that overwhelming desire to laugh?

For the ability to keep one's face immobile under such trying circumstances, we know of no one whose advice we'd rather take than that of Buster Keaton, the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star of "Free and Easy," and "Forward March," who has never been known to laugh in pictures. How does he do it? We will let him tell.

"When working on a picture," says Keaton "and a humorous gag or episode is performed, I keep thinking of the multiplication table. Regardless of what may happen my thoughts are centred upon the fact only that three times three make nine, three times four make twelve, three times five make fifteen, and so no. Multiplication tables are not funny. Hence, by thinking of them I avoid laughing."

"It may be," Keaton continues, "that this scheme will not work for everyone. As for me, the unhappiest period of my life, the memory of which is ever green, is my early childhood when my masters first attempted to teach me arithmetic. My mind never was nor is mathematically inclined. Multiplication tables do recall sad experiences, whippings, dunce caps, and a degrading sense of my mathematical inferiority. For me the unfunny effects of arithmetic will sadden any situation."

HOLLYWOOD'S MIXED WEATHER.

No Fault of Weather Man.

There is supposedly only one kind of Hollywood weather, but conditions on the Warner Bros.' lots and locations seem to indicate otherwise.

While Dolores Costello and company, making "Hearts in Exile" in a Russian snow scene, perspired in fur and woollens, several hundred extras playing the part of Hindus in the great indoor and outdoor temple sets of "The Green Goddess" shivered in their scanty draperies.

While the John Barrymore company made an impressive outdoor sequence of "General Crack," which is showing at the Star and Gowerville on Monday, September 29, hoped for the usual sunshine of southern California for its natural color sequences, the Pauline Frederick company, making English exteriors for "Evidence" would have chosen fog to simulate English weather.

The "Song of the West" company like sunshine when on location and cool weather when indoors, because that picture, being taken in all-colors, demands much light, and consequently much heat.

The hot Russian must pretend to be cold and the chilly Hindu must bask in an imaginary tropical sun. The ladies of the Barrymore set must fan regardless of temperature, while Ted Lewis and company, making "Is Everybody Happy," is popularly supposed to be able to regulate the temperature by the tempo of their music.

RKO'S "BEAU GESTE" SEQUEL.

"Beau Ideal," a sequel to "Beau Geste" by the same author, Percival Christopher Wren, has been bought by RKO and will be directed by Herbert Brenon.

What Stars Can't Do.

The stars can't always do the things they want to do. Almost every little daily action of their lives is governed in some way by the contracts they have signed with their producing companies. For instance, Irene Delroy, a famous little dancing star of the Broadway stage, when signed up by Warner First National for the leading role in "Oh, Sailor, Behave" was positively forbidden to ride—and Irene is crazy about riding. When she first came out to Hollywood from New York she anticipated long rides in the hills surrounding Hollywood, but the powers that be said "No"—and Irene had to submit to their dictates. You see, if anything should happen to the beautiful understandings of the feminine lead while a film was being made, it would mean the loss of goodness knows how many pounds while production was held up.

Exclusive to "THE LEADER."

"COMMON CLAY" Shapes Fate.

Social Problems Solved in Fearless Fashion as Picture Unfolds

Constance Bennett

CAN an unmarried mother hope for justice from our "best people?"

Who are our "best people?"

Can a girl who has made a mistake ever rehabilitate herself?

These are some of the absorbing questions that are fearlessly answered in "Common Clay," Victor Fleming's remarkable production for Fox Movietone, featuring Constance Bennett and Lew Ayres, for early general release.

Closely following Cleves Kinkead's noted Harvard prize play in its theme and story, the screen version is said to be even more gripping and dramatic than the original. Miss Bennett enacts a role that will carry her to certain stardom.

The story centres around a pleasure-loving girl who takes a job in a speak-easy because of the gaiety and music she craves. When the establishment is raided, she sees the dangers of the path she is following and abandons the bright lights for a position as a maid in a fashionable home. Here, however, she finds herself subject to the same unwelcome attentions and eventually falls in love with the young heir of the house, played by Lew Ayres, who betrays her.

Her subsequent efforts to secure justice for herself and her child, with the unexpected turn of events at the climax, form a basis for one of the most interesting screen offerings of recent months. Miss Bennett's work as the girl is acclaimed by critics as a triumph of audible films. A distinguished cast, including Tully Marshall, Beryl Mercer, Hale Hamilton, Purnell B. Pratt, Natty Kemp and other favourites, enact prominent roles.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE

To-night and Saturday the thrilling mystery of "The Benson Murder Case" is solved by Philo Vance (William Powell). A roaring comedy of the air, "The Aviator," featuring Edward Everett Horton and Patsy Ruth Miller, is the accompanying feature.

"Paramount on Parade"

All next week "Paramount of Parade" includes all the Paramount featured stars taking a part in a scintillating sensational screen showing, and each one does a special act. Lilting melodies flit through the scenes which

MAURICE CHEVALIER A Paramount Star

are in technicolor, and the cast includes Maurice Chevalier, Clara Bow, Clive Brook, Jack Oakie, William Powell, Evelyn Brent, Nancy Carroll, Ruth Chatterton, Dennis King and a score of others. Every type of stage dancing recognised by the professional is seen in this all-star frolic, according to David Bennett, who directed the dancing for the production. The different types of dancing, as Bennett explains them, are buck and wing, Spanish, soft shoe, tap, eccentric, classic, ballroom, acrobatic and ballet. More than 1,000 costumes were designed and made by the wardrobe department of the Paramount studios in Hollywood, and many of these costumes are classified as "gorgeous," for much of the picture is filmed in technicolor, and the dressmakers did more than their part toward building up the spectacular effects.

TURNED DOWN BY A LION.

Charles Wheelock is in the talkies to-day because a lion refused to eat him?

Wheelock has a part in Radio Pictures all-talking drama, "Inside the Lines," featuring Betty Compson.

Back in the dim days of the movies, Wheelock was leading man for Kathlyn Williams in a thrilling animal serial. A huge lion was brought from its regular cage to the "set", but somebody forgot to close the door of the transportation cage. Wheelock was standing beside the door when Nero announced himself with a roar. "Run for your lives!" the director yelled.

Within a split second, players and staff were perched in eucalyptus trees nearby . . . . . all but Wheelock, who, being so close to the beast, was afraid to run.

Nero turned a disdainful nostril at Wheelock, mumbled something or other, and calmly proceeded to his regular cage, where he sat before the door and wistfully moaned for somebody to open up and let him in.

Modernism in Film Settings.—The above photo, taken from a scene in Paramount's picture, "Anybody's Woman," co-starring Ruth Chatterton and Clive Brook, shows the simplicity, restfulness and good taste characteristic of the modernistic mode in home furnishings. The cream plastered walls harmonise perfectly with the polished hardwood floor.

THE WESTGARTH TALKIES

This Friday and Saturday, October 3 & 4, and Saturday Matinee

JANET GAYNOR and CHARLES FARRELL in

SUNNY SIDE UP SUNNY SIDE UP

For General Exhibition.

Terry Toon Cartoon—"ROMAN PUNCH."

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 6, 7, 8.

BUSTER KEATON in

FREE AND EASY FREE AND EASY

And ROBERT ARMSTRONG in

BIG NEWS BIG NEWS

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 9, 10, 11.

WILLIAM HAINES in

THE GIRL SAID NO

And ROBERT AMES and LILA LEE in

DOUBLE CROSS ROADS

Children under sixteen not admitted.

Terry Toon Cartoon—"SWISS CHEESE."

For Reservations Ring JW 2033.

Regent Theatre

HIGH STREET, THORNBURY

RESERVATIONS .... JW 2117.

SPECIAL BIG MATINEE ATTRACTION THIS SATURDAY, at 2.30.

Edward Everett Horton in "THE AVIATOR."

Ramon Novarro in "FLYING FLEET."

Episode Three of "THE JADE BOX."

Laurel and Hardy in "OUR DARN TOOTIN'."

ALL STEAMED UP TALKIE COMEDY.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WED., OCTOBER 6, 7, 8

BUSTER KEATON in

FREE AND EASY

ALL TALKING.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG in

BIG BUSINESS

ALL TALKING.

Both Pictures passed for General Exhibition.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SAT., OCTOBER 9, 10, 11.

WILLIAM HAINES in

THE GIRL SAID NO

ALL TALKING.

Children under 16 not admitted

LILA LEE in

DOUBLE CROSS ROADS

ALL TALKING.

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REGENT TALKIES

The features for Saturday's matinee are Ed. Everett Horton in "The Aviator," Ramon Novarro in "Flying Fleet," "The Jade Box" serial, and Laurel and Hardy, the clever comedians.

Monday brings Buster Keaton in "Free and Easy," a big comedy with

EDWARD SEDGWICK

M-G-M's famous out-size in directors, demonstrates to Buster Keaton and William Haines that the flesh is not always weak. This snap was taken in between scenes whilst making "Free and Easy," Buster Keaton's million laugh debut to the talkies. You'll see the talkies being made at M-G-M's Culver City studios in this picture, besides the M-G-M stars and several famous directors.

laughs galore supplied by the sphinx-faced comedian. Speed, excitement, suspense and humor are the four prime characteristics of "Big News," and it might well be described as one hectic day in a newspaper office. With a time lapse of only twelve hours, the story is crammed with more thrills than are the lot of many lifetimes. Nor are they hung on loosely, but developed as part of a logical plot which deals with the effort of a reporter on a big metropolitan daily to get the "low down" on a band of liquor and narcotic dealers. Robert Armstrong and Carol Lombard head the cast.

The mid-week change brings "The Girl Said No," a human story in which William Haines is seen as a young man making his way in the business world, starting out as a very fresh young man, but becoming subdued when his father dies and the responsibility of running a home for the family devolves on his shoulders. The apparent hopelessness of his love affair gives the theme a highly romantic flavor. Leila Hyams is the girl, while Marie Dressler and Polly Moran supply the laugh-getting scenes. The support is "Double Cross Roads," with Robert Ames, Lila Lee and Montagu Love in the leads. It is a story with heart beats and a cast composed of artists, every one of whom has played leading roles. It deals with the emotional relationship of a boy and girl with their exalting love set against menacing influences that threaten to draw them back into an atmosphere of criminal action.

"The Best People" Nearing Completion.

Filming will shortly be completed on Paramount's adaptation of the Avery Hopwood farce, "The Best People", in which Miriam Hopkins and Charles Starrett have the leads. It is now in production under the direction of Fred Newmeyer at the New York Studios. Carol Lombard, Frank Morgan and Ilka Chase are also in the cast.

"THE BEST SHOW IN TOWN."

AT

GOWERVILLE THEATRE

PLENTY ROAD, PRESTON JW 1469.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 6, 7, 8.

TWO ALL TALKING FEATURES

WILLIAM BOYD and CAROL LOMBARD

IN

HIGH VOLTAGE

In which unusual events which transpire while trapped in a blizzard win freedom for a man and a woman who have found themselves in the arms of the law.

ALSO SHOWING

AILEEN PRINGLE AILEEN PRINGLE

IN

THE PRINCE OF DIAMONDS

Children six to sixteen not admitted.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 9, 10, 11.

CLARA BOW CLARA BOW

IN

TRUE TO THE NAVY

A PARAMOUNT ALL TALKING PICTURE.

You'll see red-headed Clara run riot in her best talking picture! Aided in her nautical antics by handsome Frederick March. Buoyant, billowy romance, hilariously delightful.

ALSO ON THE SAME PROGRAMME—

PHYLLIS HAVER PHYLLIS HAVER

IN

SAL OF SINGAPORE

Children six to sixteen not admitted.

FAIRFIELD NEWS

Heidelberg Municipal Band gave a social in the Memorial Hall, Fairfield, when there was a good attendance.

Fairfield Diggers' Cricket Club held a social dance in the Soldiers' Hall on the 24th. The attendance was good. The club will benefit by £7.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Victory Social Club's dance in the Masonic Hall, Gillies St.

Fairfield footballers held a pleasant house party in Youren's Hall on Saturday.

Over 100 attended a euchre and dance at Clifton Hill for which ex-Cr. Coulson made his house available. Crs. Kane and Dummett and Mr. Coulson presented the prizes. Proceeds were for the Spensley St. Mothers' Club relief fund.

Child Injured.

Suffering from a lacerated scalp, shock and abrasions, Betty Cooper, four years, of Fulham road, Alphington, was admitted to the Children's Hospital. She was struck by a tram in Bourke St.

Alphington Bowling Club.

Alphington Bowling Club was officially opened on Sautrday by the president (Mr. J. P. Munro). In view of the times of stress the money usually spent in connection with this function was given to the club. Mrs. Munro threw the jack, Mrs. Thompson (president of the Ladies' Bowling Club) grassed the first bowl.

Rifle Club.

The above club had a pleasant outing to Hurstbridge last Saturday at the invitation of the Diamond Valley Rifle Club. Fairfield won the match, which was shot over 600 yards, by 28 points. The president (Mr. F. Smith) extended thanks for the invitation and the kind hospitality. Top score for the opposing side was made by Mr. C. Pill, for which Mr. Henderson presented a trophy.

Fairfield School.—Presentation to Mrs. McDonald.

General regret was expressed when it was learned that Mrs. McDonald, who had been giving religious instruction every Friday for the past six years, was leaving the district. At the close of the lesson on Friday, her fellow-instructors and co-workers, with the head master (Mr. Carter) and Miss Geegson (representing the staff) gathered together for a farewell ceremony. Appreciative remarks were made by Rev. B. T. Buntine and Rev. F. A. Apted, and the head teacher on behalf of the scholars made a presentation of a handsome handbag.

Opening of Fairfield Bowling Club.

At Fairfield green on Saturday afternoon the opening ceremony was performed by Cr. Coate, J.P., president of the shire. Mr. W. Lupton (president of the club) spoke in support and expressed appreciation of the work done by honorary members. Mrs. Dare (women's club) also welcomed the visitors. Opening bowls and jacks were thrown by Mesdames Dare, Lupton and Allan. Trophies won during the year were also presented.

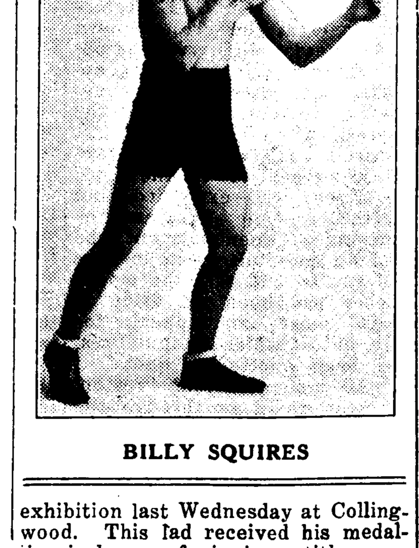
BOXING.

Billy Squires, a coming champion, who is being trained by Fred Hillman, is making such wonderful progress that he has been approached to enter the Sandringham competitions. Squires is a brother to the bantamweight boxer of Sheffield. He has only been in training for three months and if he continues to improve he should go far in the boxing world.

Fred Trotter, another smart lad, is also showing out. He gave a splendid exhibition at the Collingwood town hall last Wednesday night and received an ovation for his cleverness.

Clem Sheppard received his medallion last Friday in honor of winning the junior amateur championship of Victoria at 8st. 6lb.

Stanley Bowers, junior amateur champion of Victoria at 6 stone, was well received when giving a boxing



BILLY SQUIRES

exhibition last Wednesday at Collingwood. This lad received his medallion in honor of winning a title.

Among the boys who are showing out in the junior class at Hillman's is Harry May, who has a nippy left hand and knows how to use it.

Vic and Cliff Deslandes gave a very fast and clever display of boxing, standing toe to toe, taking and giving in good spirit, at the Collingwood town hall. These two may enter for the junior amateur championhip next next year.

William Blum has taken great interest in boxing, and is improving, while Ray Brown, Kenny Brown and James Reid are coming along well.

WEIGHT LIFTING

M. Bedson is still improving. Using a lift known as two hands and jerk he raised 160lbs., and slow curled a bar bell weighing 110lbs.

Billy Smith, light-weight champion of Australia, was the turn of the night at Collingwood last Wednesday. His lifting was more wonderful than when he won the title. He has received the soubriquet of "the modern Samson."

STAR AND GOWERVILLE.

CLARA BOW MOST NATURAL STAR.

At Star and Gowerville Next Week.

Only when in front of the camera is Clara Bow an actress. Some of Hollywood's screen stars take their art home with them at night, enrobe themselves with it between pictures, eat and sleep with it, and wear it on their sleeve, but not Paramount's little red-head.

Clara Bow lives in one of the least pretentious bungalows on one of the least pretentious streets in Beverly Hills, traditional home of the film-famous, and a city of many mansions. She has no swimming pool, formal garden, or separate domicile for her servants.

In fact, she has few servants. One small housemaid, one studio maid, a secretary and a cook comprise her staff. She no longer has a chaffeur. She much prefers to drive for herself.

Contrary to her friendly manner toward everyone with whom she comes in contact, she has few friends, and

CLARA BOW.

A Paramount Star.

no intimates. Clara Bow can be said to lead a lonely life. She likes praise, but despises flattery, which she believes is the essence of insincerity. Insincerity she cannot tolerate.

The reason is apparent. She is the most natural person in Hollywood. To accuse Clara Bow of being affected would be proof positive that the accuser had never met her.

To-day Clara Bow is the same vivid, dynamic, burned-with-consuming-energy person who burst into fame when she became the "It" girl, following the release of the picture of that name. She will be seen in her latest Paramount all-talking picture, "True to the Navy," at the Star and Gowerville Theatres on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 9, 10 and 11, together with Phyllis Haver in "Sal of Singapore."

VANDALISM IN NORTHCOTE.

£25 REWARD SUGGESTION.

Writing to the Northcote Council the Northcote West Ward Progress Association has drawn attention to many deliberate instances of vandalism. It was stated that in one street a public phone box had been pushed over, and fences wrecked. "These continued acts of vandalism," the letter continued, "only go to show the need for adequate police protection in these areas."

Cr. Mitchell said that not only was the West Ward aggrieved. In Auburn Ave. a fence had been wrecked and posts pushed over. He moved that a reward of £25 be offered.

Cr. Dennis—Oh, have a heart!

A voice—Make it £50.

Cr. Mitchell—I'm serious. It seems that there is a party of blackguards going about wreaking damage, and the council should take every means to have them apprehended. In Hammond St. recently the council suffered when tree guards were smashed down and concrete seats broken.

After further discussion the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

BIG C.Y.M.S. DANCE.

COLLINGWOOD TOWN HALL CROWDED.

TITLE GOES TO NORTH FITZROY.

Nearly 500 dancers taxed the accommodation at Collingwood Town Hall on Show Night (September 25), when Northcote and Fairfield branches of the C.Y.M.S. joined forces to stage one of the most brilliant dances of the season. The majority of those president were Northcote residents, while many friends from neighboring suburbs and representatives of other branches attended.

During the evening the dancing championship of the C.Y.M.S. was decided. Fifteen couples competed for silver cups presented by Mr. C. Ford, the judges declaring in favor of Mr. G. Perry and partner, representing North Fitzroy branch. Though little separated the couples in ability, the announcement of the decision met with popular approval. Congratulations were freely extended to the committee responsible for the arrangements. They included Messrs. W. Sheehan, L. Dickson, L. Growney, G. Beeden, E. Farnell, J. Hickey, J. Waters, J. Baker, D. Sherriff and F. Penry.

PRESTON'S "STATE COACH"

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I would like to ask the mayor of Preston his reason for change of front on this most vital question. On all sides one hears the cry "economy and still more economy," but the mayor's action in this case shows his insincerity. When Cr. Zwar, at the meeting on the 8th inst., moved "that the Buick car be disposed of," Cr. Robinson, after receiving a wireless message from another councillor, decided most emphatically that notice of motion was essential; but after the notice as required is given, and the matter has been discussed by the mover and the seconder on the night of the 22nd, another flash of knowledge is received by the mayor, who suddenly decrees that the matter is out of order, presumably because the minutes of the earlier meeting were inadvertently incorrectly recorded, or, maybe, because he saw the writing on the wall. However, it is to be hoped that Cr. Zwar will not be so easily gagged in the matter, but will come again. What has the mayor to say?—Yours etc.,

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HOSKING.—MRS. B. R. HOSKING AND FAMILY desire to THANK all kind relations and friends for letters, telegrams, cards, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Also thanking Rev. J. E. Warren, Rev. J. T. Duggleby, Dr. Brownell and employes of B. Hosking. Will all please accept this as a personal acknowledgment of their sincere thanks.
151 Clarke St., Northcote.

THANKS.

MR. K. J. SCHOU and FAMILY desire to express their sincere THANKS to all kind friends for letters, cards, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.
22 South St., Preston.

THANKS.

MRS. CROWE and FAMILY desire to THANK all kind friends and relatives for letters, telegrams, cards, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement; also the Rev. Fr. Galli-van and Fr. Fitzpatrick. Will all please accept this as a personal acknowledgment.
444 High St., Northcote N.16.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of my dear husband, who died at Herbert St., Northcote, on October 1, 1921.
To memory dear.
—Inserted by his loving wife, S. J. Johnson, Regent.

IN MEMORIAM.

NEWTON.—In loving memory of dear mother, who died September 29, 1909.
You left behind our aching hearts
That loved you most sincere.
We never have or never will
Forget you, mother dear.
—Ethel and Perc. Newton.

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AVOIDING THE ISSUE

The controversy over the "state car" in Preston still goes on. Despite the avowal of many councillors that the car should be sold; despite insistent demands of progress associations, and in face of the opposition of the ratepayers, certain councillors seem determined that the "State car" shall be retained.

Cr. Zwar gave notice that he would move for the disposal of the car. The notice was accepted by the mayor (Cr. Robinson), and when it came up for discussion at the last council meeting, after a lively discussion, he ruled it out of order. By this technical point he averted a vote which would have indicated to ratepayers whether their ward representatives were in favor of retaining the car or otherwise. By this action it must be taken that Cr. Robinson is not in favor of disposing of the "state car," and that in addition he wishes to avoid the consequences of public disapproval by not acting in public interests. Cr. Robinson should, after the time he has been a councillor, be able to "see the writing on the wall" and know there is no alternative in ratepayers' minds to selling the "state car." Prior to the last municipal elections the ex-mayor came in for much unfavorable discussion in the alleged extravagant use of the "state car." When his term for re-election came, the voice of the public spoke in no uncertain manner, and the decisive defeat he received should be enough to satisfy Cr. Robinson of the feelings of the people in the matter of the "state car." Cr. Robinson, too, should look a little further ahead than the present. Possibly he overlooks the fact that his turn to face the ratepayers will unfailingly come to hand, and the voice of the people will again manifest itself, and a representative who will study the wishes of the electors will be returned.

There is a duty to be done, and that is the disposal of the car. In justice to the ratepayers and to himself, the mayor (Cr. Robinson) should permit a vote on the "state coach" in open council. Every ratepayer would then know which way his representative voted. It is to be hoped that Cr. Zwar will bring the matter of the "state coach" again before the council so that this vote, awaited with interest by every resident, can be "taken in the daylight."

V.F.A. FINAL.

It is most regrettable that the high standard of football set by the Victorian Football Association this season should have been swept aside by the disgraceful incidents which marred the Association final at North Melbourne last Saturday, between Northcote and Oakleigh. From the outset of the match it was evident that Northcote were incensed over some past happening, and certain players had set themselves out to win at all costs. A small coterie of Northcote players was mainly responsible for the bitterness manifested. In the last quarter the climax was reached when an Oakleigh player was felled, and as a trainer rushed over to his assistance, he was deliberately set upon by a Northcote player. This incident aroused the crowd to such an extent that spectators rushed the ground, and the game developed into a free fight. Such an exhibition demands a searching inquiry, and the disqualifying of only two players for three or four weeks, or even a season, should not be considered a sufficient penalty for such an outburst of bitterness. The prestige of the Association is at stake, and only a searching inquiry, backed up by a determination to prevent any possible repetition of such disgraceful tactics, will suffice. Many incidents throughout the match incensed the disappointed crowd, whilst four of the five officials on the playing arena, who had a clear view of the happenings, "failed to see anything out of the ordinary," and field umpire Mackinnon saw only two glaring incidents which he considered necessary to report. To a few Northcote players must the onus of the roughness be attributed, and Oakleigh are to be congratulated on their discipline in holding themselves in restraint under such extenuating circumstances. It is certain that when the Association meet on October 13 delegates will demand a full inquiry, and this course of action is the only course which the Association can pursue to maintain its prestige. They can rest assured that such action will meet with the whole-hearted support of the Association, clubs and disgusted supporters alike.

The Northcote Football Club, players, committee, and lady friends, will be entertained next Thursday evening, October 9, with a gala night at the Northcote Theatre, when the wonderful revue "Paramount on Parade" will be screened. Football enthusiasts should roll up and greet the team, who just failed to bring another football championship pennant to Northcote.

Tenders are called by the Northcote council for construction of drain between Ryan street and St. George's road.

An all-Australian fair will be held at St. Mark's Hall, Beatty street, West Preston, opening on Friday, October 10, and continuing on the Saturday afternoon and evening. Admission is free.

Tenders are invited by the Whittlesea Show Society for catering for the official luncheon, brass band for the show, soft drinks, confectionery and fruit stalls, and publican's booth.

Mrs. Daisy Toohey, of 8 Collins street, Preston, asks us to state that she is in no way connected with the Mrs. Toohey who was summoned before Preston court for a bread account, and which case was published in the "Leader."

WEST PRESTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The usual ortnightly meeting was held in the Progress Hall, Gilbert road, on October 1, Mr. Burland being in the chair. There was a good attendance.

A letter from the town clerk stated that the matter of a through road from May street to Cooper street was to be held over for three months. This was considered unsatisfactory by members, and it was decided to ask the council to receive a deputation asking that this matter be finalised without further delay.

An appeal was received from the mayor for support for the unemployed relief fund, and it was decided to hold a lantern lecture.

The P.M.G. stated that a pillar box would be erected at the corner of Regent and Spring streets, also that a night clearance was granted to the residents of West Preston who posted letters in the box at the corner of Regent street and Gilbert road.

The offer of Mr. Seabrook to give a lecture on naval matters was well received.

The following new members were proposed and elected:—Mr. and Mrs. F. Brennan, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Jacobs, Messrs. DuBois, J. Johnston, Backe, J. R. Hargreaves.

The next house party will be held in the Progress Hall on October 4 instead of October 8. Patrons are requested to come along and make this night a success. The proceeds are for the Christmas tree for members' children.

Messrs. McDonald, Hagger and Chapman were elected as a deputation to the council re the through street from May street to Cooper street.

The naming of Reidford avenue was dealt with, as half of this street was known as Veronica street, and the numbers were duplicated. It was decided to ask the council to rectify this anomaly.

Ashes were requested for Nyowee street. The seat at Oakover road was almost buried by earth removed from Gilbert road, and the council was asked to give attention.

The meeting ended wth harmony, Mr. Johnstone officiating at the piano.

UNEMPLOYMENT

AT PRESTON

The position remains much the same regarding the efforts put forth by the committee, which is doing all it can in order to provide relief measures for those who are in need. Mr. Osborne, secretary to the movement, says there are still urgent calls for groceries, clothing, meat and vegetables, and the fact should not be overlooked that it is absolutely essential for monetary aid to be forthcoming. Subscriptions even on a small scale will be very welcome, and it is hoped the public will not turn a deaf ear to the cry of those in need.

In last issue of the "Leader" an appeal was made for a perambulator for a deserving case, and it is pleasing to note that a prompt response took place; in fact, two responses, one of which was accepted, a pram sent along by Mr. McMahon, High street, Preston, being accepted by the committee and passed on to a thankful mother.

Quite a number of clubs which exist throughout the municipality have promised to come to the assistance of the relief committee in organising local activities, and thereby raising money in aid of the funds. A queen carnival is one item likely to attract a considerable amount of interest, and a conference of those interested is to be held in the near future, so that complete arrangements may be made to bring the carnival to a successful issue. In addition several social functions are being arranged for in order to add to the funds of the committee.

PRESTON UNEMPLOYED RELIEF COMMITTEE

A representative meeting of the Preston Unemployed Relief Committee was presided over by the mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson) on Tuesday evening last.

Letters from many organisations were read promising co-operation. Some of them will hold entertainments in the near future.

Mr. Warren, of Tyler street school, forwarded £35, and Braithwaite's intimated that £5 per week would be contributed by the firm and staff. Their total contribution to date is £75. From the East Preston Social Club two amounts of £20 and £2/10/ were received.

In making his report Mr. Davies stated there were about 1000 unemployed in Preston, and that sustenance was being received by between 400 and 450 every week. The £375 Government grant was now due, and, together with local subscriptions, only about 5/ sustenance was possible. He was supported by Crs. Zwar and Robeson.

Mr. York asked, on behalf of the Regent Progress Association, if those in receipt of pensions—old age, soldier or invalid pensions—were also receiving sustenance.

Both Cr. Zwar and Mr. Davies explained that full inquiries were made after the first allowance had been made. The committee's attitude was that it was better that a few undeserving ones should receive rather than turn away one deserving case. Soldiers' pensions were disregarded when information was sought. This was the policy of the Government.

The committee appointed at the previous meeting recommended (1) that every assistance be given the East Preston Social Club in its efforts to raise funds; (2) that all monies received by the treasurer be immediately handed over to the committee for distribution; (3) that the financial statement be presented that evening.

Mr. Paton reported that his association had been unable to secure the new hall on Saturday evenings as it had been booked by members of a band till the end of the year.

The mayor promised to see what could be done in reference to securing the hall for them for one Saturday night at least.

Cr. Robeson submitted a proposition re theatre parties, by which funds might be raised if enthusiastically adopted by the various associations of Preston.

Volunteer collectors are being organised with the object of augmenting the relief funds. Old clothes and articles of food are eagerly sought by the committee.

LORD MAYOR'S EMERGENCY APPEAL

A public meeting convened by the mayor of Preston (Cr. G. E. Robinson) was held at the Preston town hall on Wednesday night with the object of taking part in the above appeal. Though the attendance was not large it was representative, and the mayor presided.

An address was given by Mr. Glanville Hicks, organiser of the Lord Mayor's Fund, who explained that through the economic stress and the large amount of unemployment, the metropolitan hospitals were in sore financial straits, and that the month of October had been set aside in which to make an appeal for £100,000, out of which amount Preston had been allotted a quota of £2000. All amounts from Preston, whether sent direct or through the local fund, would be credited to the Preston appeal.

An executive committee consisting of Mesdames G. E. Robinson (mayoress), Yann, Allchin, McGregor, F. Sheppard and Mr. Cunningham, with the mayor as chairman and treasurer, was appointed. Mr. G. Stevens was elected secretary, and Mrs. T. Broadhurst and Miss E. Robinson assistant secretaries.

It was resolved to hold a hospital ball on October 22, for which the tickets will be 3/6 single.

Many other suggestions were made, which were referred to the executive committee.

CENTRAL PRESTON

The Preston Anglers' Club's usual Sunday trip was spent at Wilton Vale. Efforts with the rod, however, were poorly rewarded, as only two small fish were hooked.

A young men's training class has been instituted at the Preston Church of Christ, and the second weekly meeting was held on Tuesday at the residence of Rev. Fisher, the instructor. The Young Worshippers' League will hold a social in the church, the items being provided by each of the auxiliaries. The proceeds will be spent on general improvements.

To help cover the cost of the society's annual trip to Janefield on Cup Day the Preston branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. held a social in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, as a result of which a handsome sum was raised.

The opening of the Jika Cricket Association's season on Saturday was in unfavorable weather, but despite this many fine performances were registered. Only in one instance did two of the six new teams meet. The remainder were pitted against last year's teams, and, as is usually the case, the latter seemed to finish with the advantage. The highest score was made by Preston United with 207, while W. Luckman of that team, was the highest individual scorer with 66. Other good scorers were Skipper (Footballers), 60, and C. Bahan 38. The best bowling performances were those of Woods (Prestonite), 6 for 20, and L. Barklem (Gowerville), 4 for 3. The next delegates' meeting will be held on Monday in the pavilion at the Preston Park.

The winning ticket for the steel engraving to be drawn by the Preston United F.C. was No. 782.

FAIRFIELD CANOE CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING

At the twelfth annual meeting at the clubhouse the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr. F. Taylor; vice-presidents, Crs. J. Coate and Pitcher, Messrs. J. Cain, M.L.A., T. Chapman, R. Burgin, G. Porter and Nankervis; hon. secretary, Mr. H. de la Rue; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. G Williams, A.F.I.A.; commodore, Mr. A. Lucke; vice-commodore, Mr. E. Granger; committee, Messrs. R. Walters, R. Youlton and S. Burgin; V.A.C.A. delegates, Messrs. F. Taylor and H. de la Rue; auditors, Messrs. R. Burgin and W. McKeon.

The hon. secretary (Mr. de la Rue) in his report indicated that the membership was still increasing, with very good prospects for the coming season. Many social functions were held during the season with great success, and the dances held during the winter months had been a splendid innovation, the High Jinks Orchestra of eight performers having been secured for several of these dances. Many improvements had been made to the clubhouse in the last twelve months, these being too numerous to itemise, but the expenditure had been well worth while. Still further improvements were anticipated in the next few months, and the club will more than justify its title of the premier club of Victoria. In the racing department the club had a very good season, a large number of trophies having been won by the members, while the club holds three championships, viz., singles, pairs and fours. It is also the holder of the Halling and Henley cups. The club continues its affiliation with the Victorian Amateur Canoe Association, and has also affiliated with the Fairfield Sports Clubs' Association.

The financial statement presented by the treasurer was most complete and instructive, and showed that, allowing for expenses for improvements to club house and other general expenses, the club was in a sound position.

It is gratifying to note the terms of office held by some of the office-bears, viz., president, six years; secretary, nine years; treasurer, eight years; commodore, nine years.

A most inviting programme of activities has been drawn up for the season, including week-end trips, theatre parties, country regattas, club races, and the opening day of the season will be held on November 1.

Electric Light Profits

A sum of £19,000 has been transferred by the Northcote council from its electric light supply to the municipal account. Of this amount £14,000 was sent on to the general

Dick Barthelmess, having completed "Adios" for Warner First National, is once more bitten with the wanderlust, and has sailed for foreign regions with his liege lady. Their itinerary for the next few months will incude such glamorous places as India and the Orient, finishing up with a comprehensive tour of Europe. Beastly dull times these movie stars have!

PRESTON BREVITIES

Theft of a Bicycle

JAS. Wells, laborer, Andrew street, Northcote entered the Rose, Thistle and Shamrock Hotel, Reservoir at about 5 o'clock last Saturday evening leaving his bicycle, which he values at £10 against a fence outside. Although only absent a few moments, when he returned the bicycle was nowhere to be seen.

Bootmaker's Bicycle Taken

FREDK. Carmody is an employe of Ludlow's slipper factory, David street, Preston. On the afternoon of September 26 he left his bicycle valued at £5 in the shed at the rear of the premises, from where it was stolen.

Relieving at Bacchus Marsh

FIRST Constable G. Bean, a member of the Preston police force, leaves on Monday to take charge at Bacchus Marsh, during the absence on holidays of Senior Constable Skurrie or a fortnight.

At Last!

AFTER many months of hesitation, the Public Works Department has called for tenders, returnable on October 9, for the erection of watch-house and police quarters alongside the courthouse in Roseberry avenue, Preston.

Clerk Loses Tools

FROM a shed at the rear of the residence of Arch. G. Fullarton, clerk Newcastle street, Preston tools to the value of £3 were taken between 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon and the same hour on Monday morning.

A Busy Man

INSPECTOR Iles is a busy man these days, and is constantly on the move. In addition to cases conducted in the Preston court by him on Thursday he has a lengthy list for hearing at a future date. These include adulteration of foodstuffs, driving without lights, driving across footpaths, and selling tripe which contained formalin.

Cricket Club Social

AN enjoyable social evening was held in the West Preston Progress Hall on Saturday, aranged by the ladies committee of the Bell Cricket Club. Dancing was enjoyed by a large number, the music provided by the Misses Breeze and Crowe helping considerably to make the social such a success. Progressive euchre was keenly contested. The ladies intend holding another in the same hall at an early date.

North Preston Baptist Cricket Club

THE club held a successful social evening on September 27. A good crowd attended and £2/13/ was received for the church land purchase fund. During the evening trophies won during the 1929-30 season were presented as follows:—A team: Batting, Mr. E. Parroisien; bowling, Mr. G. Naunton; fielding, Mr. R. Taylor. B team: Batting, Mr. A. Edgar; bowling, Mr. W. Morris; fielding, Mr. H. Harvey. Tennis club trophies were also presented to Mr. A. Edgar and Mrs. J. Brown, winners of the recent mixed doubles tournament. In addition to the usual games and competitions, elocutionary items were given by Miss Carmen Major and Mr. Ballard, and Mr. R. McLaren sang "Love's Old Sweet Song." These items were very well received. The next club function will be a concert in the Regent Methodist Hall on October 11. Tickets are obtainable from club members, or from the ticket secretary, Mr. Geo. Allen, Delaware street, Reservoir.

Some Trout

MR. A. F. Deacon received a pleasant surprise a few days ago when he received a small parcel of fish scales, together with a statement from Mr. Sutton certifying that he had caught a brown trout in Edwardes Lake, which measured 23 ins. in lengths and weighed 4lbs. 14ozs. The fish was in perfect condition and full of spawn. By a microscopical study of the scales of English trout a record can be formed of the life of the fish and the progress it is making. The scales forwarded to Mr. Deacon will prove a valuable addition to Mr. Deacon's collection of scales of trout caught in Edwardes Lake since it was stocked.

The Record Room Fire

THE fire which ocurred in the record room at the Preston town hall last week is still enshrouded in mystery, the cause of the outbreak being unknown. Fortunately, the fire was confined to one portion of the room, and the documents destroyed were of far-back dates. No money was kept in the room.

PRESTON LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The draw for Saturday, October 4 is as follows:—

A Grade

East Preston v Hill.
Cranross v Regent Park.
Oakover, a bye.
All Saints v South Preston Methodists.
Rothsay v Murray.

B Grade

Hill v Regent Baptists.
Murray v Cranross.
Reservoir v Oakover.
Regent Park v All Saints.
Regent Methodists v Danella.
South Preston Methodists v East Preston.

[NO]RTHCOTE COUNCIL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

...he usual fortnightly meeting was ... on Monday. Present—The Mayor ... J. H. Green) and Crs. B. E. Johnson, A. H. Oldis, W. Glanfield, S. ...ney, S. Dennis, A. Bird, W. Olver, ... Jones, W. Hayes, A. J. Cornish, ...utch, H. F. Mitchell and W. H. ...ner. An apology was received ... Cr. J. O. Hughes.

Valuations.

...est Ward Progress Association, ...esting the council to have a re...ation of the city made at the ...est opportunity. It was stated ... property values had declined in past 12 months, and as wages had fallen it was only fair that the ...ations should be reduced.
... was resolved to advise the writers ... a valuation was made every ..., and a valuation had just been ...pleted.

Railway Fence in High Street.

...ictorian Railways, intimating that ... not prepared to comply with the ...est of the council for the alteration to the railway fence abutting on railway bridge in High St., owing ...he expense, which is estimated at ... and further stating that the De...tment will permit the council to ...y out the work if it so desires—...eived.

West Ward Progress Association.

...est Ward Progress Association, ...mending the council for improv... vacant land in Smith St., near ...en's drain, and suggesting that ...s be planted along the eastern ... of the land.—Parks Committee.
...est Ward Progress Association, ...drawing attention to the playing ...ricket on St. George's reserve; referring to the condition of side ...Merri Creek, near railway bridge, ...re a property was recently de...yed by fire.
... Cornish said he understood the ...cil had a by-law prohibiting Sunday sport, but he would sooner see ... indulging in Sunday sport than ...ging round the street corners.
... Birt said a lawn had recently ... planted there, and the new lawn ... been much damaged.
... Mitchell: Recently I went and ...ed a mob out of ther.... (Laugh...
...voice—That's the spirit.
... Mitchell: If the council didn't ...up a big pole, which is just ideal ... wicket, the youths wouldn't play ... so much.
...eferred to the officers for atten...

Arthurton Road Association.

...rthurton Road and District Pro...s Association, referring to the ...ition of the footpath south side ...Arthurton road, from High St. ...terly.
... was stated that certain work had to be done there by the Board of ...ks and the Postal Department.—...ter referred to P.W. Committee.
...me, drawing attention to the con...on of footpath on north side of ...urton road, near ink works, and ...esting that the slabbing be con...ed in front of this property.—... Committee.
...me, requesting information on ... arrangements made with the ...ways Department relative to the ...tification of the railway land on ... west side of the Northcote rail... station, near Hartingdon St.—...s Committee.
... Johnson—What's the use? The ...ay people won't do anything.

Control of Race Traffic.

...own clerk, Essendon, forwarding ...red amendments to the Carriages ... providing for the representation ...he Hackney Carriage Committee ...he Melbourne City Council, of two ...esentatives each of the cities of ...field, Richmond, Northcote and ...endon, which had racecourses ...in their boundaries.
... Hayes reported having attended ...onference, and he had voted to ...re representation for such coun... on the Hackney Carriage Com...ee. This would give the councils ...erned some control over traffic ...e courses.
... was resolved to agree with the ...s of the Essendon Council.
... Johnson said that soon North... would have no racecourse, and it ... hardly worth while moving in ...matter.

GENERAL.

..."oralla" Hospital School and ... Kindergarten, seeking assist... in conveying crippled children ... Northcote to the school in Carl...
...n. J. Cain, M.L.A., stated he will ...t the council in the matter as ...as the Tramway Board is con...ed.
... was decided to secure further in...ation.
...ire of Cranbourne, suggesting a ...erence to discuss municipal ...ers' salaries, with a view to ap...ching the court for a reduction ...ates of pay.—Committee of the ...cil.
...eatherton Sanatorium, intimating ... the proportion payable for the ...ent financial year will be £2/17/9 ... quarter less than last year.—Re...ed.
...ostmaster-General's Department, ...onnection with the request for the ...blishment of a post office in the ...nity of Clifton St. and Victoria ..., stating that owing to existing ...ncial stringency it is regretted ... the request cannot be complied ....—Received.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

General accounts £4511/10/7; street construction accounts £2,068/13/5, and Loan No. 21 accounts £150/4/5 were passed for payment.

Subdivision Dundas, Alston and Collins Sts.—This was approved subject to the consent of the Board of Works.

Fine Sand.—Tender of Cranbourne Sand Pty. Ltd. at 9/3 per yard delivered, and C. N. Chendler for coarse sand at 10/- per yard accepted.

Firewood.—Tender of J. W. Wilson, South Heathcote, at 26/- per ton accepted.

Drain along easement between Osborne and Traill St., north of Sutch St.—Plans were approved and objections from persons interested will be heard on October 27.

Final apportionments were adopted for the following lanes, viz.:—Between Whalley and Derby Sts., £946 7/6 (£134/12/5 less than the estimate); between Whalley and Granfield Sts., £1,075/17/7 (£109/0/8 less); between Bent St. and Beaver's road, £726/6/11 (£10/5/10 less); between Ellesmere and Northcote Sts., £667 0/2 (£5/1/10 less); between Elm and Bent Sts., west of St. George's road, £1,076/6/1 (£23/7/10 less); between Fenwick and Agnes Sts., £870/3/- (£24 0/1 less); off north side of Clarke St., between Victoria and Vauxhall roads, £627/8/3 (£72/7/10 less); between Shaftesbury Pde. and Woolton Ave., £1,262/12/2 (£159/7/2 less); between Bent St. and Beaver's road, west of St. George's road, £1006/5/- (£105/0/1 less); between Flinders and Collins Sts., £688/11/3 (£19/19/2 less); between Agnes and Darebin Sts., £463 10/10 (£61/5/7 less).

A number of extras in connection with various contracts were agreed to.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Accounts £449/18/5 were passed for payment.

£98/7/-, being small amounts owing by 162 late consumers of electricity in Northcote have been written off as uncollectable.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

Accounts £329/11/1 were ordered to be paid.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Additional accounts to the foregoing £1,802/2/2 were ordered to be paid.

The committee agreed to the transfer of amounts from the general purposes account of the following amounts provided for in the estimates—Town Hall, £15,000; Court House, £1,000; roller £964; pipe track, £4,036, a total of £21,000. This money has already been expended and simply represents transfers to square accounts prior to the yearly balances.

Unemployed musicians, asking for a rebate on community singing over 19 weeks.—Rebate of £15/16/8 granted

Rates Written Off.—The following have been written off as uncollectable—Current rates, £65/10/11; do. arrears, £46/10/7; tarpaving, £3/14/11 and private crossings £7/5/5.

COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

Bastings St. bus route.—Proposed alteration to use Bastings St. in lieu of Clarke St. on the return.—That this be not approved.

Cr. Oldis said that Clarke St. was too narrow and the road surface was unsuitable for traffic.

The recommendation was adopted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Re-sheeting Roads.—Cr. Oldis moved that the roadways in Lawry and Whalley Sts. be referred to the P.W. Committee, with the idea of having them re-sheeted in the coming year.

Load Limit Fixed.—Cr. Mitchell moved that a two ton load limit be fixed in Auburn Ave.—Carried.

Claude St.—Cr. Cornish moved that potholes in Claude St. be attended to. —P.W. Committee.

Northcote Station Sub-way.—Cr. Cornish spoke of the subway near Northcote station, and moved that the Railways Department be written to complaining of its disgraceful state after rains. Children played "mud pies" there, throwing wet clay from the banks all over the place. Sides of the embankment should be covered with stone walls.—Request to be made to the Railways Dpeartment.

Thistles.—Cr. Bird said two vacant blocks of land cnr. Rennie St. and St. George's road were covered with thistles.—Referred to officers for attention.

Travelling Stock and Street Damage.—Cr. Turner spoke of driving of sheep and cattle through Northcote streets. Sheep traversed Hobson St. every Tuesday night. Men on horses followed the sheep along the footpaths, and rode on the slab footpaths. Continuing, Cr. Turner said "On several occasions I've had a row with these men, and one night I threatened to pull one man off his horse. If an officer would go up there one of these nights and pay a surprise visit it would do a lot of good."—Matter referred to Finance Committee.

General

Cr. Hayes moved that slabs on south side of Kellett St. be referred to P.W. Committee.—Carried.

Cr. Hayes said at corner of Collins St. and St. David St. there were two bad holes.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Dennis referred to discolored water in the north ward, Northcote, and said he had passed the matter on to the board. He was advised there was no cause for complaint, and he suggested in future that a sample be obtained.

The report was received.

PROPOSED EXTRA DUTY ON BITUMEN.

NORTHCOTE COUNCIL TO OPPOSE.

CR. TURNER ON TARIFFS.

When a recommendation was placed before the Northcote Council on Monday that its engineer (Mr. V. J. Bradley) should appear before the Tariff Board to give evidence with a view to preventing an increase in the duty on bitumen, Cr. Turner told the council that he was in agreement with the proposed increase, believing that if tariffs had any value at all they should be used to conserve Australia's wealth. Continuing, he said: "It is nearly time that Australians heard the truth about tariffs. The idea of the tariff in this case is to try and discourage the import of bitumen into Australia. The council is now endeavoring to use Australian cement instead of American bitumen. The higher the tariff Australia could raise against America the better—and at the same time cement was far superior.

Cr. Oldis said he agreed with Cr. Turner that it was far better to use Australian goods than imported ones, but at the same time bitumen roads that were already down could not be surfaced again with cement. It was for this purpose that the bitumen was required.

Cr. Turner—Are there any Australian preparations that could be used?

Cr. Oldis—Yes, but they are not proved yet. When an Australian article of good and proved quality is found, we will be able to do without American bitumen, but not before.

Cr. Dennis said concrete would be suitable for all roads if rubber tyres only were being used. After a time concrete roads had to be treated or top dressed with bitumen. A new Australian tar product was being marketed, but not in sufficient quantities to meet all the requirements. Of 500 tons of bitumen a year 400 tons would be used for road surfacing. A duty of £2 a ton would be a serious thing for the council, and it would mean that the council would have to do less work.

Cr. Mitchell said that when a tariff was placed on products, the local manufacture of which were controlled by "rings," the price would always go up to follow the tariff.

The recommendation was adopted.

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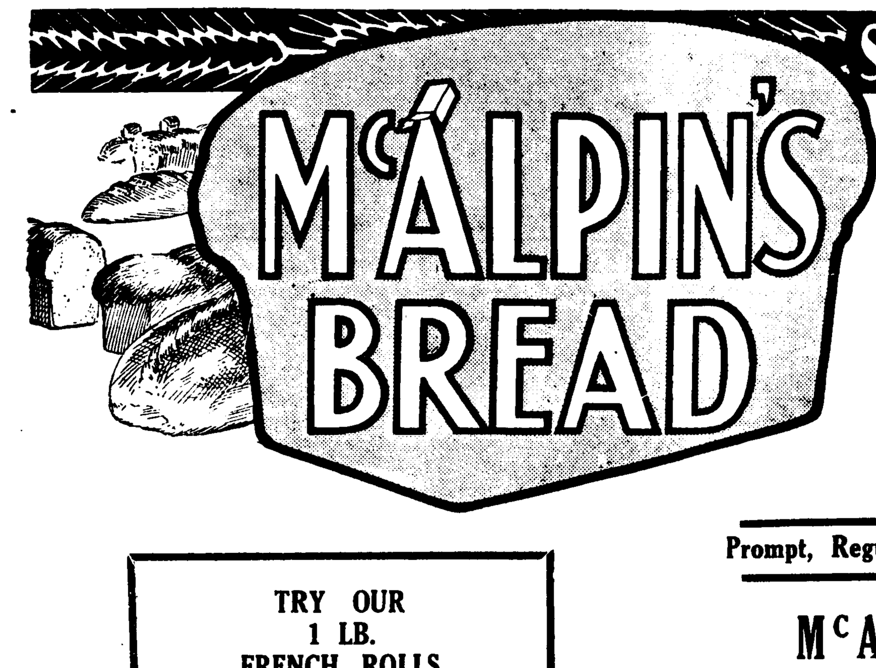

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BROWN OR ENGLISH TROUT.

(By A.F.D.)

How many anglers and self-styled sports stop to think of the trouble and expense that has been incurred in the bringing of the brown and rainbow trout into our local streams and reservoirs?

Our southern fishes have long since disappeared. In fact, it is doubtful if they were ever very numerous. The writer, in looking over some old records recently, found the following report on the Yarra fishing, written over 60 years ago:—"This stream carries a fine body of water, but fish of any edible size are almost unknown. It appears to be full of small black herring (or Yarra blackfish), which never grew to more than inches long."

Owing to these conditions, which applied to other local streams as well as the Yarra, the angling fraternity has been forced to import and acclimatise the world-renowned brown trout (Salmon fario) or English trout, as they are more commonly known. Now the unique part of this system is that every single fish has to be procured and hatched by different means. Firstly, the condition of most of our southern streams does not permit of the trout spawning and the fry hatching in the natural way. Secondly, even if the fish did spawn the amount of natural enemies of the spawning trout are so numerous that the proved results are less than 1 per cent. of the amount of ova laid.

Therefore we have to resort to artificial means, and the results are truly astounding. As soon as the first autumn flood waters begin to come down our mountain streams, generally early in May, the large spawning trout from the bigger rivers and often from the salt waters make desperate efforts to reach the highest parts of the streams to lay their eggs (or ova) in the most natural places. Across these streams in certain places, particularly in Gippsland, fish traps and nets are set and one is utterly bewildered to see the large number of enormous trout that have apparently come from nowhere. These fish are carefully handled by experienced men, who at a glance can tell if the fish are ready to be stripped—which is a delicate method of gently pressing on the stomach of the female fish and thus forcing her to disgorge her ova, which is then collected into clean vessels. This ova must be immediately impregnated with the milt from the male fish, which is stripped from the fish in a similar manner. A little water is then added, and the whole stirred gently with a feather for a few minutes.

The ova is then packed in special containers and sent to the fish hatcheries, where the ova is placed on trays in special boxes, through which a steady stream of water flows continuously. After a period of inactivity of about six or eight weeks the ova reaches a stage called the eyed stage. The eye is really the first part of the fish to form, and at first appears like a tiny pin prick. It grows very rapidly and soon a second eye, the head and the long slender body wrapped round the centre of the ova can distinctly be seen through the ova shell. Very soon a split appears in the shell or skin of the ova, and the long slender tail appears. This is the beginning of the most active time in the hatching box. By the natural movement of the tail these ova or eggs are sent spinning all over the trays, and by this vigorous action the shell is gradually removed, and finally a tiny fish, with a large sack or yoke attached to its stomach, lies on the bottom of the tray.

After a few days, by desperate efforts, the fish, or fry, as he is now called, is able to swim about, with the sack getting smaller each day. After a period of 21 to 30 days the whole of the sack is absorbed into the body of the fry, and we then have a complete little fish, and complete he is in every detail. The whole fish is only about one inch in length, and is so frail that it can be dissolved by holding it between the fingers, yet under the magnifying glass it is complete with all fins, body marks and all internal organs. Up to this stage the fry has depended solely on the oxygen derived from the running water for its growth, and the whole of the egg has been absorbed into the body. The only part wasted is the egg skin or shell, and this soon dissolves in the water. Now the fry begins to develop all the natural instincts of his species. He also begins to tackle all the minute matter floating on or in the water in search of food. It is at this stage that he should be liberated into the lakes or streams which are to be his home until he is grassed by time and care is needed to kepp our some keen angler.

It will be seen that a great deal of streams well stocked, as the loss after the fry is liberated is considered to be 75 per cent., due to many causes over which the fish culturist has no control. The loss during the hatching box period is very small indeed, the average hatch being about 96 per cent. of the ova put down.

Three years is considered a reasonable time to allow from the time of liberation of fry until they should be over the minimum length of 11 inches, as laid down by the Fisheries Act. A young trout six to seven inches long, or 12 months old, is worth about sixpence—in other words, it costs sixpence per head to rear trout fry to the first year. Anglers should never lose sight of this fact, particularly when releasing an undersized fish. The true angler will never think of retaining a trout under 11 inches, and if accidentally caught, he will wet his hands before attempting to gently remove the hook from the fish, or, better still, cut the gut and leave the hook in, and reurn it gently to the water, where, after a few minutes' floating, it will gradually become itself again and swim away, none the worse for its ordeal, and perhaps grow to be one of the big ones the ardent angler so often hopes for.

A DEAL IN LEATHER.

Well Known Northcote Man Before Court.

CHARGE DISMISSED WITHOUT HEARING DEFENCE

Under the impression that he was purchasing the stock of a "backyard" boot manufacturer, Edward John Clemenson, a member of the Welphit Shoe Company, Separation street, Northcote, unwittingly transgressed the law. After the case had been heard at the Northcote court on Tuesday the bench dismissed the charge without even calling on the defence to give evidence.

A Charge of Receiving

Clemenson was charged with having on September 9 received nine shoulders of leather, the property of Joseph Redapple, knowing them to have been stolen.

Redapple, who is a leather merchant in Fitzroy, said:—On September 9 at the Collingwood police station I identified a quantity of leather which had been stolen from my premises. It was worth 10d. to 1/- per pound.

Mr. Ridgway (for Clemenson).—You do business with Clemenson?

Witness.—Yes.

A Woman and a Parcel

Lydia Elizabeth Smith, Johnson street, Fitzroy, said:—About 2 p.m. no September 9 a man named "Scotty" Masson asked me to take a parcel and meet him on the corner of Separation and High streets, Northcote. On arival there I waited for two hours, but he did not come. I had heard Masson mention Clemenson's name, and I went and saw Clemenson at his factory. The parcel I had was taken to the factory.

Mr. Ridgway.—Did you ever know Masson as "Stevens"?

Witness.—No.

The Police Evidence

Plain-clothes Constable Thomas, of Collingwood, said:—About 8.30 p.m. on September 9 I went to Clemenson's house and he told me he had received a parcel from a woman that day. I went to the factory with him and saw eight shoulders of leather and said, "That leather is portion of a quantity stolen from Redapple's warehouse."

"Didn't Know It Was Stolen"

Clemenson said, "I didn't know it was stolen. I do a lot of business with Redapple's." In answer to further questions Clemenson said, "I first met Masson, whom I knew as "Scotty" Stevens, a month ago. He said he was a "backyarder" and was going out of business. I arranged to buy his stock at 6d. per pound for shoulders."

Continuing, Plain-clothes Constable Thomas said:—I told Clemenson that I had arrested "Scotty" Stevens on that day, and he told me he has delivered 14 parcels of leather to you in the past six weeks." Clemenson said, "I don't think it amounts to so many parcels, but my books and receipts will show what it was." Clemenson further added that he had obtained receipts for all moneys paid to Stevens for goods.

Mr. Ridgway.—Do you know that Mr. Clemenson and his partner have been in business in Northcote as the Welphit Shoe Company for eight years?

Witness.—No, not personally.

Was Clemenson open and frank with you?—Yes.

Did he offer to show you his books?—Yes.

The P.M. (Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan).—There was no attempt at concealment?

Witness.—No.

The leather had not been cut or disfigured?—No.

The Case Dismissed.

After consulting his colleagues on the bench the P.M. announced that the evidence had been considered very carefully, and it had been decided that there was no need to call on Clemenson to enter a defence. Clemenson had been open and honest, and had purchased the leather as he would have done in the ordinary course of business; he had paid by cheque and obtained receipts. Clemenson was also given an excellent character by the police. The case would be dismissed.

Constable Congratulated

The P.M. also complimented Plain-clothes Constable Thomas on the fair and impartial way in which he had given his evidence.

The teacher was doing her best to explain the points of the compass to her class. "Willie Jones," she said, "step out here for a moment." Willie did as he was bid. "Turn round and face the north," ordered the teacher. Willie turned round and faced it. "Now, what is on your right hand?" A flush crept over Willie's face. "Please, miss," he confessed, "it's toffee. I hadn't time to wash it off before the bell went for lessons."

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Miss B. Graham, 85 High street.
Messrs. Matthews and Son, 107 High street.
Mr. A. Noar, 205 High street.
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.
Messrs. Campbell Bros., Edwardes street.
Mrs. Skate, draper, Edwardes street.
Alphington
Mrs. J. Siddon, 348 Heidelberg road.
Ivanhoe
Miss Woodnorth, 644 Heidelberg road.
Heidelberg
Mr. G. Sheffield, Burgundy street.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—Did you have a nice time on Show Day? We did, and the Pets voted it the best picnic they'd ever been to. We started off about 11 o'clock in the morning after having cleaned and polished the car, and arrived at Lilydale about two hours later. Jacko insisted on driving part of the way, and we took much longer over the journey than we should have, as he landed us in a deep gutter off the road once, and another time just missed the side of a bridge by inches. But he's used to the Baby Austin, you see, and doesn't realise how big the Buick is compared with that. Eventually we arrived safely, and then it was dinner time. After a magnificent dinner teams were picked for cricket, and unluckily Jacko and Fluffy were on opposing sides. They had a royal time trying to bowl or catch one another out, and the rest of the teams urged them on and laughed heartily at their antics and comments. Races were also run, and both Pets caried off several prizes. Jacko wanted a motor car musical chairs race, but I wasn't risking staying up there all night with a disabled car, so we dissuaded him. However, we arrived home after a rollicking day of fun, and the Pets slept most of the way down. Don't forget the Trias, Cobbers. There are three new Cobbers this week—a girl and two boys—so Jacko is happy. The Pets send greetings and heaps of love.

UNCLE PHIL.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the jolliest and heartiest of Birthday Greetings to Alice Short (Oct. 5), Betty Yates, Gladys Bolton and Alan McCasker (Oct. 6) and Marjory Hartnell, Ivy Roberts, Joyce Morton and Harry Bowden (Oct. 9).

Jacko's birthday is on October 6.

OUR MAIL BAG

51 David St., Preston.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am sending these few lines to ask you to enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. We get the "Leader" every week and I enjoy reading it very much. With love.

(GOOD) Beatrice Toohey

(Welcome, Beatrice, to the clubs, and we hope you will like being a Cobber. Will you send a snap of yourself for our album? Did you have a happy holiday? Lots of love from the Pets and U.P.)

7 Concord St., West Preston

Dear Uncle Phil,—I would like very much to join the Cobbers' Club. I read the paper every week. I filled in a form from last week's paper and forgot to enclose this letter with it. I noticed when in High street the other day that the "Leader" office is being altered. I have had a good time during my school holidays. I go to Bell school. Best love from

(GOOD) Jack Fullerton.

(Welcome to the clubs, Jack. Your coupon arrived safely. Did you go to the show? Most of the Cobbers did, and the Pets enjoyed their outing there. Send along a snap of yourself for our album. Heaps of love.—U.P.

Leslie Gordon.—Welcome to the Birthday and Cobbers' Clubs. Jacko asks if you will write a letter to him all for himself. We would like a snap of you for our Cobbers' album, and also send along some contributions. The Pets send love and greetings.—U.P.

Alan Gray.—Congratulations, Alan, for gaining 100 marks. Will you call in for the prize, as it is here ready for you. Did you send along a snap of yourself for our album? 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

A NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
(Original)

My auntie in Sydney runs dances three times a week in the Leichardt Town Hall. They have many carnivals, especially at Christmas time, and at all these novelties are given away. While we were in Sydney we went with my auntie and uncle to the hall to help them decorate, and every morning there was a gross of balloons to blow up. Some were plain and others had animals and all sorts of things on them. On New Year's Eve morning there were more than a gross, and also two big bags of peanuts, each holding 12lbs. My brother and I had to bag the peanuts while the adults blew up the balloons, and when we had finished the peanuts we helped to blow up the balloons. When they were all blown up we had to tie them on to streamers and then they were tied to the walls. At night there was a grand parade. The band led out one door and then the people joined on, and as they went out the door each person was given a trumpet or some noisy thing, and then they marched round the street and in the other door. In the middle of the dancing my uncle let the balloons down, and then there was a wild dive for them. At the same time the peanuts were thrown out. When we were returning the trams started ringing bells, and there was an awful noise to welcome the new year.

(TRIA) Ruby Kupsch

THE MAGIC SHOES

In a small hut in England there lived a little girl of eight and her mother. They were extremely poor, and the girl's mother had to work very hard to be able to live in this hut, while the little girl stayed home and did the housework. One day a knock came on the door. She opened it and found there an old lady with a pair of shoes. "These," said the lady, "are magic, and carry out the wish of the wearer." The little girl put them on and they fitted her, so she wished that she was rich and that her mother should never have to work again, and her wish came true.

(GOOD) Alma Stephens

NATIONAL EMBLEM

Do you know why the Scotch adopted the thistle as their national emblem? When Alexander the Third was king of Scotland, King Haakon, of Norway, landed an army on the shores of Scotland and attempted to conquer it. But in the night attack on the Scottish camp at Largs, a barefooted man trod on a thistle and cried out in pain. The Scots took the alarm and the attack failed. Soon after King Haakon was driven from the land and had to surrender the Hebrides to Scotland. In remembrance of this battle the thistle was adopted as Scotland's national emblem.

(GOOD) R. Goldstein.

THE SPORT OF SHELL COLLECTING

Days at the seaside are nearly here now. Swimming is not the only sport worth while when one is down beside the sea. I enjoy a swim as much as any boy, but I find shell collecting a rather exciting hobby, too. Picking up empty shells along the beach is only one form of collecting. The best specimens in many localities are in rock pools, or where one has to wade waist deep or nearly up to the armpits to get them. On seaweed in the shallows and further out many pretty-colored little shells may be found if looked for keenly. Another good hunting ground is a reef, bare only at very low tide. But every bit of coastline is sure to yield some shells. Try shell collecting if you are in need of a hobby. Shells are easy to keep, and neatly arranged in a home-made cabinet they are always a pleasure to their owner and his pals.

(GOOD) Allan Love

PUSSY'S DRINK

The other day when I was in a grocer's shop a lady, holding a billy-can full of milk, was talking to the grocer. A cat was sitting on a stool nearby calmly drinking the lady's milk. The lady did not notice it until we told her about it, then you should have seen her face!

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas.

CONTRIBUTIONS

RIDDL-ME-REE

My first is in lad but not in boy,
My second is in game, but not in toy;
My third is in born, but not in dead,
My fourth is in nose but not in head;
My fifth is in lap but not in drink,
My sixth is in cliff but not in brink;
My seventh is in bake but not in cook,
My eighth is in novel, but not in book;
My ninth is in wet but not in dry,
My whole is used to cleave the sky.
Answer:—Aeroplane.

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

THE RECIPE FOR JOY

I'm a jolly little boy
With a merry little smile,
Though other people grumble
I'm laughing all the while.
It's nice to see folk happy,
And I'm sure you'll all agree,
So don't be sad or grumpy,
Just try and smile like me.
If you do not like the wireless,
Or sweets that make you sick,
Spend pennies in a useful way—
The "Leader" does the trick!

(GOOD) E. Southam

WHAT AM I?

One fourth of tear, one half of dear,
And then one half of lame;
A half of dire, one fourth of fire,
A well-known town 'twill name.
Answer.—Adelaide.

(GOOD) Joyce Corry

A NEW GAME

If you are feeling dull on a rainy day just try this game, and it will soon cheer you up. Each player is given a book with print that is easily read. One player says any common word, such as "which" or "for," and all the players, including the one who gives the word, open their books and search for the word given. The first one to find it scores one point and then gives the next word to be found. The first player to gain ten marks is the winner.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

LIMERICK

I met a shy girlie of Leicester,
She told me no man had carester,
And really she couldn't,
And really she wouldn't,
But she jolly well did when I preicester.

(GOOD) Edward Grenfell

THE MOYLANS

We Moylans seem to write a lot
To Uncle Phillip, who has got,
With us, to put up quite a lot.
Although our surnames are the same
No link exists but in a name
That someday may be known to fame;
To all the Moylans by your aid
I send kind greetings, yet afraid
I may be thought a forward maid.

(GOOD) Mary Moylan.

PAIR WORDS

A man saw an announcement in an ironmonger's shop as follows: "Iron sinks." He went in and told the man that he knew that iron sank. "Yes," said the man, "and time flies, but wine vaults, acid drops, sulphur springs, jam rolls, grass stops and music stands. Niagara Falls, moonlight walks, sheep runs, Kent hops and holiday trips, scandal spreads, standard weights, indiarubber tyres, the organ stops and the world goes round, trade returns." The customer bolted. Then he returned, and, putting his head in at the door, remarked, "Yes, I know, and marble busts."

(GOOD) Albert Stevens.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

Please enrol me as a member of the COBBERS' CLUB.

Name..

Address..

Date of Birthday .... Present Age....................

3/10/1930

Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week.

STORYETTES

"I always sees your husband in the yard nowadays, Mrs. 'Iggs, burning." "Yus. 'E's got a job distributing circulars."

A sixpence was found inside a sardine caught recently. Perhaps it was saving up to be a goldfish.

(GOOD) Greta White

Gentleman: "Who broke my window?" Charlie: "Billy did, sir. He ducked when I threw a stone at him."

(GOOD) Lily Anthony

His Reason.—"Do you like going to school, Bobbie?" asked grandpa. "Yes, but I like Sunday school best," replied Bobbie. "I am very glad to hear that. Tell me why you prefer it." "'Cos I only have to go once a week."

(GOOD) Ron Hubble

Small Shopper: "Mother wants a pig's trotter, please. She says not a little one like you gave me last time, but one with the gout if you've got it."

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn

Brave Boy.—Cissie: "You won't go into the dark room by yourself, Tommy." Tommy: "Won't I? You come with me and see if I won't!"

(GOOD) Winnie Birmingham

Mr. Rhino: "You don't know what comes after H? What have I above my nose?" Billy Bear: "A funny bump, sir!"

(GOOD) Lesile Gordon

A Self-Announcer.—She: "It's nearly six weeks now since baby was born. Have you told the registrar yet?" He: "If the registrar lives anywhere within ten miles radius he'll know already."

(GOOD) Leslie Craig

Teacher: "Bobby, your arithmetic paper is very poor. I shall have to write to your father." Bobby: "Yes, teacher. Tell him what you think of it. He did that paper for me."

(GOOD) Cyril Stead

Mummie Smiled.—"Mummie," said a little five-year-old whose mamma was giving him a bath, "be sure and wipe me dry so I won't rust."

(GOOD) Willie Birmingham

Youth: "I'm looking for a job." Grocer: "Well, I like your looks, but I can't afford much help." Youth: "But I won't be much help, sir."

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen

A Good Guess.—He had called to take out his fiancee. "What did your father say when you told him of our engagement?" he asked the girl. "Guess," she replied. He thought for a while then said, "Give it up, dear." "Why, that's exactly what he did say," she burst out, "how ever did you know?"

(GOOD) Wilma Price

Nervous Shopkeeper (to burglar): "W-what c-can I s-s-s-show you, sir?"

Doctor: "How are your broken ribs getting on?" Patient: "Fine, except that I've had a stitch in my side all day." Doctor: "Excellent! That shows the bones are knitting."

(GOOD) Enid Love

A Naughty Baby.—Bertie had grown very tired of trying to amuse his baby brother. The baby had been cross all day. This afternoon Bertie's auntie was shown a photo of the baby. "That's not a very good photo of your little brother, Bertie," she said. "No," said Bertie, with a sigh. "You see, he's not a very good baby."

(GOOD) Laura Stead

The elderly lady, riding for the first time in a taxi, was much annoyed at the driver's habit of constantly putting out his hand. At last she could stand it no longer. "You attend to what you're doing," she said. "I'll tell you when it's raining."

(GOOD) Lily Craig

Father (suddenly entering room when son is supposed to be doing home work): "Do you know you are studying that book upside down?" Son (with great presence of mind): "I do, and it's very difficult."

(GOOD) Frank Power

The Optimist.—Waitress: "Oh, I'm sorry I spilled water all over you." Patron: "That's perfectly all right. The suit was too large anyway."

(GOOD) N. Maidstone

Baker (to little girl): "What do you want?" Little Girl: "I want a row of houses, a diamond ring, a motor car, and a Pomeranian pup, but mother only wants twopence worth of stale buns."

(GOOD) Ron Kupsch

Thoughtless.—Effie: "Why hasn't daddy got much hair?" Mother: "Because he thinks a lot, darling." Effie: "But why have you got such a lot?" Mother: "Get on with your breakfast!"

(GOOD) Chrissie King

Quite Different.—Brown (to dentist): "I won't pay extra for gas. Just yank the tooth out, even if it does hurt a little." Dentist: "I must say you are very plucky. Just let me see the tooth." Brown: "Oh, I haven't any toothache; it's Mrs. Brown. She'll be here in a minute."

(GOOD) Joyce Membrey

The Limit.—Peter was very fond of cake. "Mummie," he asked, "may I have another piece of cake?" "No, dear," was the reply, "you have had enough." "I expect I have, but I want too much."

(GOOD) Tommy Craig.

Going Up.—"I tell you I won't have this room, protested the old lady to the bell boy. "I ain't going to pay good money for a pigpen with a measly folding bed in it. You think just because I'm from the country——" Disgusted, the boy cut her short. "Get in, lady! Get in! This ain't your room; it's the elevator!"

(GOOD) M. Madgwick

Salesman: "These shirts simply laugh at the laundry, sir." Customer: "I know. I've had some come back with their sides split.'

(GOOD) Roy Murphy

Husband: "What ever is that splashing noise in the bathroom." Wife: "How silly of me! I must have put baby in the bath instead of the bed."

(GOOD) Guila Kohn

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"What's the difference between capital and labor?" "Well, the money you lend represents capital, and getting it back represents labor."

(GOOD) A. Anthonsen

Mig: "Bring me a pear, Nig." Nig: "I've only bananas." Mig: "Then bring two bananas, that is a pair!"

(GOOD) Thelma Stead

Jim: "I say, John, I saw half a motor the other day." Fred: "What! Half a motor! How could that be true?" Jim: "Oh, yes, it was a Ford, and it was only half there."

(GOOD) Norman Davis

Teacher: "Tommy, why have you got your hand over your ear?" Tommy: "Please, sir, to stop what you are saying from going in one ear and out the other."

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen

"Waiter," said the fussy diner, "I want some oysters, but they mustn't be too large or too small, and they mustn't be to salty. I want them cold, and I want them in five minutes." "Yes, sir," replied the waiter, who was under notice, "will you have them with or without pearls?"

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy

RIDDLES

WHAT AM I?

Although I've neither legs or feet,
I'm only useful when I go,
I have not tongue, but yet I tell
What hundreds want to know.
Answer.—A watch.

(GOOD) Jean Grenfell

Why is an ice-cream like a touching story? Because it has its melting moments.

(GOOD) Clyde Birmingham

When is a lettuce very kind?—When it has a good heart.

Why would you expect all tall fellows to be poets?—Because they are all long fellows (Longfellows).

(GOOD) Lorna McLean

When is a horse like an artist?—When it draws a cart.

(GOOD) F. Power

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

(GOOD) Gladys Jones

POINTED PROVERBS.

"Honour to whom honour is due."

The principle implied in the above words is also contained in the less polite but perhaps more popular expression, "Give the devil his due." It is a happy thing when a man receives the due recognition of his good deeds, whether they be good or evil. point we know that at last we shall all be rewarded according to our deeds, wether they be good or evil. I wonder how often we stop to think of those who are responsible for the common benefits which surround us. Do we thank the milk man for being out so early in all weathers to supply our morning's milk? What about the paper boy? What about the great army of workers everywhere upon whom we depend for the daily and common services which go to make up our civilized conditions? And what about God who is behind all, pouring out many blessings upon mankind? Well will it be if we foster the spirit of gratitude to all upon whom we depend day by day.

I wonder if many people who have been helped by the modern Sunday School movement ever stop to think of the founder who laid the foundation 150 years ago? In October we honour the memory of Robert Raikes, and surely honour is due to him. He received some recognition during his life, for he received the freedom of the city of Gloucester, and the London Sunday School Society conferred honorary membership upon him. King George the third commended his work. Near where he died in Gloucester, a Memorial Tower was erected in 1864, while in later years the Raikes Memorial Hall was opened. At the Centenary Celebrations in 1880 a statue was unveiled on the Thames Enbankment. This year, for the 150th anniversary, special celebrations are being held, poems have been written, photographs have been printed, books have been published and medals have been struck. In Gloucester another statue is to be erected and a fund raised to provide playing fields in his memory. All these memorials are good and fitting, but surely the greatest memorial and the highest tribute of honour is to be seen in the vast number of 350,000 Sunday Schools having an estimated enrolment of 35,000,000 throughout the world. Every Sunday school is a memorial to Robert Raikes, and everyone who has ever been taught in such a school should this year thankfully salute his memory and so give honour to whom honour is due.

COMPETITION CORNER

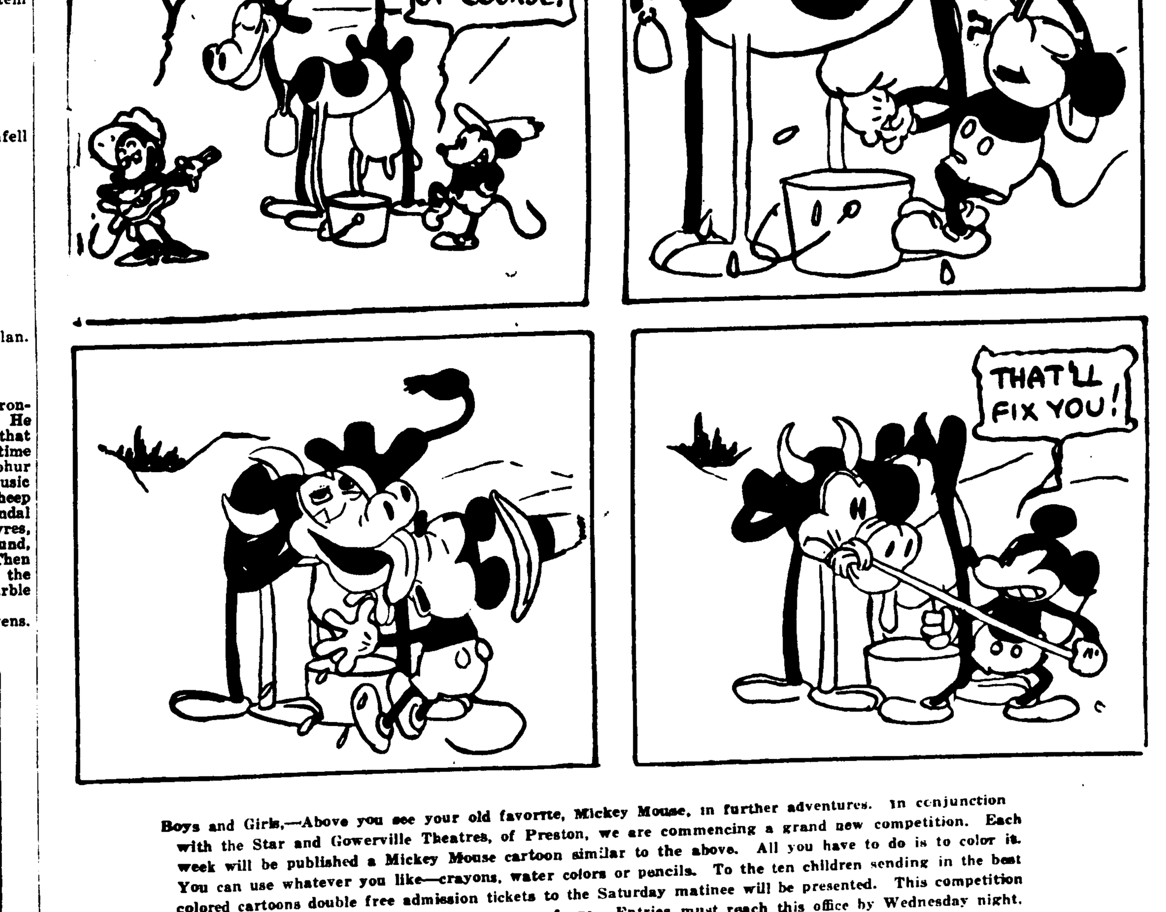
Stories, riddles, catches, puzzles, jokes, short verses, or anything you think will be interesting to the Cobbers' Club should be sent to Uncle Phil, "The Leader," High St., Northcote. They will be printed and marked Good, Better, Best—Good, 5 points; Better, 10 points; Best, 15 points. Cut out all your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

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. Sept 1? 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 13.

IN THE GARDEN

AMONG THE GOLDFISH.

The craze for tropical fish in small aquariums has assumed large proportions in Melbourne, and a big business is being done by breeders and dealers. The dealers received a setback recently, when the shipping companies trading with the East decided to stop the crews bringing the fish on board at Chinese and Japanese ports, owing to the large amount of fresh water used on the voyage to Australia. The result of this embargo means that the breeders in Victoria, who number only about six, will do a big business until the embargo is lifted or other means are found to import the curious exotic fish from abroad.

One of the pioneers of the industry in Melbourne is Mr. George Malcolm, of Burnley. Mr. Malcolm has been breeding goldfish in his concrete tanks at Gibden St. for nearly twenty years, and has during that time managed to rear some queer specimens of the finny race that grace the small aquariums of many Victorian homes.

During a recent visit to his establishment the writer saw much that was of interest. In the tanks, both concrete and glass, were specimens of many rare fish. Certainly the most curious were the Chinese Celestials, whose eyes are on the top of the head. Their coloring is old gold, and they have a large tail similar to the Chinese Fantail.

Another curious fish is the Japanese Shubunkin, a scaleless rarity with pepper and salt markings. The Shubunkin is a "sport" from the Fantails, and the Japanese have now fixed them permanently as a breed. The "sports" have a striking variety in color, some being red, white, brown and yellow.

In point of view of elegance there is no breed of goldfish equal to the Japanese Fringetail. The body is short and round, with long pendant and delicately lace-like fins. The dorsal fin is as high as the body is deep, producing the effect of a sail as the fish moves through the water.

Japanese Fringetails, Fantails, Veiltails, and Telescope-eye were in abundance, and varieties noticed were Comet-tails, Nymphs, and common Carp. Cold water fish from India which only attain a length of 3 inches and have a variety of colors are known as Barbus-Conchonius. Mr. Malcolm purchased six of these mites some years ago, and they have multiplied many hundred times in their new surroundings.

Another curio is the Weatherfish, a small eel-like fish with whiskers, like a walrus. This little fellow is useful; he cleans up the refuse from the sandy bottom of the tanks.

Other scavengers kept in the tanks are water snails of eight different varieties. These are kept for the purpose of cleaning up the refuse from the bottom of ponds and tanks.

English Perch and Pigmy Perch also find a home in the tanks. Japanese Newts and Mexican Axolotals (Newt family) are grotesque little creatures (not unlike a small crocodile in appearance) that have to be carefully watched at breeding time, for the male is very partial to the spawn and makes a hearty meal of them if he is not placed in another tank. This eating of the spawn also applies to goldfish, and they must be removed to another tank if the spawn is to be saved. Goldfish spawn 500 to 1,000 eggs at a spawning, and the careful breeder will make an excellent harvest from a pair of healthy fish.

The fish will not spawn in glass globes, which are regarded as a relic of barbarism by aquarists. The proper tank for fish is the oblong glass tank in which are growing water plants on a gravel or sandy bottom.

Twenty-four inch wooden washtubs outdoors are the best for spawning fish. Baby fish when hatched are provided with a yolksac on which they subsist for three days, then they begin to swim about and eat. They are fed infusoria, which is made by soaking hay or straw in water for about a week or ten days. The water will then be full of tiny white insects (only seen under the microscope), which the little fish will devour greedily. They may also be fed hard-boiled egg yolk that has been strained through cheesecloth by adding water.

Water plants of seventeen different varieties are growing in the tanks, and are also an interesting study for the aquarist.—"Garden Lover."

MOTORIST'S 40-50 M.P.H.

FINED £5 AND LICENSE SUSPENDED

Stated to have travelled at a speed between 40 and 50 miles an hour along High street on September 2, John C. Louder, of Collins street, Thornbury, was fined £5 by the Northcote court on Tuesday, and his license was suspended for three months.

Traffic police stated that between the corner of Darebin and High streets, Northcote, and Wellington street and Queen's parade, Clifton Hill, Louder's speed was between 40 and 50 miles per hour. At the tram shunt near the railway bridge he narrowly missed knocking down a pedestrian.

Louder pleaded guilty and said, "I didn't think I was travelling so fast. My speedometer wasn't working."

When the bench announced the suspension of the license Louder said, "That's my living. I'm a garage-man."

The P.M.—You should be more careful.

DEAD OR DEAD DRUNK ?

MAN'S UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE

Dead or dead drunk? That was the question which presented itself when the Northcote police and an ambulance were summoned to St. George's road on September 13.

Dead drunk was the answer, and the sequel resulted in Henry Robbins, of Richmond, appearing at the Northcote court on Tuesday to answer that charge.

The case had been called a week before, but Robbins had failed to put in an appearance.

Senior Constable Fowles related that the police were informed by telephone that there was a dead man in St. George's road. When the police arrived at the spot an ambulance was also there, but the man, instead of being taken to the morgue was locked up at Northcote.

Robbins.—When I was let out I left a deposit of 10/, which I thought would be sufficient to pay the fine.

The P.M. (Mr. O'Callaghan).—You have had an unusual experience, which should be a lesson to you.

Robbins.—I had to pay for the ambulance!

The P.M.—Under the circumstances you will be discharged.

Northcote Branch R.S.S.I.L.A.

PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS BALL.

Over 100 people attended a successful plain and fancy dress ball in the Memorial Hall on 24th inst., inaugurated by the local branch of the Returned Soldiers' League. The costumes were many and varied, and prize winners were as follows:—Mr. and Mrs. Moore, in the gay dresses representing "Carnival" deservedly earned the prizes for the best dressed couple; Mrs. Dalton, as "A Scarecrow," carried off the prize for the best sustained character in the ladies' section; Mr. S. M. Higgins, of Warragul, maintained the difficult role of an "Inebriated Gentleman" in evening dress, and carried off the prize for the best sustained character in the gentlemen's section; Mrs. H. Marshall, in the picturesque dress of a "Chinese Mandarin," and Mr. J. W. Cook, as "Father's Night Out" (nursing the baby and complete with the candle for the floor walking), won their prizes for the most original characters; Mr. G. Singles, of Moonee Ponds, won a special prize for his ability in acting the difficult character of "Silly Bill." He has, without doubt, considable talent as an actor. Among other noticeable costumes were—Mrs. Crosby (Flower Girl); Mrs. Bedford (The Perfect Waitress); Miss Doris Naughton (Pierrot); Miss Vera Naughton (Cinderella); Mrs. Mathieson, Tallangatta (Arabian Nights); Mrs. G. Wright (Arabian Nights); Mrs. Betty Higgins (Grass Widow); Mrs. Lawrence (Dolly Varden); Mrs. Curtis (Night); Mrs. A. Williams (Scotch Lassie); Mr. Trimm (Query?); Mr. Groves (Clown); Mr. Reitch (Departed Spirits); Mr. Jackson (Sailor); Mr. Peasnell (Jockey); Mr. Taylor (Footballer); Mr. Haggis (Down For The Show). The supper was carried out by Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Stanford and Mrs. Williams, and was served by the members of the social committee. Mr. Saunders' Old Time Band supplied the music in their efficient manner, whilst Mr. S. Eaton officiated as M.C. The president of the branch (Mr. H. S. W. Marshall) presented the prizes to the successful competitors with a few well chosen remarks. The organising of the evening was in the hands of the social secretary (Mr. E. W. Stanford). At the chime of midnight the evening was brought to a close by the assembled company joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne." The social secretary advises that another of these balls will be held at an early date, and meanwhile the old time dances will be held each Wednesday evening.

BASEBALL NOTES

NORTHCOTE WIN PREMIERSHIP

The final match or the B section premiership was won by Northcote, who defeated Prahran at Merri Park on September 25. At the last moment this contest, which should have been played at Northcote, was transferred to Merri Park, owing to the state of the ground at Northcote.

The winning team displayed better form in all departments of the game, and ran out easy winners, scoring 14 runs to 5. Leggo pitched to Roxborough for Northcote, and Burley and Souter had charge of the attack for Prahran. The latter team gave a poor display in defensive work, and were all at sea against Leggo's curves. Northcote landed 14 hits, 3 each from Heron and Gibaud. The former hit a fine triple in the fifth innings. Vernon, Marshall and Roxborough also batted well. In offensive work Prahran could do little, securing only 5 scattered hits, two of which came from the veteran left-hander, Thompson. Eustace provided a double in the sixth term, but froze at second, as his team mates failed to connect Leggo.

The outstanding players for Northcote were Heron, Gibaud, Leggo, Gordon and Rowe, and those who displayed good form for Prahran were Burley, Blake, Eustace, Souter and Parker. Hindson and Wilie umpired. Scores:—

Northcote: 3,3,2,0,2,3,0,1,0—14.
Prahran: 2,0,0,0,0,2,0,1,0—5.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON–NORTHCOTE CLUB

Adverse weather conditions again marred the training preparations for the coming track season, which will be officially opened on November 1. Owing to the condition of the track only light training was done. Trials were again held for the juniors, after which the teams for the challenge contest with the Glenhuntly Club next Saturday were picked, as follows:—

Relay Team, 14 to 16, 600 yards.—A. Gibbs, V. Kurklin, J. Dalton, J. Woods, L. Bransgrove, A. Dickens; emergency, A. Sheppard.

High Jump.—L. Bransgrove, E. Bransgrove, A. Gibbs.

200 yards, 14 to 16.—V. Kurklen, A. Tassie, J. Woods, A. Dickens.

440 Yards, 14 to 16.—V. Kurklen, E. Bransgrove, A. Gibbs, J. Woods, L. Bransgrove, A. Dickens, J. Dalton, A. Tassie, A. Sheppard.

100 Yards, 12 to 14.—J. Dalton, A. Sheppard, K. Rowell, S. Millman.

50 Yards, 12 to 14.—N. Powell, D. Flemming, I. Jeffries, L. Krietling.

Long Jump, 12 to 14.—I. Jeffries, D. Flemming, S. Millman.

The boys will travel by the 2 p.m. train from Preston. A fair measure of success should be obtained by these boys, as there are many who should develop into fine athletes.

NORTHCOTE SWIMMING CLUB

With the approach of the warm weather swimming clubs are busy preparing their programmes. The committee of the Northcote Club is busy in this direction. New members are being enrolled, and the prospects look bright. During the winter the club has conducted weekly dances to keep the members together. The monthly meeting will be held in the town hall buildings on October 7.

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Cricket Season Opens

DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v SOUTH MELBOURNE

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NORTHCOTE

First Innings

P. Ellis, c Hassett, b Morton	0
F. Fontaine, c Wootton, b Morton	9
E. Vernon, c Hocking, b Morton	9
C. Powell, c Hocking, b Morton	3
C. Morgan, lbw, b Morton	1
F. Baring, b Morton	0
K. Fleming, b Darling	2
G. Ogden, c Hassett, b Morton	9
A. Dickens, c Darling, b Morton	7
P. Chivers, run out	0
P. Gibaud, not out	0
Sundries	1
Total	41

Bowling.—Morton, 8 for 20; L. Darling, 1 or 20.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

First Innings

R. Park, not out	2
L. Fitzmaurice, not out	0
Sundries	3
No wickets for	5

Bowling.—Chivers, 0 for 3; Gibaud, 0 for 0.

SECOND ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v SOUTH MELBOURNE

(By "Longun.")

Northcote opened the season with a journey to South Melbourne.

A very easy wicket had been prepared considering the short time for preparation. It was very nice to have a chat with Ted Lockwood, the curator, who was many yeras ago, a prominent player of the Collingwood Football team.

South Win the Toss.

Unfortunately Northcote lost the toss, but at the close of the day they were quite satisfied with their performance.

South's Opening.

Williams and Featherstone faced the bowling of Fleming and McSperrin, the former playing his first game with Northcote having come from Fitzroy.

One for None.

The start was disastrous for South Williams being smartly snapped up in slips by Millar off Fleming's first over, without a run being scored. Byrne followed. The scoring was very slow at the opening, the batsmen being content to watch the bowling carefully.

With the score at 13 Featherstone was run out for 8. Davenport filled the vacant crease, and Byrne after scoring 8 was bowled by McSperrin With the score at 3 for 24 Cornelius joined Davenport, but did not last long, being bowled by Clarkson, who had relieved Fleming. The board showed 32 when a sharp shower drove the players to the pavilion.

Rain Interferes with Play.

On resuming, conditions were very bad, the bowlers being unable to get a foothold. Sawdust was freely used by bowlers and batsmen. Clark, a mere boy, making his first appearance with the local team was shaping nicely. Davenport and he proving troublesome to Northcote's bowlers, although both gave chances early in their innings.

Football Weather.

Conditions were more suitable for football than the summer game. Rain was falling when the century mark was reached. Another coastal shower drove the players to the pavilion, during this interval they had tea.

Lawn and Fleming resumed bowling after the adjournment. Clark reached his half-century mark with two nice strokes to the pickets off Lawn.

Clark out for 65.

The score gradually increased to 149 when Davenport was run out for 49. Clark did not remain long afterwards, Millar catching him off Clarkson for a well made 65, a very nice knock for a boy making his first appearance. The remaining batsmen offered little resistance, the last wicket falling with the score at 195.

Clarkson had the best bowling figures; 11 overs, 41 runs, 5 wickets. The absence of a fast bowler was sadly felt by Northcote.

With the few remaining minutes for play Northcote scored 4 runs. Scores:—

SOUTH MELBOURNE

First Innings

Williams, c Millar, b Fleming	0
Featherstone, run out	8
Byrne, b McSperrin	8
Cornelius, b Clarkson	6
Davenport, run out	49
Slatter, lbw, b Clarkson	9
Clarke, c Millar, b Clarkson	65
Darling, b Clarkson	5
Kendall, c Warren, b Clarkson	4
Bodeanoff, run out	4
Lamb, not out	16
Sundries	21
Total	195

Bowling.—Clarkson, 5 for 41; Fleming, 1 for 54; McSperrin, 1 for 37; Fothergill, 0 for 36; Lawn, none for 16.

SUB-DISTRICT

IVANHOE v HAWTHORN-EAST MELBOURNE

Ivanhoe won the toss against Hawthorn-East Melbourne and decided to bat. Play was delayed by rain until half-past 2 o'clock. Gill and Williams opened to Brown, but with the score at 8 Gill was well caught at first slip by Pyke off Brown. Play was interrupted at intervals, but the final score was the fine one of 232. Jerrams, formerly of Richmond, gave a chanceless display for 83, including twelve 4's, and Dodd made 63 (ten 4's) in good style. Others who showed form were Dowell 14, Rose 13, Davidson 20. The combine gave a good fielding exhibition, Flowers, with two good catches, excelling. Brown bowled really well under difficult conditions, obtaining six for 65. R. Francis secured three for 90.

KEW v PRESTON

Kew batted first against Preston and lost eight for 167. Rain delayed play at the start, and there was another adjournment at 4 o'clock for 40 minutes. Simonton was top scorer with 50, and Birchall began well with his new club by making 30. Thomas, 26 not out, and Dr. Thompson, 22 not out, were associated in a good partnership. Bott, four for 49, and Spoor, four for 29, shared the wickets.

W. Woodbury was again elected captain of Preston, with G. Bott vice-captain. Preston are well pleased with J. Clinnick, a left-hander, who bowled really well while the wicket was dry.

Second Elevens

Hawthorn-East Melbourne, five for 37 (Smith 14, Clough 2/7, Dowling 2/13, Brooks 1/9) v Ivanhoe.

THE JUNIORS

Flemington and Kensington v Fairfield

Flemington and Kensington made 138 against Fairfield, the best performance being C. Boyce's "hat trick." The best batsmen were Courtney 48, Steel 29, Heffernan 34, and Anderson 11. In addition to Boyce, who finished with three for 50 off 60 balls, W. Ingleman took two for 32 and A. Boyce two for 31. Fairfield lost three wickets for 19.

Heidelberg v Richmond City

Rain delayed play in this match at Heidelberg. City batted first, and when stumps were drawn the score was four for 75. Joe Donohue made top score with 29 before being bowled by McCormack, McDonald was caught behind for 15, while sundries totalled 13.

Northcote Socials v Hoffman's

In the third grade Northcote Socials met Hoffman's. At one stage of the latter's innings eight wickets were down for 47, but a good stand by S. Waugh and T. Moore for the ninth wicket helped the team to the respectable score of 139. Waugh made 52 and Moore 24. G. Wetenhall bowled well for Northcote Socials, taking three for 9. Socials have lost four wickets for 12, but as these were tail-enders it is expected that the other batsmen will do better next Saturday. Northcote Socials are a new club and practice every Wednesday evening on the Northcote cricket ground, and players and intending players are invited to attend.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

First Grade

Burnley, 124 (Twyford 25, S. Bentley 32, Shippick 34), v Thornbury, five for 60.

Second Grade

St. Ignatius, 112 (Dempsey 41, Latter 4/19), v Prince of Wales, none for 62.

The Regent Cricket Club made an auspicious start for the season in its match against Britannia G.U.O.O.F. at National Park. When stumps were drawn Regent had 204 runs on the book for the loss of six wickets, due to the splendid batting of L. Robinson (99) and L. Langlands (51). W. Milne (16) and A. Forrest (15 n.o.) also helped to put the team in a sound position. The best bowlers were T. Jacobson, 2 for 30, and L. Hill, 2 for 35. Before the game E. Newbegin and L. Dalcam were elected captain and vice-captain respectively of Regent.

Third Grade

Regent, 46 (Hamilton 22, White 6/12), v St. John's, two for 103 (Tommasi 63 n.o.).

J. Bennett and Son, 39 (Dean 5/19), v Northcote Free Gardeners, seven for 104 (Whittaker 42, Kennedy 4/32).

Crescent, six or 115 (Gregory 31, Reading 29 and 5/19, Winstanley 28 n.o.), v Fairfield Free Gardeners, 83 (Booth 30, Summers 32).

Wardrop House, none for 11, v Alphair Harmony, 185 (Ash 44, Doyle 59, Stanway 26, Spencer 4/67).

Croxton, 165 (Johnston 79 n.o.), v Hopgood 21, McDonald 4/27), v Westgarth, one for 36 (Best 32 n.o.)

Gibsonia, 126 (Adams 29, Coulson 37, Neill 10, Howard 17; Russell 2/35, Underwood 4/30, Hogg, 3/12), v Northcote G.U.O.O.F., one for 12.

A. Hogg was elected captain of Northcote. A house party will be held at Mr. Bernstein's, 125 Clarke street, Merri, on October 4 at 8 p.m.

JIKA ASSOCIATION

Preston United, eight for 207 (Luckman 66, Lugton 39, Harding 22), v Melrose.

Scouts, 49 (Mathers 4/21), v Pender's Grove, two for 31.

Croxton United, 28 (Woods 6/20), v Prestonite, four for 90 (Whittle 24)

Preston Footballers, 189 (Skipper 60, Hannah 29, L. Punch 28), v Victory.

Gowerville, 137 Barklem 25 and 4/3, Bahen 38, Marsland 29, Hollowood 4/42), v Broadhursts, six for 23.

Northcote Junior Footballers played the Soccer Club last Saturday. The latter were all out for 88, H. Young taking 4 for 34, A. Proposch 3 for 8 and Martin 3 for 15. Northcote replied with six for 55, S. Martin batting well for 24.

East Northcote, 101 (Rowe 24, Ingleton 7/41), v Bell, one for 35.

HEIDELBERG DISTRICT

First Grade

North Ivanhoe, three for 210 (Robertson 126 n.o., Rendall 63), v West Heidelberg.

Greensborough, 175 (Carse 37, Lines 35, McDonald 24, Mountford 24; Matthews 4/12), v Ivanhoe.

Rosanna, 64 (McWaters 24, Stone 20) v North Alphington, one for 9.

Alphington, 60 (Grenness 22), v Ivanhoe Footballers, four for 87 (Gonzales 42).

Fairfield, 105 (Coates 32, Short 29; Fraser 6/20), v Heidelberg, three for 11.

Second Grade

North Ivanhoe, seven for 111 (Kitchen 38 n.o., Starr 27, May 25), v Eaglemont.

Claremont, three for 71 (Durant 40 n.o., Hall 23), v Fairfield Diggers.

Greensborough, 66 (Jones 35, Quirk 23; Ramsden 4/16), v Macleod, 121 (Campbell 30, Hocking 30).

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Kew, 163 (Galley 24, Carter 76), v Northcote, one for 25.

Hawthorn, 129 (Dean 28, Pallamountagne 27, Franklin 20; Jacks 7/57), v Heidelberg, three for 105 (Lugton 34, Jacks 31 n.o.).

Footscray, 187 (Cross 78 and 6/6, hat trick, White 20), v Preston, 24 (Gilchrist 4/40).

CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

Northcote and Preston

First Grade

Thornbury Presbyterians, none for 109 (C. Bowden 47 retired hurt, J. Milne 19 n.o., H. Jones 43 n.o.), v West Preston Methodists, 25 (C. Brewer 10, B. Paddle 7; H. Jones 7/13, C. Taylor 1/0).

Croxton Methodists, 80 (W. Neilson 28), v St. Mark's Church of England, four for 7 (Rowe 4/29, Davey 4/22).

Prince of Wales Park Methodists, three for 139 (H. Power 76 n.o., A. Oates 29, H. Greenwood 13 and 3/24), v Northcote Church of Christ, 56 (A. Power 7/19).

South Preston Methodists, 59 (L. Keeble 4/12), v St. George's Road Footballers, one for 6.

St. James' Church of England, 74 (Woods 20, Bramley 6/8), v Thornbury Church of Christ, six for 67 (Gall 42 n.o.).

Regent Presbyterians, 118 (Wildsmith 58 n.o. and 3/7, Heffernan 6/42), v St. George's Road Methodist, six for 27.

Second Grade

Northcote Methodists, 95 (Risstrom 31, Thomas 19 n.o., Dunn 19, Hatfield 14; N. Stewart, 6/23), v Northcote Presbyterians, none for 7.

Thornbury Presbyterians, 66 (A. Boyd 31 n.o., E. Nicholls 9, A. James 7; E. Bray 3/24, A. Sammy 3/5), v Church of Epiphany our for 40 (D. Patterson 2/4, G. Nicholls 1/9, N. Cooper 1/14).

St. Mary's Church of England, 45 (F. Johnson 20, D. Hooton 4/13, C. Broadhurst 4/20), v Northcote East Baptist, one for 33.

Northcote Crusaders, 140 (L. Emmerson 22, L. Fargher 26, L. Smith 44, Thorpe 4/38, Baxter 4/36), v St. George's Church of England, Reservoir, two for 11.

Sunday Schools

St. Aidan's, 134 (Fildes 49) v Preston Methodists, three for 34 (Robinson 11 and 5/38, Rackham 3/24).

Thornbury Presbyterians, nine for 261 (J. Douglas 164, E. Douglas 20; Coffman 2/28),

Church of Christ

First Grade.—West Preston, 72 (Glanville 22), v North Fitzroy, two for 93 (Prosser 40 n.o., Thomson 20, Peterson 23; Prior 7/27).

Second Grade.—Northcote, 54 (Canning 23; Little 5/3), v Thornbury, four for 131 (Croisdale 100).

C.E.B.S.

St. Mary's, Preston, three for 17 (Telfer 4/22), v Essendon (McHardy 68 n.o.).

Band of Hope

Bell, 55, d Fawkner, 27 and 22.

Croxton Laurels, 97 (Thomas 34, Best 29, Oliver 7/79), v Seddon, none for 3.

Royal Park, 44, v Croxton Juniors, 54 and five or 52 (Tettet 12/37).

Baptist Church

Ivanhoe, six (closed) for 202 (Mathews 115 n.o., N. Mathews 21), v West Preston.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

A.O.F.

Pride of Northcote, 93 (McKeon 26, Richmond 26; Holbrook 5/45), v Court Friendship, eight for 56 (Vale 4/14).

C.Y.M.S.

Northcote B v Carlton.—Frequent rain interrupted play in this match T. Smark was elected captain of Northcote and sent Carlton in to bat. Remarkable bowling by Stevens resulted in their dismissal for the small total of 67. Stevens, who maintained a prefect length and flighted the ball cleverly, took eight for 25, including the hat trick. He received valuable assistance from the fieldsmen, of whom W. Clancy was outstanding. At stumps Northcote had lost two for 97, Stevens again being to the fore with a nicely compiled 42, while O'Kane, a new colt, scored 17 not out. The match will be concluded next Saturday and should result in a win for the locals.

Preston, 154 (Prince 68, Sullivan 25, J. Williams 6/48), v East Brunswick, none for 3.

Fairfield, 52 (Growney 20, Rasmussen 5/20), v Clifton Hill, eight for 81 (McAllen 25, Jackson 20, Hunter 5/31).

The Thornbury v Northcote match was postponed.

Essendon B, 51 (Mahoney 7/22), v Fairfield B, five for 32 (Danaher 4/8)

P.A.F.S.

Preston, 79 (C. Burge 28; Dugan 5/24, Busteed 4/19), v Williamstown, three for 44.

Northcote, two for 36 (F. Ward 20 n.o. and 3/15), v Collingwood, 103 (Eastman 32).

North Melbourne, 134 (Butler 86 n. .; Schwaebsch 4/12), v Fairfield.

I.O.R.

Senior Competition

Northcote, six for 257 (Mackay 136 n.o., Scott 98), v North Fitzroy.

Clifton Hill, 63 (O'Connell 20, Carter 6/16), v Collingwood, two for 46.

West Melbourne, 86 (Potter 27, Archer 6/30), v Fairfield, three for 97 (Weller, sen., 39).

Sunshine, eight (closed) for 217, v Ivanhoe.

Junior Competition

Fairfield, 111 (Dunstan 42), v Clifton Hill, one for 1.

John Vale, 35, v Northcote, three for 6.

H.A.C.B.S.

Preston, 81 (Tuttle 27, Bayliss 5/24), v Richmond.

Middle Park, 185 (O'Connor 61 and 5/5, J. Mitchell 52), v Thornbury, eight for 23.

I.N.F.

Brunswick, four for 279 (Mooney 127 n.o., Milne 37, Moore 22, Cole 24, Kennedy 20 n.o.), v Northcote.

Sons of Temperance

Alpha, 129 (Lucas 62, Robinson 21, L. Allen 5/62, V. Pangbourne 3/32), v Rising Star, one for 21.

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Melbourne, seven (closed) for 208 (Barnes 113 n.o., King 31, Purcell 25; Emmerson 5/44), v Northcote, two for 44 (Lyons 20 n.o.).

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F. SEYMOUR MAKES NEW ASSOCIATION RECORD.

(By "Aequus.

Considering that it was an Association final, there was a poor attendance at North Melbourne cricket ground on Saturday, when Oakleigh (minor premiers) were opposed by Northcote. Just when people were preparing to go out for the afternoon a wind storm, accompanied by rain, spoilt the intentions of many, who decided not to brave the elements.

Strong Teams

Northcote fielded a side that was considered the strongest for the season, Honig replacing Poulter; while Oakleigh was powerfully represented.

THE TEAMS

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

Oakleigh.—Backs: Nott, McAlister, Wiltshire; half-forwards: Dolan, Rudolph, Thomas; centres: Oprey, Beasley, Driver; half-forwards: Goding, Fleming, Withers; forwards: Yemm, Frazer, Salter; followers: O'Neil, Spain; rover: Maher.

Umpires.—Field: McKinnon; boundary: Giesler, Kenny; goal: Franklin, McDonnell.

THE PLAY

Maher won the toss from Rowe and thus had the first opportunity of using the strong wind favoring the Arden street end.

A Snappy Start

Wasting no time, Oakleigh attacked and Maher scored a behind. A free to Fleming well out was marked by Frazer, who piloted first goal.

Northcote went forward through Corrigan and Garrett, but were checked by a free to Rudolph. Northcote attacked again, but Seymour's try went out. Play was soon at the other end, but Wilson, in brilliant style, turned Oakleigh back.

Too Many Frees

Northcote were playing forceful football, but a couple of the players were giving too many penalty kicks. From one of these Goding scored a splendid goal, while twice Frazer found the big opening, once from a snap. Maher, who was playing smartly, again found Frazer, who punted his fourth goal or the match.

Northcote's First

At last Northcote penetrated the defence and a snappy pass by Pruser to Brown was rewarded with a big point. Towards the end Briggs had two tries, the second resulting in a minor. Quarter-time scores:—

Oakleigh: 5 goals 1 behind (31 pts)
Northcote: 1 goal 1 behind (7 pts)

Northcote Recover

Aided by the wind Northcote set out to reduce the margin. A masterly move by Rowe, now half-forward, culminated in Pruser passing to Seymour for his 108th goal of the season.

A New Record

Since 1912 Dave McNamara's record of 107 goals stood, but Seymour's successful kick saw a new record posted.

Sturdy Defence

Nott, Thomas and Dolan were very active for Oakleigh and kept Northcote from piercing the uprights. Wilson, Woods and Hill were equally sure for Northcote.

Briggs' Goals

Then in a flash Briggs twice found the big opening with long kicks. Brown was roving brilliantly, his dashes being very powerful. Milne snapped a minor.

Nott Injured

Through receiving a bad knock on the face Nott was forced to retire, and Allison took his place. Seymour was again successful when he marked from Brown, and Northcote then led by a point.

Hit the Post

Going great guns, Brown was unlucky to hit the post, while another snap went behind.

Wasted Chances

Through paying too much attention to the man Northcote were frequently penalised for breaches of the rules. Many times the ball was being swung forward, only to be checked by some silly infringement. Whereas Northcote should have been goals in front, they led by only three points. Half-time scores:—

Northcote: 5 goals 4 behinds (34 pts)
Oakleigh: 5 goals 1 behind (31 pts)

Rain Spoils Contest

Throughout the interval rain fell, and the ball and the ground became very slippery. Play suffered in consequence and was rough and spiteful. Neither side spared the other, but Northcote were the more vigorous. A great effort by Nicholls saw Seymour add a single.

Oakleigh Lead Again

Play travelled up and down, and though Northcote did most of the attacking they failed to score. Pruser had several tries but could not manage the distance with the heavy ball. Two of his shots were marked just between the posts. Northcote had held Oakleigh well, but more free kicks helped the latter. Goals by Dolan and Withers came quickly, while Frazer and Yemm scored minors.

Seymour Goals Again

Northcote carried play up the wing, Garrett and Gray doing well. Ross obtained from them and shot for the goal, when Seymour marked close in for his third sixer. Oakleigh replied just before the bell with a lucky goal by Allison, and behinds by Dolan and Beasley. When the term ended Oakleigh were 12 points in front. Three-quarter time scores:—

Oakleigh: 8 goals 3 behinds (51 pts)
Northcote: 6 goals 3 behinds (39 pts)

Northcote's Forwards Fail

With a wet and slippery ball Northcote's task was difficult, but well within their compass. However, several forward moves were spoilt when Seymour's shot went right across goals, and Milne and Gray were each only equal to singles from close in.

Umpire Struck

Play was held up for a time as the umpire had been struck in the face with the ball. Wilson repeatedly saved Northcote.

Deciding Goal

Brilliant play by Driver, Withers and Frazer allowed Oprey to pick up near the fence and cleverly notch a goal. Oakleigh led by 16 points and half the quarter was gone. Northcote fought back and Stockdale snapped a sixer. Both teams were tired, and after Gray, Briggs and Fleming scored behinds there was no further scoring.

A Nasty Scene

Towards the end of the quarter Wilson brought Goding to the ground and a few spectators and trainers rushed the arena. The police soon restored order, play being held up for 49 seconds. Nothing further of note happened, and the bell rang with Oakleigh winners by nine points and premiers for 1930. Final scores:—

Oakleigh: 9 goals 6 behinds (60 pts)
Northcote: 7 goals 9 behinds (51 pts)

The Players

While Oakleigh were successful and must be congratulated for their success, it was obvious that Northcote threw the match away. Several times when in a favorable position Northcote's chances were ruined by ridiculous actions on the part of some of the locals. They were disastrous and distinctly discreditable to Northcote.

An Even Side

Oakleigh fielded an even combination. Frazer, with four goals, was an early success, as were Withers and O'Neil. Thomas, Dolan and Rudolph formed a strong defence, while Spain, McAllister and Salter did best of the others.

Brilliant Wing Men

For Northcote, both Nicholls and Garrett outplayed their opponents. The former received a nasty knock from Driver early in the game. With Corrigan, these men formed a brilliant centre line.

In Defence

Woods and Wilson were fine defenders and saved repeatedly. Hill and Perkins were often in the picture, but Cockram and Stockdale were quieter than usual.

A Splendid Rover

No one did more than Brown, roving, while Gray lent him valuable assistance. Pruser had an unlucky day and missed a good deal. Seymour played a good honest game, but should have been replaced at half-time, as he was suffering from concussion and knew little about the game. He received medical attention during the week-end.

Strong Rucks

Milne, Honig, Briggs and Rowe all worked hard, whether following or placed, while Ross did many clever things.

The Umpire

McKinnon had a difficult task and handled it fairly well.

Players Reported

Wilson (alleged elbowing) and Milne (alleged unseemly conduct) have been reported to the Association.

V.J.F.A.

NORTHCOTE v COBURG

A large crowd attended the Preston ground on Saturday to witness the above match. Conditions were not of the best, and rain made it uncomfortable for both players and spectators. Northcote were weakened by the absence of Skilton, J. Ludlow and Winter (all disqualified). Docking (poisoned hand) and Burns (crushed finger) played to make up the team, but could not do themselves justice. On the other hand Coburg, who had defeated Preston by a small margin, fielded their best side for the year, being assisted considerably by members of the senior club.

Umpire Jury had a hard game to umpire, but did his job well.

The Teams

Northcote.—Backs: Davies, Edsall, Condie; half-backs: Humphreys, Burns, Easton; centres: Lane, O'Neil, Edwards; half-forwards: Johnstone, Johnson, Ackland; forwards: Cox, F. Ludlow, Jowett; followers: Houldcroft, Woods; rover: Docking.

Coburg.— Backs: Lines, Short, Duncan; half-backs: Fitzgerald, Austin, Buckley; centres: Foley, Willox, Brown; half-forwards: Leonard, Riddington, Leahy; forwards: Street, McGrath, McDonald; followers: Cox, O'Keefe; rover: Craig.

The Play

In the absence of Bob Skilton, F. Ludlow had charge of the side, T. Houldcroft being elected vice-captain. Ludlow won the toss and kicked towards the Cramer street goal. Northcote attacked and had the ball well forward, but Woods, marking in front, could only manage a point.

Marking the kick-in Houldcroft forwarded and Docking snapped a single. Coburg forced the ball forward, but the Northcote backs checked the advance. The locals had the best of the play, but with little luck. Finding an opening Coburg rushed forward but from an easy chance only a point resulted. O'Keefe marked well and prevented Northcote from scoring.

Coburg broke through and McDonald, marking well, scored full points. The red and blacks opened up the game and were rewarded by a fine goal by Riddington, followed by a like score by Street. Northcote forced play, but their kicking was all astray and only behinds resulted. Coburg were the better side and had a handy lead at the first change. Scores:—Coburg, 3 goals 1 behind; Northcote, 4 behinds.

The ball often beat the players of both sides, who made many mistakes. Attacks by Northcote were easily turned back as the result of the forwards being out of position. Goals were added by O'Keefe and McGrath for Coburg. Jowett, Ackland and Lane were hard workers, but the strong counter attacks by Coburg were too solid. Riddington scored another goal for Coburg, who were playing well and deserved their big lead. Half-time scores:—Coburg, 6 goals 3 behinds; Northcote 5 behinds.

On resuming Northcote made gallant efforts to reduce the deficit, but the absence of the big men was keenly felt. Time after time they had the ball well forward, only to see it whipped away by Coburg's solid back line. Craig opened their account with a single, but further scoring was temporarily stopped by Davies and Edsall who cleared their goals well.

Working the ball along the wing Northcote got within striking distance, but Ackland kicked erratically and only a behind was scored. The scores did not do justice to the game, as both sides gave a solid and clean display, with Coburg having better luck. Of this they took full advantage and scored whenever possible. Coburg now had a run of behinds. They kicked hurriedly and seemed to be always ahead of their opponents.

Northcote strove hard to get that much-needed goal. Playing around the wing, good work by Lane, Woods and Houldcroft gave Ackland another chance from a most difficult angle. This time his kick went true and he scored the first goal for Northcote amid terrific applause from their supporters. This livened up proceedings somewhat after the monotonous run of behinds.

Northcote tried hard to get a run on, but the level-headed Coburg players were up to the move. They took things easily, played the game and stopped any forward moves. O'Neill and Edwards worked hard, but their efforts were not rewarded as they should have been, and the quarter ended with Coburg having a solid grip on the game. Three-quarter-time scores:—Coburg, 7 goals 6 behinds; Northcote, 1 goal 7 behinds.

Northcote's Forlorn Hope

Northcote opened up the final quarter with a smart bit of play, and F. Ludlow, marking well over the pack, scored his first and his side's second goal. He later had another shot from an acute angle, but missed. Splendid work by Coburg's backs cleared the ball away and carried play forward, where goals were scored by Riddington and Leonard. Northcote, however, did not give up hope. They forced the ball forward, but luck was still against them, two shots bringing singles only. Coburg twice made visits to the forward line and scored full points—one each by Street and McGrath. This sealed Northcote's fate, and although they battled hard they failed to force home their attacks. The crowd now began to leave the ground, being content that the better team had won. The Northcote team are to commended on their fine game against unsurmountable odds, and with the luck of the game against them they never looked like winners after half-time. Final scores:—

Coburg: 11 goals 8 behinds (74 pts)
Northcote: 2 goals 11 behinds (23pts)

Goal-kickers.—Coburg: McDonald (3), Street (3), Riddington (2), McGrath, O'Keefe, Leonard. Northcote: Ackland, Ludlow.

Mr. R. Morrison (president) and Bob Skilton visited the Coburg room after the match and congratulated the team on their victory, and expressed a desire to see them premiers. The president of the Coburg Club visited Northcote's rooms and commended the players on their manly display. He said he was convinced that had Northcote had their three disqualified players in the side the game would have been more interesting and we would have probably won. He expressed regret that such a happening should have occurred at this time of the season.

Best Players

Davies, Burns and Easton played a fine game on the back line, while Jowett (wing and half-forward) gave his best game for the year. O'Neil and Edwards (on the wing) were at their top, but their good work was nullified by Coburg's powerful back line. Docking, although handicapped by an injury, roved well, while Ackland was the best of the half-forwards, although he was unlucky in shooting for goal.

Coburg's best man was McGrath, the powerful ruck man, who used his weight fairly and to advantage. Foley Short, Leahy, Fitzgerald were the pick of a well-balanced side, who deserved their victory.

Club Notes

A players' meeting is called for Thursday night to finalise the arrangements for the forthcoming trip to Healesville. Mr. E. Musgrove, the popular treasurer, has taken over the arrangements from Mr. T. Houldcroft, who is unable to make the trip.

V.J.F.A. DISQUALIFICATIONS

(To the Editor)

Sir,—With reference to the letter in last week's issue signed by W. Fawcett, secretary of the V.J.F.A., relating to the report of the game between Northcote and Port Melbourne second eighteens, much criticism has been hurled at the writer of the report, and unwarranted at that, as every incident mentioned was truthfully and accurately described, and I challenge Mr. Fawcett to prove otherwise. Agreeing that the incidents or melee did not last more than 36 seconds, this is quite long enough for the tribunal to be advised of, which, after hearing evidence, disqualified several players who gave a truthful version of the incidents. It is high time the delegates of the clubs in this competition see that an independent tribunal is elected to judge these cases next year. Too much club interest is surrounded in this department of the management, and at this special tribunal three members of the same were in attendance at the match. To a certain degree their version was given and must have been acted upon as the evidence given was not convincing.

According to the rules of the Association, the secretary or his deputy must inquire from the field umpire at the conclusion of the game if there are any reports. This was strictly adhered to by the Northcote representative, who received the reply to his question, "Two Port Melbourne players." Any of Northcote? The field umpire, who was rolling in pain, was still able to give his answer as "All clear." The officials of the Northcote Club left the ground quite satisfied that no players of their club were reported. Still, however, our secretary (C. Winter) received a letter from the Association to the effect that the boundary umpire had reported three of the most prominent members of our side. One member of the Northcote committee visited the injured umpire at his home to inquire as to his injury, and had a conversation regarding the game. He was surprised to hear that the Northcote players were reported, as he was up with the play when the supposed fight started, and he saw nothing of the infringements of the rules by Northcote players. He continued by saying that at half-time interval, about ten minutes after the affair, in their retiring room, he said to his fellow umpires, "It looks got (mentioning the two Port Melbourne players)," and wrote them down on paper so he would not forget. Three umpires agreed on this point, and all were satisfied as to who they were reporting, and at the end of the game gave all clear, as far as Northcote were concerned.

The whole thing is open, and the further you go into the facts of the case the more curious you get. It has been said that the boundary umpire was approached regarding the matter, and a statement was overheard that they get Skilton, Ludlow and Winter it will do us." I would not for one moment consider this statement is correct, but what I am prepared to say is that the evidence given by the boundary umpire was not correct, and if the same evidence was given before an independent tribunal I have no doubt as to the result. The club consider they were unjustly treated and endeavored to have the case re-opened before another tribunal, as further evidence could have been brought forward. We were of the opinion that there was no case against our chaps. We did not require many witnesses. Several offers were received from strange onlookers to appear on their behalf. The real fact of the Port Melbourne players being disqualified for 12 months and 10 weeks respectively must be proof that the story of the incidents given by the Northcote players was correct. Still, however, they were disqualified for untruthful evidence—a severe blow to men of the standard of Skilton, who has played senior football for nine years without a mark against him. I still maintain that some other influence must have entered into the cases when judgment was being considered. The chairman would not allow the delegate to open the case, and the whole matter was finished, as far as he was concerned.

As a result Northcote's chance of winning the premiership was again lost through being unable to get a strong side to compete against the powerful side representing Coburg. The whole of the committee and most of the players have decided to give up the game, and the Association will lose many good workers for their cause.—Yours etc.,

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is certainly not true, especially regarding underwear. The success of lingerie depends upon the excellence of its cut, and this applies in particular to the latest nighties, which mostly feature daintily shaped yokes usually of lace. Our illustration shows a very charming gown, which can be made up at very small expense. It has a rounded yoke, which extends underneath the arms. This is shown made up in lace, but it can be made up in material to match the gown, or of contrast material if preferred. The top edge of the gown is arranged in rows of shirring, and is joined to the lower edge of yoke. The nightie is shown sleeveless, but may be made with sleeves if desired, the pattern for same being provided. The pattern is No. 3361, price 10½d, cut in sizes to suit small women and medium figures, and is stocked by the local agents, whose names appear on the list elsewhere in this paper, or direct from the manufacturers, Demaret's, Collingwood, N.5.

FOR LINGERIE STYLE

Silhouettes Favored.

The tailored mode has vanished from the realm of lingerie and in its place gossamer chiffons and laces (not the old-fashioned rows upon rows of val, but wide soft net laces), tucked and pleated, offer a pleasing change.

Frances Dade, in Paramount's "Grumpy", wears a boudoir ensemble of the moment. A robe de nuit of peach chiffon and satin is pleated and tied at the waistline with a bow of blue satin. A robe of matching blue velvet, ruffled and draped, completes a thoroughly feminine costume.

THE GRECIAN MODE.

The new Grecian silhouette is adopted by Clara Bow for one of her evening frocks worn in the Paramount picture "Love Among the Millionaires"

The frock is of parchment satin, and from the waistline the skirt is moulded to the figure, and falls into severe pleats at the floor. A striking collar, that falls in winged effect from the shoulders to the waist of the backless gown, is embroidered with crystals and green silk.

Over the gown, Miss Bow wraps a most luxuriant cape of ermine.

RECIPES

Lemon Marmarlade.

Take 6 nice sized clear skinned lemons (not too ripe); put them in a pan, and cover with cold water; boil 1 of an hour and pour this water away. Cover well again with cold water, and boil another hour. Carefully remove lemon and place on a china meat dish to cool, and keep this water. Measure it into a deep basin, and when lemons are cold cut them up as finely as possible (rejecting the pips). Measure the cut up lemon with a breakfast cup also and add to the measured liquid; there should be a cup of liquid to each cup of lemon. If not, make up with boiling water. Let stand all night. Next day, put lemon and water on to boil. Measure the same number of cups of sugar. When lemon is boiling add sugar. Stir well till sugar is dissolved and marmalade boiling. Stir every little while, and after 40 minutes test a spoonful on a saucer. When it jells, remove from fire, let cool ½ an hour before bottling; give it a good stir up before putting into pots.

Potato and Cheese Puff.

Ingredients: Three-quarters of a pound of cold potatoes, one ounce butter, three ounces grated cheese, one gill milk, two eggs, pepper and salt to taste.

Rub the potatoes through a fine sieve. Put butter and milk into a saucepan and, when hot, add potatoes and stir over a gentle heat till mixed, then add cheese and cook another two minutes. Remove from the heat, season and add the beaten yolks of the eggs, and lastly the stiffly beaten whites. Mix well, pour into a buttered dish and bake for about twenty minutes. Serve at once.

USEFUL HINTS.

When pressing suits and dresess instead of using damp muslin, use two thicknesses of clean smooth paper. Lay on the garment, sprinkle cold water on the paper, and iron in the usual way. The steam from the damp paper goes through the paper. The garment so treated is free from shine.

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To Give Castor Oil to Children.

Take twice the bulk of orange juice that you have of oil, put half of the juice in a glass, pour the oil in centre of glass on top of orange juice, being careful not to touch the sides of glass. Then pour remaining orange juice in; drink at once.

To Heal Wounds.

To heal a raw wound, bathe with the following lotion: 1 teaspoon of common salt, 1 teaspoon of carbonate of soda, and 1 teaspoon of boracic acid dissolved in a pint of boiling water. It is also an excellent cure of blood-poisoning.

Milk of Almonds.

This has a soothing and whitening effect on the skin. Take 36 bitter almonds, blanch and pound in a mortar. Add ½ teaspoonful castor sugar and ½ pint rosewater. Beat well and bottle.

WHEN YOU PACK.

See first of all that the quantity of clothes you wish to take is not out of all proportion to the size of your trunk or case.

Lay out in readiness everything you wish to take—on one side of your bed or table have the things you simply must take; on the other the things you could leave out if space becomes a difficult problem.

Buy and have ready to hand a good supply of tissue paper for wrapping and folding garments.

If space permits, and since you will probably wish to take hangers with you, pack your coats on hangers. Lay them down with the backs towards you. Fold the sleeves over the back and stuff them with paper if they are of a material easily creased.

It is unwise to pack any hat with your clothes, unless it be a felt which can be folded and not suffer. But if you have not a special hat case or box, be sure to stuff the crown of your hat well with paper and pack in a position unlikely to receive pressure from any heavy article.

Pack only bottles with screw-top stoppers and then wrap round very generously with paper. And remember that unless you are going to a desert island there are chemists' shops in most places.

Keep all your small oddments, like beads, cottons, thimble, needles, hairpins, safety pins, in one pocket, or if your case does not boast a pocket, put them in a little box or bag together.

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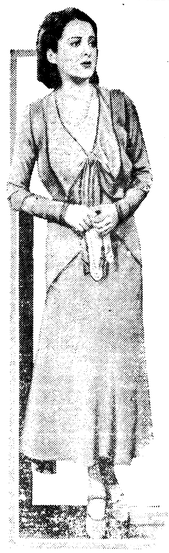
SUNDAY AFTERNOON DRESS.



Chiffon, crepe-de-chine and transparent velvet fashion afternoon frocks for spring days. Scarf and capelet ideas gaining popularity. Dressmaker's influence prevails.

Let's call it "That Sunday Afternoon Dress"—this dainty bit of feminine attire that we don after a careful toilette on a lovely Spring Sunday.

It would not do for it to be too tailored, nor, would it do for it to be too flimsy and formal, thus we reach the happy medium.

Chiffon, crepe de chene, transparent velvet or satin—any of these will qualify. It is longer than the usual afternoon dress, the hemline is in many cases uneven and ending in points, flares, or graceful dips. Sometimes it is belted at the waistline and sometimes bloused.

Flounces, applied godets, tiers, panels, tuckings, pleatings, shirrings, scallops, lingerie touches, bow and lace trimmings all lend their charm to the new silhouette, while the intricacy of cut is manifest.

Promising to stand out as an innovation this Spring are the scarf and cape collars, which make very attractive lines. Some are evolved in lace and chiffon, transparent velvet on crepe-de-chene or a contrasting combination of self material.

Bewitching Billie Dove wears this stunning green crepe-de-chene afternoon dress in her forthcoming Warner First National production, "A Notorious Affair". The frock has a lovely butterfly collar of beige transparent velvet bordered in the green and draped softly round the neck and tied bow effect, while transparent velvet is also inset in the sleeves. All of Miss Dove's new creations feature the flared skirt and uneven hemline.

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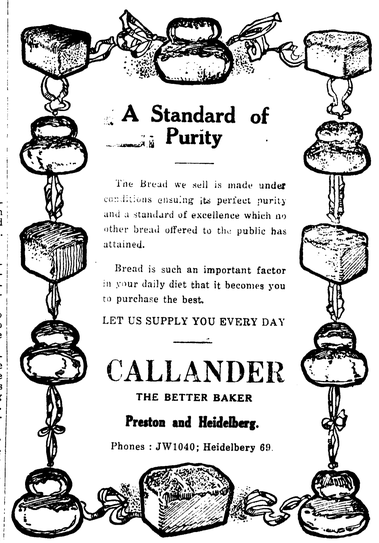

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Horace Venables took a furnished flat and settled down to enjoy himself. He went out, he entertained, and society, finding he had money and no wife, was kind to him. He managed unobtrusively to see a good deal of Kitty Clive. Teddy neglected his fiancee shamefully, but Kitty had been neglected for nearly five years, and was used to it. She made excuses for him. It seemed he could do no wrong.

Teddy saw no objection to Horace going about with his sweetheart. He regarded Horace as a very useful friend, and made use of him. Teddy had private worries, and one day came to Venables in a mood of black despondency.

"Look at these, Horace; tell me what you think of 'em. Seems to me I'm up a tree."

He gave his friend certain typed documents from the secretary of Saquah Explorations. Hidden in a mass of verbiage, Horace gathered that injudicious and at present unremunerative investments had exhausted the capital of the company. Reconstruction and fresh capital were necessary.

"My broker says there's no quotation for them here, and abroad they're changing hands at a heavy discount. It's awful, Venables, it means again deferring my marriage."

"But my dear chap—"

"Its all I've got to live on, these shares. I've spent the rest paying my debts and, well, in a flutter or two."

"I'll look in to it," said Venables, after a long pause. "I know one or two men in Throgmorton Street."

He did not believe the Exploration shares represented all his friend's capital. Teddy meant to break his pledged word to Sir Patrick.

Horace went to the City, and that very day news came through that Saquah's were tumbling to nothing.

That afternoon he called at Hobart street, and for a wonder Kitty was out with Teddy. Clive took him into the surgery.

"Hales is having some more financial losses. Says it means deferring his marriage," Venables told him.

"Then Kitty'll break a heart."

"I wonder—surely it'll open her eyes."

"You can't open a woman's eyes—sometimes. She's the wife type, not he celibate. She wants a husband and children to be happy."

"There are other men."

"Not for her."

"Why not? She's as pretty as ever."

"Because there's only one man for her. Poor Kitty, what a tragedy! That rotter has wrecked her life. I'd like to shoot him!"

Oh, well," said Horace, "let's hope these losses Teddy talks of aren't as serious as he fears."

On the spot he made up his mind. Kitty should marry Teddy Hales if it cost him twenty-five thousand pounds.

He set his plot in train that evening by telling Hales that possibly an attempt was being made to squeeze him out, and advising him to hold on, and next day visited his broker.

"I want you," he said, "to approach Mr. Theodore Hales and buy his Saquah Exploration; he has twenty-five thousand shares. Buy the lot."

"What limit, Mr. Venables?"

"Twenty shillings."

"I guess we'll get them for you a good deal cheaper," smiled the broker.

He was therefore very disgusted at the uncompromising attitude of Teddy Hales. That gentleman calmly declined to discuss any sale at a lower price than twenty-one shillings.

He rang up Venables and reported his non-success. "The man's a fool, I can buy any number at a few shillings each," he added.

"I only want Mr. Hales's shares," replied Horace. "Try him again. Tell him to ask a reasonable price." Then, ringing up Teddy, he advised him to take the best offer he could get.

Horace went out to lunch, and he had not been gone long before a lady appeared. Venables' man, who answered the door, recognised Miss Clive. She had frequently visited the flat, but not before alone.

"Is Mr. Venables in?"

"No, madam, but I expect he'll be in shortly. Will you wait, madam?"

Kitty, who looked pale and troubtained off from a smaller room where to the sitting-room, which was curled, said she would, and was shown in. Horace habitually sat.

A sudden impluse had impelled her to call.

She was wholly unaware of Horace's feelings towards her, but he was her friend. In the hour of her trouble she turned instinctively to him.

Presently the telephone in the next rom rang. The sound of it did not penetrate to the kitchen, and there is nothing more annoying than sitting listening to a telephone bell tingling. Kitty rose, parted the curtains, and approached the instrument which stood o the writing-desk. She picked up the receiver. "Yes," she cried.

"Hullo, is that Mr. Venables? Instuctions, Saquah Exploration. Mr. Hales offers to sell at twenty shillings. You are practically making him a present of twenty-five thousand pounds. I will not close with the offer until I have—"

"Mr. Venables is out. I will tell him you rang him up as soon as he comes in. Good-bye."

Kitty laid down the receiver.

The information had been flung at her before she was aware, and it bewildered her.

She sat down limply.

Looking blankly in front of her she saw a packet of letters lying in a recess under a range of pigeon-holes—she recognised her own handwriting.

Kitty was only human. She drew the packet to her, and identified the top letter as a brief note asking Horace to tea, written six years earlier. The date was plain to read. She thrust the packet back, and with flaming cheeks fled back to the sitting-room.

The door opened, and Horace Venables came in, starting in suprise at the sight of her. Kitty stood up.

"I—I didn't mean to eavesdrop," she said breathlessly, "but I was waiting here and the telephone bell rang, and I answered it, and before I could explain you were out I learned you were buying Teddy's shares, making him a present of twenty-five thousand pounds if you paid him twenty shillings a share."

"Kitty," he said. "I want you to be happy. Don't rob me of that pleasure. Let me give Teddy this money; he'll never know it comes from me. And then before I go back East I will leave you as his wife."

She shook her head. "I can never be happy as his wife. He no longer cares or me. I've just found that out."

Horace turned and walked into the other room. The telephone bell tinkled. Presently she heard: "That Barker and Co.? I'm Venables. You haven't closed with Hales's offer? Good. I cancel the commission. I'm not a buyer of Saquah Exploration."

When he had laid down the receiver she stood beside him. In a low vioce she whispered: "And I couldn't help seeing you kept my letters—the scrappy little notes I wrote you ages ago."

"I've loved you ever since I've known you," he said simply.

Her eyelids veiled the sudden light in her eyes.

"Are you sure you're wise," he blundered on, "to break with Teddy? He—he's not a bad fellow."

She looked at him. There were tears in her eyes, but not of sorrow, and her voice shook as she answered:

"Why don't you speak for yourself, Horace?"

(The End)

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND THE V.F.A.

FORMATION OF GROUNDS COMMITTEE SUGGESTED

Some time ago when the Victorian Football Association decided to play its semi-final and final matches on a non-Association ground, a number of the councils who control Association grounds were indignant, feeling that as they had spent large sums in ground improvements, that the Associaton should not go outside an Association ground for the semi-final and final matches.

A conference was arranged by the Port Melbourne council, at which a resolution was carried, protesting against the action of the Association, and also another recommendation that a permanent grounds control committee should be formed, on which all councils having Association grounds should be represented.

Cr. Dennis told the Northcote council on Monday that these resolutions had been agreed to unanimously.

EAST PRESTON MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

East Preston motor cycle club went to Hurstbridge on Sunday last where evarybody had a good time. On Saturday a working bee was held on the club rooms where necessary alterations were made. The next general meeting will be held on October 6 when members and intending members are asked to come along.

WHITTLESEA COUNCILLOR OUSTED.

PROPERTY QUALIFICATION QUESTIONED

Mr. Justice Mann in the Practice Court on Friday last made absolute an order nisi calling upon Evan McDonald, of Glenferrie road, Upwey, to show cause why he should not be ousted from the office of councillor of the Whittlesea Shire Council, on the ground that he did not now possess the necessary property qualification.

The application was made on behalf of the president of the Shire of Whittlesea (Councillor B. J. McCormack). Mr. Eager (instructed by Mr. Sabelberg) appeared for the applicant; and Dr. Ellis (instructed by Messrs Maddock, Jamieson and Lonie) appeared for respondent McDonald.

Mr. Eager moved that the order for the "ouster" be made absolute. Relying upon affidavits, he said that on May 6, 1930, McDonald ceased to be the lessee and occupier of certain property in the shire, and thereupon ceased to be liable to be rated as the owner or occupier of the property. The qualification of a councillor depended upon his liability to be rated in respect to property of an annual value of £20. McDonald claimed to have entered into an agreement to lease certain land at Whittlesea, but even if the agreement were entered into the lease did not come into existence as a concluded agreement until after his other qualification had ceased. He, therefore, held office wrongfully for a period.

Dr. Ellis said that the lease was entered into by McDonald in a bona-fide manner, and, although not reduced to writing until a later date, it was in existence as an oral agreement. The land which was the subject of the later lease was vacant land, and it was sufficient occupation of it that the lessee had a right to occupy.

Mr. Justice Mann, in a considered judgment, said that McDonald's qualification expired, or at least ran out, on May 6. McDonald went to live at Upwey. A question arose about his qualification, and he returned evasive answers, or no answers at all. He then said when challenged at law, that he liable to be rated for six vacant allotments in the town of Whittlesea by virtue of a verbal agreement between himself and a Mr. Butler. Both parties admitted frankly that it was a transaction entered into simply to allow McDonald to sit as a councillor. For that reason it was desirable that the transaction should be public and the terms should be clear and fully evidenced. It was in August that a definite agreement was made betwen the parties, and the agreement could not be made retrospective as far as the Local Government Act was concerned.

Mr. Justice Mann found that there was no binding agreement between the parties until some weeks after the date upon which qualification had ceased. The order would, therefore, be made absolute, and the respondent must pay the costs.

SHOW TUG-OF-WAR.

NORTHCOTE TEAM SUCCESSFUL.

The most closely contested event on Saturday at the Royal Show was the final of the tug-of-war, which the Northcote club's team won from Emerald Hill by half an inch. The duration of the tug was seven minutes. For the first three minutes neither side moved the indicator. Emerald then gained one inch, only to be pulled back an inch and a half in the last minute. It was the only tug of the day in which the side which gained the initial advantage was defeated. The aggregate weight of the Northcote team was 88 stone 7 lb., to which the anchor man, "Jumbo" Reardon, contributed 17 stone. In the semi-finals both teams had fairly easy victories. A protest was made against the Emerald team that its anchor man had gripped the rail of the platform during the tug, but it was decided to take no action. Results:—

Tug-of-War.—Semi-finals.—Emerald Hill d Vaughan's by 20in.; Northcote Club d Tramway by 7in. Final.—Northcote Club d Emerald Hill by ½in.

UNEMPLOYMENT TAX

Substantial Increase Forecasted

Although he announced that the Ministry intended to apply another special tax to establish further funds for unemployment relief, the Premier (Mr. Hogan) did not indicate the basis on which the tax would be employed. It is regarded as certain however, that the new tax will be the same, or nearly so, in its incidence as the tax applied earlier this year, but that the rate will be double the rate of the tax already agreed to. There may be provision for a slight alteration in payments to lessen the burden on persons receiving less than the basic wage. It was learnt that the stamp tax, which is applied on wages up to and including £6 a week has not produced as much money as was expected. It is likely that the taxes applied early this year will yield only £700,000, compared with £800,000, the amount originally estimated.

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WIFE'S UNUSUAL REQUEST

WANTS HUSBAND TO GO TO GAOL.

A QUESTION OF MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS

During the hearing of a claim for arrears of maintenance at Northcote court on Tuesday a wife asked that she be allowed to sign a request at once to send her husband to gaol.

The case was one in which Mrs. Florence Morton sued her husband, Norman Arthur Morton, for £10/10/ arrears of maintenance on behalf of herself and two children. Morton was also called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for not entering into a surety to comply with the order for maintenance.

Husband Out of Work

Morton said the order was made against him on July 29. He had been out of employment since the timber strike twelve months ago, and he could not get work anywhere.

"Wouldn't Pay If He Had the Money"

The Wife.—My husband said he would not pay me, even if he had the money.

The P.M. (Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan) to Morton.—How are you living?

Defendant.—With my brother ever since my wife left me.

The Wife.—I didn't leave him. He left me. (Laughter).

In the box, Mrs. Morton said:—My husband told me that he would not pay me if he had it.

The P.M.—He has been out of work and can't find a surety to enter into a bond for him.

"Would Prefer To Go To Gaol"

The Wife.—He said that he would not let his people go bond for him as I would only get the money. He said he would prefer to go to gaol and let the Government keep him. I am being helped by the Ladies' Benevolent Society and I get an occasional day's work.

The P.M. said it appeared that the husband should do more. An order would be made that defendant be imprisoned until he complied with the order and paid the arrears. The matter of the bond would be adjourned for a month.

Morton.—It is impossible to get work.

The P.M.—You can do more than you are doing. It is at your wife's option whether you go to gaol or not.

Morton sat down in the court.

The P.M.—Get away and see if you can get some work, as your wife is a pensioner on public funds.

The Wife.—I'd like to sign the order to send him to gaol at once. I've given him all the time I can.

The P.M.—You can do that if you like.

NEWS OF THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

The usual fortnightly meeting of the above was held on Thursday evening, September 25, the president (Mr C. Thomas) being in the chair.

Valuations.—Considerable discussion took place on the matter of valuations. Several members quoted cases where valuations had been increased this year. In each case it was pointed out that the streets had been newly constructed, but that being so members considered that, with with the decline in property values, as shown by the numbers of empty houses and shops in the city, together with unemployment and the lowering of wages, increases at the present time were unjust. Eventually a motion was carried unanimously that the council be requested to re-value the city at the earliest opportunity, and that the secretary seek the support of other progress associations in Northcote, together with the Central Council of Progress Associations, to achieve this object.

Payment of Rates and Enrolment.—Another matter of considerable interest to ratepayers, and one that seems most unjust, is that of the ratepayer, who has been unable to pay his rates on the specified date is finding himself left off the roll at election time. It was decided to approach the Central Council with a view to having the Act amended, and this method of doubly penalising a ratepayer being done away with.

Other Matters.—A number of other items were forwarded to the council, included among which was a complaint of alleged vandalism. It was recognised that the council cannot do much in this matter, but members consider that these outbreaks are a very strong argument for the extra police protection which has been sought after for a long time.

Cr. Bird was present and stated that he would be pleased to attend whenever the opportunity presented itself.

The next meeting will be held in the school hall on Thursday, October 9, the syllabus item being a social evening.

EAST PRESTON

Mr. Rogerson presided at the fortnightly meeting.

Correspondence from the town clerk intimated that all garbage carts were covered; right-of-way north of Rene street had been referred to committee; the control of Strathallan cemetery was receiving attention.

The mayor and general secretary of Preston Unemployed Relief Committee (Mr. Osborne) sought co-operation in relieving distress. A further tiem of correspondence disclosed the fact that a meeting on behalf of the Lord Mayor's appeal would be held on Wednesday.

A brief report disclosing the action adopted by the council in reference to the administration of Strathallan cemetery was submitted by the secretary.

Hamilton avenue is to be put in a satisfactory condition for £1. Members, believing this impossible, directed that councillors be asked to review the estimate with the object of giving immediate relief.

Cr. Maynard will be asked to make inquiries regarding a monkey tail scoop which has been lying on a vacant allotment off Hamilton avenue. Members desire to know if the council has hired it, and if so why it has not been used.

The secretary was instructed to inquire as to whether Murray road had yet been taken over from the contractor. As a result of footpath construction in Plenty road, the concrete portion is in places 3in. higher than the asphalt portions. Relief will be asked for.

Some months ago the council authorised the erection of a swinging danger sign at the corner of Tyler street and Plenty road. Councillors are to be reminded of this.

The size of signs indicating the council's by-law re passing of stationary trams was discussed, and it was the general opinion that they are too small.

A committee was appointed to inspect the parks of the East ward and to draw up a report including suggestions for the improvement of at least one of them. This committee will begin its tour of inspection on Sunday morning next at 10 o'clock.

I.O.R. INDOOR BOWLS COMPETITION

Northcote B Team Runners-up to Newmarket

At the South Yarra I.O.R. tent room on Tuesday evening the I.O.R. indoor bowls competition was brought to finality in the presence of a large number of members of the fraternity.

For this year's competition a record entry of 58 teams from metropolitan tents was received, and by Tuesday night the process of elimination left only three teams to contest the finals. The first semi-final was between the Star of Northcote B team and Brunswick, Newmarket having the bye. The Northcote team maintained their winning sequence by defeating their neighbors by 18 points to 12, and thus won their way to the challenge to reproduce their form and went down by 15 points to 8 to a superior combination, which gave Newmarket the premiership.

Throughout the competition the Northcote B team put up some splendid performances, and up till the last match in the first round they were the only undefeated team in the competition. Of the 16 matches played (including the finals) they won 14 and lost two. The team which contested the finals consisted f Bros. Alf. Reed (captain), W. E. Findlay, F. Mitchell, E. Youl, H. L. King and R. H. Lobbe.

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NORTHCOTE STREET CONSTRUCTION.

OWNERS OF FRANCIS GROVE OBJECT.

When objectors to the construction of Francis Gr., Northcote, were called for at the meeting of the council on Monday evening, about a dozen appeared.

Mr. Whittaker said 40 or 50 years ago, when he bought his land, there had been no talk of roads. Now with the advance of the times it was necessary to have a road, and the owners were agreeable to lay down a good serviceable metal road—one to carry bakers' carts and perambulators. (Laughter.) That would be quite sufficient. He was billed for £120, and the cost he considered excessive, as he felt that a concrete road and slab footpaths were not justified. They were willing to pay for a substantial road, but not for an "extravagant" road.

Mr. McGowan said the time was not opportune. Property values and wages were falling, and if the work were deferred for 12 months the owners would be in a better position to pay. A number of people were out of work, and so could not pay. There were 12 other objectors on the same grounds.

Woman Who Couldn't Pay.

Mr. Bluntish said that when one of the owners—a widow who was nearly starving—received her notice and said she couldn't pay, one of the councillors had said : "Let her starve, then."

The Mayor—I want a more explicit statement than that. I'd like to know who the councillor was who made that statement.

Mr. Bluntish—I couldn't prove it. I only heard it.

Cr. Turner—Then it's only hearsay.

Mr. Bluntish—Yes; I can't prove it.

The Council Discussion.

Cr. Olver said the street had been on an early list and the time had now round. In this, however, they failed come for its construction. There had been many complaints about the state of the street. Two months ago it was unsafe to take a vehicle into the street. It was the only street in the area left to be made. Out of £1,700—the amount of the estimate—about £1000 was being carried by three persons. Those who were carrying the greatest amount of the cost did not object to the construction of the street. As far as Mr. Bluntish's statement was concerned, he would say that no ward member had made the statement alleged. The street would not now be a cul de sac, as it would be opened to Darebin road. As far as the price was concerned, the concrete would work out as cheap, if not cheaper, than bitumen. The money had been borrowed, and he moved that the plans be adopted.

Cr. Hayes seconded, saying the street had been in a shocking state in the past few winters. The street was no credit to the municipality, as it was one which should be made. But whilst the work would impose some financial hardship on some of the owners, it should be made for health reasons.

Cr. Oldis said Box Hill and other councils charged 7 per cent. interest, whereas the Northcote Council borrowed for 6 per cent. The council had received a tender of 28/6 per foot, and the price proved that the time was opportune to do the work as far as the cost was concerned.

Cr. Bird opposed any further burdens being placed on the owners of this street at present. It was time that the council reconsidered its policy about constructing side streets in an expensive manner. No doubt the expensive street would save maintenance. If other councils could lay down streets 8/- to 9/- per foot cheaper, why couldn't Northcote do it?

Cr. Oldis—On sand!

Cr. Bird—Preston constructed Leicester St. at 22/6 per foot.

Cr. Hayes—Is that the actual charge, or the charge made by the council to the ratepayers?

Cr. Bird—The charge made by the council.

Cr. Hayes—Oh!

Cr. Bird, continuing, said that at the present juncture the council should not go on with works and provide employment for a privileged few at the expense and hardship of many owners, who at least should be most considered. (Applause from the gallery).

Tender Accepted.

The council adopted the plans, and later let a tender to J. W. Barber and Sons for £1,520/0/6 to carry out the work with cement penetration. The price is £188/8/- below the engineer's estimate.

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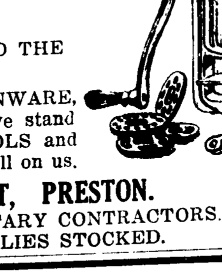

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NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Before Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan, P.M., Messrs. A. H. Oldis, H. Evans, E. J. Jones and Mrs. Wood, J.'sP.

Matter of a Recognisance

Oliver Johnson, of Northcote, was called upon to show reasons why he should not be imprisoned for having failed to observe the terms of a recognisance entered into under the Marriage Act.

Johnson said he was now running a fruit and vegetable stall and was doing his best to make payments.

The case was adjourned for eight weeks.

Bicycle Without A Light

Stanley Castles, Westbourne grove, Northcote, who on August 25 rode a bicycle without a light, was fined £1.

Evidence was given that on the night the visibility was bad, and when questioned defendant said he had stopped to have a talk. The policeman asked defendant why he didn't walk his bicycle home.

Mr. Jones, J.P.—That is an offence also, is it not?

The Constable.—Yes, but it is not as bad as riding.

The P.M.—It is the lesser of two evils.

Milk Not Cooled

Frank Henry Luxton and Frank Harold Luxton, trading as Luxton and Son, dairymen, of Normanby avenue, Thornbury, were charged with having on July 16 been guilty of an offence under the Milk Supply Act in that they did not cool milk to a temperature below 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Inspector W. J. Beckwith prosecuted.

Inspector Tyman said on the day in question he went to the defendant's dairy and found three cans of milk, all of which were above 40 degrees. When questioned the elder defendant admitted that he had not cooled the milk.

Frank Henry Luxton, who pleaded guilty, was fined £2.

Fine Not Paid

Harold Porter, Hall street, Fairfield, was called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for the non-payment of a fine of £3.

Defendant's brother appeared and said that Harold was out of work, and that the Fairfield police had said they would not worry him for the money for three months.

The P.M.—How kind! (Laughter).

Imprisonment was fixed at 21 days, but a stay of one month was granted.

Arrears of Maintenance for Children

Ernest Oliver Edwards was sued by the Children's Welfare Department for £52 for the maintenance of his two children.

Edwards said he had been out of work for 16 months, and when he got two months' work he paid £6/5/ to the department. Since then he had again been out of work.

The case was adjourned for three months.

Unregistered Car

Clifford Allerton, Waldemar street, Eaglemont, was charged with having on August 25 driven an unregistered car in High street, and also with having fraudulently used an identifying number.

Constable R. Smith said:—I saw defendant driving a car in High street. I stopped him and asked him about the registration. He said "It's all right." When I questioned him as to whether the numbers did not belong to a Riley car owned by defendant's brother he said "Yes." Defendant also said that he had used the same numbers on another car for a period of about six weeks. The car which defendant was driving on that date had since been registered.

A fine of £2 was imposed for having driven an unregistered car, and 10/ on the second charge.

Debt

Cyril Stevens, for whom Mr. A. E. O'Connor appeared, proceeded against the Aurora Sign Co. for £9/5/. An order was made for the amount, with £1 costs.

STAMP TAX PROSECUTIONS.

FIRST BATCH AT NORTHCOTE

The first batch of prosecutions under the Stamps Tax (Unemployment Relief) Act 1930 were heard at the Northcote court on Tuesday, when several persons were fined.

The charges were that the defendants had failed to give a receipt to which was affixed stamps as required by the Act for every week's wages.

Those fined were A. H. Patterson (five charges), 4/ on each charge; Clarence Roderick, Ashmore street, East Brunswick (six charges), 4/ each; Alice Elizabeth Noar and Constance Lilian Noar, both of High street (six harges each), 4/ on each charge.

CLAIM FOR COMMISSION

Claiming £198/10/ for the commission on the sale of nine White trucks, John Essendon Simmonds, of Hutton St., Thornbury, salesman, grought an action against Lionel Ballard Wallace, trading as Advance Motors, of Elizabeth street, before Judge Woinarski and a jury of four in the County Court. The hearing was concluded yesterday. Mr. Gorman, K.C. and Mr. Bourke (instructed by Messrs Donohue and Brew) appeared for plaintiff.

The jury for plaintiff, and awarded

The jury found for plaintiff, and awarded him the full amount claimed. Judgment was entered accordingly, with costs.

There are about 800 different kinds of wood known to the timber trade.

RESERVOIR NOTES

The eldest son of Mr. H. Colenso, of High St., Reservoir, has been taken to the Fairfield Hospital, suffering with a mild attack of diphtheria. He is progressing satisfactorily.

The first outing of the Band on Friday night last was very satisfactory to all concerned. It alleviated a little of the depression and increased business was reported by the business folk, who supported the idea to the extent of 24/- This was divided among the bandsmen out of work.

At St. George's Ladies' Guild on Tuesday afternoon it was decided to hold an Australian Tea at a date to be fixed. The reports show that holding the kindergarten classes on Sunday morning is a success, 20 being enrolled on the first morning. The church attendances are increasing. The cricket club is teeming with enthusiasm. The dramatic club decided to disband as a church organisation, but is considering carrying on the work in another way.

The Reservoir District Band Committee has decided to play in Edwardes Park on Hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Clowes and her family departed from Reservoir this week to take up residence in Lara, where Mr. Clowes is in charge of a large Government institution.

The report of the select committee of the council, of which Cr. Hemburrow is a member, is eagerly awaited in this district. The work of obtaining the signatures for the resubdivision of the West Ward, sponsored by Cr. Hemburrow, is being finalised, and the offensive will soon be launched. The council employes are doing small repair jobs in Spring St. and Ralph St. while the construction work in Epping road is being carried on.

Mrs. Davis, of Melton, spent the show vacation with Mrs. McFadzean, Ralph St., Reservoir.

Mr. Snell has purchased the greengrocery business of Mr. Wall, High St., Reservoir.

Keen dissatisfaction is felt by the officials and players of the Reservoir Football Club at the unsatisfactory ending of the football season, whereby Reservoir was not able to take part in the semi-finals. At present the feeling is to not again play in the Bourke-Evelyn Association, but to seek admission to another association.

The health inspector reported on the Byfield St. hall, and recommended certain alterations to be carried out.

Mr. Spencer had a successful opening night of his Danse Palais, when 70 couples attended and voted the evening an entirely successful one.

"The time will come," says one expert, "when few women will remain in business after the age of from 25 to 30.

PRESTON CITIZENS' JUNIOR BAND.

Last Saturday the Victorian Football League again made use of the services of the Preston Citizens' Junior Band. The boys now have the unique experience of playing before close upon 100,000 people. They have made quite a hit and their popularity is an assured fact.

On Saturday night Mrs. Foreman gave an evening for the band funds, and an attendance of over 100 keen friends spent quite an enjoyable evening. This is the second event of the kind. Mrs. Sherrin, another enthusiastic supporter of the band, gave an evening a fortnight previous. Many thanks are due to these ladies. As a result of the efforts the funds of the band have materially benefited, and an ever increasing army of new friends have been made. Another lady has also promised an evening for the band uniform fund, and the general committee have some big functions in view. Fifteen members of the ladies' committee visited the West Preston school on Tuesday afternoon to hear the boys play for Mr. Lane, and the ladies subsequently interviewed Mr. Lane, who said that he was glad to do anything for the children, and he congratulated the band upon having such a capable bandmaster in the person of Mr. Hellings. The ladies are quite proud of the fact that their boys belong to both the West Preston school band and the Citizens' Junior Band, and consequently they keep in close touch with both bands.

NORTHCOTE STATISTICS.

AN INTERESTING STATEMENT.

SLIGHT POPULATION DECREASE.

A very interesting statement was presented to the Northcote Council on Monday by the valuer (Mr. W. Membrey). It showed that the total valuation in the city of Northcote was now £486,660, made up as follows:—South Ward, £87,952/10/-; East, £70,263/10/-; Central, £57,549; West, £148,332; and North, £122,563.

The variations from last year's valuation were—South, £296/10/- decrease; East, £830/10/- increase; Central, £2,185 increase; West, £1,096/10/ increase, and North, £1,488 decrease; or a nett increase of £2,326.

On a rate of 2/9 in the pound the valuation will return £66,915/15/-, as against £66,595/18/6 for 1929-30—an increase of £319/16/6.

Houses—South Ward, 1,982 (increase 2); East, 1,546 (increase 21); Central, 1,057 (increase 11); West, 3,039 (incraese 31); North, 2,822 (increase 26). Totals 10,466 (increase over last year 91).

Population—South Ward, 7,775 (decrease 113); East, 5,956 (increase 11); Central, 4,299 (decrease 11); West, 11,646 (decrease 78); North, 11,708 (increase 16). Total, 41,384 (nett decrease 175).

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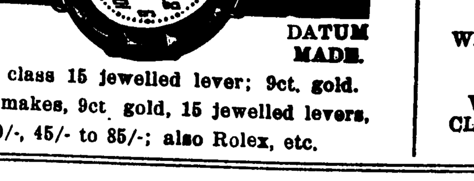

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CHURCH NEWS

Northcote Congregational Church

"A Mine of Wealth" and "The Value of the Past" were the subjects chosen last Sunday by the pastor (Rev. Duncan Reeves), and both were handled admirably. The next two Sunday evening addresses will be of special interest to the general public, the topics under review being the proposed new gambling laws, the present Parliamentary Ministries and their attitude towards the Continental Sunday.

The Sunday school is now hard at practice for the forthcoming anniversary.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

At the Sunday morning service Rev. S. C. Hadley addressed his congregation on "The Pioneers of Women's Rights." In the evening the Girls' Fellowship Society conducted the service and carried it through in a very satisfactory manner. The address by Deaconess Giles touched upon "My Duty." The church was crowded by an interested congregation.

Preston Church of Christ

A recent addition to the activities of the Preston Church of Christ is the formation of a Young Men's Training Class, which meets each week for training young men to take part in church worship and services. The class will train in public speaking, bible reading and debating, and in the conduct of services and public meetings, while attention will also be given to such matters as bible history, church history, bible study etc. The class is under the leadership of the minister (Mr. A. J. Fisher), and a satisfactory enrolment was made at the first meeting last Tuesday.

All Saints', South Northcote

Last Sunday evening the vicar (Rev. A. H. Constable) delivered another of his series of illustrated services, the subject being "The Starry Crown."

Last Sunday was devoted to a Decision Day in the Sunday school.

Next Sunday a big rally of youths will be held in the Church, when many visitors are expected from Fairfield, Alphington and Melbourne. Rev. C. H. Nash, M.A., will be the speaker at 3 p.m. At night a missionary service will be held, which will be addressed by two young people who have volunteered for service with the Church Missionary Society.

Croxton Methodist Church

A special musical service was held in the Croxton Church last Sunday evening, the preacher being Dr. Thomas, president of the Methodist Babies' Home, South Yarra. During the address Dr. Thomas spoke of the work of the home. The choir, under Mr. Atkinson, rendered two fine anthems, "God Is a Spirit" (unaccompanied) and "O Worship the King," the soloist being Miss Edith Freeman. Mr. R. Carter, of Ivanhoe, sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and "The Lord is My Light."

High Street Methodist Church

An enjoyable lecture entertainment was given in the school room on Tuesday evening by the Rev. J. J. Brown, entitled "Heads and Faces." A substantial offering was received for the Methodist Babies' Home, South Yarra.

Last Sunday an enjoyable gathering was held when the members of the Young Ladies' Club and the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society conducted a musical afternoon.

Next Sunday afternoon Cr. Olver will address the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society on "The Church and the Present Economic Position."

Church of the Epiphany

A successful gift afternoon, organised by the Ladies' Guild in aid of the fancy stall at the forthcoming fete, was held on Wednesday, there being a large attendance. A programme was provided by the following:—Songs by Mrs. Iddles, Misses C. and D. Lees, and recitations by Misses C. Lees and Brenda Thomas and Rev. J. O. Hughes. Mrs. Cohen was accompanist. Afternoon tea was provided. Rev. T. Cole moved a vote of thanks to the artists and the Guild, and proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

P.W.P. Methodist Anniversary Services

The anniversary services of the P.W.P. Methodist Church will be held on October 5. The respective preachers are set out elsewhere. On October 8 Rev. A. T. Holden, C.B.E., will lecture on "We of the Never Never."

RIFLE SHOOTING.

PENNANT MATCHES

Richmond (324) v Preston (308)

Richmond.—Pollack 47, Allison 45, J. Oliver 43, Mowbray 42, G. Oliver 41, Scott 39.

Preston.—E. Featherston 46, G. Bignell 42, Perrett 40, F. Featherston 38, Piggott 38.

Hawthorn (354) v Northcote (314)

Hawthorn.—Stevenson 49, S. Carnell 47, Brittain 46, W. Gargett 46, Bartlett 44.

Northcote.—Randall 44, Appleby 42, Tongue 42, Kaye 41, McQueen 38, Weate 37.

CLUB SHOOTS

Preston

Jarman Trophy.—N. Featherston, 46 (7), 50; Perrett, 40 (10), 50; Bignell, 42 (5), 47; Piggott, 38 (8), 46; F. Featherston, 36 (6), 44; Vines, 33 (10), 43.

Northcote

Pennant Team.—Randall, 44 (6), 50; Tonge, 42 (8), 50; McQueen, 38 (10), 48.

BOWLING NOTES

THORNBURY CLUB

PENNANT TEAMS SELECTED

A Brief Review of the Rinks

Pennant bowls commence on Saturday next, and the Thornbury green is a scene of bustling activity. New players are studying the intricacies of bias, etc., and old-timers are endeavoring to regain lost form. In the In the A rinks a few changes have been made. Vic Price and Frank Gardiner have migrated to other clubs, and the A rinks will be captained by Eli Forth, Harry Murden, Mark Sharp and Frank Frencham. All are experienced bowlers and should obtain the very best results from the teams. Forth has Geo. Allen No. 3, Alf White No. 2 and Ern Rose leading, and this rink should be one of the best. Sharp has B. Rogerson No. 3, Geo. Willis No. 2, with Alf. Allen as leader, all being experienced bowlers and good fighters. Murden, with Growcott No. 3, Jones No. 2 and champion Joe Wyatt leading the way, is expected to do big things; whilst Frencham, with Bill Hayes No. 3, Bartly No. 2, and Carlyle leading, should give a good account of themselves.

Coming to the B section, we have champion Bill Warren skipping, with Williams No. 3, Patterson No. 2 and Morris leading. All are determined players and should be the mainstay of the section. The evergreen Alf Weate has Perry No. 3, Lake No. 2, with Humphreys leading—a rink that should do well. Joe Pemberton has Park No. 3, Dyte No. 2, and Thomas leading, and with unity they should be hard to beat; while Fred Stone, assisted by Herbie Smith No. 3, Hollis No. 2, and Outrim leading, should develop into something extra special.

With the C teams, Bill Mahoney is skipping and has Jackson No. 3, Baylee No. 2, and Hayes leading. This is a rink of able trundlers from whom much is expected. President Fred Cornish enters the lists for the first time as a skip, and will direct Phil McDonald No. 3, Sam McDougal No. 2 and Len Roberts. Fred's experience gained as an inter-state player should serve him well in his new position. Joe Auty has Hammett No. 3, Dunlop No. 2, and, with Nelson leading, this rink should be a Trafalgar to their opponents.

Prior to the selection of skippers, President Fred Cornish, with a few well-chosen remarks, pointed the way to achieve victory, advising all the players to get together, to have faith in each other's ability, and develop the spirit of unity amongst all the members of the club.

PRESTON CLUB

TEAMS FOR PENNANT GAMES

The following teams have been selected for the pennant matches to be played on Saturday:—

Preston A v Alphington

To be played at Alphington.

W. White, G. White, Shaw, Wearne.

Crispe, jun., Cohen, Siddons, Morgan.

Watson, McIntyre, Condie, Sinclair.

Tatchell, Carthew, Straede, Pike.

Preston C1 v Collingwood

To be played at Collingwood.

Hill, Shepherd, Zwar, Lang.

Wood, Hazel, Lewis, Crispe, senr.

Welsh, Fleming, Atyeo, Billyeald.

Preston C2 v West Brunswick

To be played at home.

Butterfield, Birchall, Joiner, Crowe.

Harvey, Hurlstone, Farr, Howe.

Allardice, McIntosh, Fox, Salfinger.

HORSE AND MOTOR TRACTION.

WHICH IS THE CHEAPER?

NORTHCOTE COUNCIL TO INQUIRE

At the meeting of the Northcote council on Monday Cr. Turner moved that officers of the council be instructed to prepare a statement of the comparative costs of motor and horse traction. He said he had spoken to many cartage contractors and had learned that they would welcome a means to return to horses, as the use of the motor did not decrease cartage costs, and at the same time it reduced the employing power for two and a half men with horses to one man with a motor truck. The use of the motor was sending many millions of pounds yearly out of the country, and had a lot to do with Australia's present depression. If it could be shown that horse cartage was no dearer than motors, he for one would be prepared to return to it, even though many might consider it a retrograde step, and then a lot of the money now going out of the country in the form of petrol and oil would be used in buying locally-grown horse feed.

Cr. Dennis said for short leads the horse beat the motor truck, but for long leads it was a different story. In loading charges the motor truck was cheaper and easier, and in using hot mix material the use of the motor truck was essential. If, however, it could be shown that the use of the horse was cheaper he would be prepared to give it every consideration and keep the money in the country.

The matter was referred to the public works committee.

Northcote Notes

Fires

The timely attendance of the fire brigade during the week prevented outbreaks from assuming extensive proportions. At 5 a.m. on September 24 a street alarm summoned them to 53 High street, South Northcote, where a ten-roomed dwelling occupied by Mr. H. Ackary was threatened. The washhouse and contents were severely damaged and kitchen and contents slightly so. On Monday about 5p.m. a call was received from 14 Cunningham street, South Northcote, where a fire had broken out in a five-roomed residence owned and occupied by Mr. H. Harris. Portion of a side wall and a buggy shed were severely damaged by fire, also a panel or two of fencing.

Cricket Club Social

Members of the cricket club in connection with the James street Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening attended a social provided by the retiring president, Mr. A. S. Carruthers. Trophies were presented to Mr. Roy Williams (bowling average and all-round play), Mr. Norman Stewart (second bowling average), and Mr. Andrew Urquhart (batting average). During the evening a capital programme of varied items was provided and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Tender for Drain

The Northcote council on Monday accepted the tender of J. G. Bryant for £148/18/- for the construction of a drain along easement at the rear of Oxford street, between Bastings and Clarke streets. This is £88 below the city engineer's estimate.

Northcote Branch A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting was well attended, the vice-president (Mr. Turnbull) occupying the chair. Reports were received from the metropolitan committee delegates. It was decided to enter a team in the A.N.A. bowls competition. A trophy will be given to the most improved new player in the northern competition and also to the most consistent player in the A.N.A. bowls competition; and also for the most improved rifle shot open to junior shooters. The home team defeated Kidston I.O.O.F. in the northern bowls competition. The game was most enjoyable and visitors were entertained at the conclusion of he game. Next Thursday the branch will be visited by the Merlinston-Fawkner branch.

Community Singing

A capital programme was provided last Thursday evening at community singing in the small town hall, when the attendance was good. The Northcote Unemployed Professional Orchestra opened with a march and fox trot under Mr. Winter, with Miss O'Halloran at the piano. Community singing was conducted by Mr. W. Nicoll. During the singing of "Tiptoe" the conductor complained that the audience was not doing its best, and called on little Miss Ruby Barton to demonstrate. Mr. Edgar Veitch captivated by impersonating an old gentleman making a speech on "Education," "Packing the Trunk," and a brief comic story of a lazy dog. Another newcomer, Mr. Walter Rowe, who possesses a fine tenor voice, rendered "Mother Machree," "The Great Divide" and "Garden of Happiness," with violin obligato. Mr. Crowe, an entertainer, amused by his eccentricities in the pianoforte performance of a man who could only play one air, but its rendition completely convulsed the audience.

Rechabite Social

A happy gathering of members and friends of the Pride of Northcote Ladies' Tent assembled on September 23 in the Rechabite Hall to honor the two sisters who acted as queens in the recent competition. There was a large attendance. On behalf of the Ladies' Tent, Bro. R. H. Lobbe, P.C.R. of the Star of Northcote Tent, presented Sis. Beryl Wildsmith (Queen of Sport) with a crystal necklace, and Sis. Ethel Knight (Queen of Peace) with a dainty brooch as tokens of appreciation of their good work. Sis. Knight responded. The evening was spent in dancing, which, after supper, was continued until about 11 o'clock. Sis. McCann kindly gave her services as pianist, while Bro. Joe Maker was a capable M.C.

R.S.S.I.L.A. Inter-Club Snooker Tournament

The Northcote branch met the Sunshine branch at Sunshine on 25th inst., Northcote winning by 85 points. Results:—H. Harris (144) d L. Pomoroy (80), Padre Raverty (57) lost to A. Rohner (87), L. Rouse (115) d S. Meeding (87), H. S. W. Marshall (92) d R. Grant (49). The competition was advanced a further stage on Monday evening last, when Brunswick visited the local rooms, Northcote again winning easily. Results:—G. White (114) d T. Clarkson (77), H. Harris (106) d R. Eisfelden (74), L. Rouse (111) d S. Garah (85), Padre Raverty (104) d J. Rowe (81).

Epiphany Cricket Club's Annual Dance

Epiphany Cricket Club's fourth annual dance last Saturday was most successful. The hall, which was filled with dancers, had been tastefully decorated, and music was supplied by the Ladies' Novelty Dance Orchestra. Mr. Tom Holdsworth was M.C. Novelties were won by Miss Johnston and Mr. Winterton and Miss K. Gray and Mr. B. Cook. The event of the evening was an exhibition given by Miss N. Hill and Mr. W. Nunn, semi-finalises at the Palais de Danse, St. Kilda. Refreshments were handed round under the supervision of Mrs. Gurney, to whom the club is indebted. The hon. secretary (Mr. A. Rogerson) thanked all who had assisted in the entertainment. The president (Rev. T. Cole) presented silver cups to Mr. R. Docking (batting and fielding) and Mr. K. Elliott (bowling) and congratulated the club on the evening's entertainment and wished the team a successful season.

Northcote Creche

On Friday a grocery afternoon was held at the creche buildings in Bastings street, when a generous quantity of groceries was received from sympathetic donors numbering about 100 who were present. The arrangements were in the hands of the creche committee, of which Mrs. R. J. Bennetts is the president and Mrs. S. Dennis secretary, and a dainty afternoon tea was served. A musical programme was given by Mesdames Anthony and Davern (the arrangers), Court, Horsley and Miss Olive Batten, while Miss Dorothy Gould rendered elocutionary items. Mrs. Graham acted as accompaniste.

Cement Penetration

The city engineer of Northcote (Mr V. J. Bradley) will supervise the cement penetration of Woolhouse street on Monday next, starting at 2 p.m. As this is amongst the first streets to be treated in this way in Northcote, many of the councillors will be present at the demonstration.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

Northcote - Thornbury Branch. —The monthly meeting of the above will be held in the town hall, Northcote, on Wednesday, October 8, at 2.30 p.m., when a report of the activities of the auxiliary will be submitted. A special invitation is extended to members to attend this meeting, as it is desired to initiate a further scheme to supplement the radium fund appeal.

Intruders Visit Dairy

Mr. D. Black, dairyman, corner of Harold and Hobson street, Thornbury, was visited by some person who desired to relieve him of the reward of his day's labor. The dairy was entered between 11 p.m. on Friday and 4 a.m. on Saturday. As Mr. Block had collected the day's takings before retiring nothing was stolen, neither cream, milk or soft drinks evidently being the aim of the unwarranted visitor.

CRICKET.

On Saturday a two days' match was commenced on Regent Central's pitch between Regent Central Progress Association cricket club and North Preston Baptists. Scores:—North Preston Baptists, 222 (Campbell 57, Kerr 21, McLaren 11, Taylor 18, Naunton 25, Shearer 55 retired, Davies 16; Smythe 1/34, Cameron 2/25, Walker 1/52, Newbigin 1/24, W. Henderson 4/39, Kneebone 1/25).

Regent Club

The office-bearers elected by the Regent Cricket Club for the coming year are:—President, Mr. H. P. Zwar; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Cross, A. Duncan, C. Ferguson, Royston T. Cahir, E. Norris, J. Staveley, sen., L. Rozenski, G. E. Robinson (mayor), G. M. McGrath, W. Mellish, J. Trainor, A. E. Martin and Dr. Neal; patrons, Messrs. Jones and E. Buisst; committee, Messrs. Newbegin, Longlands, Forrest, O'Shea; assistant secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. Dalcan; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Byers, 4 Maritana avenue, Regent; delegates, Messrs. Newbegin and Forrest; press correspondent and scorer, Mr. D. Hogg.

FINAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES

Secretaries are requested to forward reports of matches by Tuesday night. Those received later will not be inserted.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From the "Leader" of October 4, 1890.

A rather serious mishap occurred on the Northcote and Preston tram line on Wednesday last. The builders engaged in the erection of some brick shops fronting High street, near the Preston terminus had for some purpose stretched a rope across the road, and attached it to one of the trees on the opposite side. By some means the rope slipped so low that a passing tram caught it, with the result that the dummy was considerably smashed up, and a man who was in the way was so injured that he had to be removed to hospital.

WESTGARTH TALKIES

BUSTER KEATON IN "FREE AND EASY."

Put "Sunny Side Up," which is being screened this week-end, on your list of pictures to see, for it is irre pressibly gay and delightful. Everyone concerned in the making of the picture must have enjoyed it, for its air of spontaneous gaiety is liltingly contagious. The cast, headed by Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell, is young and likeable, the tunes are catchy, the comedy bright, and there are romance, colorful settings and decorative choruses. "Sunny Side Up" is great fun. On the same programme is a humorous Terry Toon Cartoon.

What is stated to be the largest collection of screen celebrities ever used in a talking comedy will be seen on Monday next, when the satire of Hollywood studio life, "Free And Easy," will be shown. Buster Keaton, in his initial talking and singing screen appearance, is the star, and the big cast includes Anita Page, Robert Montgomery, Dorothy Sebastion, Karl Dane, William Collier Sen. The comedy used in burlesquing the making of talking pictures offers an illuminating slant on inside working of the studios, including the faking of scenery, camera enlargements, and other tricks of the trade.

"Big News" presents Robert Armstrong as a newspaper man who makes life interesting for a gang of criminals, whose secrets he stumbles upon in trying to run a story to earth. As a result, Bob is involved in a murder, and before the mystery is solved there are moments of unforgettable thrills and suspense.

Echoes of the recent Wall Street smash may be heard in William Haines' newest all talking picture "The Girl Said No," which opens on Thursday next, and in which the comedian has the role of a young man who tries to crash the portals of New York's financial market. Prominent in the supporting cast are Leila Hyams, Marie Dressler and Polly Moran.

Lila Lee, Robert Ames and Montagu Love appear in "Double Cross Roads."

BOY SCOUT NEWS

FIRST PRESTON TROOP.

The cricket team commenced its first match against Penders team on the latter ground, and were dismissed for 49 runs, while Penders have lost two for 31 runs. The match will be concluded on Saturday. P.L. Willis, assisted by other leaders, spent a busy time in lining the kitchen. The troop will collect eggs for the hospitals. Eggs can be sent to the scout hall, and will in turn be forwarded to the Mayoress' appeal. Last Saturday evening further competitions were held for the Thos. Hurford contests, the items being kims game and scout pace. The times in the latter competition were satisfactory, while in the kims game Second Fitzgerald was top with 22 articles out of a possible 25. The competitions this Saturday evening will be Casey drill and knot tying. The competitions will run until the end of October, with the exception of the sports, which will be held the second week in November. The Kangaroos, under P.L. Alexander, are leading in the competitions with the Foxes under P.L. Westcott closely following. Three of the leaders have arranged to be present every Saturday afternoon and take the troop and cubs for outdoor games and work. The gymnasium will recommence and will be held every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The parents' monthly meeting was held last Wednesday. The usual social and dance will be held in the scout hall next Wednesday, and the basket ball on Friday. The troop had an enjoyable outing to Janefield on Show Day, when about 40 members made the journey. Next Sunday week several of the leaders will visit the grave of late brother scout, P.L. Cliff Hearne.

2nd COLLINGWOOD

The 2nd Collingwood boy scouts are arranging a Festival Competition to be held in St. Phillip's Hall, opening on November 19, to foster the spirit of competition amongst children and at the same time to try and augument funds for the troop, and so carry on the good work among the boys. The festival takes the form of an Eisteddfod and embraces music, elocution, fancy and national dancing, physical culture etc.

STAR AND GOWERVILLE THEATRES

COLORING COMPETITION

The prizes this week go to Lindsay Watts, Jack Pittard, Leonard Band, Edith Oliver, Leslie Gordon and Lyla Coleman.

WOMAN'S PURSE STOLEN

Mrs. Mary Jane Bailey, of Plimsoll grove, Fairfield, has reported to the police that while she was at the glove counter in a city store on Monday her purse, which contained £5 in notes and a money order for £9, was stolen.

Preston Folk -- Preston Shopkeepers offer

Activities at Preston

By The Rouseabout.

500 Chickens Burnt

AN overheated "brooder" was responsible for an outbreak of fire at the poultry farm of A. H. Cocks, Spring street, North Preston, at a quarter past 11 on Thursday evening of last week. The brooder was severely damaged by fire and 500 young chicks disappeared in smoke and flames. The Preston firemen succeeded in quenching the flames with extinguishers and buckets of water.

New Lights for Preston

THERE was a very fine lighting display in Preston on Monday evening between the Post Office in High street and from Gower street to Kelvin grove, when, for the first time half-a-dozen double electric light lamps on concrete standards shone forth brilliantly and attracted the attention and called forth complimentary remarks from pedestrians. Each light is 500 candle power and the installation is greatly appreciated by Preston residents.

Personal

SERGEANT Lang is enjoying a few days' rustication at Daylesford.

Vandalism and Theft

PRESTON city council does its best in order to beautify and improve the appearance of the municipality generally and it has been very successful in its effects in providing and maintaining a number of reserves and plantations in various parts. It is a matter for regret that the efforts put forth do not receive the full measure of support and appreciation they deserve. In quite a number of instances, thieves and vandals have set to work and undone much of the work carried out by the curator, Mr. Eagles and his assistants. Within the last week, 300 privet plants were stolen from the lawns along the pipe track, near the Bruce street entrance. They have in all probability been sold. Mr. Eagles values the stolen plants at £3. Privet plants were also uprooted from the grass plots in front of the tennis courts in Gower street, and some miscreants made off with geraniums which had been planted on the Kelvin grove side of the Baby Health Centre. It is a pity the police cannot lay hands on the individuals who are responsible for such despicable acts.

Lights for the Pipe Track

IT is satisfactory to be able to report that Preston council intend within the next week or two to instal lights in the vicinity of the plantations along the pipe track, which is becoming a favourite rendezvous for local residents, as well as visitors. A suggestion has been made that it would be a commendable act to place a few seats here and there for the convenience of the public, and a drinking fountain might follow when municipal funds are in a more flourishing state.

A Night Burial

AT about 9 o'clock on Tuesday evening a man rushed hurriedly into Preston watchhouse. He was breathless and excited and it was some time ere he could collect himself and tell his story to the assembled members of the force. Half-an-hour earlier he explained he became interested in the movements of two persons on a block of land in the vicinity of Lake Edwardes. The young man was somewhat overcome by the fleecy streaks of white and grey in the star-lit skies and the two persons referred to moved round and round in a stealthy, cat-like manner. One person held a flickering and guttering candle and the other carried an apparently heavy bag. The onlooker made for home and obtained an electric torch, after which he proceeded to the spot above indicated. There was no sign then of the human beings, but the man with the torch discovered blood-stains and a newly made grave. Then he made a bee-line for Preston police station and there, with bated breath, glistening eyes and perspiring forehead related his little story. Const. Ballard and Rosewarne were deputed to inquire into the evening mystery and hastened, with all speed to the scene of the interment. Sure enough there was blood-bespattered soil and strands of a bag protruding from the recently disturbed earth. A spade was procured from a nearby house, and this was wielded in workmanlike manner by Const. Ballard, the other member of the force looking on in silence and with strained eyes. The other man who had been instrumental in bringing the police party along stood well in the background, ready to lend a helping hand if necessary or maybe run away. He with the spade scooped out quite a large quantity of earth and then struck a bag and contents. The aroma arising was not altogether eau-de-cologne, but Ballard battled along and drew the bag from its resting place. Excitement was by this time at concert pitch, the three principals in the evening scene feeling an uncanny atmosphere round about them, as frogs from the lake gave ominous croaks and fire-flies, also added a weird and unnatural appearance, and the electric torch added dim rays of light round and about. Then Const. Rosewarne took a hand and with capacious pocket knife cut the thick knot of cord which surrounded the bag. This was opened and all Rosewarne said was:—"Well, I'll be blowed." Ballard was flabbergasted, and the third man had lost his power of speech as there was dumped out of the bag—a dead dog. There was a hasty re-interment of the remains and the cause of the outing was profuse in his apologies to the energetic policemen, whom he was responsible for bringing out on a wild-dog chase. The two custodians of Preston's peace lost no time in mounting their bikes and heading for home. It is not altogether safe to mention "dead dog" to either Ballard or Rosewarne.

Duplicate Key Used

BY making use of a duplicate key in the back door of the home of George H. Young, May street, Preston, on Tuesday morning, thieves entered and stole £3/10/ in notes.

Loud Speaker Taken

FORCING the front door of East Preston Tennis Club with a jemmy, an entrance was effected and a loud speaker, valued at £12/10/ was stolen.

Front Door Forced

BETWEEN 1.30 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Wednesday the kiosk at Cooma street, Preston, carried on by Hector McColl Jones was entered by forcing open the front door. An alarm clock, two boxes of tennis balls, soft drinks, oranges and sweets to the value of £5/11/6 were carried off.

A Labourer's Loss

ALFRED H. Thompson, laborer, of Raglan street, Preston, reported the loss of a wheel strop, 20 ft. of rope and pony breeching, valued at £1/12/6. The property was stolen from an open shed in Thompson's yard.

Diggers' Cricket Club

THE following have been elected office-bearers of Preston Diggers' for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. J. Donath; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. H. Knight; Captain, Mr. N. Osborne; Vice-captain, Mr. F. Golden. The first match of the season will be played at Williamstown on Saturday afternoon, October 11.

Meiban Fair

THE Mayoress of Preston (Mrs. G. E. Robinson) opened the above in Preston town hall on Saturday afternoon, in aid of Salvation Army funds. There was a satisfactory attendance at the stalls. The fair was continued on Monday. On Wednesday evening a cantata entitled "The Delivery of the Children of Israel" was effectively rendered by members of the local corps.

Wilful Damage

BENJAMIN Hatfield, tobacconist, Plenty road, Preston heard a noise in front of his shop at 1 a.m. on Wednesday. Upon proceeding to investigate, Mr. Hatfield found that a pane of glass in the door, valued at £2 had been broken.

Larceny from Garage

ALB. Thos. Vedmore, car builder, Bard street, Preston reports that at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, his garage was entered and a clock, rim, tyre and tube, also side curtains were stolen. The value of the property is given at £7.

Telephone Cabinet Rifled

ON Thursday evening of last week the telephone cabinet in Miller street, Preston was broken and damage done to the extent of £2/10/.

Shopbreaking and Stealing

BETWEEN Saturday and Sunday last, a bench vice, hand-drill, taps, wrench and cash valued at £5 were stolen from the shop of Jas. Jennings, cycle mechanic, Gilbert road, Preston. The front door of the shop had been forced open with a lever.

Broken Street Lights

MR. Bird, in charge of Preston's electric light department, is justly annoyed at the deliberate breaking of street lamps in and around Preston. During the last day or two four have been broken in Plenty road, towards Darebin Creek. The breaking takes place out of sheer wantonness and mischief on the part of young men who ought to know better. A watch is being kept and it is hoped the offenders will be brought to well-merited justice.

Investigation Committee

THE investigation committee, composed of Crs. Hemburrow, Newton and Jones, have practically completed their labors, and some of the recommendations to be brought forward at Monday night's meeting of the council will, it is stated, savor somewhat of the bombshell order. It is currently reported that the council will be advised to dispense with the services of half a dozen or more employes.

Jewellery Robbery

LAST Saturday afternoon, the house of Arthur Winduss, roof-tiler, Gilbert road, Preston left his house securely locked. Upon the son, Geo. Winduss returning at about a quarter to 6, he found the back door had been forced open and the following property taken away:—Five-stone diamond ring, diamond dress ring, 3 stone pearl ring, gold chain, rolled gold chain with watch attached and two £1 notes. The value of the stolen property is £57/2/6.

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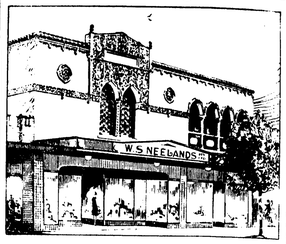

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REUNION AT MERNDA.

Twenty-two years ago Mr. John P. Danaher relinquished his duties as head teacher at the State school No. 488, Morang (since renamed Mernda). On Saturday last (September 27) a very pleasing reunion of former pupils of this school during the regime of Mr. Danaher was held. At 2.15 p.m. the bell was rung and pupils numbering 59 were lined up outside the school as of old before Daminic Danaher, and to the tune of one of the old school songs were marched into the school, where seats were taken at the forms. All present were then called to attention and stood while the roll was called of all who had passed beyond, and silence was observed for one minute out of respect for their memories. On seats being resumed Mr. Danaher took charge as of yore, and after a brief address endeavored to test the memories of those present as to their knowledge of former lessons—but, alas, a spirit of levity prevailed, and attempts were made to trick the teacher, chief amongst the culprits being the irrepressible Albert (Mick) Rodycoat. Mick, however, later made amends, when with a very apt speech he made, on behalf of former pupils, a presentation of a pipe and tobacco pouch to mark the continuance of their high regard and esteem.

In his response Mr. Danaher feelingly referred to the many pleasant days he had passed during the twelve years he had been at the school. Of all the schools at which he had taught, he had always been proudest of No. 488, Morang, especially as so many of his pupils had since been so successful in the outer world. Approximately a dozen of these had taken up the same profession as himself, and some of these, though still young, now occupied prominent positions.

Jack Ryder, now first assistant at Tyler St., Preston, State school, made sympathetic reference to Mr. Walter Thomas, who was unable through illness to be present. Mr. Thomas, he said, for over fifty years had been a member of the school committee and was at all times a good friend of the school.

After a few well chosen remarks by Mr. Sharp, an old resident, afternoon tea was partaken of and reminiscences indulged in. The present teacher (Mr. Fisher) had assisted greatly to make the function a success. Rolls dating back to 1864 were available, and much merriment was caused through reference to some of the old records. During the afternoon many old friends visited the school. All visitors were hospitably entertained at tea at the homes of residents, and the festivities were continued in the evening at the Mechanics' Institute. Old and new time dancing, community singing under the able baton of Eddie Smith, short speeches and general discussions caused time to fly unnoticed. A very enjoyable evening—all too short—came to an end at 12 o'clock, when the hall was still full. Farewells took a considerable time and it was after one o'clock when the lights were turned out.

In all 84 former pupils, since scattered throughout Victoria, were present, and all voted the reunion the most enjoyable function they had ever attended. This success was due mainly to the untiring efforts of Fred Turley, who initiated the movement, and organised the whole affair. Many thanks also are due to the local ladies who helped so ably in the preparation and distribution of supper.

During the afternoon and evening signatures of all Mr. Danaher's pupils who were present were obtained, and these will be presented later to their old friend.

Prior to his retirement Mr. Danaher was head master for a number of years at the West Preston school, where he had as scholars, children of some of his earlier Morang pupils.

Financially also the reunion was a success, and a surplus of receipts over expenditure of over £7 will be handed over to the school committee to form the nucleus of a fund for providing a more suitable honor roll of all those former scholars of the school who served in the Great War. As the present roll is far from complete, any who are able to supply information re former pupils who served, are requested to write immediately to the present head teacher, Mr. Fisher, State school, Mernda.

Mr. Fisher and Cr. Roy Smith have undertaken, on behalf of the school committee, to raise the balance of the funds required.

West Preston Football Club

THE above club held its first annual picnic at Montmorency recreation ground on Sunday, there being numerous attractions for the many patrons who helped to make the trip a social and financial success. Tennis, kicking the football, footrunning and numerous other events were freely indulged in. After the success achieved it is possible that a monthly picnic may be held during the summer, so numerous were the requests. Thanks are due to Mrs. and Mr. Harrison (caretakers), of Montmorency, who did everything to make the day enjoyable.

EPPING NEWS

The Epping Tennis Club had a visit from a team from St. Mark's, Fitzroy, last Saturday, but owing to the heavy rain the games were not concluded. The match will be resumed on Saturday.

The cricket club has just about completed the new wicket on the recreation reserve. The pitch is made of Preston gravel. In the event of football ending next Saturday a game will be played on October 11 between the married and single men of the district. Much interest will be taken in this event, as it will bring back to the game many players who were prominent in the club's activities many years ago.

With the favorable season milk production is increasing, and some farmers have to resort to separating the surplus milk.

Further donations have been received by the secretary of the local unemployed distress committee, and the fund is to be augmented by a euchre party and dance.

Most farmers and land owners throughout the district are busy cutting artichoke thistles. These are being used extensively as fodder, but the crop does not seem to be as prolific this year as last.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, the Right Rev. Dr. Mannix, will visit Epping early in November to administer confirmation to the children of the parish.

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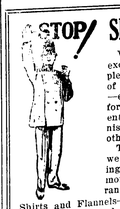

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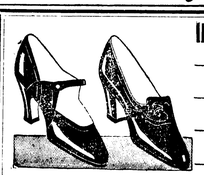

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11 a.m.—Matins
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ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
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7 p.m.—Rev. O. Muller (Queen's).
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7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.

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7 p.m.—Mr. H. Gardiner
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11 a.m.—Mr. C. G. Sandland
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CYCLING NEWS

PRESTON AMATEUR CLUB.

The above club conducted its annual 50 miles road race last Saturday in adverse weather conditions. This was the final handicap event of the season, and seven trophies were donated, including the "Standard" cup for first, and Mr. John Jack's cup for fastest time.

A sprint race at Whittlesea was won by G. Wells.

Result:—H. Neuman (12 min.), 1; A. Hocking (12 min.), 2; F. Haack (8 min.), 3. Winner's time, 2 hrs. 33 min. 40 secs. Fastest time unplaced, G. Harris (scr.), 2 hrs. 23 min. 39 secs. First senior unplaced, G. Stevens; first junior, W. Carey.

The senior aggregate was won by W. Addison and the junior by W. Carey.

FAIRFIELD CLUB.

Thirty-eight riders faced the starter for the 60 mile road race, the first big event of the Fairfield Amateur Cycling Club, on Saturday. In spite of head winds, hail and driving rain 23 riders finished inside four hours. R. Maes was first through Mernda and W. Patrick (30 min.) first to the turn. The winner was H. Ambler (16 min.) with V. Ashwell (12 min.), T. Brewer (scr., fastest time) and L. Hede (scr.) in the places. On Saturday night the club held a well attended banquet in Hammet's Hall.

MOTOR CYCLING

CHALLENGE HILL CLIMB

The Northcote Motor Cycle Club held a challenge hill climb against East Preston last Sunday at Eden Park. Northcote riders excelled themselves and won every event. Results:

Solo Riders.—W. Crush (N.) d C. Bysouth (E.P.); E. Vass (N.), d Hoate (E.P.); C. Harty (N.) d Stone (E.P.).

Sidecar Riders.—P. Ward (N.), d T. Dorringow (E.P.); J. Gardiner (N.) d E. Barry (E.P.); Les. Jones (N.) walk-over.

Solo Handicap.—C. Billings (N.), 1; E. Walsh (N.), 2.

Sidecar Handicap.—J. Gardiner (N.), 1; P. Ward (N.), 2.

Fastest time solo, W. Crush (N.), 9 sec.

Fastest time sidecars, P. Ward (N.) 11sec.

On Sunday next the club will hold a sports meeting at Eltham Park, leaving the corner of High street and Beaver's road at 10.15 a.m Club members are reminded that this meeting counts points or the annual championship shields. The next general meeting will be held on Monday night at the Pigeon Homing Club Hall, Herbert street. All motor cyclists are welcome.

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PERSONAL

The stork has brought a fine daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. Vallence, of Epping.

Mr. W. G. Swift, a former town clerk of Northcote, has been appointed municipal auditor for the coming year to the City of Chelsea.

Cr. Walter Thomas, of Whittlesea Shire Council, is laid up with a severe illness at his home at Mernda.

Mr. T. Jones, of Bayliss St., Preston, is leaving on Saturday next on a holiday trip to Brisbane and Tweed Heads, Queensland. He will be away for three weeks.

Maxwell Binns is the name bestowed on a new arrival in the family of Mr. and Mrs. H. William Shepherd, of Gladstone Ave., Croxton.

Last Tuesday afternoon the stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. J. Bott, of William St., Preston, Mrs. Bott being blessed with a baby girl. Both are doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg. C. Moyle, of Darebin St., Northcote, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter. The happy event occurred at Sister Preston's "Ardlui" Private Hospital, Thornbury.

The death occurred on September 26 of Mr. William Edward Greenland, of Arthur St., Fairfield. He was widely known and respected. He leaves a widow and members of the family are Elleen, William, Annie, Vera, Phyllis, Jack and Keith.

Mr. W. J. Blyth has been appointed municipal auditor to the City of Preston for the coming year. Mr. E. Fyke has been similarly appointed to act for the City of Northcote. These appointments were made by the Executive Council.

We understand that the Rev. J. H. Bates, late minister of the James St. Presbyterian Church, has received a call to the Presbyterian Church at Balmoral.

After undergoing serious operations, Mr. Francis Bates (estate agent) is now restored to health and strength, and his many friends will be pleased to know that his genial presence is again pervading his old establishment at the "Star," corner High St., Preston.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Mendelsohn, of High St., Northcote, have been receiving many congratulations during the week on the advent of a permanent little visitor. Mrs. Mendelsohn has become the happy mother of a bonny daughter.

An old and respected resident of Northcote passed away at 6 Cunningham St., Northcote, on September 17 in the person of Mrs. Annie Lancaster, widow of Mr. James Mortimer, aged 65 years, and a resident in Northcote for over 40 years. After a short service at the home, conducted by Rev. Constable (All Saints' Church, Northcote South), the interment took place at Boroondarra cemetery, Kew. Beloved mother of Louie (Mrs. Hoad).

Major and Mrs. Blaskett, well known figures in Salvation Army circles, who left Preston six months ago on a visit, are returning from England by the "Mongolia," which at time of writing had reached Perth.

Whilst Miss Olive MacGregor, a member of the choir of the Church of the Epiphany, was standing with her mother in a safety zone in Victoria Pde., East Melbourne, on Friday last, they were both knocked down by a motor car. Miss MacGregor was injured so severely that she had to be taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where she received surgical attention. Mrs. MacGregor escaped with a severe shaking. It will be seen from this occurrence that a safety zone is not always a safe position in which to shelter.

There passed away suddenly on September 18 at St. Vincent's Hospital, following an operation, John Henry Dumper, aged 64 years. The deceased came to Australia ten years ago with his wife (Sister Dumper) to visit their daughter, Mrs. C. P. Hughes, of 24 Woolton Ave., Thornbury, and he took a position with the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board at the Malvern depot in 1921. He was transferred to the Preston workshop in 1926 as a armature winder. The late Mr. Dumper was employed by the India Rubber, Gutta Percha and Telegraph Works in Silvertown, London, from a boy, and worked in the engineering department of the latter in 1890. In 1899 he was made foreman in the armature and winding shop, keeping that position until May, 1920, when he left England on a visit to Australia, where he eventually settled. The interment was made on the following Saturday in the Fawkner cemetery, 16 of his workmates following to the graveside, where Rev. E. C. Perkins conducted the service. Included in the floral tributes was a beautiful wreath from his workmates. He leaves a widow and a married daughter.

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Preston Council will Sell State Coach

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT PRESENTED

MAJORITY RECOMMENDATION TO SELL CAR.

For months the Preston "State Coach," as the Council motor car is called, has been a burning question, and there have been many requests for its disposal.

After much discussion a special investigation committee, consisting of Crs. L. Jones, A. E. Newton and W. J. Hemburrow, was appointed to investigate the facts and figures in connection with the running of the car, and majority and minority reports were presented to the Preston Council on Monday evening before an overfilled gallery.

The reports differed greatly as to what the annual maintenance costs actually are, the majority report setting them down at £595 per anhum, and the minority report giving the figure at £161.

The debate was long and tempestuous, and personalities were indulged in by some prominent councillors, including the Mayor, who on one stage spoke of the "dignity of the Mayoral office."

The Majority Report.

As chairman of the special investigation committee, Cr. Jones presented both reports, the majority report being signed by Crs. Newton and Hemburrow. It was as follows—

As instructed, we herewith submit a report of our investigation of the Buick motor car.

This car was purchased in October, 1927, for £400/13/-, for the use of the Mayor and councillors From records kept we find that the cost of running and maintaining the Buick car for the year ended August 31, 1930, was as follows:—Wages (chauffeur), £312; petrol consumption (1024 gals.), £100 1/5; registration and insurance, £23; repairs and replacements, £53/0/2; oil, £7/14/5; depreciation, £100—a total cost of £595/16/-

We point out that the car has now run 42,000 miles, and consequently replacements and maintenance would be much heavier in the future than in the past. We would suggest that if at any time it was necessary for councillors to go on a tour of inspection of the municipality (providing no other car was available), a car could be hired at very little cost and probably would not exceed £10 per annum. In our opinion the cost of running this car has been ridiculously high, and would not be tolerated for one moment by any private business firm or individual and, while we do admit that the use of a car is a convenience to the Mayor and Mayoress of our municipality, we are also certain that it is not a necessity, and we have no hesitation, in the present state of the country finances, in recommending as follows:—

1.—That the services of the chauffeur (Mr. L. C. Connelly) be dispensed with at once.
2.—That the Buick car be valued by an expert and that the car be sold within 60 (sixty) days.

(Signed) W. J. HEMBURROW,
A. E. NEWTON,
Councillors.

6/10/1930.

The Minority Report.

Cr. Jones said that he differed from his colleagues on the committee and had prepared a minority report as follows:—

There is no doubt that during the past three years the official car has been abused, and has cost the ratepayers considerably more than it should have done, and this has been recognised by councillors, but when they have referred to the matter in open council it has been taken as a more or less personal attack on the then Mayor. In each instance, however, the cost has been greatly exaggerated. For instance, the cost for the last year has been officially stated as £595, which is incorrect. Certain items of expenditure, viz., petrol, registration, repairs, insurance, cannot be disputed, but the debiting of the full amount of £312 (the driver's salary) should be reduced at least by half, as not half of his time was occupied with the car, he having been occupied in other work, and driving the Morris car in connection with the various works of the municipality and unemployment relief. There is also £100 charged as depreciation. With a car which cost £400, has been on the road for two years, and has done 30,000 miles before the commencement of last year, it is quite wrong and out of all reason to put the depreciation down at one-quarter the value of a new car. Therefore the actual cost of running the car for the year, allowing depreciation at £50, is approximately £292.

It may be interesting to note that on September 25, 1929, the speedo reading was 30,978 miles, and on March 25, 1930, 39,138, or 8,160 miles for the six months, during which time the speedo was out of order for three weeks. On September 2, 1930, it was 42,217, a distance of 3,079 miles for over five months, or a total distance of 11,239 for the eleven months. Anybody will recognise that a mayor who has his business to attend to, could hardly be credited with having done that amount of mileage, and only one conclusion can be drawn—that the car was used on other than official purposes by some person or persons not authorised to use it. This only goes to verify the complete lack of management and supervision referred to in our main report. It is acknowledged that £393 is too high a price to pay for the benefits derived from the use of the car, but under proper management this would be very considerably reduced. In the past, the car has been under the complete control of the chauffeur, who was responsible only to the Mayor and town clerk. This was done on the recommendation of the special committee elected to deal with the Ross report, viz., Crs. Crispe, Adams and McPherson, and has, without doubt, proved to be a wrong procedure.

Now let us take the other side of the question. In the first place, if the mayoress is to carry out the duties of her office with satisfaction and in a manner befitting the dignity of the city, it is essential that she have a car at her disposal. Secondly, if the council car is placed under proper control and management, it will be cheaper than hiring a car, even if the Local Government Act permitted the expenditure of moneys for car hire, which it does not.

If we had to purchase a car at the present time, I would be definitely opposed to it. But seeing that we have a car in perfect order, which three years ago cost £400, and which, for our requirements, is practically as good as when purchased (and the fact that if offered for sale to-day would realise less than £100), I favor its retention. For the purpose of arriving at an estimate of the cost of the car for twelve months, I have fixed the mileage at 5,000, which would be sufficient for its legitimate use. I consider it unnecessary to retain the services of a special driver, as we have several licensed drivers in our employ. If the car with the other motor vehicles was placed in charge of the electrical engineer, a driver could be supplied as required. He would be instructed to report to the mayor or mayoress when required, and report back to that officer. His time would be checked and the municipal fund debited in the ordinary way, as is done when this department supplies men for the quarry and other works. If this method was followed, I have no hesitation in saying that the cost would not exceed £161, made up as follows—5000 miles at 15 miles per gallon, 333 gallons at 2/- per gallon, £33/6/-; oil, £3/17/-; registration and insurance, £20; repairs, £26/10/-; driver at award rates—one-third time, £68; interest, 10% on £100, £10. Total £161/13/-

Should the council decide to retain the car, I would recommend—

1.—That the services of the driver be dispensed with.
2.—That £165 be placed on the estimates, such amount not to be exceeded

(Signed) LLEWELLYN JONES.

The Discussion.

Cr. Jones moved that the majority report be adopted.

He said that in his minority report he had tried to state the facts as he saw them. The car driver had on many occasions tried to obtain another position on the council in order to occupy his spare time, and he had at times acted as a traffic officer.

Cr. Newton seconded the motion for the adoption of the majority report.

Cr. Adams' Questions.

Cr. Adams—If that report is adopted it will mean an employe will be dismissed?

The Mayor (Cr. Robinson)—Yes.

Cr. Adams—That is not right. The report should be considered by the committee.

Cr. Jones—The committee's instructions came from the council, and

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AUSTRALIA'S ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—His Excellency Lord Somers saluting the guard of honor outside the Commonwealth Offices after he had been sworn in as Acting Governor-General of Australia.

(Picture by courtesy of "The Argus," Melbourne.)

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Activities at Preston

By The Rouseabout.

West Preston State School

BOYS and girls did well in contributing eggs in Melbourne Hospital Appeal. One hundred and thirty dozen were taken along to school, and forwarded to the town hall on Wednesday morning. The new weatherboard room at the school is now in use, and provides accomodation for sixty-two pupils

Fire at Rubbish Tip

AT 5.45 p.m. on October 7, a quantity of rubbish was destroyed by fire at Preston council's rubbish tip at Oakover road. Preston firemen were called upon to extinguish the flames.

Preston Football Club Outing

NEXT Sunday fortnight, Preston Football club will indulge in another outing, this time to Xmas Hills. A good sports programme is being arranged. The joint secretaries to the movement are Messrs. W. Bott, L. Hoover and E. Watts.

Garden Hose and Wood Taken

ABOUT 33ft of garden hose and 2cwt of box blocks were stolen from the premises of Wm. McDonald, Raglan street, Preston, between 11 a.m. on September 28 and 9 a.m. on October 5. The value of the stolen property is £1/10.

Missing from William Street

SINCE 10 o'clock on the evening of October 5, Dorothy May Harper has been missing from William street, Preston. The girl, who is 17 years of age is of dark complexion, stout build, dressed in light pink skirt, white blouse, and grey overcoat. She was last seen at the corner of Bourke and Swanston streets, on the afternoon of October 6.

Found Under Hedge

PRESTON police require an owner for a new blue serge overcoat, two pairs sox and velour hat, which were found beneath a hedge at the All White Poultry Farm of Wm. Yager, Preston, on October 4.

Theft from Cricketer's Coat

ROBERT D. Keene, accountant, Cramer street, Preston has lost the run of a double case silver watch, very old, gold albert chain, bunch of office keys, and 1st class quarterly railway ticket between Preston and Melbourne, valued at £6. The property was stolen from a coat belonging to Mr. Keene, which he left lying on the ground, when playing cricket at the corner of Murray road and George street, Preston on the afternoon of October 4.

A Novel Idea

MADAME White, the beauty specialist, of Plenty road, Preston, has introduced a novel idea to her salon by serving afternoon tea free to all her clients from 2 to 5 o'clock each afternoon. Preston residents should take advantage of this efficient beauty service, which can be recommended.

Tyres and Tubes Vanish

THREE Perdriau tyres and three tubes, valued at £11/10 were stolen from a garage at the residence of Frk. W. Darby, fishmonger, High street, Preston on October 5.

Larceny of Motor Car

WM. H. Murray, builder, Xavier grove, Preston left a motor car outside the Sacred Heart Church, Preston, on October 3. Entrance to and 11.30 a.m., from where it was stolen. The car is valued at £300.

Theft of Bicycle

WM. T. Burt, laborer, Carroll street, Reservoir entered the hairdressing saloon of Mr. F. Sheppard, High street, Preston on October 4 and left a Preston Star bicycle, valued at £10. Upon returning to mount the machine he found it had disappeared.

Secretary Loses His Clothes

ONE blue twill sac suit, one pair grey trousers, one pair of white flannel cricket trousers and one brown leather kit bag, valued at £13 were stolen from the house of Percy Alfred Iddles, secretary, Cramer st., Preston on October3. Entrance to the house was effected by forcing open a window with a jemmy.

Tools Go

A SHOVEL, two boot lasts, hammer and chisel, valued at £1 were stolen from the yard of Alex McLaren, gentleman, Montague street, Preston on October 2.

Cash Bag Taken

AT Bell railway siding on October 2, Ernest Nebel, wood merchant, Gilbert road, Preston, lost a leather cash bag containing £2/12/6. The bag was stolen from under the seat in Nebel's motor truck, at about 10 o'clock on October 2. Youths are supposed to be responsible for the disappearance of the bag and contents.

Slump in Slippers

FRANCIS Ludlow, slipper manufacturer, Rossmoyne street, Thornbury has reported that on October 1, a dozen pairs of lady's tan crocodile leather slippers and 20 pairs of pink and navy felt slippers, valued at £5 were stolen from his factory at David street, Preston. Boys are supposed to be responsible for the theft.

Ugly Man's Competition

MR. T. Ralph came first in the Ugly Man's Competition held recently in connection with Preston Football Club. Mr. A. Trainor occupied second place on the list and Mr. F. Hillman third.

Lecture by Dr. Parker

DR. Roy Parker, a former International cricketer has promised to deliver a lecture on cricket in Preston town hall, under the auspices of Preston R.S.S.I.L.A.

Bell State School

IN connection with the recent Schools' Spelling Bee, Gordon Jonas, a pupil at Bell State School of which Mr. R. O'Brien is headmaster, was fortunate enough to be champion of No. 4 district, which includes Preston, and a pennant was forwarded to the school. In recognition of Master Jonas' success in the competition, the school committee and Mothers' Club have organised a social on Saturday, October 18, at which Gordon will be presented.

The Mothers' Club and School Committee connected with Bell school have raised the sum of £500 since the school was opened on August 13, 1928. The amount mentioned has been expended in effecting improvements at the school.

600 eggs were collected by Bell school in response to the Egg Day Appeal.

Australian Women's Association

THERE was a good attendance at the fortnightly meeting of the Preston branch of the above association in the Bradford Hall on Monday last, three proposals being received. At the close of the meeting the ladies took part in a bowls match, the team led by Miss O. Bricknell, being the victors. The A.N.A. members then invited the ladies to witness their competition bowls match against Clifton Hill A.W.A., which resulted in an easy win for Preston A.N.A. A mixed shooting competition was also arranged and was very keenly contested. The next meeting of the A.W.A. will be held on Monday, 20th inst., the syllabus item being an evening arranged by the secretary. A hearty welcome is extented to all interested.

A Successful Social

TO provide added equipment for the building, the Preston Church of Christ held a most successful social last Saturday night. An unusual feature was the arrangement of the programme whereby each auxiliary was made responsible for a definite period during which it had to provide an item and introduce a game. In this way the J.C.E., the Bible School, Choir, Senior and Junior Cricket Clubs, P.B.P. and K.S.P. clubs and the Y.W. League all helped. Each axiliary provided some refreshments also and these were prepared by the Women's Guild and the Social Committee, thus providing an enjoyable supper. There was a very large attendance and the whole function was an unqualified success.

Card Party

MRS. Biggs, who has been a loyal supporter of the Progress Cricket Club, Preston, gave an enjoyable card party at her residence, "Charlville," Rennie street, Thornbury. Mr. Biggs assisted his wife in receiving the guests, who later either played cards in the lounge decorated with mauve and stocks, or entered into guessing competitions in the dining room, where Iceland poppies made a colorful ornamentation. The winners in the former were Mrs. Barnett and Master H. Towers, and the latter prize participants were Mrs. Crew and Mr. W. Burland.

Petrol Pumps in Preston

AFTER representations had been made to the Preston council by owners of garage properties in Preston, the council decided not to enforce its by-law for the control of petrol pumps for a period of 12 months, provided that each garage proprietor indemnifies the council to the extent of £500 for each pump erected.

Disappearance of Xmas Stockings

MRS. E. Croall, confectioner, Plenty road, Preston reports the robbery of six xmas stockings and a box containing rubbers valued at £2 from her stop on October 5. Portion of the stolen property was found in a lane near the shop.

Preston Council Doings

THE council has decided to repay £21/5/9 to the Preston Football Club by half pounds of gate money collected.

Dr. Sir Truby King Visits Health Centre

DR. Sir Truby King, upon whose system the Preston Baby Health Centre is run, paid a visit to the Preston centre on September 23. He was received by the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. G. E. Robinson) and was very pleased at the way the centre was conducted.

The Nelma Frock Shop, High street, Preston, has a number of smart new season's frocks offering just now. This shop has gained a reputation for fine quality underclothing, orders for wedding trousseaux being given special attention.

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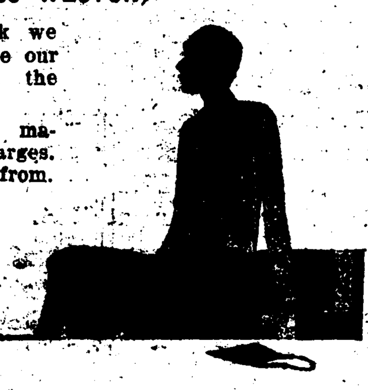

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PRESTON PROFESSIONALS

The above club held its annual general meeting on October 5 at the club rooms. There was a large attendance. Proceedings opened with a speech by the president (Mr. M. B. Clarke), who spoke of the club's activities, and said that he felt confident of the future. He also paid a tribute to the club's patrons, who, combined with the Preston council, Crs. Jones and Zwar, especially had done wonderful work. Mr. Clarke also expressed the opinion of all club members at the satisfactory balance sheet, and outlined the progress the club had made since its reconstruction.

The following officials were elected: President, Mr. M. B. Clarke; vice-presidents, Messrs. L. Addison, Rube Jones, P. O'Connor, C. Cooper; patrons, Messrs. Brice, B. Small, R. Metcalf, C. Cooper, R. Jones, L. Addison, B. Clarke, C. Hill, H. Zwar, P. Hatton; treasurer, Mr. Joe Jones; secretary, Mr. Mal. Clarke; assistant secretary, Mr. H. Fielding; handicapper, Mr. Frank Thomas; assistant handicapper, Mr. Les Addison; timekeepers, Messrs. Pat O'Connor and H. Fielding; L.V.W. delegates, Messrs. L. Addison and C. Cooper; auditors, Messrs. P. O'Connor and L. Jones; referee, Mr. L. Addison; stewards, Messrs. P. O'Connor and R. Jones; turning point steward, Mr. Jim Dunlop; judge, Mr. L. McDonald; press correspondent, Mr. Rube Jones; racing secretary, Mr. Ken Ross; committee, Messrs. L. Jones, F. Thomas, Ern Powell, Tom Gascoyne, Rube Jones, Clem Cooper and Les Addison.

The club will hold the first race of the summer aggregate on October 18 over five miles on the Epping road at Thomastown.

PRESTON AMATEURS

Members of the above club should note that the annual road championship date has been altered to November 1 on account of open races. The club will be well represented by both seniors and juniors in the Victorian paced championship at Carnegie next Saturday. Junior and senior teams will also be entered for the Victorian A.C.U. road premiership at Thomastown on Saturday week. All members who accepted in the Colac—Melbourne road race finished the course in good time. L. Neumann and V. Wood were unlucky in not securing places. The former, who was not more than three yards behind the winner, finished tenth. Tickets for the V.A.C.U. Century Ball may be had from the secretary ... will be presented ...

POINTED PROVERBS.

NATURAL FRUIT.

Although included in the "Sermon on the Mount," there is a proverb which has entered into the everyday currency of our thought. Jesus expresses our own convictions when He says: "By their fruits ye shall know them," and then He goes on to ask a question illustrating and emphasising this proverb: "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" A very striking illustration of this fact came to me as I looked up some information about Robert Raikes, the founder of the modern Sunday school. I looked into "Everyman's Enclyclopedia" and found that there lived from 1777 to 1848 a London merchant who evidently was no mean character, for he became a governor of the Bank of England. But the chief thing I learned about him was that he cultivated the habits of a dandy and spent much of his leisure in clubs and society. I wonder how many people on earth know anything about him or especially honor his memory?

The same page of the Encyclopedia contains a reference to Robert Raikes, who lived from 1735 to 1811. His life brought forth a very different influence, and he was fruitful in his work for the uplift of children. To-day he is remembered and honored in every land on earth as the founder of the modern Sunday school. His memory is sacred, his example is an incentive to a great host, and 150 years after he commenced his work there are 35,000,000 people in the world working in Sunday schools such as he first originated. Although the "Diary" of Robert Raikes and his "Correspondence with the Duke of Wellington" were published, yet we, to-day think little about him, for he left no outstanding or inspiring example, and we cannot gather grapes from the thorns of worldly ambition, nor figs from the dandy's thistles. But Robert Raikes was a good tree that bringeth forth good fruit. What a striking contrast between these two men!

Hubby: "I hear that young Montmorency has just become engaged to Marian Lever." Wife: "Well I hope he won't". Hubby: "Won't what?" Wife: "Marry an' leave her!"

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A.N.A. ESSAY COMPETITION AT SOUTH PRESTON

A representative interest was created by the A.N.A. essay competition conducted by the South Preston branch, and open to pupils of Grades VII. and VIII. throughout Preston. During the week the adjudicators, Messrs. Francis and T. Andrews, judged the essays and awarded the following places: — A. Goodfellow, Brighton avenue, 1; Harry Smalley, South Preston, 2; Dorothy Kinty, School 4309, Bell street, West Preston, 3. A gold medal valued at £1/1/ will be awarded as first prize, and another gold medal, the gift of Mr. John Jack, jeweller, will be awarded the second prize. The judges have announced that the standard attained was of a very high order. The subject, "Why We Should Purchase Australian-made Goods," offered a wide scope The winning essays will be read at the next meeting of South Preston branch of the A.N.A. This body is to be congratulated for its consistent interest and for its efforts on their behalf.

Elderly lady: "Aren't you ashamed to be seen smoking cigarettes, little boy?" Little Boy (sarcastically): "I am mum; but what's a man to do when he ain't got the price of a cigar?"

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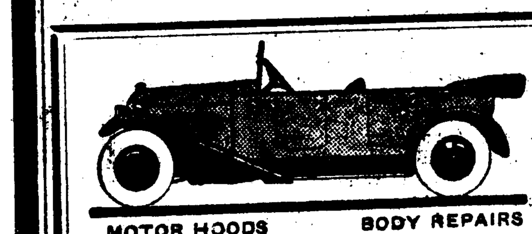

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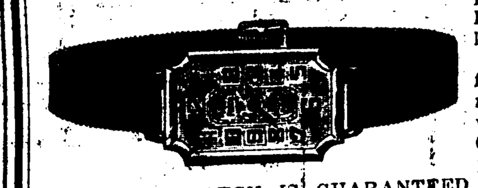

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BIRTH.

HOUGHTON.—On October 3, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Houghton, of "Brentwood," William St., Regent, at St. Margaret's Private Hospital, Regent St., Regent—a son—Leslie James. Both well.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL

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WORLD CAUSES DELAY PROSPERITY.

Mr Scullin gives Australia two years to recover her balance. We might reach normal sooner if international action were taken by the Governments and the banks to relieve the gold shortage, as the British Government paper in London proposes.

The tide of unemployment in England has reached the two million mark. What is it that has caused unemployment to rise to a point higher than any since the collapse of the post-war boom?

To that there is only one possible answer. It is the result of an international economic crisis so grave as to be without parallel in this century. Early in the year the acute mind of Maynard Keynes was analysing its dimensions. "Already," he said, "the crisis has assumed the proportions of a world disaster." Since then the grim roll of unemployment has told the same story in every industrial country. Six million workless, it is estimated, stand day by day in the bread lines in America. In Germany there are close upon three million men and women unable to find work. No national Government could hope to avert this disaster. World causes were at work, and world remedies were needed.

Chief among these causes is the world shortage of gold, aggravated by the conflicting monetary policies of the great industrial nations and by the increased power of machine production. It is in the policy of international co-operation that solutions must be sought. The Governments and the banks could together end the scramble for gold. Together they could effect a wiser international organisation of markets. The quicker action is taken the sooner will recovery come.

FAR TOO MANY PARLIAMENTS.

Declaring that he thought there were far too many Parliaments in Australia, the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Fenton) said that 661 members of Parliament in a population of 6,500,000 was inordinate. He believed that Australia might, with advantage, follow the example of Canada in its modern system of government. The need for rigorous economy might force a serious analysis of government, and the whole system might have to be reviewed to bring it into conformity with the views of the people. The cost of government, Mr. Fenton added, should be brought into line with common sense. Considerable savings had been made in the cost of Commonwealth administration, but even greater ones were to be made. This should apply to all governments.

Owing to very great pressure on our space and late arrival a number of items and reports are held over.

The A.W.A. held its fortnightly meeting on September 28. The report of the annual conference at Sandringham was made, and a vote of thanks was passed to the delegates for their interesting report. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 12.

Among the violin students of Mr. Basil Farrell, Mus. Dip., Melb. Univ., who gained successes in the recent London College and University examinations, are Mr. Silas Beebe, who gained his L.L.C.M.; Miss Wilma Murphy, who passed Grade 4 in the University examination; and Master George Turner (youngest son of Cr. and Mrs. Wm. Turner), who, after only 12 months' tuition, gained honors in Grade 5 University examination.

New Insolvent.—William Clayton, of Emmaline street, Northcote, builder (compulsory sequestration). Causes of Insolvency: General depression and being unable to secure correct finance. Liabilities, £2600/18/3; assets, £1038/3/4; deficiency, £1562 14/11.

At the Preston court on Thursday a large number of parents were fined sums ranging from 2/- to 10/- for having failed to send children to school.

At the recent examinations conducted by the Australian Music Examination Board at the University Conservatorium of Music, Miss Mollie Lamb passed with credit; Pianoforte, Grade iv; Miss Enid Smith passed with credit; pianoforte, Grade v; Miss Marjorie Williams passed with honours; pianoforte, Grade iv. Miss Williams, who is only eight years old, is a brilliant young student whose playing has received very favorable comment from the examiner. All the above are students of Miss Rae of Normanby Hall, Northcote.

The Rev. Hugh Kelly will lecture on "Travel Notes, Grave and Gay," on October 15 in the James street Presbyterian school hall, Northcote, when an account of his recent trip abroad will be given in an amusing and interesting manner.

Notice and particulars of the closing of Auburn avenue against vehicular traffic from October 9 will be found in the advertising columns of this issue.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

EAST-NORTH WARD ASSOCIATION.

In place of the usual fortnightly meeting a successful social was held in St. Aidan's Hall on Wednesday. About 70 residents spent the evening in dancing and euchre. The evening was to try and create more interest among residents regarding the activities of the association, and in every way justified the action of the committee. The evening commenced with a short business meeting, and then members entertained the visitors, and a very nice supper was handed round. The committee greatly appreciates the valuable service rendered by the ladies. The president (Mr. D. Deeley) welcomed the visitors and appealed for members for the association, and then presented prizes to the successful euchre players. The ladies' prize was won by Mrs. Stacpoole and the gentlemen's by Mr. Sharp.

LOYAL PRESTON LODGE, M.U.I.O.O.F.

On September 30 Collingwood District Officers paid an official visit to the lodge, accompanied by visitors from sister lodges. Opportunity was taken to have the past grands' honor board unveiled by P.G.M. Bro. J. J. Croagh. It was presented by Bro. E. Cameron, a past grand, and has filled a long-felt want, the gift being greatly appreciated. A presentation of a P.G.'s regalia was also made to the first officer taking that degree, and whose name is the first on the list. The regalia was presented by P.D.G.M. Bro. T. J. Lee, of this lodge, to Bro. R. W. Fisher, and in a very impressive speech referred to the great assistance Bro. Fisher had been to the lodge. Amongst the visitors were the following:—Bros. Doubleday, D.G.M., and Riddell, D.D.G.M., P.G.'s Bros. Hoskings, Pollard and Smith, also P.G. Sister Murray. At the close refreshments were handed around and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

WEST PRESTON PROGRESS CRICKET CLUB.

On Saturday at Crispe Park, Regent, West Preston Progress C.C. played Reservoir C.C. in the presence of a good number of supporters. P. Clements was elected captain and H. Lancaster vice-captain. During the afternoon the former club's president (Cr. W. Robeson) congratulated the team and complimented the ladies on their successful efforts in placing a team in the cricket field. He also intimated that he would donate a silver cup for the best batting average. Both captains complimented the ladies on the refreshments provided and for looking after the welfare of the players.

Will members of the West Preston Progress C.C. note that on 11th inst. the match between West Preston Progress and East Northcote will not be played at Crispe Park, Regent. The Jika Association are making arrangements for same to be played on the Darebin wicket, cnr. Bell and Albert Sts. Heidelberg buses pass the ground.

NORTHCOTE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A feature of the second concert of the series, to be held by the above orchestra at the town hall on November 11, is that all the soloists appearing with the orchestra are local artists. Miss Olive Batten (contralto) will sing a number from the "Messiah"; Miss Ethel Wordsworth (violiniste) will be heard in the Max Bruch "Romance"; Mr. Eric Jones (baritone), in an item from Act I of "Seraglio" (Mozart); and Mr. Charles Hobby (cellist) will play "Berceuse" (Godard); Miss Eileen Watt will be heard in elocutionary items, and the Rev. Joseph Briggs will officiate as accompanist.

WOMAN'S REMARKABLE ESCAPE.

PUSHED THROUGH SHOP WINDOW

An unusual accident occurred in High street, Thornbury, about 2 p.m. on Thursday, when two cars travelling south came into collision near the corner of Collins street. Both vehicles swerved to the western footpath, where one car struck Mrs. Maudsley, of Murray street, Thornbury, pushing her through the plate-glass window of the Harwin Bootery. In the meantime the other car struck Jack Donnellan, of Collins street, Thornbury, knocking him down, and then started off at a tangent, swerving diagonally across the street, and was finally stopped as it reached the kerb on the opposite side of the road, near Cyril Stevens' studio.

Mrs. Maudsley had a remarkable escape, sustaining only a few minor abrasions, although at the same time boots in the shop window were cut about.

The cars, which were being driven by Alex. G. Hill, of Dundas street, Northcote, and James R. Fair, of Gertrude street, Preston, were both considerably damaged.

PRESTON'S PARLOUS FINANCIAL STATE.

Special Investigation Committee's Report.

At the meeting of the Preston City Council on Monday a preliminary report of the Special Investigation Committee, consisting of Crs. Llewellyn Jones (chairman), A. E. Newton and W. J. Hemburrow, was presented, dealing with the engineer's department.

The report pointed out that there was need for the exercise of drastic economy measures, and recommended that the services of about a dozen officers be dispensed with and that the remaining staff be rearranged.

Another recommendation was that the Arbitration Court be asked to vary the Municipal Officers' Award, and also that the same court be requested to vary the agreement entered into by the Council and the Municipal Employes' Union in 1926, and under which the council is paying approx. £50 a week above the award rates. After much discussion the report was referred to the committee of the council.

Owing to shortage of space we have deemed it advisable to hold back this report until next week, so that the report and the discussion be dealt with in full, instead of curtailing them and including them in this issue.

MERNDA

Tennis Club

The annual meeting of the Mernda Tennis Club was held in the Mernda Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday. The balance sheet, showing credit of over £72, was adopted. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. G. Orgill; vice-president, Mr. J. H. Weigall; joint secretaries, Messrs. H. Mason and S. Whitten; treasurer, Mr. J. G. Orgill. The first match in the Whittlesea Tennis Association will be played on October 18.

The application of G. Quin to sell flowers in High street, Preston, from a flower stand has been refused by the Preston council.

A. Croskie has been granted permission to erect a dairy on the Rosebank Estate, Preston. Cr. Jones was opposed to the application.

The Board of Works has agreed to extend water mains in Beatty street, Preston, from Gilbert road to Crispe street.

The South West Brunswick Training School was recently selected to represent Victoria in the physical culture displays open to all schools in Australia, to compete for a shield given by Brig. Gen. J. C. Stewart. The chief instructor at the school is Mr. L. G. Hamilton, of Arthurton road, Northcote.

Friends of Mr. A. E. Brown, of Brown's ironmongery establishment, will regret to learn that he is likely to be confined to his home for a considerable time owing to illness.

Obituary.—Mr. Parkinson died at his residence, Alphington, at the age of 45. He leaves a widow and three children, Rose, Molly and Dolly. The interment took place at Fawkner cemetery.

Symphony Orchestra.—The symphony orchestra has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. R. G. Abbott as conductor. Mr. Abbott has had world-wide experience in military band and orchestral work. The hon. secretary is Mr. H. Bode, 139 Fulham road, Alphington.

In High street on a Friday it is always "spring" time—so far as pedestrians are concerned.

Mistress (discovering butler helping himself to port wine): "Robert, I am suprised." Butler: "So am I, ma'am. I thought you were out."

PERSONAL

Rev. Duncan Reeves, as the Congregational Church representative, will be in Ballarat for Sunday next, which is Union Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pridgeon, of Northcote, have returned after a short holiday at Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Glaskin, 23 Home street, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter (Lorna May).

The death occurred on Friday last at "Veresdale," Nutfield, of Miss Bertha Elizabeth Verso, eldest daughter of the late C. J. and Annie Shiell Verso. The late Mr. Verso was at one time a councillor in the municipality of Northcote, and he was mayor when the foundation stone of the present town hall was laid.

On severing his connection with the "Leader" office after 40 years' service, Mr. T. F. Harris was presented with a gold-mounted fountain pen by the proprietors, whilst the employes made him the recipient of a silver cigarette case.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Houghton, of "Brentwood," William street, Regent, are receiving congatulations on the birth of a son (Leslie James).

In order to recognise his services to the municipality of Preston, it has been decided to make a presentation of a wristlet watch to ex-Cr. C. T. Crispe, J.P.

Cr. Llewellyn Jones, J.P., of Preston, left on Tuesday by car for Balmoral, near Hamilton, where he will spend a fortnight's holiday as the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. H. L. Wood. Mr. Wood is the proprietor of a station at Balmoral.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Callaghan of "Esturia," Alexander street, Northcote, left on Saturday by the s.s. "Manunda" for Sydney where they will spend a three weeks holiday. They were accompanied by Miss C. Moyle.

The following have been elected delegates from the Northcote Life Saving Club. Royal Life Saving Society, Mr. J. A. Hogan; Victorian Amateur Swimming Association, Mr. A. McIntosh; Victorian Ladies' Amateur Swimming League, Miss E. Stephens.

The death has occurred of Mr. William Lawrence, founder of the firm of Lawrence and Co., dyers, of Melbourne. Mr. Lawrence was in his 98th year. He was buried privately in the Kangaroo Ground Cemetery. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Apps and Sons, of Heidelberg.

As an expression of appreciation for the valuable services rendered to the Regent Central Progress Association during the past 12 months, the president (Mr. C. Barling) was handed a beautifully framed group of the committee by Mr. A. E. Painter, on behalf of the association. Mr. Painter said the dignity of the association had been placed on a high plane, and Mr. Barling had carried out his duties in a most fitting manner. The keynote of Mr. Barling's actions was "thoroughness," which accounted for his great success.

In recognition of the fact that he secured the greatest number of members for the Regent Central Progress Association during the past year, Mr. K. Thompson was presented with a handsome clock at the annual meeting on Tuesday evening. Presentations were also made to the social secretary (Mr. A. Kneebone), the ladies' secretary (Mrs. Evans), and the ladies' president (Mrs. L. Painter) in recognition of their valuable services during the past year.

AN UNLUCKY RIDER.

Of the riders to finish into a place in the "Warrnambool," Ken Cross, the popular Preston rider, was one of the most unfortunate riders in the race. After leading to within five miles of the finish he had the misfortune to puncture which cost him three minutes, and then after a determined effort finished less than one minute behind the leader. When referring to the effort afterwards he cheerfully remarked, "There is still another 'Warrnambool,' and the 'hoodoo' is sure to break sooner or later." Out of nearly 30 races this season, including club and other events, Ken has only finished in four events without a mishap, but despite this he has been running into places consistently. It is rumored that Ken intended trying his luck in the Sydney-Melbourne event, but on being asked about this he remarked that it was his one ambition to ride in such an event, but as he had been out of employment for nine months, he could not see how it was possible.

NORTHCOTE RED CROSS AUXILIARY

The monthly meeting was held on October 2. One new member was welcomed. Work sent to Melbourne Hospital included 77 pillow slips, 20 nightingales and a quantity of medicine bottles and tinfoil. Members are concentrating on Egg Day for the Melbourne Hospital. Arrangements were completed for a bridge evening on October 25 at Northcote town hall, and reservations may be made by getting in touch with the secretary, phone JW4186.

PRESTON COURT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Before Mr. W. J. Clarke, P.M., and Mr. O. A. Walker.

Unregistered Pistol

Norman Seddon Ashmore, 20 years, Woolton avenue, Croxton, was charged with having on October 6 been in possession of an unregistered pistol, and also with having carried the weapon.

Constable F. A. Sloan said:—In response to a wireless message I went to the corner of High and Dundas streets. On searching Ashmore I found a loaded revolver in his pocket.

The boy's father said:—Thirty years ago I was cleaning out a house at Middle Park and found a revolver. About 10 years ago I lent the revolver to a man at Ferntree Gully, and when he returned it he gave me some cartridges.

Evidence of good character was given by the boy's father and his employer.

The charge of carrying the pistol was withdrawn at the suggestion of the P.M., and a fine of £3 was imposed on the other charge. The pistol was ordered to be forfeited.

The P.M. said it was a very foolish action.

Offensive Behavior

Alexander McCulloch, 40 years, was charged with having behaved in an offensive manner in Plenty road on October 4. He was fined £2.

No Lights

Thomas F. Mitchell, Mount street, Preston, charged with having ridden a motor cycle without a headlight on September 17, was fined 10/.

Constable Kruger said that when he stopped Mitchell he said he was going to the garage to get some petrol, and whilst the engine was not running the lights went out.

Edwin Pert, for a similar offence, was fined £1/10/.

Frederick Walsh, who on September 17 rode a bicycle without a light, was fined £1.

Motor Bus Prosecutions

Horace Henry Hayden, Cramer street, Preston, was charged that, being the driver of a motor omnibus, he failed on July 23, under the Motor Omnibus Act, to maintain a regular service between the corner of High and Dundas streets and Reservoir. Fined £3, with £1/3/6 costs.

Alice Marion White, of Clapham street, Thornbury, the owner of the motor bus mentioned in the last case, was charged, as the owner of the bus, with having failed to maintain a regular service.

Inspector Hornich said that Mrs. White told him that she had given the driver instructions to maintain a regular service.

Mrs. White, who pleaded guilty to a technical offence, was fined £1, with £1/3/6 costs.

On a further charge of having on August 15 failed to maintain a motor omnibus in a condition satisfactory to the licensing authority, Mrs White was fined £10, with £2/4/6 costs.

It was stated that two fire extinguishers in the bus were empty, a steering arm was loose, and there was a tin of petrol in the car.

The P.M. said the offence was very serious. The public had to be protected against all possibility of danger.

Several other charges against the owner and driver were withdrawn.

A Maintenance Case

Jean Hartman, High street, Preston, sued John Rudolph Hartman, of Town hall avenue, Preston, for arrears of maintenance.

Mr. R. T. Cahir (for defendant) said that an appeal had come before the Court of General Sessions and the order for maintenance had been quashed.

The case was struck out.

A Maintenance Claim

Mary Janet Rider, of Kenilworth street, Reservoir, sued her husband, Charles Alfred Rider, care of British-Australian Tobacco Co., for maintenance for herself and three children.

Mrs. Rosanove (for the wife) said that the domestic life had been unhappy, and the wife had had every right to leave her husband.

Mrs. Rider said:—My husband left me on September 6, taking all his belongings. He used to give me his wages, £3/5/ a week, and his pension. As a limbless soldier he does not have to pay train or tram fares, and is kept in boots. I do not want to stay in his house. He gave me £1 a week for two weeks, and £1/5/ a week for two weeks.

For the defence it was stated that the husband gave his wife the use of a house free and 25/ per week.

The wife ???

The P.M. made an order that Rider pay his wife 12/6 weekly for each of the three children, and the wife withdrew her claim.

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COLORING COMPETITION

The prizes this week go to Bob Ward, Edith Oliver, Sheila McArdle, Alma Marlow, Annie Kerr, Lily Watts, Joyce King, Max Middleton and Harry Partridge.

SCHOOL SPORTS

Preston District State Schools Amateur Athletic Association will hold the annual sports at Preston Park on Friday, October 24, at 3 p.m. The date had formerly been fixed for October 17.

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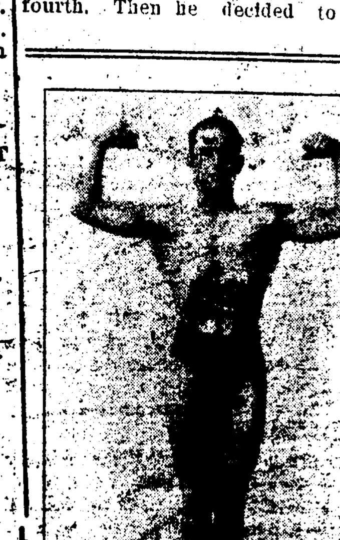
RECORD OF BILLY SMITH.

(By F. Hillman.)

At the age of 13 Smith called at my gymnasium and asked for our prospectus, which he received, and after reading same he decided to have a term. That was four years ago, and in that time he made such wonderful progress that he approached me to enter him in a competition, which I did. This competition was held at Canterbury, and in the first weight for weight contest he came fourth. Then he decided to try a



BILLY SMITH.

term of wrestling, so I entered him for the novice championship of Victoria. He was runner-up in this competition. Not being satisfied he went in for boxing, and I entered him in the junior championship of Victoria, where again he came second. His next entry was in an open competition in weight lifting. In this he was more successful, meeting and defeating many noted champions from different States, and finally succeeded in winning the light-weight championship of Australia, the youngest boy to have the honor of holding this title, being only 16 years old. Billy Smith is the winner of my special medal for boxing and weight lifting, also other trophies.

The bride may blush at a wedding, but we men have a suspicion that it is merely the first flush of victory.

Anyone who thinks he can evade the long arm of the Law has got Buckley's chance!

UNEMPLOYMENT

POSITION AT PRESTON.

The system of employing paid canvassers at Preston has come to an end, and the committee is now anxious to get into touch with residents who will come to the rescue and make themselves responsible for the collection of subscriptions. Those who are disposed to assist are requested to get in touch with the secretary (Mr. Osborne) at Preston Town Hall. This gentleman will supply all necessary information. The committee is at present putting to the best possible use £90 odd per week sustenance money, supplied by the Government. The local supply of money has just about come to an end, so that until the voluntary collectors get busy supplies will have to be cut down. Tradespeople continue to be generous in their contributions of groceries, meat and vegetables. The supply of clothing has run very low. Cr. H. P. Zwar continues to do fine work in the interests of the workless and hungry, and during the last week he was the means of sending four deserving men, who have had experience in mining, to Blackwood on the "grub-staking" principle. "So far," remarked Mr. Zwar, "no nuggets have come to hand from Blackwood, but I am hoping for the best. I have great faith in the gold mining industry, and think it should be encouraged by the powers that be to a far greater extent than is the case."

MAYOR OF NORTHCOTE'S UNEMPLOYED RELIEF APPEAL.

The final meeting of the committee which was organised by the ex-Mayor (Cr. W. Hayes) in April last to raise funds for the relief of those in distress through unemployment, was held on Friday last, when the treasurer submitted a statement showing the net result of the appeal as £1,216 7/8. The principal items of receipts were—Functions arranged by societies, £210/19/11; churches, £108/3/11; individuals, £24/15/7; schools, £10 17/8; donations, £85/4/6; concert, £174/3/9; race meeting, £694/12/2; collections at football matches, £10 8/2; a total of £1,319/5/8.

The expenses amounted to £102 18/10, of which £84/11/- was paid as wages to collectors and printing and advertising £18/7. The statement was audited by Mr. E. C. Yeomans and certified to as correct. The proceeds of the appeal were distributed as follows:- £100 to the Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society, £300 to the Central Relief Committee for food distribution, and £816 7/8 to the council for work.

At the close of the meeting the chairman thanked the members of the association and others who had assisted in the appeal, and resolutions thanking the chairman, secretary and treasurer were carried unanimously.

CENTRAL RELIEF COMMITTEE CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

The operations of the Central Relief Committee are being continued. The tramway depot is open daily and soup distributed, and on Tuesday and Friday there is also a distribution of food. At the Town Hall depot on Tuesday and Friday there is also a distribution and the average attendance on each day at both depots is 200 families.

The expenses attached to the distribution are more than anticipated by the committee, which is being hampered by lack of funds. It was found necessary during the past two weeks to restrict the issue of food and also to reduce the number being assisted.

Arrangements had been made to establish a boot repair shop at the Town Hall, where members of the unemployed could repair boots without charge, but owing to the impossibility of purchase of leather and to the fact that appeals to manufacturers for supplies of leather have been unsuccessful, the desire of the committee in this direction has not materialised.

Citizens in the position to do so are invited to assist the committee, and donations of cash or goods will be accepted at the Town Hall.

Parcels of clean left off clothing are urgently required and will be called for if notice is sent to the town clerk.

Preston Ministers' Fraternal.

The monthly meeting of the fraternal was held in the South Preston Methodist hall on Tuesday, October 7, the president, Rev. F. Parsons, occupying the chair. Included in the business were reports concerning Robert Raikes celebrations on October 19, arrangements for an exchange of pulpits on Hospital Sunday, October 26, and a discussion regarding group united service on Christmas Day. Col. H. J. Sharp of the Salvation Army, gave a most inspiring address upon "Revival," basing his remarks upon the prophecies of Habakkuk and Ezekiel. A very happy and united spirit exists between the clergy of the City of Preston.

REGENT CENTRAL PROGRESS ASSOCIATON.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday evening at St. Mary's Hall, Preston. The president (Mr. C. Barling) occupied the chair and about 200 members and their friends were present.

The Secretary's Report.

The secretary (Mr. E. E. Fitzgerald) reported inter alia as follows:—

One gratifying effect of the economic ordeal through which Australia is passing is an awakened interest in public affairs. It has been observed with satisfaction that indifference to public questions has been replaced by vigilance and well informed criticism.

The Association has as far as possible endeavored to take part in anything relating to progress in wider questions and to stimulate interest in civic problems generally.

Membership.—Our members have continued to increase, and it is pleasing to record that this year's membership is 250 (223 gentlemen, 27 ladies). Reference is also made to the work of Mr. K. Thompson in securing the highest number of members (32) during the year.

During the year representations were made to the council on various matters, and these have received due consideration and attention. The council and the municipal officers have at all times been most courteous in their attention to requests, and this is much appreciated. The Preston "Leader" and Preston "Progress" newspapers have given much prominence to our activities and thereby brought to the notice of their large circle of readers the doings of the association. The assistance given by these newspapers has been invaluable, and they have materially helped in the work of the association by their publicity. Thanks are due to the staffs of those papers for their active co-operation.

Some of the works and improvements carried out.—Drainage, Walsall Av. and rear of shops in Plenty road north; tar spraying, Queen St.; regrading, Wilkinson St.; numbering houses in Walsall Av., Xavier Gr., Ethel Gr. and McIvor St.

Ladies' Committee.—Since its inception 15 months ago the ladies' committee, under the capable management of Mrs. L. Palmer (president) and Mrs. E. Evans (hon. secretary) has raised £79 for local charities. During the present year £31/2/8 was forwarded to the Preston Unemployed Relief Fund. A novelty night in aid of the Christmas tree realised £11 14/8. Three visits were made to Janefield Sanatorium, and 28 pots of jam, 13 dozen eggs, a case of oranges, cakes and flowers were donated to the institution; while 14½ dozen eggs were collected for the mayoress' egg day appeal.

Balance-Sheet.

The financial statement discloses a credit balance of £31/3/5; this is considered highly satisfactory.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers resulted in the following being elected:—President, A. F. Deacon; vice-presidents, C. Barling, S. Gray, W. E. Smith; hon. secretary, K. Thompson; assist. sec., C. Green; treasurer, A. Kneebone; committee, L. Painter, H. Glaskin, A. Perkins, J. Smythe, — Henderson; social committee, J. Smythe, W. E. Smith, A. Kneebone, J. Freake, N. Hewett and S. Gray; central council representatives, H. York, R. Kay; press correspondent, C. H. Mott; auditors, A. Painter, E. E. Fitzgerald; scrutineers, R. Harris, A. Dean; ladies' committee, Mesdames Block, Newbegin, Bailey, Henderson, Thompson, Protheroe, Manuel, Green, Juna, Deacon, Watkins, Gray, A. Painter, Hewett, Lawry.

The Press

A vote of thanks was moved to the "Leader" by Mr. A. Smith, who referred to the valuable assistance given the association by the "Leader" and the "Progress," which papers had now been amalgamated. The association had been particularly fortunate in having many complaints rectified, one of which, although not quite finalised, was the crossings in Oakhill avenue and other streets.

Mr. Mott, in responding, said the "Leader" had always endeavored to be fair. Criticism offered by the "Leader" was not always popular—criticism rarely is—but it had always been fair. Personalities had no place in a newspaper.

RADIO IN JAPAN.

Japan, which developed into a modern state shortly after the Great War, has not remained in the background where radio is concerned.

Although originally efforts were made in the United States to obtain control of Japanese broadcasting they were unsuccessful in doing so. All the Japanese transmitters are in the hands of private persons chiefly belonging to the daily papers and generating stations.

According to Philips Radio the programmes of these stations are all of pronounced Japanese character. It is true that Western influence often makes itself felt, but the broadcasting companies have succeeded in giving an oriental character to everything that has been borrowed from Europe in the field of broadcasting.

For instance, radio-plays are performed in almost European fashion although for a European knowing the Japanese language it is generally impossible to understand these radio-plays owing to his lack of a certain imagination. Sporting events are regularly transmitted, especially descriptions of baseball matches. According to Western ideas the enthusiasm for these transmissions is far too exaggerated.

The programme only contains European music when the transmissions of foreign short-wave stations are passed on to listeners. It was found that the Japanese people are lovers of classical music, when well-played, in spite of the fact that the latter greatly differs from their own music.

Apart from those relays from short-wave stations the programme contains little of interest to European inhabitants. Occasionally a European delivers a lecture before the microphone in his native language but this is considerably restricted by the broadcasting managers, as they wish to avoid any interference of Europeans with the Japanese broadcasting programmes.

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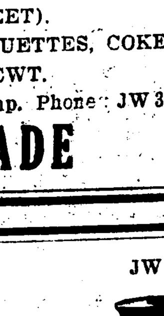
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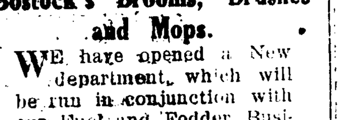
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NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Before Mr. T. B. Wade, P.M., and Messrs. E. J. Jones, W. Hayes, B. E. Johnson and Mrs. Wood, J's.P.

Motorist on Three Charges.

Leonard J. Woodhead, Bent St., Northcote, was fined on the following charges—£2 for driving an unregistered truck on September 1; £2 for driving without a license, and £2 for having parked his truck in such a position as to obstruct other vehicles.

Woodhead said he had only purchased the truck three weeks before, and he did not know that it was not registered.

Taxi Driver Fined.

Robert H. Walker, taxi driver, Union St., Windsor, charged with having on September 1 plied for hire with a hackney carriage elsewhere than on an authorised stand, was fined £3, with 2/6 costs.

Mr. O'Toole prosecuted for the Melbourne City Council in this case.

Maintenance Arrears.

Olive Reid sued her husband, Charles Stewart Reid, for £40/12/6 arrears of maintenance in respect of herself and her three children.

By letter defendant offered to pay the current maintenance and £1 a week off the arrears. An order was made on these terms, and in default it was ordered that he be committed to gaol until the arrears were paid. Reid was also ordered to pay 6/- costs.

Street Betting.

Sydney Snowden, of Kemp St., Northcote, was charged that on October 4 he frequented Kemp St. for the purpose of street betting.

Snowden pleaded guilty.

Plainclothes Const. A. J. Veness said—About 1 p.m. on Saturday last I was seated in a car in High St., and saw Snowden in a yard in Kemp St. He appeared to be writing in a book when men handed him something. About 3 p.m., with Plainclothes Const. Batt and Const. McCormack I went into the yard and spoke to Snowden, who said—"I am stiff to be caught. I have only been at this for a couple of weeks." I said—"I've seen you at this in Kemp St. before," Const. Batt said—"I saw you earlier in the day making bets." He said—"Yes, I should have woke up before." In Snowden's pockets were found slips and about £4 in money, of which Snowden said £2 was his own.

Plainclothes Const. Batt said—I saw Snowden in Kemp St., where he was approached by several men, and he would then go into a yard and appear to make entries in a book. Snowden said he had been out of work and that he was trying to make a few shillings.

It was stated for Snowden that he had been out of work and was trying to make some money to keep his home going. He had been a "mug," and had lost money over the venture.

The minimum penalty of £20, in default two months' imprisonment, was imposed, and Snowden was also ordered to pay 10/- costs. Time to pay was allowed at the rate of £5 a month.

Motor Mascot Stolen.

Riston Henry Chaplin, 18 years, Winter St., Malvern, was charged that on August 26 at Fairfield, he stole a motor car mascot valued at 17/6, the property of Harold Edward Cohen.

Cohen said—"I live at Heidelberg road, Fairfield. On August 26, at 8.30 p.m., I left my car near the Fairfield Theatre, and later when I returned a mascot was missing from the radiator cap. About 10 days later I saw my mascot on another car which had stopped outside my garage.

Plainclothes Const. Batt said on September 9 Chaplin admitted that he had stolen the mascot from a car and had given it to a friend.

Chaplin pleaded guilty.

The P.M. said he did not want to damn the youth's career and the case would be adjourned to a date to be fixed.

PRESTON COUNCIL'S FINANCES

HEAVY OVERDRAFT INCREASE.

When the treasurer's report was presented to the Preston Council on Monday night, it was shown that the nett overdraft at 1/10/30 was £14,641 0/5, or £8,500/13/7 more than it was at the corresponding date last year. In arriving at that overdraft it must be noted that a sum of £7000 has just been transferred from the electric light fund into the general municipal fund, and had that not been done the overdraft would have been over £21,000.

PARKS OF EAST PRESTON.

The committee of the East Preston Progress Association appointed to inspect the parks met on Tuesday. Cr. Maynard attended by invitation. It was decided that a plan for the improvement of Bell Park should be drawn up. Mr. Houghton submitted a plan involving the construction of an oval 170ft. wide and 150ft. long, and a running track 20 feet wide; also a bandstand and children's playground. The secretary (Mr. J. A. Clingin) was instructed to ask the council to receive a deputation; also to seek the co-operation of the head teachers of East Preston.

RESERVOIR NEWS

Mr. Tootel has again taken over the letter delivery work in this area. Mr. Flanders relieved Mr. Tootel, who has been ill for months. Extra help has been provided, so that in areas near the post office the mail is delivered at 8 a.m., a boon that residents appreciate.

Mr. Sutton, our local Isaac Walton, has added to his laurels by grassing another fine brown trout weighing 2½ lbs. from Eildon Lake.

The stork has visited Mr. Flanders, J.P., of the local post office, and also Mr. Sutton, of Royal Parade, and congratulations and felicitations are acknowledged.

Mr. Hallenstein, the local S.M., has now taken up his residence in Reservoir.

The Preston Rowing Club is busily training for the coming Henley and V.R.A. events. It is intended to enter a maiden four, lightweight four, and junior eight.

The relief committee met on Thursday night last at the residence of the secretary, Mr. Flanders. It was decided not to hold the intended carnival. The committee will go into recess pending any combined function arranged by the central committee, which would then be assisted. There is a further sum of £5 to be forwarded to the central committee, making a total of £32.

Mr. Uren donated a sheep to the United Reservoir Progress Association Cricket Club. It was divided into three prizes and the club added £2/4/- to its finances. The club is playing matches every Saturday, and is at present playing a team from the Northernhay area.

The garage, smith's shop and residence in Epping road was offered at auction on Saturday last.

The Terminus Garage, owned by H. Jenkins, has been broken into again, making the record entries by force to tally 14. Special locks were sawn through after abortive attempts were made to enter through a back door and a window. The breakers got very little for their labors, a few shillings from the till, some personal belongings and tools. The locks were specially obtained from Pentridge to prevent ever recurring forced entrances, and the necessary replacement of these is Mr. Jenkins' chief loss.

Mr. S. Jeffreys, choir master of St. George's Church, has left the district.

Mr. Phillips, secretary of the Reservoir United Progress Association, has left the district, but still retains his secretarial position, and continues his active interest in the welfare of the Association.

Presbyterian Bazaar at Reservoir.

On October 4 the Presbyterian Church, Reservoir, held a very successful bazaar in aid of church funds. The stalls were tastefully decorated in separate color schemes, the whole blending into one blaze of color. The clothing stall was arranged by Mesdames Dunlop, Mitchell, Watts, and Miss Whiteoak; small goods, Mesdames Welsh and Shepheard and Miss Richardson; cakes, Mrs. McLeod and Misses Glover and McLeod; flowers, Mesdames Baker, Thrower and Rose; and jumble, the Boy Scout Patrol. Mr. Dean introduced Cr. Hemburrow, who, in opening the bazaar, apologised for the absence of Crs. Zwar and Jones, and referred to the uplifting graces of the church, his pleasure in associating with church workers, and touched on the recurring dismal wail of economy, and appealed to those present to buy freely and economically. Mrs. Hemburrow was presented with a bouquet. Mr. Dean thanked Cr. Hemburrow for his presence, and presented a solid leather case as a token of esteem to Miss Dodds, who is leaving the church. The Ladies' Guild wished to thank Miss Dodds for her nine years' work in the Sunday school, Ladies' Guild, and in organisation work for the benefit of the church. Mr. Dean regretted the loss of such a sterling worker, but trusted that Miss Dodds would continue her activities in another sphere. Miss Dodds briefly returned thanks. The stalls did a steady business throughout the afternoon and evening, and about £30 will be realised, including a donation of £1/1/- from Cr. Hemburrow. Miss Dodds acted as secretary, and with Mrs. Armstrong was responsible for the organisation.

BOXING.

Mickey Byrnes, bantam-weight amateur champion of Victoria, has just returned from Colac, where he has been resting for future championships. His next fight will be in January.

Next year will be very hard for all the champions, as the Australian championships take place in Victoria, and it will be the ambition of all to go right through undefeated.

A smart boy from Collingwood, Tommy Jackson, made his first appearance in public last Tuesday night.

JUNIOR CLASS.

A new pupil to the school is N. Wilson. All performed their work with great interest last Wednesday evening.

The boys in training are as follows: H. Mast, Kenny Brown, Ray Brown, N. Wilson, W. Blum, Vic. Deslands, Clin Deslands, and James Reid.

BIG FACTORY FIRE

£10,000 DAMAGE.

300 OUT OF WORK.

Damage estimated at many thousands of pounds was done by a fire which swept through the boot factory of Messrs. Bourke and Cooke, in Groom street, Clifton Hill, on Saturday afternoon. Valuable machinery in the clicking and finishing rooms and thousands of pounds worth of leather were destroyed. Extensive damage was done by fire, water, and smoke to the manufacturing, cleaning, socking, and heeling departments. As a result over 300 persons will be thrown out of work.

The building—a three-storied brick structure, with an iron roof—was used as the Commonwealth harness factory during the war. No work was done at the factory on Saturday morning, but the place was visited about half-past eleven by John McMahon, a night watchman employed by the firm. There was no sign of fire then. Shortly after 3 o'clock in the afternoon smoke was seen coming from the roof of the building at the rear, and the alarm was given from a street alarm by two boys. By the time the first detatchment of firemen had arrived from Hoddle street station flames were bursting through the roof and the fire had obtained a firm hold upon the top floor.

The building is L-shaped, and in the angle formed by the wings there is a lift well, which drew the flames down, so that they spread to the second and ground floors. The firemen, however, were able to confine the fire on those floors to the rear of the building. They were also able to save several small wooden cottages in the vicinity. Nearly two hours were occupied in subduing the blaze.

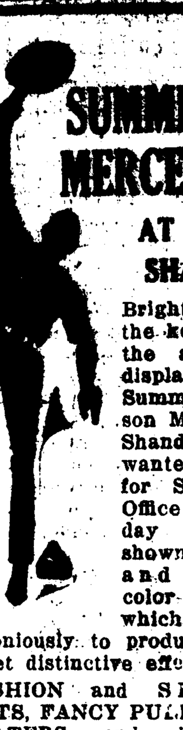
Mr. W. Bourke, one of the principals in the firm, who learned of the fire while he was watching the final League football match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, said that the damage probably would not be fully covered by insurance. The contents of the building were insured with the Chamber of Manufactures for £7,000, and the building was insured in the same company for £15,000.

EPPING NEWS.

Returning from the football match at Doreen last Saturday, Mr. W. Fox had a narrow escape from serious injury when his car overturned. There was a good deal of traffic on the road which made heavy clouds of dust, and it is presumed that Mr. Fox's vision was obscured by a passing car, and he got off the crown of the road and his wheel collapsed. The car turned over and Mr. Fox received several nasty cuts and a severe shaking. Mr. R. Wood, who was a passenger in the car, was not so fortunate; he received a fractured arm. Both were hurried to Preston by a passing motorist, and were confined to hospital over the week-end.

Farmers are gratified at the splendid rains over the week-end. They will do an immense amount of good to crops, which were not looking too bright.

One thing that makes us believe that wireless will never replace newspapers is that you can't wrap up a fish supper in a wireless set.



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FOOTBALL.

BOURKE-EVELYN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FINAL.

WHITTLESEA V EPPING.

The day was warm and a northerly wind confined play to the road wing, and consequently there was congested play for the most part of the game. However when the play was forced into the open there was some fine bursts of exhilarating football. Both teams were strongly represented, but in physique the Whittlesea players overshadowed their opponents. Allchin and Dans were the most prominent for Whittlesea during the quarter, whilst Nebel and Alf. Ziebell were outstanding Epping players. Epping soon attacked the Whittlesea goal and Blair and Deanshaw were working like Trojans to keep them at bay. The half time interval showed the score—Whittlesea, 5—1 (31 pts.); Epping, 4—4 (28 pts.). Spectators were delighted at the close nature of the game, and were satisfied with the exhibition the teams were giving.

The final scores were—Whittlesea, 7—4 (46 pts.); Epping, 6—7 (43 pts.).

The winners were best served by Allchin, Dans, Deanshaw, Beney, Hillier and Blair, and those of Epping deserving of mention were A. Ziebell, Pratt, Callaghan, Vearing, Shallaw and Varcoe.

The grand final will be played at Doreen on Saturday, and a great game should result.

LEAGUE SUB-DISTRICTS FINAL.

In an exciting and even game South Melbourne District triumphed over Fairfield in the first grade final at Oakleigh by 13 goals 14 behinds to 13 goals 7 behinds. The goal kickers were:—South Melbourne—Patterson (4), Burwash (3), Le Fanue (2), Mahoney (2), Avery and Copeland. For Fairfield—Ely (6), Clark (2), Morelli (2), Amess, Dowling and Rogan. Best players for Fairfield—Shearer, R. Powell, Cameron, Martin, Ely, Haysom and Rogan. The seniors' game was preceded by the second grade final, in which Kew District, 10 goals 11 behinds, defeated Fairfield District, 10 goals 5 behinds. Goal kickers—Kew: Mansfield (2), Stevenson (2), Thewlis (2), Mercer (2), Marshall, Robertson. Best players for Fairfield—Shearn, Cockram, Dempsey, Beckwith and Muir.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.

F. SEYMOUR'S RECORD.

(By "Aequus.")

At the last meeting of the committee of the Northcote Football Club it was decided to appoint a sub-committee to arrange for some suitable way in which the brilliant achievement of Frank Seymour in scoring 110 goals for the season, and thus breaking the Association record, could be recognised.

Congratulations.—A letter has been forwarded to the Oakleigh F.C. congratulating the committee and players on having won the V.F.A. premiership for 1930.

Best and Fairest.—A cup, donated by Mr. A. Propsech, for the best and fairest player, has been awarded to "Dug" Nicholls. This is the second time "Dug" has been successful.

Runners-up.—To commemorate a successful year, in which the club were runners-up, the management of the Northcote Theatre entertained the committee and players at the Northcote Theatre on Thursday evening. An excellent programme was heartily enjoyed and the courtesy of the management was duly appreciated.

Annual Payments.—Players received their final payments last Thursday. It is pleasing to state that every player has been paid in full for the whole season.

Finance.—Though the club had to face a serious task in this year of depression, the committee has worked so well that the finances are very satisfactory. It is expected that a comparatively small deficit will be easily wiped off before the closing of the books in November.

League v Association.—As Collingwood and Geelong are to again compete for the League premiership next Saturday, the chance of Oakleigh meeting the winners the following Saturday is remote. After seeing last week's match one is led to believe that Oakleigh would have little chance against either team. The sensible interpretation of the rules in allowing players plenty of latitude is in marked contrast to the Association's method. Until the umpiring is so improved that will allow players much greater freedom will the Association lag behind in public esteem.

V.F.J.A. DISQUALIFICATIONS.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Being a member of the tribunal accused by Mr. Watkins in his letter of the 20th ult., about the unjust treatment meted out to certain players of the Northcote Junior Football Club, I crave space in your valuable paper to place before your many readers the bare facts of the whole case. Firstly, Mr. Watkins repudiates any inaccuracies in his report on the match Port Melbourne v Northcote Juniors. He stated the police intervened in the second quarter when players got mixed up in a melee. Certainly the police entered the playing arena, but never got within 20 yards of the incident before the field umpire bounced the ball and got the game going. Further on he states that at the half time interval field umpire Jury, along with police, visited the dressing room of both teams, and in an address to the players said he intended to seek the aid of the law if players insisted on fighting instead of playing the game. No police accompanied the field umpire, as I, as chairman of the Umpire and Permit Committee, and the other four umpires were the only persons who visited the rooms with Mr. Jury, and he never once mentioned seeking the aid of the law. So much for accuracy.

The V.J.F.A. were requested by Mr. Watkins in that report to take drastic action, and so prevent any recurrence of this unseemly behavior, and I may say, sir, the tribunal appointed by the V.J.F.A. fulfilled his request fearlessly. Much now to his chagrin, as the letter clearly shows. He has accused the tribunal of club interest, whereas I myself have not been connected with any metropolitan football club for nearly 30 years, and my other four colleagues have not been associated with any club in this body for a number of years.

For the enlightenment of your many readers I may say that when the investigation committee met to hear the charges in this case, the chairman appealed to the three members who witnessed the match to eliminate entirely from their minds all they had witnessed, and also to refrain from conversing on it until such time as the whole matter was completed. This was done and can be vouched for by all five members. The evidence on the whole of the charges laid by umpires was then heard, and the two members who were not spectators at the game gave it their gravest consideration, and came to a decision, with which the others fully concurred. The Port Melbourne players were punished solely on the evidence given by the umpires, and not on the testimony of the Northcote players, who took up the attitude of defending their accused opponents, and the report of the committee was accepted when read at a general meeting of the Association held at a later date.

Having now summarised the whole matter, I think, sir, that you and your readers will fully realise that the club interest mentioned by Mr. Watkins lies clearly at his own door, and should the same feeling exist with the remainder of his club committee (which personally I do not think does), their threatened loss to the V.F.J.A. is not going to be so alarmingly felt by an Association which is and has always been out to keep our national game free from all corruption and prevent the creeping in of what may be termed "Rafferty's Rules," much to its detriment. Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours, etc.,

J. WAYCOTT, Vice-President V.F.J.A.

12 Normanby Ave., Thornbury.

REPLY TO MR. WATKINS.

Sir,—A long letter appeared in your issue of last week, written by the press correspondent of the Northcote Second Eighteen Football Club, with respect to the drastic action of the V.J.F.A. in dealing with players of both Northcote and Port Melbourne clubs. The writer has gone to great pains to endeavor to exonerate his club's players, and in his opinion reckoned they have been harshly dealt with by the investigation committee, who he alleges are biassed. On behalf of that committee I, together with those who wish the game to be played without incidents, which he freely admits did occur (but mark you, it was only Port Melbourne, according to him). Northcote players took it all and gave none back. Now the committee heard the evidence, and it did not want the exalted opinion of any bush lawyer to try and mislead them with faked evidence, etc. Now, who is this committee who, in his opinion, are not worthy of holding their positions? As an independent tribunal—Captain Fearon, J. D. Shaw, W. H. Davis, J. Waycott, the hon. secretary (W. Fawcett), and president (Angus McDonell, who did not sit on this occasion)—none of these gentlemen hold briefs for any club, and have been connected with the game for many years. Surely they are entitled to respect, and their decisions taken in a sporting spirit. According to the writer, none of these gentlemen should have been at this match, and if they were present they were compelled to be blind to any misconduct which might occur. They know their positions and their decisions were clearly given on the evidence tendered by the officials—field, boundary and goal umpires who acted in that game. Players are only human, and they will not help the committee, as they simply shield one another at these enquiries. They were cautioned as to the consequence of any untruthful evidence. So the committee and myself are not too popular for doing what in their opinion was their duty. The individual is nothing—it is the game that counts. Their decision is final—as the rules provide. We are not playing under "Rafferty's rules," and we expect fair criticism. It takes more than one club to form an association of the standard of the V.J.F.A., whose clubs respect the old officials, who have the courage to endeavor to check the pugilistic player. On behalf of my committee I simply say they have done their duty.—Yours, etc.,

W. FAWCETT,
Hon. Sec. V.J.F.A.

PRESTON LIFE SAVING AND SWIMMING CLUB

The third annual meeting was held in the Rechabite Hall, High street, Preston, on October 2. There was a good attendance. Mr. P. Smalley was elected chairman in the unavoidable absence of the mayor, Cr. G. E. Robinson.

The following office-bearers were elected:—President, the mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson); vice-presidents, Crs. H. P. Zwar, Newton, Messrs. W. Cull, E. G. Green, D. Dinwoodie, P. Davey; hon. instructor, Mr. J. Donnett; secretary, Mr. R. Thorn; assistant secretary, Miss A. Newman; treasurer, Mr. V. Harris; committee, Messrs. F. Gibbs, H. Darby, P. Smalley, D. Newman, Misses Cull and B. Newman; hon. auditor, Mr. E. White; press correspondent, Mr. L. F. Green.

Royal Live Saving awards obtained during the year were presented by a visitor from the Northcote Life Saving Club (Mr. McIntosh, the instructor) to the following:—Award of merit, Mr. F. P. A. Gibbs; bronze medallion, Miss A. Newman, Messrs. N. J. Cain, F. P. A. Gibbs, L. F. Green, J. Moylan and V. H. Harris; proficiency certificates, Misses A. Newman, B. Newman, B. Cull, E. Kruse, Messrs. N. J. Cain, F. P. A. Gibb, L. F. Green, J. Moylan, V. H. Harris, W. Dinwoodie, N. Anders, R. Dean; elementary certificates, Misses A. Newman, B. Newman, B. Cull, E. Kruse, Messrs. N. J. Cain, F. P. A. Gibbs, L. F. Green, J. Moylan, V. H. Harris, V. Dinwoodie, N. Anders, R. Dean.

The secretary will be pleased to enroll new members. The notice of the next meeting will be published.

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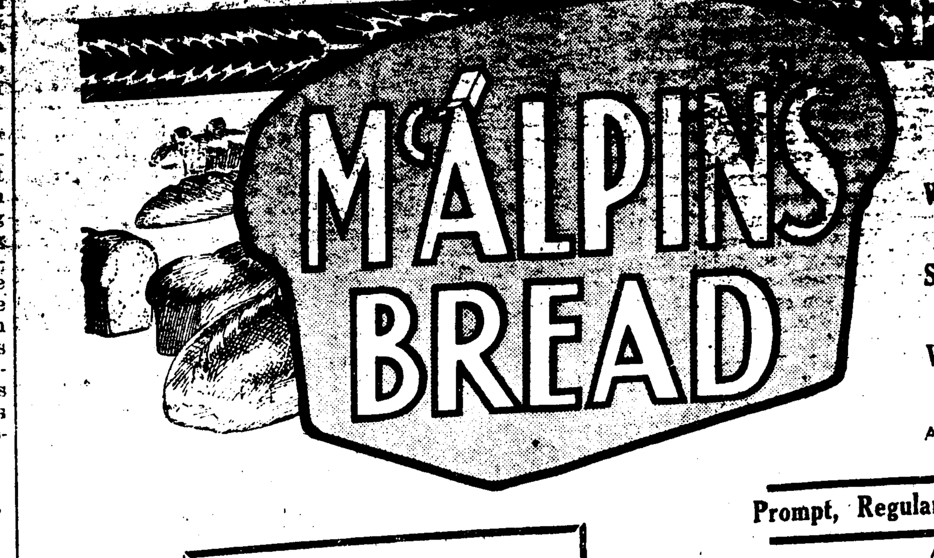

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A Fool's Penalty

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"Then we are absolutely ruined, George?"

"Absolutely. We have nothing."

"Nothing? They'll leave us nothing at all?"

"Oh, well, as for that, I suppose they won't throw us out into the street. They won't strip us and let us starve. But all we've got—everything—belongs to them. We're just paupers, Lena. We've got to start again—right down from the beginning."

Lena sat staring at the fire, a little frown between her brows. She drew a long sigh.

"Everything," she said, "all our beautiful things." She looked round the diningroom. "All this—even our wedding presents?" she asked.

"Yes; even those."

"Oh, the shame—the shame! The brutes! What have we done? Is there no pity in the world?" She looked at her husband, where he sat bent over his knees with his hands clasped between them. "George—George," she cried, "why did you do it? Why were you so reckless?"

He raised his head. A dry smile flitted round his lips. "Ah," he said, "why was I? That's the rub. In too big a hurry to be rich, I suppose. A fool! Yes."

He rose and stood with his back to the fire. Lena said nothing for a while; neither did he. She did not realise yet—for George had hidden his troubles from her as long as he could—what the crash of bankruptcy entailed. He had broken things gently to her, hoping for sympathy and consolation, and though she was capable of giving both, and would give them presently, yet it was her own troubles, seen from her own point of view, that stood out clearest now.

"We shall have to go from here?" she asked at last.

"Of course."

"Away from everyone—all our friends and everyone?"

"I'm afraid so. But perhaps some of them—a few—may look us up wherever we go," said George, with a harsh sound of laughter.

"And where will that be?" asked Lena.

"Heaven knows. Somewhere out of the way—somewhere cheap."

"And what do you mean to do?" she asked.

"Begin again, my dear. I have strength, thank God, and this time I won't fail. We'll live this down, don't fear. It will be a bit hard for both of us at first, but—I've written to the old Dad, and told him all," said George. "He's sure to come over. A talk with him will do us good. Maybe he can suggest somehting. We'll see."

"Yes—we'll see. And the child?" Lena looked up. "What about her?"

"Don't know. Fortunately she's too young to realise. If I have any luck she may never know the trouble, the disgrace, I've brought upon you both." George paused, waiting for a response that did not come. "You know how I feel all this," he said, "how sorry I am."

"Oh, yes, I know." Lena rose. "Still, being sorry won't mend matters, will it?"

"No. It might make matters easier a bit, that's all. You're off, then?"

"Yes. Perhaps things may look different in the morning. You won't be long?"

"I won't."

George stood until the door had closed, then flung himself into a chair. "Well, that's over," he said to his inner self. "Poor girl! It's hard upon her; I suppose I can't wonder at the way she takes it. We must bear our own burdens in this world; and if one's been a fool, one must pay a fool's penalty." He lit a pipe, stretched his legs, and gave himself up to brooking. "What will Dad say? Oh, well, it's over, and it can't be worse, and I must try to get a sleep. Sleep! My God! What wouldn't I give to shut my eyes—and open them somewhere else."

Upstairs he found the bedroom in darkness. "Are you awake, Lena?" he asked softly. Getting no answer he switched on the light and saw Lena kneeling by the child's cot. He crossed, stood beside her a minute, then knelt and put an arm about her. "Lena," he said, "I'm sorry—I'm sorry. Try to bear it, and try to forgive me. Perhaps all will turn out right yet. Lena, Lena!"

She did not respond at once, but when at last it came the response was full and generous. And there, on their knees over the child, husband and wife agreed to face their troubles boldly and together.

II.

"No doubt at all, my boy. You've made a complete mess of it. Tut, man! I thought you'd have learned better of your old father. Slow and sure, that's my maxim. But you—why bless me, one would think you had set your heart on being a millionaire at forty. Speculating! What right has a fellow like you to go dabbling in foreign bonds and diamond mines, and such trumpery? Gambling, sir! that's my name for it. Serve you right! Oh, well, it's no good talking. You've bought your experience pretty dear. Hum, hum! The point is now, George," said his father, crossing his knees and wiping his spectacles, "what are we going to do?"

George answered as best he could. First thing was to get his discharge; second thing was to get the best berth he could; third thing was to live matters down; fourth thing was to pay the creditors in full; fifth thing——.

"Easy, easy," said the old man. "We're going too fast. Have you considered this, my go-ahead youth—that for the next year or two Lena and you won't have a penny to call your own or a roof of your own to shelter you? That's what comes of bankruptcy, my lad."

"I know it," said George. "Heaven help me, I know it only too well!"

"Very good," old Henry Kempton went on, "then you'll be better able to consider what I propose. Now, there's that Red House Development Company, in which you know I have a large interest. Well, on my recommendation, there's work in that at a fair salary for a smart man with some knowledge of the trade. There may be a fortune waiting for him. And there mayn't. Anyhow, it's an opening. I say, George, will you fill that opening if I make it for you?"

"I will, Dad. I'll do anything—anything."

"Good. But wait. There's another matter your mother and I were discussing this morning. It's this. For a while—don't know how long," said Henry, with a wave of his spectacles, "you and Lena will be under—well, under a bit of a cloud. It's the penalty. You'll be struggling. You'll find life a bit difficult. 'Twill take you both all your time just to keep your peckers up. You won't want to be bothered with—with——" Henry paused, rubbed his blunt nose, blinked at the fire, then turned quietly to George. "I'm no hand at beating about the bush," he said. "Long and short of it is, your mother and I want to take Bertha and look after her, educate her, keep an eye on her. Eh? What?"

George had risen from his chair. He stood, tall, dark and handsome, on the rug, a frown between his brows. "Take Bertha!" he said. "Oh, no, father. Neither Lena nor I would care for that, I'm sure. We couldn't spare her. We couldn't be without her. We'd rather starve."

"Yes, yes. Just so. That's the very point." Henry rose, and, standing before George, tapped him on the breast with a stem of his spectacles. "You probably will starve—or next door to it—and what your mother and I say is that the child mustn't starve too. Listen to me. Are you going to send her to the Board school, George? Are you going to employ the dispensary doctor when she has the measles? And, listen to this—how are you going to explain the change to her—loss of her little friends, no governess, no more toys, no holiday at Bognor, no nice, airy play-room?"

"Don't, father!" cried George. "For heaven's sake, don't! Man, it's like putting a knife into me!"

"Dare say it is. Can't help that, my boy," said Henry, putting on his spectacles and beaming up through them at George. "It doesn't sound pretty, I know, but it's the truth. Hey? Isn't it the truth?"

"It is, Dad."

"Very well. Now look at the other side of the coin. You and Lena retire somewhere and begin climbing the ladder again. See? Up and up, rung after rung." With hands and feet Henry illustrated that grim process of climbing. "And the child, whilst you're at that, is with us down there in Cobham. Happy as a bird. The best of education. No cares. Plenty of fresh air, good food, and us—us, George—your mother and I, to look after her. Why, man alive, it's the very thing for her. You and Lena can run down every week-end to see her. Well, what do you say?"

"I don't know what to say, Dad. It's awfully kind of you."

"When can we have her? Let me see. This is Thursday——"

"Easy on, Dad," pleaded George. "You know we two can't really settle this matter in five or ten minutes. The child's mother would like a hand in it, wouldn't she?"

"Of course. Talk to her. Settle it between yourselves. Only let us know when we're to expect her, so that we may have the room aired and all that. . . . Well, good-bye, old man. Don't be downhearted."

III.

As may be judged, there was a certain resistlessness about old Henry that resulted mostly in his having his own way. Even in family affairs he liked to play the part of genial tyrant; and when it came to playing such a part as that now offered him by George and Lena, he revelled in it. And this not altogether because both by nature and training he was imperious, but chiefly because his heart was kind.

He had his way, of course, about Bertha. Over his proposal, so generous in itself, George and Lena spent many anxious hours. The child was as their life. Parting with her, even for a time, even to those whose love would be as their own, was bitter. Yet what alternative had they? Could they stand in her way? Could they, for selfish reasons, make her share their poverty and shame? Everything in them drew Bertha this way; but everything else drew her that way. And so they parted with the child.

At first she, as little as they, was content. For more than a week she craved home frequently, and every night cried for her mother at bedtime. But children have short memories. They soon get used to change. And for this fair-haired Bertha, with her big blue eyes, and her merry laugh, and her way of creeping into people's hearts, everything conspired to make her forget. If at home she had had all, here at Cobham she had more than all. The old folk doted upon her, as old folk will. They seemed to rise each morning to live for her, and when each evening at seven the child's presence vanished in the house it was for them the end of the day. And all this, be sure, Bertha knew—and appreciated.

(To be continued)

LORD MAYOR'S APPEAL.

DANCE TO BE HELD AT PRESTON.

Preston people intend to assist in the appeal being made by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne for £100,000. In Preston Town Hall on the evening of Wednesday, October 22, a dance will be held, Mrs. R. Broadhurst, Miss E. Robinson and Mr. Geo. Stevens acting as joint hon. secretaries to the social event, which is expected to attract a large attendance.

MEETING OF SCHOOL TEACHERS.

An enthusiastic committee have taken this appeal in hand. Egg day appeal resulted in 700 dozen eggs being collected.

On Wednesday afternoon, in response to an invitation from the Mayor of Preston, a meeting of State school teachers in the district was held in a room at the town hall, in order to devise ways and means to assist the appeal as put forward by Lord Mayor Luxton. The chair was occupied by the Mayor and seven ladies and five gentlemen were in attendance.

The Mayor pointed out that subscriptions to hospitals had fallen off to a considerable extent, and they had not received the usual quota, whilst the demands on the institutions had increased. It was desired to raise £100,000 and a special effort should be put forth during the present month. Most of the contributions unfortunately fell on the shoulders of the same few time after time. A suggestion had been made that for the month of October each child attending the different State schools in Preston should contribute 1d per week. There may be, the Mayor said, a better method.

Mr. Francis (South Preston) said 1d weekly was certainly a small amount, but there were a great many people who needed the pennies just as much as those who were in hospital. His school was absolutely up against it. Nevertheless, he would do what he could to assist the Lord Mayor's Fund. Children attending his school some could not afford to pay for the necessary books. He was willing to assist in the scheme, but he would not like to say the amount received would be large.

Mr. Mitchell (East Preston) said each one in the room recognised the difficult situation, and on behalf of himself and the school with which he was connected he would see what could be done to help the movement.

Mr. O'Brien (Bell) promised to convene a meeting of his teaching staff in order to see what could be done in the matter.

Mr. Roe (West Preston) said teachers were in the gun themselves by suffering from salary reductions. Still he would follow the lead of others and promised he would see what his school could do to assist the fund.

Miss Van Hooten (Girls' School) urged the necessity for organisation, and promised to do her best.

The Mayor mentioned that Preston's quota to the Lord Mayor's fund was set down at £2,000.

At this statement sounds of surprise came from all parts of the room.

The Mayor—I don't think half the amount asked for by the Lord Mayor will come to hand.

Mr. Warren (Tyler St.) said the hospitals had a continual drain on their resources and their needs were great. Personally he would do all he possibly could.

The Mayor stated that more sick women and children were receiving attention at hospitals from Preston than ever previously.

Mr. Mitchell suggested the holding of 1d concerts in the schools to swell the funds towards the hospitals.

The Mayor thanked all present for their attendance and promises of support to the appeal.

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(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—Well, Jacko had a birthday on Monday, and such a lovely time we had with all the presents, and then a drive in the afternoon and a party at night. It was a very hilarious party, and Jacko insisted on cutting his cake with a carving knife nearly as long as himself. It's a wonder he didn't cut himself and Fluffy, too, the way he brandished it around. Then he started practising lunges and eventually plunged it right into the heart of the cake. Of course, he lit the candles and blew them all out with one mighty breath. Then Grandpa brought out caps, confetti balls and streamers, and we had such a time, with Jacko, Fluffy and Torty in a pitched battle against the rest of us. It ended in a draw, but the Pets secured most of the ammunition, although we shot straighter. There's a big Corner this week, so we'll all wish you good luck and send lots of love.

UNCLE PHIL.

BIRTHDAYS

The Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the happiest and best of Birthday Greetings to Florrie Cameron and Roma Gill (Oct. 10), Harold Scrimes, Billie Patrick and Jack Dihm (Oct. 11), Ray Moylan (Oct. 12), Jessie Prior and Billie Houghton (Oct. 14) and Verna Jackson and Mary Moylan (Oct. 15).

OUR MAIL BAG

877 High St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I will be very pleased if you will enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I am sending in the form with my name, age and address on it. I am glad to know that you enjoyed yourself at the Melbourne Show. Tell Fluffy and Jacko that bulls are rather fierce, are they not? Many of my friends have joined the Cobbers' Club, and I enjoy reading their little articles every week. I have entered for the coloring competition. Hoping the Pets are not ill after their exciting day at the show.

(GOOD) Edith Oliver

(Welcome, Edith, to the Clubs. We expect lots of contributions from you. Did you go to the show? Send along a snap of yourself for our Cobbers' album. The Pets send love.—U.P.)

148 Separation St., Northcote

Dear Uncle Phil,—Please enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I am 10 years old and am in the fifth grade at school. I am sending a piece for the Corner. Hoping that you will put it in.

(GOOD) Dulcie Phayer

(Welcome to the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs, Dulcie. We will use your contribution next week. Will you send along a snap of yourself, please? The Pets send love and greetings.—U.P.)

Robert Bower.—Thanks for the snap, Robert. Jacko wants to know the horse's name so we can put that underneath it as well as yours. Do you ride much? Love.—U.P.

Frank Power.—Bravo, Frank, for gaining 100 marks. Will you call in for the prize, please? How is school going? Will you send us a snap of yourself, brothers and sisters for our Cobbers' album? 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 f 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

MAKING FRIENDS

Two noses pressed against the fence palings, one on each side. Two pairs of eyes, one brown, the other blue, squinted through the cracks at each other. There was a patter of feet, and Blue Eyes disappeared through the fruit trees, with long golden curls streaming out behind her, and so into the house. The other little girl, Brown Eyes, sighed, removed her eye from the crack and likewise her nose. The little girl simply would not make friends. Shaking back her brown hair, she walked down the garden and seated herself on the lowest branch of the old apple tree, while she crunched thoughtfully at a rosy-cheeked apple. "We could have lovely times together," she said to herself. "I've got a goldfish, a fat little pup, and a canary. I know she's got a canary, 'cos I've heard her calling it. I wonder how I could make friends with her! She's such a nice little girl. Her mother broke into her thoughts at this important juncture to call her in to tea. "Mother," she said, "how can I make friends? I've tried every way I know, but she's too shy." "I know something that you don't," said her mother. "It's her birthday to-morrow. Why not give her something?" "What a lovely idea!" said Brown Eyes. "I'll give her a little kitten." She rushed away and came back with the kitten. Next morning Blue Eyes was digging in her garden when a wee black and white kitten, wearing a pretty blue bow, rolled down the bank to her feet in a little bundle of fun and happiness. No more pattering feet, but if one had chanced to peep at the beforementioned cracks in the fence, she or he would have seen two happy little girls in the old apple tree, who had quite overcome the awkwardness of making friends.

(TRIA) N. Maidstone

THE FAIRY CHEMIST

There is in Fairyland a little fairy called Arbor. She is the fairy of the trees and flowers, and she tries to help and comfort the other fairies in trouble. One day she was flying through Fairy Wood, when after a refreshing shower she discovered a tiny elfin sitting on a bough, rocking backwards and forwards, and sobbing loudly. Arbor alighted and sat beside the troubled elfin. "Oh, Fairy," he sobbed, "there is such a big problem troubling my mind. I am the Fairy Chemist, and I have tried so hard to find out why the leaves weep after a shower. The Goblin King has sentenced me to imprisonment if I have not found out by moonrise. Why, oh, why do they weep?" And the little man ended in a bigger fit of sobbing, and buried his face in the soft folds of Arbor's dress. Arbor smiled and placed a comforting arm around the fairy chemist's shoulders. "Do not weep, little chemist," she soothed, "these beautiful drops of crystal are not tears of the leaf. They come from the soft blue sky overhead. They are not tears of sorrow, but tears of joy, and Mother Earth, with all her flowers, is made fresh and bright by them." The fairy chemist smiled through his tears. "Dear Arbor," he said, "you are indeed the help of fairies in trouble. The trees and flowers must indeed be blessed to have lovely tears from the sky to brighten them, and I am blessed to have met you to-day."

(BETTER) E. Southam

A PICNIC

On Thursday last we went to the Yarra River for a picnic. We have a nice little pony and jinker, and my father drove us over. It was about four miles from our home. It was a lovely day and we enjoyed the outing very much. We stayed near the Camberwell bridge, where the grass was long and green, and the pony enjoyed it. We picked a suitable spot where we had our lunch, and then we all fished, except mother, who sat on the bank and read. We did not catch any fish, as I am afraid we made too much noise and frightened the fish away. We stayed until the sun set and then came home, tired and glad to go to bed after a very enjoyable day's outing.

(GOOD) Theo Sweet

MOTHER INSTINCT

An elephant belonging to the owner of a tea plantation in Assam was required one day to journey some miles from her home in order to help in the transportation of timber. The elephant at the time had a young cub, which she could not be persuaded to leave. With great difficulty the coolies managed to drive her repeatedly a certain distance along the road, but on each occasion she turned back, obstinately refusing to continue the journey without her cub. Many hours were spent in vain endeavors to coax the elephant, but as she proved obdurate there seemed no remedy but to allow the cub to accompany its mother. The journey was commenced once more, but with grave misgivings on the part of the tea planter and his servants. All went well till the first hill was reached, when the cub showed signs of being tired. With a gentle movement the mother knocked the cub over on the ground, and it instinctively curled up like a ball. The mother then patiently rolled it up to the top of the hill, whence it continued the journey in the usual way. This assistance was repeated each time a steep gradient was reached, and the journey was accomplished, to the satisfaction, not to speak of the amazement and admiration, of the onlookers at this wonderful display of mother instinct.

(BETTER) Lorna McLean

A TRIP FROM ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA BY BOAT

The boat leaves London and journeys down the Thames until it reaches the English Channel. Sometimes the Bay of Biscay is rough, and the boat is rolled about by the great rollers. Some boats stop at Gibraltar and others pass it slowly. Gibraltar is a big rocky cliff that juts out into the Strait of Gibraltar. We reach Port Said in the beginning of the second week. Port Said is full of gardens, in which are planted palms, ferns and other tropical growth, which is quite different from the Suez Canal, with its desert along each side. The boat goes on through the Red Sea and then crosses the ocean to Ceylon. It arrives at Colombo, where many people get off to see the scenery. Then we cross the Indian Ocean and arrived at Fremantle. We had a good time at Fremantle, visiting the seaside and the gardens. The Great Australian Bight is crossed and we arrived at Adelaide. Then we go on to Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

(BETTER) L. Bushell.

HE LOST IT

"I may have lost my golf ball," thought the old gentleman, as he crept on all fours round the bush into which it had rolled, "but this time I will not lose my temper." So he continued to search—and to smile. His back ached horribly and the bush bestowed upon him a generous quantity of thorns. But he kept on repeating, "No, I will not lose my temper! I will not lose my temper!" Suddenly the elusive ball caught his eye. Flopping flat, he stretched his hand towards it, grasped it from among its nest of thorns and gingerly withdrew it. "Hoity, toity!" exclaimed an old lady's voice behind him, "you ought to be ashamed of yourself bird-nesting at your time of life." Then he did lose his temper!

(GOOD) Nancy Maidstone

THE SNAIL

Did you know that the snail has 14,175 teeth, and that these teeth are in 135 transverse rows, with 105 teeth in each row? In winter time or in drought time snails close their shells with a membrane called the epiphragm, formed by the drying of the mucous substance which they secrete, and then become inactive and torpid.

(GOOD) R. Goldstein.

CATS' EYES

Few persons are aware that it is possible to tell the time by the eye of a cat. This is done by a close study of the feline pupil, which contracts and expands with great regularity each day. Thus at noon the pupil of a cat's eye is contracted into a mere slip, a mere horizontal line, and at midnight it is at its largest point of expansion, being then as big and round as a grape. With a little study of the feline eyes anyone can easily come within a quarter or a half-hour of the correct time.

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas.

HIS HORSE

A short-sighted punter took his wife to the races and gave her the glasses in order that she might see how his fancy got away. "Are they off?" he asked anxiously. "Yes," said the wife, "they're off." "And how's the green and purple going?" "Oh, he must be a marvellous horse, darling. They've made him give the others a quarter of a mile start!"

(GOOD) Ron Kupsch.

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THE ANTHRINIUM

The anthrinium is a showy flower to plant in the garden, and will bloom from early Spring right through to the late Autumn. There are dozens of different shades, and the best plan is to get a packet of seeds and sow them in a seed box, then when they are about three inches high transplant them to the garden. If you have a bright pink or red growing near a cream or white bloom, the next year the white one will be variegated with flecks of pink. This is often caused by bees carrying the pollen from one to the other. These flowers are often called the snapdragon.

(GOOD) Dorothy Harris

WILD ORCHIDS

Spring is the time when the orchids appear. The most common of them all is the Greenhood. It grows in cool, moist, shady places. Several green rounded leaves come first, and then the stem bearing the flower, which is green, with two short horns. The Spider and Tarantula are not so common, but are much prettier. The Tarantula is pale purple in color, and has two long horns, while the Spider is a reddish-brown, with horns about two inches long.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

THE PAINT

The other day a gentleman called at the home of a friend of mine, whose father had been painting the shed. As he was leaving the house the little child said to him, "My daddy will be very cross with you." and he, quite astonished, asked why, to which the child innocently replied, "Because you are taking away daddy's paint!" On turning round they discovered that the visitor had paint on his back.

(GOOD) Jack Fullerton.

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE LONELY BROWNIE

There was once a lonely brownie boy
Who lived a lonely life,
Till one day said a wise old owl,
"Why don't you find a wife?"
So he started on his travels
And searched the whole world through,
Till he found a darling brownie girl
Who seemed quite lonely, too.
He said, "Please, will you marry me?"
She answered with a kiss;
And now they are so happy,
They spend their time in bliss.

(GOOD) Percy Maidstone

THE SEAS

There's a white sea on the map,
And a red and a black sea, too;
But the sea I've seen
Is sometimes green,
And sometimes it is blue.

(GOOD) Kevin Power.

THE SPARROWS

Little Miss Sparrow went hop, hop, hop,
She'd spied a crumb, she dared not stop,
For Master Sparrow had seen it, too,
And after his sister he quickly flew.
"There's one for you and here's one for me,
But what a pity there are not three!"
"A dreadful pity, without a doubt,
We'd have liked another—to quarel about."

(GOOD) Leslie Craig.

Never you worry,
Never you fret;
Flowers shall blossom
Everywhere yet.
Blue must the sky be
Under the grey,
Clouds will blow over
Another sweet day.
Never you worry,
Never you fret;
Spring hasn't flouted
The old world yet.

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

A STUDY OF "STINGS"

A sting that is good when you are tired.—Resting.
A sting that is good when you are hungry.—Feasting.
A sting that keeps the home clean.—Dusting.
A sting that helps to cook your dinner.—Roasting.
A sting that makes you laugh.—Jesting.
A sting that makes bread brown.—Toasting.

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy

TONGUE TWISTER

The black boots blacked the black boots. Did the black boots black the black boots black? How could the black boots black the black's boots black? Because the black boots was a bootblack.

(GOOD) Allan Love.

QUEER ADVERTISEMENTS

Lost, a cat, by a man with green eyes.
For sale, an umbrella, by an old lady colored green.

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen

LIMERICKS

There was a young man from New York,
Who refused to use knife and fork;
With his fingers instead.
And a piece of rye bread,
He wouldn't eat any meat but pork.

(GOOD) Lily Craig.

There was an old man from the Yarra,
Who ate a vegetable marrow;
The marrow was green,
And he later was seen
To be wheeled to the morgue in a barrow.

(GOOD) Joyce Edwards

Oh, Mr. Baldwin, take a note,
Your latest scheme must fail;
The flapper does not want a vote—
She wants a voter (male).

A freshman went to Hades once,
Something he wished to learn;
They sent him back to Earth again—
He was too green to burn.

(GOOD) Edward Grenfell.

She's a very proper girl,
With a very proper mind;
She hates to think of sugar mills
With sugar unrefined.

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn

His name was Henry Ford—
He got a piece of rubber and an old cracked board,
A little drop of petrol, an old tin can;
He put the lot together and the funny thing ran.

(GOOD) Bob Edwards

STORYETTES

Waiter: "Are You Hungary?" Broker: "Yes, Siam." Waiter: "Den Russia to the table and I'll Fiji." Broker: "All right, Sweden my coffee and Denmark my bill."

(GOOD) Irene Whipp

Slipped on Him.—Mother: "Tommy, how is it I find you with your hand in the cooky jar?" Tommy: "I don't know, mother, unless it's because you wear rubber heels."

(GOOD) Mavis Madgwick

Teacher: "When the farmer has reaped his corn, got the cattle in for winter, covered his hay ricks, what does he do?" Fritz: "Grumbles about the bad harvest."

(GOOD) Myra Whipp.

Doris: "I'm never going to wear a fur coat again." Irene: "Why not?" Doris: "Well, when I went to the Zoo yesterday a small boy started throwing nuts at me."

(GOOD) Rita Flynn.

Mother: "Did you have a good time at the playground this afternoon, darling?" Child: "No, mother. The new supervisor was trying to instill a spirit of gaiety."

(GOOD) Chrissie King.

Willie returned home from school with a sore face, and his mother, seeing she could not go herself with him, gave him a note for the doctor. The doctor opened the note and read the following:—"Please do something for Willie's face; he has had it a long time and it is spreading."

(GOOD) Dorothy King

The teacher put a question to a pupil, but he was unable to answer it. A boy beside him whispered, "That teacher is an ass." The teacher, observing this, called out: "Don't tell him. He ought to know it himself."

(GOOD) Allan Love.

Mother: "It's no use you pretending the ants have eaten the jam. There are no ants in the pot at all." Small Son: "That's funny. I put a whole match-box full in myself."

(GOOD) Eileen Harris

"Were you bashful the first time you called on a girl?" "Why, yes, but her father helped me out."

(GOOD) W. Anthonsen

A Scotsman and a Jew went into partnership. The Scotsman had the experience and the Jew had the money. In less than twelve months the Jew had the experience and the Scotsman had the money.

(GOOD) Ron Hubble.

Schoolboy, telephoning to master: "I want my son to stop home to-day. He is not well." Schoolmaster: "Very well. Who is speaking?" Schoolboy: "My father, sir."

(GOOD) Jean Grenfell

Fortune Teller: "You have a tendency to let things slide." Young Man: "Yes; I play a trombone."

(GOOD) Guila Kohn

Micky Monk: "What is that which the more you take the more you leave behind?" Ken Kangaroo: "Give it up." Micky Monk: "Footsteps."

(GOOD) Thelma Stead

Modern Meals.—Teacher (to cookery class): "Now, in getting a meal, what is the first and most important thing?" Class (in chorus): "Find the tin opener."

(GOOD) Wilma Price

Hare: "I'll see how long it takes you to walk to the hilltop by my watch." Tortoise: "A watch is no good at all; you'll need a calendar!"

(GOOD) Roy Murphy.

The Doctor: "You must drink a glass of warm water every morning." Patient: "I do, that now, but they call it coffee at my boarding house."

(GOOD) Graham Harris.

Billy: "Dad, you're in luck this term." Dad: "Why, what do you mean?" Billy: "You won't have to buy me any new school books because they've forgotten to move me up into the next class."

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen

"Do you still go to see that pretty blonde you went with last summer?" "She's married now." "Answer me!"

(GOOD) Lily Craig

Jack: "What trade is the sun?" Bill: "A tanner, of course."

Frank: "They are stepping all the buses in High street." Teddy: "Why?" Frank: "To let the people on and off."

(GOOD) Robert Bower

"I hear you made a bet that if you proposed to me I'd accept." "Yes, will you marry me, dear?" "How much will you bet?"

(GOOD) A. Anthonsen.

Mrs. Beggs: "You are always thinking about pleasure." Miss Beggs: "And the only pleasure I get is in thinking about it."

(GOOD) Enid Love.

RIDDLES

A shining face, a long, long nose,
A funny little hat;
I often sing when I am hot,
Now guess my name from that.
Answer.—A kettle.

Why is a cricketer like a coward?—Because he hits and runs.

(GOOD) Laura Stead.

Why is a slipper like a banana skin?—Because they are both easy to slip on.

(GOOD) Jack Power.

When is a window like a star?—When it is a skylight.

Why is the sun like a good loaf?—Because it is light when it rises.

(GOOD) Joyce Corry.

What is the difference between a man who is high up on a sailing boat and the boat he sails on?—One sees over the sails and the other sails over the seas.

(GOOD) Leslie Gordon

What is a hat not a hat?—When it becomes a pretty lady.

(GOOD) Duncan Matheson

What happened to the man who swallowed a spoon?—He couldn't stir.

What animal comes from the clouds?—The reindeer.

(GOOD) Ron Bouchier

When can't the fly read?—When he has left his specs on the wall.

(GOOD) Ralph Sweet

Where did Noah strike the first nail in the ark?—On the head.

What is the difference between a woman's tongue and an umbrella?—One you can shut up, but the other you can't.

(GOOD) Dick Bouchier.

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.

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.

The skins in which haggises are sewn, and most of the ingredients of that famous Scottish dish, are provided by sheep.

Clothes may make the man, but the padding helps considerably.

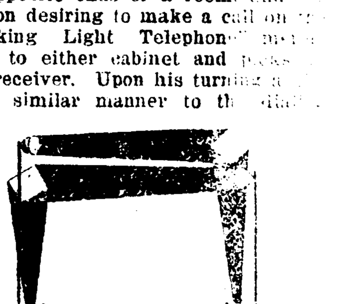
WATCHING YOUR VOICE CONVEY A SECRET MESSAGE.

(B James H. Martin.)

A conversation which may be [illegible] yet remain the secret of those [illegible] tween whom it is being exchanged, [illegible] now made possible by a combination of the ordinary telephone and the photo-electric cell, brought about [illegible] the famous Philips laboratories.

The apparatus is not as inv[illegible] as one would imagine it to be [illegible] its exterior appearance is noteworthy for its extreme simplicity. Upon a cabinet with a large lens let into the top as a window, stands a telephone, while at the side of the cabinet a long vertical arm carries a spotlight and a mirror so arranged that it will cast a beam of light thrown upon it through the window and thus [illegible] the interior of the cabinet. Having been evenly diffused by the lens the light falls upon the photo-electric cell which has the property of converting variations of light into variations [illegible] electrical current.

The instrument is capable of receiving as well as transmitting messages, the spotlight sending the message and the mirror picking up the [illegible] Two of the intstruments are placed at opposite ends of a room, and the person desiring to make a call on the "Talking Light Telephone" [illegible] goes to either cabinet and picks [illegible] the receiver. Upon his turning a [illegible] in a similar manner to the dial [illegible]



of a number on the automatic [illegible] phone, he causes an almost imperceptible flicker of the beam of light passing from his spotlight [illegible] mirror of the other instrument. [illegible] is sufficient to ring a bell [illegible] strument calling the operator [illegible] phone. From the spotlight [illegible] strument a beam of light is [illegible] the mirror of the station [illegible] ing up. There are two beams [illegible] light, therefore, affording a means [illegible] two-way communication.

Current for the lamps is supplied from a small battery, and the act of speaking into the telephone [illegible] imposes upon this current [illegible] alternating currents which cause variation in the intensity of the light. When these variations of light ultimately reach the photo-electric cell the receiving instrument they are converted to alternating [illegible] current and operate the earpiece of the telephone.

Onlookers watching the beam [illegible] light can see the messages [illegible] across the room, but are powerless [illegible] decipher it, although they may interrupt it by intercepting the beam [illegible] light.

By using a phonograph pick-up instead of the telephone it is possible to transform the melody on a gramophone record into a beam of light, [illegible] then reproduce it as music by amplifying it into a loud-speaker.

Many technical difficulties at present bar the practical adaptation of this discovery, and two which immediately suggest themselves are the [illegible] distance over which the communication can take place is limited to the range of the beam of light, and the the beam of light in itself [illegible] the origination and destination of the message. The second difficulty [illegible] be the more easy to overcome [illegible] breaking the light up into various rays, most of which are invisible, [illegible] ultra-violet ray, for instance, [illegible] carry messages almost as well as [illegible] ordinary beam of light, and [illegible] this ray that experiments are [illegible] being continued.

This should not be confused with beam wireless, although it is impossible to draw a line of demarcation between them, the practical difference being that the beam wireless will carry over tremendous distances but is not proof against eavesdropping, while the invisible ray of light conversely, is proof against eavesdropping over the very limited distance it will carry.

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Want a Clerk
Want a Partner
Want to Sell a Piano
Want to Buy a Horse
Want to Sell a Carriage
Want to Buy or Sell a Farm
Want to Let a House or C[illegible]
Want to Sell House Property
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This advertisement is reproduced from the "Leader" of Sept[illegible] 1890. Its moral still holds good.

PRESTON COUNCIL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6.

The usual meeting was held on Monday. Present—The Mayor and Crs. J. W. Adams, A. E. Newton, L. Jones, R. H. Maynard, W. T. Robeson, W. Spratling, W. J. Hemburrow and H. P. Zwar.

East Preston Tennis Club.

F. A. Hedger, secretary East Preston Lawn Tennis Club, submitting statement of receipts and expenditure, also statement of cost of erection of pavilion at Bell Park, asking that this council forego two year's rental as a donation towards the cost of the pavilion.

Cr. Adams moved that the matter go to the Parks Committee to obtain further information.—Carried.

Reservoir Station Sewerage.

Gordon Webber, M.L.A., re request for sewerage facilities at railway station, advising that as expense involved is estimated at £1,043, the matter will be again reviewed in 1931.

It was decided to so inform the Reservoir Progress Association.

East Preston Social Club.

Secretary East Preston Social Club, applying for the use of both old and new town halls every Saturday night for the next three months from 11/10/30 for euchre parties and dances in aid of the Mayor's appeal fund.

The Mayor said the hall had been practically booked up to the end of the year, and the hall committee should see what could be done. This body had done a lot to raise funds, and the council should do all it could to encourage them.

Bell Street Park.

J. A. Clingin, secretary East Preston Progress Association, asking council to receive a deputation to discuss advisability of laying out Bell Park as a sports ground.—To be heard on Monday night at 9.30 p.m.

West Preston Progress Association.

M. Clark, secretary West Preston Progress Association, asking council to receive deputation re thoroughfare Cooper St. to May St.—To be heard next Monday night at 9 p.m.

Same, asking for (1) bridge over culvert in Frank St., at r-o-w from Bond St.—P.W. Committee. Two other matters have already been dealt with.

GENERAL.

Secretary Preston Tennis Club, asking if council would make an offer for shelter shed at the courts in the event of the club deciding to wind up.—Parks Committee.

W. A. Roberts, secretary Reservoir branch A.L.P., asking for attention to Rathgown Rd., Reservoir.—P.W. Committee.

City of Footscray, asking if council would participate in a conference to consider the desirability of encouraging the formation of a new senior cricket league or competition.—Council is not prepared to take the matter into consideration at the present time.

Abbott, Beckett, Stillman and Gray, solicitors for G. W. Booth, asking that shelter shed opposite their client's land in Gilbert road be removed.—Writer to be informed this was a matter for the Tramways Board.

Cr. Robeson said the council had gone to a lot of trouble to get this shelter, and the Tramways Board had been asked to improve it—not remove it.

Stubley's Orchestra, offering to hire the hall for 50 Saturday nights for £286, the proceeds of each second night would be given to the Preston Unemployed Relief Fund.—Referred to hall committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Hemburrow moved that accounts £319/10/5 be paid.—Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Newton moved that accounts £10,953/5/- be paid.—Carried.

Robeson Ave.—Referred to next list for private construction.

West Preston Progress Association, re Charles St. and footpath.—Engineer to clean channels.

Reservoir United Progress Association, re ashes for Harbury St.—No action at present.

Regent Tennis Club, asking to have netting around courts renewed.—To be repaired (cost £2).

R. Pickard, re state of intersection Cheddar road and White St., Reservoir.—Engineer to attend (cost £9/10/-).

East Preston Progress Association, re right-of-way north side of Rene St.—To be done (cost £5).

Jessie St., crossing at intersection of Bell St. and gutter.—Referred to next loan schedule.

Inlet to drains corner of High St. and Murray road.—Drain to be covered both sides.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

Preston Fish Protection Society and Angling Club.—(1) Members in future to collect fees and issue permits. (2) That a season ticket be issued on payment of five sums of 2/- each.

Victorian Sub-District Cricket Association, a complaint that the Preston ground will not be available for a month, and asking that it be made available earlier in future years.—Present arrangements to be adhered to.

These recommendations were adopted on the motion of Cr. Zwar.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Accounts £1,510/11/6 were paid on the motion of Cr. Jones.

REPORTS.

Finance.—The treasurer (Mr. L. W. Williams) reported that during the fortnight £14,157/7/8 had been collected (including miscellaneous and transfers, £3,270/1/1, and electric light account £7,000); overdraft overdraft £28,798/8/1. Nett overdraft £14,641/0/5.

Overdraft as at 1/10/29, £6,140 6/10; increase for the year, £8,500 13/7. E.L. account, cr. £2,845/4/5; private streets consruction account, cr. £1,440/16/3.—Received.

Health Inspector.—Six cases of diphtheria and one each of tuberculosis and puerpueral fever reported. The Oakover road refuse depot required clean filling; four cases of adulterated milk had been detected; and 16 stray dogs seized by the dog cart.—Received.

Quarry output for week, 686 tons.

Meat Inspectors—Carcases branded in fortnight—1,814 pigs; 195 cattle; 2,871 sheep.

Building Inspector—13 building permits issued in the fortnight. Approximate value £4,225.

Baby Health Centre—Attendances for month, 1,034 (510 babies); new cases 76.—Received.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Curator's Help—Cr. Newton moved that if the curator required help the engineer should provide a man.

The engineer—Last year £4000 was asked for parks, and it was cut down to £2000, but £3,800 was actually spent.—Matter left in engineer's hands.

Meat Inspections.—Cr. Adams moved that the matter of meat inspections be referred to Finance Committee.—Carried.

Gower St.—Cr. Newton moved that the tarring of Gower St., east of Plenty road, be referred to P.W. Committee.—Carried.

Curator and Private Gardens.—Cr. Newton said he understood the curator made private gardens.

The engineer—Where levels have been altered the council has to pay damages or put the gardens back in the same condition as they had been before the levels were altered.

Referred to P.W. Committee.

Cr. Spratling asked when Wood St. footpath asphalting would be finished.

The engineer—As soon as possible.

Downs St.—Cr. Hemburrow spoke of Downs St., and asked why it had been left in such a state.

The engineer said the Board of Works was doing work there. If the council went on before the services were connected, the roadway would have to be ripped up again. Telephone services would also have to be put in and this would take six weeks.

Cr. Zwar asked for a report re Mr. Clinnick's house, which was affected by drainage at Reservoir.—The engineer said he was going into the matter with officers of the Board of Works.

Stonebreakers.—Cr. Maynard asked re stonebreaking at Strongman's quarry and the employment given there. He was told a man had earned £8 or £9 in a week when one man helped another.

Slabs at Baths.—These were referred to the engineer by Cr. Newton for attention.

Footbridge.—Cr. Newton moved that footbridge over the creek in Victoria St., which had only one handrail, be attended to.—To be attended to.

Cr. Spratling moved that paths in Preston St. go to P.W. Committee.—Carried.

A resignation.—The Mayor resigned as representative of the council on the Weights and Measures Union, and Cr. Spratling was appointed to the vacancy.

A minute of appreciation of the services of Cr. Robinson was placed on record.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE, I.O.R.

There was only a fair attendance at the usual fortnightly meeting on October 2, Bro. E. Youl, C.R., presiding. One new member was initiated and welcomed by Bro. R. Lobbe. The scheme for assisting unemployed members, as formulated by the district officers, was brought under notice. Congratulations were extended to the B bowls team on reaching the final of the indoor bowls competition, to which Bro. Alf. Reed (captain) responded; and it was also decided to forward a letter of congratulation to the premier team (Newmarket).

At the conclusion of business a demonstration of first-aid was given by Bro. W. J. Blackburn, assisted by Messrs. C. E. Maskell, G. Tatterson and H. Davies. This corps, which comprises the Victorian Railways head office first-aid corps, are the present holders of the Victorian championship, and with the assistance of a member of the lodge as a "patient," they gave a very interesting display of treating various injuries, concluding with an exhibition of the different means of carrying injured persons. Bro. Blackburn and his corps were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their fine demonstration, which was worthy of a far greater attendance, but was nevertheless greatly appreciated and enjoyed by those present.

The next meeting will be held on October 16, at the conclusion of which a social evening will be held, and members and friends are invited to come along and have a good time.

FAIRFIELD.

R.S.S.I.L.A.—Fairfield branch held an enjoyable smoke night on October 1. During the evening it was learned that it was the president's (Mr. T. Westfield) birthday and his health was proposed. There was an attendance of over 80. Messrs. Downey, Ferris, Coomber, McGregor, Watt and Grendin gave items.

Mr. Syd. Joyce, of Dixon St., Northcote South, held the first of a series of house parties on Saturday on behalf of the cricket club.

Car Club Dance.—The Fairfield Overland Light Car Club and Fairfield Motorcycle Club combined to hold an enjoyable dance on Saturday in the Masonic Hall. The hall was decorated in the clubs' colors (red, blue and gold). Trophies won at the combined sports meeting at Hastings were presented to Miss I. Underwood (musical chairs); Mrs. Williams and Mr. W. Rice (elopement race); Mr. Dunkling and Miss S. Alston (reverse elopement); Mr. and Miss Newson (egg, spoon and sack), and Mr. J. Daly (blindfold).

St. Anthony's Parish Reunion.—St. Anthony's first parish reunion dance was held on October 1. The committees in charge were:—Ladies—Mesdames Lewis, Vine and Misses Linley, Allan, Martins (2), Lambert, Mahoney and Theitz. Gents: Messrs. Lewis, Dunn, T. O'Brien, Adcock, Cr. H. Daly (secretary), Crapper and Sheehan. Among those present were Messrs. Frank Reed (president of C.Y.M.S.), W. Sheehan (secretary football club), D. Sherriff (secretary cricket club), Mr. and Mrs. F. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. R. Reed, Misses Gwen and Beryl Reed, Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Brien, Mrs. Kellett, Miss Eileen Mahoney, Mr. Owen Kyne, Miss Molly Day and Mr. and Mrs. Vine. Owing to his health Rev. Fr. Hayes was unable to attend. The hall was tastefully decorated in blue and orange by the ladies' committee.

Victory Social Club.—The first annual ball of the Victory Social Club was held in the Masonic Hall, Fairfield, on October 2. There was a good attendance of members and friends. Among the gathering were—Mr. and Mrs. Smith (wearing pink georgette), Miss Brown (white georgette and lace), Miss Davidson (royal blue georgette), Miss Thompson (cornflower blue satin), Miss Brookes (black panne velvet), Miss Rild (floral chiffon), Miss Hayes (jade green georgette), Mr. and Mrs. Worle; Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. Gordan, Mr. and Mrs. Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Crowley, Mr. Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

A pleasant party was held in Hammet's hall, Fairfield, on Saturday night in the form of a reunion of old friends of Mrs. O'Shea and Mr. Jack Doherty.

Alphair Harmony Club registered a good attendance at their fortnightly social on Saturday.

Spensley St. School.—On October 1 150 children from Spensley St., Clifton Hill, visited the Majestic Theatre to see the screening of "Southward Ho!" Pupils from Gold St., Clifton Hill, Falconer St., North Fitzroy and North Richmond also attended.

Last Saturday Spensley St. Mothers' Club held their annual fortnightly social and euchre party. There was a good attendance.

There was a good attendance at St. Anthony's Cricket Club dance on Saturday night.

The parents' club of the Fairfield school held an enjoyable dance in the school hall on Saturday night. Proceeds were to augment school funds.

Though the attendance was not as large as expected, the good fellowship shown was responsible for an enjoyable evening at the Fairfield footballers' dance in the Collingwood Town Hall on September 31. The same good feeling prevailed at the club's house party on Saturday night.

NORTHCOTE MOTOR CYCLE CLUB SPORTS

The Northcote Motor Cycle Club's sports meeting at Eltham was a great success, 50 members and friends taking part in the events. Results:—

Flag Race.—Solo: Knight 1, Bennett 2, Cobb 3. Side-cars: Jones 1, Gardiner 2, Lewin 3. Bending Race.—Solo: Vass 1, Smith 2, Alexander 3. Sidecars: Ward 1, Lewin 2, Jones 3. Egg and Spoon Race.—Solo: Leadbeater 1, Billings 2, Walsh 3. Sidecars: Gardiner 1, Jones 2, Ward 3. Tilting Target.—Solo: Alexander 1, Casterson 2, Walsh 3. Sidecars: Ward 1, Jones 2, Lewin 3. Potato Race.—Solo: Walsh 1, Harty 2, Knight 3. Sidecars: Jones 1, Gardiner 2, Ward 3. A challenge relay race between solos and sidecars was won by the sidecar team. Aggregate Points for the Day.—Solo: Alexander 7, Walsh 5, Knight and Leadbetter 4 each. Sidecars: Jones 13, Gardiner and Ward 9 each, Lewin 4. In the annual club championship shield for the year the points now are:—Solo: R. Leadbetter 20, H. Knight 19, Les Alexander 15. Sidecars: P. Ward 36, Les. Jones 26, J. Gardiner 20, C. Lewin 19.

ROWING

The season of the Preston Ladies' Rowing Club will open on Saturday next at the Edwardes Lake. The mayor and mayoress of Preston and Preston councillors will be present.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE CLUB

The seniors again trained at the lake arena, but found the ground exceedingly hard after the few warm days. Very little fast work was done, the majority preferring to indulge in the field games. In the high jump J. Speedy cleared 5ft. at his first attempt. Owing to the ladies' rowing club holding their opening day next Saturday, the club will not train at Edwardes Lake on that date. The committee will endeavor to arrange a ground elsewhere. The first of a series of track trials was staged on Monday night, when the mile event was held. W. Goller won by 15 yards from T. Wise, with Wally Weightman third. Gus Kurklin was indisposed and should not have competed. He "cracked up" at the third lap. Jack Tannock merely jogged round on account of a severe cold.

Last Saturday the junior boys journeyed to Glenhuntly, where competitive events with the local club were conducted. Although our boys were not successful in the grand aggregate points, their individual performances were most creditable. J. Dalton and A. Shepherd started off well by winning the two heats of the 100 yards event. Alf. Shepherd was also successful in the final, while Jack Dalton was runner-up. Tom Jeffries seemed nervous in the long jump and failed to gain a place. D. Fleming obtained the only point in this event. Although Vic. Kurklin and Alf. Gibbs won their heats in the 220 yards, they failed badly in the final, the latter's failure being mainly due to his efforts in the high jump. The high jump team were much superior to their rivals, gaining three of the four places. Jack Woods jumped remarkably well in clearing 4ft. 10in. Throughout the event his judgment was good, and he may have cleared the 4ft. 10in mark had he not slipped when taking off. The failure of the Bransgrove brothers in this event was disappointing, as they have performed much better in this class of event on previous occasions. Norman Powell also failed in the 50 yards, and the Glenhuntly boys obtained first and second places, while Tom Jeffries and Fleming filled third and fourth places respectively. If the Preston Council can be induced to water the track at Edwardes Lake for the 18th inst., the return contest will be held on that date.

Party Dance.—The senior club will hold another party dance in Preston City Hall on October 21, and it promises to be an even greater success than the one held on September 11. A number of trophies will be presented. Over 650 invitations have been sent out and the committee would ask any of those who have not received an invitation to get in touch with Mr. G. Williams, 494 High St., Croxton, or Mrs. W. Orr, 14 Stewart St., Regent.

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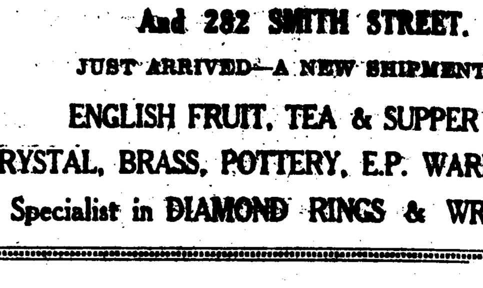

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ROMANTIC CIRCLE

SIMPSON—WALKER.

On September 27 at the Thornbury Presbyterian Church, Rossmoyne street, Rev. Stuart of Preston celebrated the marriage of Miss Gladys Walker, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, of Collins street, Thornbury and Mr. Robert Gourlay Simpson, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Simpson. The keynote of the dressing for the occasion was pink.

The bride was given away by her father and the service was choral. She was tastefully gowned in a white satin frock and she carried a sheaf of sweet peas and tiger lilies. Misses Hilda Wyatt, Campbell and Elizabeth Simpson attended the bride being frocked in pink satin with shoes and hats to match. Little Miss Joyce Walker was the train bearer, her costume being of pink georgette. The best man was Mr. John Andrew Walker and the groomsman, Mr. Leonard Keith Walker. After the ceremony there was a breakfast and social at Normanby Hall at which seventy guests were present. The bride's mother was gowned in a black satin with pink georgette trimmings. She carried a posy of pink carnations. The honeymoon was spent at the Blue Mountains.

THE SCHOOL FROCK.

The School Frock featured by MITZI GREEN in the Paramount Picture "TOM SAWYER"

Summer school frocks are of the utmost importance to Miss Ten-Year-Old at the present time, and and very timely is this fashion which Mitzi Green favors.

Little Mitzi Green, who is now playing in Paramount's version of Mark Twain's classic of boyhood, "Tom Sawyer", looks very cool and crisp in her beige and white English print, which falls loosely from smocking on the shoulder yoke. Hand-drawn thread work is used on the white pique peter-pan collar, and is also repated on the miniature cape sleeves.

NEWEST SHADE IS HEAVEN BLUE.

Another blue has found favor among the fashionable of Hollywood—heaven blue. Shading softly between tones of turquoise and aquamarine, heaven blue creates the ideal blue for a summer frock.

For her starring role in Paramount's "Her Wedding Night," Clara Bow uses this new blue for a chiffon dinner gown, and also has a silk crepe sports costume in same toning.

LIGHTING THE BEDROOM.

Avoidance of Shadows.

General lighting for a bedroom depends mainly on its size. In a small room it is sometimes possible to light the dressing-table with a one or two-light pendant which will give enough light for the rest of the room. Two essential things, however, are to arrange the lights so that no shadow is cast on a person in front of the mirror, and so that it is easy to see into wardrobes.

A large room needs a central light; many suitable designs both practical and artistic are obtainable. A soft indirect light filtered through a luminaire is to be recommended, although parchment and watered silk look equally effective. A bowl of silk georgette in a pale shade of the color which predominates in the room is particularly in keeping.

On account of its small cost, a local light in the wardrobe will appeal to many. Inside the wardrobe a small lamp is placed directly above the door. It is controlled by the opening and shutting of the door, so that there is a light at the instant it is required with no responsibility of waste current.

There are many people who have a last half-hour read in bed, and still many more who like it but do not bother because the light is unsatisfactory. A lamp placed on the bed-side table fitted with a white or flame tinted lamp will solve the problem. Better even than the table lamp is a bed bracket attached to the head of the bed and connected by means of a wall plug.

MORE LAMPS—LESS CURRENT.

Points for the Home.

It was probably quite natural that the first electric lamps used in homes were hung from the centre of the room. This came as a result of the earlier practice of lighting rooms by candles, kerosene lamps and gaslight from the centre.

The trouble with a light in the centre of the room is that it shines in everyone's eyes. The ideal system of lighting is to place the lamp so that it will give light without glare or shadows. A light placed behind a lounge or easy chair thus obviates the glare, while the light is thrown directly on one's sewing or reading.

If for some reason it is necessary to light the whole room, one light suspended from the centre of the ceiling will usually suffice, but usually much better results accrue from wall lights and standards in various parts of a room or particular purposes.

In a bedroom, for instance, electric lamps placed at the side of a dressing table are better than a central lamp, as there is then no necessity to dodge the shadow thrown on the mirror by the latter. This is a great advantage at night when anyone wishes to shave or powder. Another advantage is to have a lamp arranged so as to throw the light on your book when reading in bed.

It is not advisable to have glass lamp shades as they are expensive and as one grows tired of them the charm of the room is sacrificed. When choosing the lamp shades it is good practice to avoid highly carved or filagreed work which is difficult to keep clean.

It will be found that in a modern home many more lamps are used than in the old style home. As many as 50 lamps may be used in a six roomed villa. Consumption of current is reduced and is less when many lamps are installed, as each burns when it is wanted and only then. There are lamps of the dimming type which can be switched down so low that the consumption of electricity is astoundingly small. The technical name given to this type of lamp is Duo Savelite. By enriching the home with lighting points all dark pantries and cupboards are done away with. The lamps should be gasfilled. The old vacuum lamp is rapidly giving way to the gasfilled lamps which give 40 per cent. more light and last longer.

The study of modern lighting is vastly interesting whether one is building a new home or contemplating bringing an old home up-to-date.

The foremost thing to remember is to eliminate all glare and to have lamps wherever they are needed.

A Preston wireless fan says he's tired of "whispering baritones," and all the rest of them. What he would like to hear would be a singing one.

BEAUTIFY THE CUPBOARDS.

"Beauty should not only be where it is easily seen," says Ginger Rogers, who will next be seen in Paramount's "Queen High." Miss Rogers has all her cupboards beautifully decorated in harmonising shades with the rest of the room. Her clothes closet has the usual type of poles and shelves, but the poles have been painted silver, and an edging of powder-blue rayon taffeta, scalloped in rose braiding and ecru footing decorates the shelves. The little hat stands were covered in rose and blue velvet, and the boxes for hats were decorated with printed wall-paper, each box conveniently opening on one side and tied with silver ribbon edged in powder blue. Curtains of powder blue, finished like the tiny shelf vallances, protect her frocks, which are hung in dust-proof glazed tarlatan bags.

Her lingerie is attractively displayed in two built-in closets which flank the dressing table, and have shoe compartments below. The woodwork is a delicate flesh pink, accented with blue mouldings. The drapes on the dressing table match the hangings of the dress cupboard, and a Florentine mirror hangs on silver cords.

Sleeveless Frocks.—Berthas More Fashionable.

Jaunty capes and berthas are replacing the plain sleeveless frock in the new season's fashions. Jean Peers, in "Anybody's War," is a great advocate for the new mode, and nearly every ensemble which was designed for her was made with either a circular capes, half shoulder capes, or an elbow length bertha which lends flattering lines to the arms.

This new fashion has extended from the formal evening gown to the sports and afternoon costumes. Many of the sleeveless frocks have accompanying short coats or boleros, which have long sleeves, thus giving enough protection to the arms from the sun and wind.

ELOCUTIONARY MEDAL CONTEST

On October 1 the Northcote Temperance League of Hope held a temperance elocutionary contest in James street Presbyterian Sunday school hall. There was a good attendance. The programme consisted of competitors in three sections, interspersed by items by Misses Drakeford and Green (songs), Master Lance Cogle (violin), Mr. Pratt (ventriloquist) and Mr. Archie Clark (humorous songs at the piano). Mrs. Cogle was a capable accompanist. Great interest was taken in the medal contest. The adjudicator was Miss Alice Scott, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M. Cr. Dennis was in the chair and spoke of the desirability of training the young people in temperance. He then presented the medals, the winners being Beryl Alldridge (junior section), Jean McLennan (intermediate), and Eileen Dempsey (senior). Mrs. Ellis moved and Rev. A. T. Jones seconded a vote of thanks to the adjudicator, chairman and artists, and Miss Hazeldine was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for arranging the contest.

NORTHCOTE CITIZENS' AND SOLDIERS' BAND

The band made a trip to Kyneton on Sunday at the invitation of the committee of the hospital. A programme was rendered at the hospital in the morning, and in the afternoon a recital was given in the gardens and a collection was taken up in aid of the hospital funds. Considering the depression a fair amount was received. A programme was also given at night in the shire hall, and the band left on the return journey at 8 o'clock after a most enjoyable outing. Mr. Chadwick, secretary of the hospital, warmly thanked the band for the consideration shown to the committee and for its splendid efforts. The vote was acknowledged on behalf of the band by Drum Major Walker. The arrangements for the trip were ably carried out by Bandsman L. Mickle, hon. secretary, and the musical part of the programme was in the capable hands of Bandmaster W. H. Gore. Now that the warm weather is approaching the band is arranging programmes for the various parks and charitable institutions.

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Match Results, Saturday, October 4

A Grade.—All Saints (72) d South Preston Methodists (25), East Preston (66) d Hill (42).

B Grade.—Oakover (66) d Reservoir (51), Regent Park (70) d All Saints (49), East Preston (64) d South Preston Methodists (43), Hill (67) d Regent Baptists (36).

Draw for October 11

No Pennant matches for A Grade.

B Grade.—Regent Baptists v East Preston, Oakover v Cranross, Reservoir v Regent Methodists, All Saints v Hill, Regent Park v South Preston Methodists, Murray v Danella.

COOMA TENNIS CLUB

At the committee meeting on October 2 Mr. E. A. Jones occupied the chair. It was decided to hold a dance in Normanby Hall, and the secretary (Mr. C. Jones) anticipates that it will be the event of the season. Arrangements were made for members to attend in full force at the picnic held at Diamond Creek on October 5. The captain intimated that the selection committee would recommend that the singles championship for the silver trophies presented by the management should not commence until the second week in January, 1931. After considerable discussion this was agreed to, so new and intending members should enroll at once to be eligible.

Splendid victories were gained by both Cooma representative teams at the commencement of the North Suburban Tennis Association competition on October 4. The No. 1 teams were drawn to play Epiphany team at the latter's courts and gained a well-merited victory by 13 games. The No. 2 teams defeated Calcourt at home by 36 games. Scores:—

Cooma I. v Epiphany

C. Burgess and G. Jackson d Parsons and Riches, 9—7.

C. Burgess and F. Heinze d Steele and Riches, 9—5.

G. Jackson and F. Heinze d Steele and Parsons, 9—8.

Misses T. Jenyns and N. Capper d Misses Lees and Lees, 6—4.

Misses T. Jenyns and T. Parsons lost to Misses Blank and Lees, 5—6.

Misses T. Parson and N. Capper d Misses Lees and Blank, 6—2.

Miss T. Jenyns and G. Jackson lost to Miss Lees and Parsons, 8—9.

Miss N. Capper and C. Burgess d Miss Lees and Riches, 9—4.

Miss T. Parsons and F. Heinze lost to Miss Blank and Steele, 6—9.

Totals.—Cooma, 6 sets 67 games; Epiphany, 3 sets 54 games.

Cooma II. v Calcourt

R. Miller and E. Jones d C. Funder and A. Gluyas, 9—6.

R. Miller and R. Jackson d T. Cox and A. Gluyas, 9—6.

E. Jones and R. Jackson d T. Cox and C. Funder, 9—4.

Misses K. Hollowood and N. Lewis d Misses V. West and G. Shakespeare, 6—1.

Misses K. Hollowood and P. Lewis d Misses J. Hughes and V. West, 6—2.

Misses N. Lewis and P. Lewis d Misses J. Hughes and G. Shakespeare, 6—2.

Miss K. Hollowood and R. Miller d Miss V. West and A. Gluyas, 9—4.

Miss N. Lewis and E. Jones d Miss J. Hughes and C. Funder, 9—7.

Miss P. Lewis and R. Jackson d Miss G. Shakespeare and T. Cox, 9—4.

Total.—Cooma, 9 sets 72 games; Calcourt, 0 sets 36 games.

EAST PRESTON ELECTRIC LIGHT TOURNAMENT

The following are the handicaps and times of playing:—

Monday, October 13.—8 p.m., R. Pears and K. Bennett (owe 40) v W. Harrison and E. Davies (owe 15.5); 8.45 p.m., Misses Eiseman and Harty (owe 15) v Misses White and Titmus (owe .5); 9.30 p.m., C. Coates and R. Hazel (owe 30.5) v E. Ruffin and C. Thorn (owe 40); 10 p.m., Misses M. Walker and J. Tomlinson (owe 15) v Misses H. Martin and Attayo (owe 30.

Tuesday, October 14.—8 p.m., J. Doherty and C. Rule (owe 30.3) v T. Williams and W. Grant (owe .5); 8.45 p.m., Mesdames Ashby and Strahan (owe 30) v Misses T. Alland and Blandford (owe 30.5); 9.30 p.m., Mrs Ford and Miss Hedger (owe 15) v Misses Walker and Ball (owe 40.5); 10 p.m., C. Morarity and J. Appleby (owe 30.5) v O. Dolphin and G. Jackson (owe 15.5).

Wednesday.—8 p.m., Upton and Reeves (owe 30) v R. Fitzpatrick and P. Hedger (owe 15.4); 8.45 p.m., Mrs. Phillips and Miss Deslandes (owe 15.4) v Misses E. Thorn and I. Thorn (owe 15.4); 9.30 p.m., Misses Tuppen and Jones (owe 15) v Misses Crispe and Botsman (owe 15.2); 10 p.m., P. Saunder and A. Quick (owe .5) v F. Syer and A. White (owe 15).

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NORTHCOTE SECONDS

Arrangements are complete for the trip to Healesville this week-end.

BOWLING.

THORNBURY CLUB

Saturday last saw the commencement of pennant play. The A team visited Essendon, and after a keenly contested game lost by six points. Murden's rink, with 10 up, were the best for Thornbury. It is gratifying to see Harry do so well. It will be remembered that he and Growcott, his No. 3, were members of Frank Gardiner's unbeaten rink last season. With play finished in three rinks, Thornbury were 2 up. Mark Sharp had two ends to play. Geo. Willis, playing No. 2, drew a beautiful shot on the kitty. Mark built the end up, and with his last bowl played a nice block. It looked hopeless for Essendon, but with a wonderful drive the Essendon skipper forced the block on to the jack, at the same time dislodging two other Thornbury bowls. When the count was made it showed six against Thornbury. Gaining two more at the last end, Essendon were winners by six points. It was a great victory.

The C's visited Middle Park, and like the true gentlemen they are, played such a friendly game that they lost all interest in the scores, and returned home beaten, but yet very happy. It's a way they have at Middle Park. Bill Mahoney's rink, composed of more seasoned bowlers, were the only rink up. Bill keeps a firm rein on his men, which is something our genial president, Fred Cornish, and Joe Auty, the two other C skippers, will have to copy.

The B's stayed at home, and were glad they did. Sixteen optimists from Surrey Hills were so taken up with the improvements at the Thornbury green that they forgot to concentrate, with the result that they returned home minus 14 points. This will teach them a lesson. Our B team having shown the way to stay home, the C's and A's are determined to do likewise in future.

The fortnightly euchre party will be held on Saturday next, October 11, and members are requested to come along and bring their friends.

PRESTON CLUB

Results of V.B.A. pennant matches on Saturday are as follow:—

Preston A (78) v Alphington (92)

Tatchell, Carthew, Straede, Pike (21) d Jeffrey's rink (20).

Watson, McIntyre, Condie, Sinclair (12) lost to Munro's rink (27).

W. White, Geo. White, Shaw, Wearne (25) d Lancaster's rink (23).

Crispe, jun., Cohen, Siddons, Morgan (20) lost to Hamilton's rink (22).

Preston C1 (74) v Collingwood (68)

Welch, Fleming, Atyeo, Billyeald (39) d Clarke's rink (16).

Hill, Shepherd, Zwar, Lang (15) lost to C. Hibbert's rink (26).

Wood, Hazel, Lewis, Crispe, sen. (20) lost to P. Hibbert's rink (26).

Preston C2 (112) v West Brunswick (41)

Allardice, McIntosh, Fox, Salfinger (29) d Merrigan's rink (17).

Butterfield, Birchall, Joiner, Crowe (53) d Rubin's rink (9).

Pike, Hurlstone, Farr, Howe (30) d third rink (15).

In the A pennant matches the rink skipped by J. Wearne were successful in winning the spoons, and R. Crowe's rink won the C's spoon.

Matches for Saturday are as follow:—Preston A's visit Albert Park; Preston C1 visit Ivanhoe; Preston C2 at home to Murrumbeena II.

Entries close for president's vice-president's and championship trophies on Saturday.

On Saturday evening the usual euchre tournament was held at the pavilion. Mrs. Davidson and Mr. J. J. Joiner were the winners, and Mrs. McIntosh won the guessing competition. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mrs. J. Fleming during the absence of Mrs. Henshaw, who is away on holidays.

CENTRAL PRESTON

The social held under the auspices of the Young Worshippers' League of the Preston Church of Christ was one of the most successful social events ever held by the church.

Two Preston residents, Mr. D. Lewis and Mr. L. Wildsmith, of Wildsmith and Free, were both presented with daughters on Friday last, but unfortunately that of Mr. Wildsmith died on Wednesday, when only five days old.

The Rev. B. C. A. Eva preached last Sunday at All Saints' Church. As he was at one time vicar at this church he was well received.

Gifts made recently for the new church include one of the large choir stalls and the reader's desk, which has been presented by the children of the late Major William Palliser; also altar rails were given to dedicate the memory of Norman Embleton by his parents, sisters and brothers.

The Preston Church of Christ recently wrote to the council asking that

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PRESTON COUNCIL AND THE STATE CAR

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the report must come back to the council.

"They are trying to block it."

Cr. Adams complained that Cr. Jones had made a remark that he (Cr. Adams) was trying to block the report.

Cr. Jones—I did not. I heard Cr. Zwar say: "They are trying to block it."

At this stage certain minutes were turned up and read.

"Procedure Seems Farcical."

The Mayor—It is quite in order to send the report to the committee of the council. I won't comment on the procedure, but it seems to be farcical.

Cr. Adams—The minutes are not correct.

Cr. Jones—I object. The minutes have been confirmed.

Cr. Adams—It is the usual practice here to garble through the minutes.

The Mayor—I listen to the minutes and I made a correction to-night.

Time to Consider Report.

Cr. Adams—I want the matter to be sent to the committee, so that councillors may have a chance to read and digest it.

An Amendment.

Cr. Robeson supported the attitude of Cr. Adams, who objected to the dismissal of the car driver, and the sale of the car within 60 days. Continuing, he said: "Even if I was prepared to have the car sold at once, I am not prepared to dismiss an officer of the council off hand. I move an amendment that the report be received and referred to the committee of the council.

Cr. Jones (in explanation) said he must move the adoption of the report, and he had meant to do so pro forma.

Cr. Maynard said that whatever way he would vote, he was not prepared to dismiss an officer without full consideration.

Cr. Hemburrow's Attitude.

Cr. Hemburrow said—I did not attach my name to the report without full and proper consideration. It has been stated by Cr. Jones that the cost given of running the car is incorrect. These figures were supplied by the department having charge of the car, and that department should know. Cr. Jones has also said that £100 set down for depreciation for last year is ridiculous. If the car will only bring £100 on the market, that would go to prove the truth of the statement in the majority report.

Must Practise Economy.

The council must practise economy, and the retention and running of the car in either the present or the past three years is absolutely unjustified.

Continuing, he said—In the past three years Preston as a city has made good progress—on paper. The ratepayers have a say in this matter, as they have to pay.

Rate Increase Feared.

The cry is for economy, and the ratepayers are fearing an increased rate. Some little inconvenience will be caused if the car is sold, but there are other municipalities as far from the city as Preston with no better transport, who have not a car. If the car is retained, no matter how careful the officers are, the running of the car will cost at least £400 a year. The report recommends the dismissal of the chaffeur because his services are no longer required. If a man is employed by the council he must give 20/- worth of value for every £1 he gets in wages. That had not been given by the driver.

Report "Straight Out."

The report is straight out and backs its statements by figures. It has been said the car is necessary—I do not want to be personal—to enable the mayoress to attend various functions.

Functions and "Frills."

I was not concerned with functions or the "frills." The only thing that concerns me is the spending of the money of the ratepayers in an equitable and fair manner, and in such a way as to give the ratepayers value for the money spent. Functions, through custom, have been part of the life of the municipality—though not an essential part of it, and I am not going to be a party to spending money simply because precedents have been created.

I have no hesitation in voting that the report be adopted here and now on the point of economy and cutting costs to the lowest possible point.

Cr. Adams said—I am not opposed to the report—but simply to the dismissal of one of our officers. **I am not in favor of the retention of the car.**

Cr. Robeson—I want to know if Cr. Hemburrow infers that the recommendation for Mr. Connolly's dismissal is due to misbehavior.

Cr. Hemburrow (in reply)—The report recommends that the Buick car be disposed of—therefore there will be no use for a chaffeur.

Cr. Newton Speaks.

Cr. Newton—The reason why I signed the report is that I believe when the car is sold there will be no need for the services of the driver.

It has been said that Connolly had been a traffic inspector in his spare time. Fancy it being necessary to have a traffic inspector to control traffic in Preston! (Laughter.) **Quite a number of councillors have said they would vote the car out, but that they hadn't had time to fully consider the matter. Just fancy—when the car has been under discussion for months.**

A private employer would not keep men on for whom he had no work, and the council should not do so either. All councillors know that the cost of running the car is excessive.

Petrol Consumption Figures.

Some months ago I asked for a report on the petrol consumption of the car at intervals over months—and could not get it.

Cr. Jones—I gave it to you to-night.

Cr. Newton—Yes, if I can take your figures as being correct. (Laughter.) I could not get that report officially and I'm thinking the council was not "game" to lay all its cards on the table.

Division of Suggested Recommendations.

Cr. Jones suggested that the item about the dismissal of the driver be struck out, and let the rest of the report as to the disposal of the car go through

"Out of Order."

The Mayor—That would not be in order.

"Seems to be Levelled Against Mayor."

The Mayor—**The whole thing really seems to be levelled against the mayor generally.** It seems a peculiar thing that such a report should have been brought up. The driver cannot be dismissed at once—a fortnight's notice is required.

Councillor Twitted With Inexperience

Cr. Hemburrow is inexperienced and Cr. Newton's tuition must have fallen on barren ground. (Laughter.) It has been said the car is not necessary—perhaps a car is not necessary in the inner "pocket handkerchief" municipalities, where there is a tram at every corner. Such a state of affairs does not exist in Preston.

"Would Have to Run His Own Car."

When a mayor has no mayoral car he has to run his own car—and that seems to be a minor consideration to the new councillors. (Laughter.) Since I have been in office this year I have not been in the mayoral car, but it is essential that the mayoress should have a means of conveyance.

"Empty-headed View."

It is not right for councillors to take an empty-headed view of this matter.

Dignity of the Mayoral Office.

Cr. Hemburrow—I ask you to withdraw that statement. It is most insulting and not befitting the dignity of the mayoral office.

The Mayor—I withdraw. Your head is not empty—it is full of gas. (Laughter.)

Cr. Hemburrow—I ask you to withdraw that.

The Mayor—I will. It is only the vehemence of youth.

Interjection From Gallery.

Someone on the gallery interjected and there were murmurs of dissent when the mayor said "I warn those in the gallery not to interrupt. If I hear any more interjections I'll have the gallery cleared and I'll have anybody who interrupts dealt with. I have power under the Act to do so."

Continuing, the mayor said—"**During last year 85 per cent. of the car driver's time was used in collecting goods for the unemployed.** Perhaps it is not necessary to provide a car for the mayor. If that is so it is not necessary to provide transport for workmen to the quarry—which costs £150 a year.

"Niggardly Expressions."

I am surprised at the niggardly expressions some of the councillors during this discussion.

Report Impracticable.

There was some reason in the minority report, but the other is impracticable.

"Throw Bias to the Winds."

I urge the council when voting to throw all bias to the winds and vote in a commonsense way.

"Matters Little What Mayor Has to Pay."

It evidently matters little to other councillors what a mayor has to pay out of his own pocket for his transport while on public business. It will be impossible to carry out the mayoral duties properly without the car, and he quoted instances where as mayor he had had to attend as many as four functions in one night.

Continuing, the mayor said—The driver has given excellent service, and it would be most un-British to dispense with his services without giving him an opportunity to defend himself.

The Mayor Questioned.

Cr. Newton—Isn't it a fact that 10 gallons of petrol were used before you took the car over in this term?

The Mayor—Yes. The car was collecting for the unemployed.

Cr. Newton—Did the mayoress have to wait two hours for the car one night?

The Mayor—Yes, and the mayoress had to walk home. The car took the mayoress' daughter home and the driver thought he would be needed no longer that night and locked the car up.

Cr. Newton—Has the mayoress said she would not ride in the car?

"Car Stinks."

The Mayor—I don't know. The car "stinks," and the whole thing is despicable. A man has to sink his pride to ride in it.

Cr. Hemburrow—Is the car necessary to the discharge of the mayoral duties?

Cr. Jones—It is degrading for the mayor to be questioned like this. It is not an election meeting.

The Mayor (resignedly)—Let them ask their questions.

Car Hire and Mayoral Allowance.

Cr. Hemburrow—Can a car not be hired out of the mayoral allowance? What is the allowance for?

The Mayor—That is what I'll have to do if the car is sold. I could put the whole of the allowance in my pocket and not spend a penny of it if I like, and I can produce the Act on that point.

Cr. Zwar Rises to Speak.

Cr. Zwar rose to speak.

Cr. Jones (to Cr. Zwar)—You can't speak now.

Cr. Zwar—I can and I will.

Cr. Jones—The mayor has spoken and I'll raise the point if you persist.

The Mayor—Let him speak.

Cr. Zwar—The council has had the car for three years and Cr. Jones has just woke up. The new councillors are young, but from listening to the older councillors they have not been able to learn anything that goes to the dignity of the council. In the old days former mayors have ridden bicycles. (Laughter.) **This car was bought with borrowed money—and people who did that sort of thing go to pieces in no time. Whatever the car is worth now—even if it is given away—the council will save money.** The driver is an old servant of the council and perhaps he can be transferred to another department where some newer employe would have to make way for him. I am supporting the disposal of the car, or even the giving of it away, for the benefit of the ratepayers.

Spite in Debate.

Cr. Jones—I have been surprised at the spite shown in the debate.

Degrading to Mayor.

It is degrading for a mayor to be heckled and questioned as has been done to-night.

The figures I have quoted are actual figures except for depreciation, and this item was but a matter one man's opinion against another's.

Car Not Worth £75.

I will say that the car at present would not bring £75 in the open market. The car is, however, just as good to the city now as Cr. Hemburrow's new car is to him. (Laughter.) The "State car" has just been overhauled and re-shod.

What Coburg Does.

The Coburg Council uses a car for its mayor and mayoress and town clerk, and that costs £2 a week.

Cr. Zwar—Why can't we do that?

Cr. Jones—We may be able to. A lot has been said about economy.

Another Economy.

If it is necessary to dispense with the State car there is another economy that could as easily be effected—the supply of liquor and refreshments by the mayor in the mayor's room.

The Mayor—And that's what will happen.

Amendment Carried.

The amendment that the matter be referred to the committee of the council, was carried and the motion lost by five votes to four.

Other Amendments Ruled Out Of Order.

Cr. Hemburrow moved a further amendment that the "Buick" car be sold, and that the matter of disposing of the services of the driver be referred to the committee of the council.

The Mayor ruled that this amendment was not in order.

Cr. Newton then moved that the "Buick" car be dispensed with within 60 days.

The Mayor—The recommendations of the report cannot be divided.

Cr. Zwar—I'll move that the report be adopted with the exception of part one (dealing with the services of Mr. Connolly).

This was also ruled out of order.

"Only Prolonging the Agony."

Cr. Zwar—It is only "prolonging the agony."

The Mayor—If councillors would only bring matters up in the way provided by the Act, it would save a lot of time and unpleasantness.

Cr. Newton—Will you state the position.

The Mayor—Yes. The report has been referred to the committee of the council.

A letter was received from Mr. J. A. Clingin, asking a number of questions as to what arrangemnets would be made for the transport of the mayor and mayoress if the car be sold.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—It was my privilege to attend the Preston Council meeting held last Monday evening, and I was one of many who filled the gallery to overcrowding. I had learnt that a report was to be submitted on the matter of the disposal of the council car. I understand that three councillors were elected as a commission to make the necessary inquiries and report; and it was this finding which was placed before the council last Monday night. The result of the investigations was that a recommendation was made that the car be sold within sixty days, and that the chauffeur be dismissed at once. Now, this finding is no doubt a correct one, especially taking into account the serious financial position of the Preston Council at the present time, and the three councillors who made the inquiries have done so at the request of the whole council with the idea of assisting ratepayers to stop the extravagant expenses which are materially affecting the financial position. I was greatly surprised, and I might say disgusted—at the reception given this report. I did not think out city fathers would treat this matter in such a callous way, nor did I think that our mayor would lower his dignity to make such a vigorous attack on those who have done their duty. Much was said about the dignity of the mayoral office being brought down from its high level, but from my own observance I think the mayor himself surpassed all others in this respect. Why he should have attacked the recently elected councillors, pointing out that it was ignorance on their part, and, in the case of the older councillors, that their action was hair-brained, is beyond fair criticism. Furthermore, his method of dealing with the gallery attendance was not in keeping with the dignity which his office should possess. Even Mussolini would not have attempted the iron hand tactics he adopted. It is true he has the power to control a council meeting, but it is just as well to temper justice with mercy, and not to adopt such rough and ready tactics towards those who are probably ratepayers. Might I suggest that instead of becoming so heated over such important business, the councillors view the matter in a proper light and try and see through the eyes of those who have been placed in the position of doing something for our city. At the recent elections it was frequently asked: "Will you go in for economy if elected?" and the answer, just as readily given, was, "Most certainly I will." It should be the desire of all councillors to work to this end. I trust that when the matter of the car is dealt with in committee all recriminations will have passed away, and the right course will be adopted without fear of offending any of the ratepayers, which appeared to be uppermost in the minds of the councillors at the above meeting.—Yours etc.,

CHAS. P. CHAPMAN.

"Kirkhame," Gilbert Rd., West Preston.

October 7, 1930.

FORTY YEARS AGO

(From the "Leader" of October 11, 1890.)

At one of his public meetings a recent candidate for municipal honors (who, by the way, is an old campaigner) provided himself with a jug full of water and whisky—not whisky and water—so that if he got dry during his deliverance he could moisten himself. Needless to say, he took a nip or two. The questioning time came on, and one of his prominent opponents was invited to speak from the platform. Being used to fulminate in public, he readily accepted the invitation, when shortly, like most orators, he got thirsty and dry, laid hold of the jug, filled a tumbler, drank the contents, went on again, repeated the dose, until the jug was as empty as an abandoned diggings. He never winked during the performance; and, tell it not in Gath, he has the reputation of being a strict abstainer.

WHITTLESEA V EPPING.

Epping (minor premiers) met Whittlesea at Doreen on Saturday in the final of the Bourke-Evelyn Association. The takings amounted to about £15. Play started with Epping kicking towards the road; there was a slight breeze blowing across the ground. Whittlesea was first to score. Scores, first quarter—Epping 1—2; Whittlesea 2—0.

In the second quarter Epping opened with a goal and Whittlesea replied with a single. Half time scores—Epping 4—4; Whittlesea 5—1.

In the third quarter Whittlesea added 2 goals 2 behinds to Epping's 2 points, making the third quarter scores—Epping 4—6; Whittlesea 7—3.

The last quarter was a keen struggle, and it was fully 15 minutes and no score for either side. Varcoe (Epping) was first to score with a goal; Whittlesea replied with a single. Epping added another goal and attacked strongly. A mark by Whittlesea in goal saved the situation for the time. Epping put on another single, but the final bell prevented any further score. Whittlesea won the day with three points to spare, the final scores being—Whittlesea 7 goals 4 behinds (46 points); Epping, 6 goals 7 behinds (43 pts.).

Epping, being minor premiers, have the right of challenge, and the grand final will be played next Saturday at Doreen, when the issue will be decided. Both sides seem confident.

TOURING.

Touring to the small car owner or to those who have never done it sounds a very ambitious project, yet there is hardly a more delightful way of spending a holiday. The going on and reaching a different place every night seem to impart a sense of freedom and adventure often lamentably lacking in other holidays.

Many people refrain from touring because, as they put it, they are not quite sure "what they are letting themselves in for." They don't know what to do about clothes to wear and clothes to take, they wonder whether they will always be able to get suitable accomodation, and altogether they think it must prove a very expensive matter.

It is, to be frank, a little more expensive than other holidays, although it is also of greater interest and variety, but certainly it need not be nearly as expensive as many other people make out.

For instance, it is not necessary to allow for hotel bills other than dinner, bed and breakfast. Your true tourer camps out during the day; indeed, he may also camp out at night, for it is easy enough now-a-days to carry camping equipment on a car. The average tourer will however, like his bed at night and if camping meals have been the order of the day it is possibly just as well to be sure of one good meal by getting it a hotel.

You will then need to allow space for some picnic requisites amongst your luggage. A kettle will be needed and a primus stove, and you may also add a small frying pan; rashers of bacon are particularly good when cooked out of doors. Allow some small tins with firm lids for your sugar and tea and a bottle with a screw top for milk. Keep salt in a sprinkler, but be sure to twist a spill of paper into the top when repacking. Well washed out cold cream jars with screw lids are excellent for mustard, and if you can procure an outsize in cream jars you will find it an excellent container for butter. You will also need a corkscrew and a tin opener. Keep all these with some cheap plates, glasses and knives and forks in a special basket. Enamel plates can be used instead of china plates but providing china plates are carefully packed you should have no trouble with them.

Your food supplies will have to be purchased every morning. If there are several in the party it is best to let the ladies take it in turns to shop, first thing, while the menfolk are doing any adjustments or cleaning that the cars may require. Milk must be bought fresh daily and care should be taken to rinse out the milk bottle immediately after use. Remember to look out for dairies, as they are sometimes few and far between, and always buy your milk early on Sunday mornings as it may not be available later in the day. Butter and bread may be bought every other day. Your water supply should be renewed every day, and it is best to ask for water where you buy something, rather than get it from stray people at the last minute.

Take as little as possible in the way of luggage; apart from changes of underclothes, three washing frocks and a frock to change into in the evening should be all that is necessary. Wherever possible uncrushable materials should be chosen as your clothes must of necessity remain packed for days on end.

For general wear a woollen skirt will be found most useful.

If you travel in an open car you will need a raincoat and an extra jersey or pullover.

Bathing togs, if they are to be used every day, must be kept separate from the rest of the luggage. It is a good plan to keep all these and towels in an easily accessible kit bag.

SHOULD THE PUBLIC KNOW ?

Voters Demand Information.

"The "Daily Mail" (London) has stirred up a controversy on a vital constitutional issue. The issue is whether the electors have the right to know before an election the proposed composition of the Cabinet of the party successful at the polls. Lord Melchett, Lord Elibank, Lord Morris, Lord Rothermere, Sir Robert Donald, and other well-known authorities maintain that the electors have this right.

Sir Sidney Low, the eminent Conservative publicist, contends that the elector cannot decide the merits of the political combination seeking his support unless he is informed how, at least, the greater offices of State are intended to be allotted. "To expect him to vote in the dark, and leave the whole matter in the hands of a sort of ministerial dictator, is not only contrary to common sense but entirely opposed to the spirit of our Constitution." Not Democratic. There is a preponderance of opinion against the selection of Cabinet Ministers being left to the sole discretion and personal choice of a single individual. "With this obsolete method in force," says a corressopondent, "there can be no democratic government and no meaning to the principle of government of the people for the people, by the people."

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WESTGARTH TALKIES

"CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD."

This week-end echoes of the recent Wall St. catastrophe may be heard in William Haines' newest all talking picture, "The Girl Said No," and in which the comedian has the role of a young man, who tries to enter the portals of New York's financial market. Prominent in the supporting cast are Leila Hyams, Marie Dressler and Polly Moran.

"Double Cross Roads" tells the story of a youthful crook who, on leaving prison is determined to go straight, and is assisted in the realisation of his hopes by a beautiful young girl. Robert Ames and Lila Lee head a strong cast.

Stirring drama and beautiful music constitute the dual appeal of "Captain of the Guard," the dramatic musical spectacle which opens on Monday next. Laura La Plante and John Boles are co-starred in the best roles of their respective careers. The sweeping power of its drama, which tells a story of a young couple's romance in the early days of the French Revolution is tremendous. The music in the picture is especially worthy of praise. Lawrence Gray, Wynne Gibson, and Helen Johnson also appear in "Children of Pleasure."

England has produced the leviathan of all talkies, "Atlantic," to be screened on Thursday next. This talkie, adapted from Ernest Raymond's play, "The Berg," takes place in three hours, and is set aboard an ocean going liner. During the "shooting" of the tremendously powerful shipwreck scenes, one saw crowds of passengers on the deck of a huge liner, all fighting to get to the lifeboats, sailors hurtling women into the boats and knocking men back on the rails. Some of the passengers were fully dressed, others were in night attire. There were rich people, poor people, Lascars, toughs, pretty ladies, all struggling away, their faces lined with fear. Just as "Intolerance" was a milestone in silent film production, so is "Atlantic" in the sound film.

Another excellent feature is "The Golden Calf," in which the cast is Jack Mulhall, Sue Carol, El Brendel, Marjorie White, and Walter Catlett.

COMMUNITY SINGING

Community Singing on Thursday was attended by a fair audience. Some of the leading players of the Northcote Professional Orchestra were absent. The opening piece was from "The Tin Soldier." Mr. Winter conducted and Mr Nicoll was the conducter of the singing. Several of the songs were capitally given by the audience which joined in the choruses. An artist with a good baritone voice, Mr. Con. Davie, rendered the "Trumpeter" so well that he was warmly encored. Later in the evening Mr. Davie rendered another song equally as well. The Misses Bowles, of Ivanhoe, gave an exhibition of dancing and singing for which they were recalled. A vote of thanks was passed to the artists who had come along and who gave their services without charge, in their wish to assist those who at present are unemployed.

The SCREEN and its STARS

Exclusive to "THE LEADER."

LITERARY GENIUS.

The Motion Picture Scenario Writer.

To the student at Hollywood, delving into the making of motion pictures, it would appear that the entire industry was composed of geniuses. There are the actors, who are geniuses of dramatic art; the directors, whose deft, subtle touches bear the stamp of genius; the set designers, whose spectacular creations of color are a delight to the eye, and last, but not least, the scenarist, who builds the foundation upon which the other masters of entertainment construct their individual works.

He is a literary genius who, bounded by the limitations of the screen and camera angle, yet manages to put across to the audience the message of the novelist.

Screen action is less limited than stage, but still lacks the complete freedom of print. In a picture play there must be more form. The situations must be more sharpened and the characters set up more quickly, without lapses for description, or irrelevant details. The hero or heroine, ordinarily must have the sympathy of the audience, and it is the scenarist's duty to see that this is done quickly and sustained throughout the picture.

Regardless of the nature of the story or method scenario writing is one of the most important and highly specialised branches of motion picture production.

The day has passed when the ambitious young writer could step off the train at Hollywood, complete with handbag, and a newly created film story, and sell his brain-child at a fabulous price to the picture industry. The scenarist of to-day must have a vast amount of "human" knowledge that can be gained only through years of experience. He must be a student of human nature, understanding and appreciating all types of usual and unusual characters, knowing just how such characters would speak and act. He must have an infinite knowledge of literature and a straightforward journalistic style; enabling him to transcribe the works of the world's greatest novelists without losing that which the author of the story set out to create. It is also imperative that he be fully cognisant with the value of camera angle and the movability of the microphone. In short, to be a good scenario writer, that individual can be no less than a literary genius, combining all the qualities that make for success in journalistic effort.

Blonde–Brunette War in "Let's Go Native."

Jeanette MacDonald, a decided blonde, and Kay Francis, a striking brunette, wage a battle of feminine charms in Paramount's musical extravaganza "Let's Go Native." Miss MacDonald is co-starred with Jack Oakie and Skeets Gallagher.

CHARLIE CHASE

M-G-M Hal Roach comedian, with a flair for comic capers and clever dancing! Remember him in "Leaping Love," with Laurel and Hardy, Our Gang and Harry Langdon? Charlie Chase completes the M-G-M Hal Roach group of two-reel comedy stars so popular wherever movies are shown.

Claudette Colbert was born in France. Her first screen appearance was in a silent film "Love o' Mike." Her next was in Paramount's "The Hole in the Wall," then followed "The Lady Lies," "The Big Pond" and "Young Man of Manhattan."

EVOLUTION OF THE WESTERN.

History Repeats Itself.

(Exclusive to "The Leader," by Otto Brower, Director of Westerns for Paramount).

The coming of sound in motion pictures wrought many changes in the film industry. The Hollywood studios became electrified. Mechanical factors commenced replacing human ones until even the cameras became power driven. Huge laboratories, filled with intricate equipment were built to make crowded studio lots even more crowded. Scientists appeared on the studio pay rolls. Workers of a new type took their place with directors, property men and actors.

In the first great rush for talking film material the screen turned to the stage, and for many months the real red-blooded stories of the great open spaces were swept aside to make room for new and more easily adaptable stories.

Now that the panic created by the coming of the talkies is over, the Western film has returned to favor. But it is an entirely a new type of Western to that of the silent days. In proving itself ideally situated to the new medium, the outdoor story has passed through a period of evolution greater than any other type of material, until it is now, in my opinion, the most perfect form of entertainment to be found on the screen.

In view of this, and of the fact that the Western film is the oldest type of screen entertainment, it is interesting to turn back to the pages of history, and draw a comparison between the first picture of that kind and our latest product. History is ever prone to repeat itself, and the habit extends even to the making of Westerns.

Twenty-seven years ago, "The Great Train Robbery," the first of all Western pictures was filmed. As its name implies, it showed a thrilling train robbery. There also were pursuit, escape and dance hall scenes.

Recently, Edwin Knopf and ... filmed Zane Grey's novel of the west "The Border Legion," as a Paramount all-talking picture. Among its exciting features are a daring hold-up by bandit outlaws, pursuits and an escape. Other scenes show action in a frontier saloon.

As I have mentioned before, during its evolutionary course, the Western film has changed considerably in structure, from its famous predecessor yet it has managed to retain much of that which made the early outdoor picture a most popular type of screen entertainment. It is still embodied with a virile, purposeful story. The elements of action, romance and adventure are still its main ingredients and coupled with sound, dialogue and improved photography, the Western of to-day is greater than any that have gone before.

Song Hits Written for Personalities

The hit songs of the future will be written to fit the personality of the singer. Hollywood is now the popular song capital of the world and melody creation has become a specialised business in which writers work towards a definite goal. That goal is to turn out songs which fit film personalities and help tell screen stories.

That is the contention of L. Wolfe Gilbert and Abel Baer, melody creators under contract to Paramount. "Baer and I write songs to measure, like tailors fashioning clothes," explains Gilbert. "Only we strive to fit personalities rather than bodies.

"For example, in doing song numbers for Clara Bow's new picture our aim was not simply to write catchy airs and words. We tried to write songs which would express Clara Bow herself first of all, and also advance the story. If properly done, personality songs will be popular for the same reason that one who sings them is a favorite".

There are five melody numbers in "Love Among the Millionaires", in which the star is supported by Stanley Smith, Skeets Gallagher, Mitzi Green, Stuart Erwin and Charles Sellon. Frank Tuttle directed.

Ruth Chatterton was a star on Broadway when she was 18 years old. She has been on the stage practically all her life, having left school when she was 14 to play her first part in a stage production.

Charles Rogers and Thelma Todd, who were film students together at the Paramount picture school in 1925, are in the same picture for the first time since those days, both having parts in Paramount's all-color production "Follow Thru."

Leon Errol, famous on the stage as the comedian with the collapsible knee, was a medical student in Sydney before starting his theatre career.

THE WESTGARTH TALKIES

This Friday and Saturday, October 10 & 11.

WILLIAM HAINES in

THE GIRL SAID NO

Children under sixteen not admitted.

ROBERT AMES and LILA LEE in

DOUBLE CROSS ROADS

Children under sixteen not admitted.

Terry Toon Cartoon—"SWISS CHEESE."

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, October 13, 14, 15.

JOHN BOLES and LAURA LA PLANTE in

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

Children under sixteen not admitted.

LAWRENCE GRAY and BENNY RUBIN in

CHILDREN OF PLEASURE

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 16, 17, 18.

A FILM OF WHICH BRITAIN CAN BE PROUD.

ATLATTIC ATLANTIC

THE LEVIATHAN OF TALKIES.

JACK MULHALL, SUE CAROL, EL BRENDEL and MARJORIE WHITE in

THE GOLDEN CALF

For Reservations Ring JW 2033.

BRINGING WILD NATURE TO THE MOVIE SCREEN.

A PAINSTAKING TASK.

(Exclusive to the "Leader" by Harry Spaulding).

The bringing of wild, primitive nature to the motion picture screen presents the most difficult and painstaking assignment that any producer can undertake.

Studio settings, trained actors, artificial lighting and other movie aids at the beck and call of the ordinary director are of no use to the maker of "natural" films. Unable to bring his subject to the studio, he and his unit go in search of it, and use infinite care and patience in obtaining the desired scenes, sometimes spending many months away from civilisation.

The Paramount pictures, "Chang," filmed in the wilds of Borneo, and "The Four Feathers," produced on the desert of the Soudan, and in the jungles of Portuguese East Africa, are two previous films of this nature. Each took more than two years in the making, and was an epic motion picture.

"The Silent Enemy," an adventure romance of the North American Indian, produced by Paramount, is the latest stupendous "natural" production. It required two years to make, and brings to the screen some of the most astounding scenes of wild life in the Arctic regions of Canada.

W. Douglas Burden conceived the idea of making this picture more than two years ago. He knew the north woods Indians as human beings, having lived and hunted among them during the course of many exploring expeditions. It was his desire to make a camera record of Indians and wild life just as it had been before the coming of Columbus. So Burden assembled a tribe of 150 pure-blooded Indians of both sexes, of all types and ages, to enact the drama of their own race.

After a few weeks of training, wigwams, canoes, cooking utensils of bark and skins, bows, arrows and quivers, some pointed spears and tomahawks, fur clothing, war bonnets, medicine bags and all the equippage of the old Indians were assembled for use. Then came the task of reviving the old dances, old methods of making fire and cooking, and many other disused customs.

With his band of Indians and his camera crew, Burden moved into the wilds of the great Temagami forest in Northern Ontario, Canada, and from there into the land of the caribou under the rim of the Arctic Circle.

Throughout the winter months this unit remanied away from civilisation, writing into celluloid the story of a dying race.

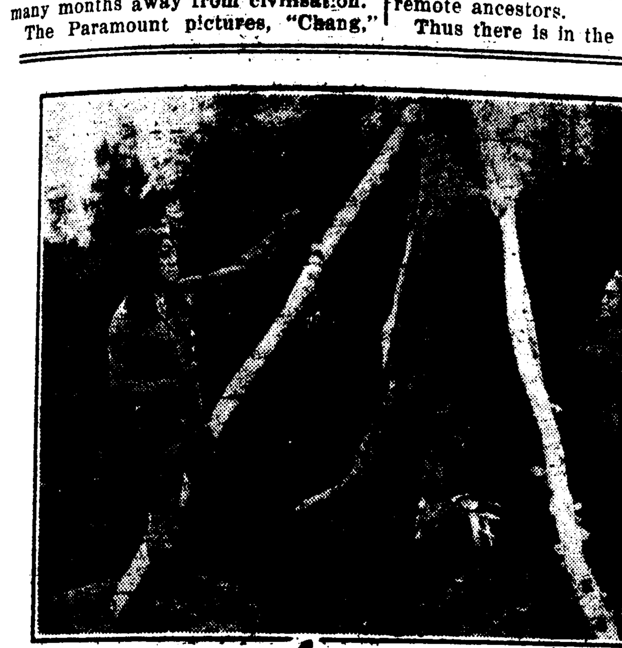
These Indians were not acting, but living over again the lives of their remote ancestors.

Thus there is in the acting a freshness, a spontaneity, a childlike joy of play, an inspirational quality seldom found in any professional stage or screen presentation. Some of the very finest scenes in the picture came without warning by a sort of psychic combustion, bringing suddenly to the surface those deeply buried racial qualities which made the actors not merely act, but actually live their parts.

The animal "shots" took infinite time and patience to get. It required two months to take the "shots" of a mountain lion and a bear fighting amid all the scenic grandeur of the great snow-covered forest.

The most stupendous scenes of all are those showing the crossing of the mighty herd of caribou on a desolate, wind-swept plain in the Arctic regions of the Hudson Bay country, which form the exciting climax of this great picture.

"The Silent Enemy" is a story of the north woods Indians, a people fast passing from existence. It is a true record of their actual life and picturesque battle against extinction at the hands of the beasts of the forest and hunger.



LIFE WITH THE PRIMITIVE INDIAN

Baluk, the mighty hunter of the Ojibway Indians of Northern Canada, shows how his forefathers killed and skinned the beasts of the forests before the coming of Columbus in Paramount's epoch-making picture, "The Silent Enemy," soon to be released throughout Australia.

WHITTLESEA.

In response to the egg appeal, the Whittlesea school forwarded 157½ dozen to the Melbourne Hospital. The chief organisers were Masters Claude Batten, Tom Harding and William Miller being responsible for 41 dozen. Other district schools are actively engaged in the appeal, and a good response is anticipated.

In preparation for the summer the State Forestry Department employes fired a break on Friday in the mount north of Whittlesea. It broke away, but was soon got under control. On Saturday, with the high wind blowing, it broke away again and entered the Metropolitan Board's property, burning a fair extent of country. Mr. Blair, forest foreman, and another man were at the scene of the fire. The board's employes were called out on Sunday morning, but a cool change, followed by rain, made the fire safe.

The wedding cake in the district exhibit at the Royal Show was made by Miss Cathie Thomas, of Humevale. In a guessing competition seven guessed the correct weight—28lbs. Lots were drawn and Mr. Dea, of Epping, was successful. The lowest guess was 6lbs., while the highest was 112lbs. The funds will benefit to the extent of £10/11/9 as a result.

Miss Fogarty has taken up duty as head teacher at the Eden Park school in place of Mr. Jacobi, who has gone to Wattle Glen.

Another dance organised by the Humevale hall committee was held in the Whittlesea parish hall on Saturday night. A small profit resulted, which will go towards the funds for the new hall at Humevale.

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IN

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AUSTRALIA'S GREAT VALUES

Why is Australia down? Fundamentally, because neither Australia, nor any other nation in the world, has learned the lessons of war—those lessons imperishably inscribed upon the world's eternal records that the future might heed and profit. Australia's plight is only subordinately economic and industrial. The economic and the industrial situation is but an effect. The cause lies deeper. The cause lies in our forgetfulness of the great values of our race, in our neglect to apply these great values in every day life. What are these great values? (1) A tradition of steady growth into freedom. (2) A tradition of the sanctity of law and order. (3) A tradition of justice and of fair play, without fear or favor. (4) A tradition of courage and of enterprise. These are the great traditions of the British people. They are our heritage.

Have we in Australia to-day a similar sense of these great values? The average Australian has not that active sense of the great values of the Empire as a whole, and of Australia in particular, which is indispensable if the existing distress is to give way to peace and prosperity. What are Australia's great values? First, as a foundation, those great values of the British race—freedom, law and order, justice and fair play, courage and enterprise. These constitute the legacy of Britain to each one of her constituent partners, and to the whole world.

Second, specific, unique, to Australia, a warmth of comradeship, a joy in naturalness, and a youthfulness immanent, even in the present darkness, with the glowing dawn of a more glorious future. Is it not that these great values have once more become submerged that Australia and the world find themselves in their present pass? Is it not that these splendid values have once more become overlaid with the stultifying weeds of inertia that in blind desperation we snatch at any apparent soporific, any apparent palliative, which seems to be able to give a measure of relief—Sir Otto Niemeyer, the ever-raising walls of tariff protection, the sales tax, and even the Optimists' League;

As Henry Ford once most truly said: "Governments cannot help us!" Only one thing will set our great country firmly on the path of peace and prosperity—a re-awakening sense of the power and purpose of individuality, and the fire of her great values fiercely burning in the heart of a Man. We need a man to-day as never we have needed one beore, not to declare new values—the values we have, but to stir our hearts to fulfil the old.

HOW TO START AN AUSTRALIAN RENAISSANCE

Is Australia Australian?

There are too many Australians who are not Australian — whatever else may they be. And because there are too many un-Australian Australians, Australia finds herself to-day in the midst of unrest and depression.

Can we not hasten the Australianising of Australia? Can we not hasten those changes which must come about in the nominal Australia that she may become a real Australia—changes in outlook, changes in forms, changes in the very foundation of the common weal?

Can we not begin from now to change individual opinion, public opinion, so that these may be afire with the Australian soul, consecrated and dedicated to great Australian ends upon the altar of Australian destiny?

(1) We cannot effectively change State, Government or Laws, save as and until we change our individual selves. The readjustment of the Commonwealth depends upon the readjustment of the individual members of the Commonwealth. We may to a certain extent succeed in changing Laws, but we must be even more busy about changing persons; for a change of law which is not accompanied by a change of persons is likely to be ineffective, or worse.

(2) Laws represent conventions, and depend for their observance upon the endorsement of the community as a whole. Lawlessness is the resultant of non-endorsement from whatever cause. The lawlessness from non-observance of a law may be more mischievous than any good the law itself may do. For example, prohibition in the United States.

(3) Hence the supreme duty of those who would bring about a renaissance in Australian national life is the education of public opinion, while at the same time utilising the existing channels for improvement, legislation, etc. Changes in the law can most effectively come from a demand on the part of public opinion, from a demand that begins with one, extends to a few and finally embraces the majority.

All reform begins with one individual who, from his own fiercely burning fire, lights the fire of others. Nothing worth while has been achieved which has not been begun in loneliness, continued amidst persecution, ridicule and hatred, and thus has become strong by passage through the fire of tribulation and perhaps even of apparent defeat. It is the first drop that sets a torrent on its surging way.

A parking problem. — Oneofthegreatproblemsofparkingistogetyourcaroutofalinelikethis.

PRESTON CARTAGE CONTRACT

TALK OF "UNDERCURRENTS"

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday evening the public works committee recommended the acceptance of the tender of D. J. Grogan for metal and pitcher carting for the year 1930-31.

Letters were received from the Preston A.L.P. and J. A. Clingin urging that the council accept the lowest tender.

Cr. Newton said the two tenders were identical except as regards one or two small items.

Cr. Robeson asked what the difference would be if the whole programme of private street construction were carried out.

The Engineer (Mr. Scott): About £75.

Cr. Robeson: I move an amendment that the acceptance of the tender be referred to the committee. The council has been adamant on the point of accepting the lowest tender, and this is not the lowest. Even if it is only £70 or £80 difference that should be saved. Grogan has omitted to tender for one item, and I consider his tender is not in order. This is only the second occasion in the past twelve months in which it has been proposed to accept a tender which is not the lowest, and it may be a coincidence that the same firm's tender was recommended on both occasions.

"A Joke"

If this tender is accepted it will be one of the greatest jokes ever put over the council in its history.

Undercurrents

Certain undercurrents are operating—this may not be apparent on the surface—and I don't want to be associated with anything like that.

A Somersault

Cr. Maynard: In this case I've got to somersault after hearing certain information, and I second the amendment.

A Point of Order

Cr. Robeson raised a point of order as to whether Grogan's tender was in order, as it was not complete.

The mayor (Cr. Robinson): The matter had better go to the committee of the council.

Leakage of Committee Business

Cr. Jones commented on the leakage of committee business, and spoke strongly of the fact that outsiders knew more about the council's business in regard to this contract than he did as a councillor. Referring to undercurrents, he said there must be some undercurrents if outsiders could get information before councillors, and this leakage should be investigated.

Cr. Robeson denied having discussed the matter with any outsider or outside body.

Economy Talk

Cr. Hemburrow: Cr. Robeson is inconsistent in his talk of economy. He makes a great fuss about voting to save a few pounds now, but he did not vote for the reduction of the mayoral allowance by £50 when the opportunity offered.

Local Preference

Cr. Zwar said that if the local tender were accepted the money would be spent in Preston. The other man might have a vote—perhaps that was what Cr. Robeson was looking at. (Laughter).

Cr. Robeson.—But we don't get those votes.

Cr. Zwar: No. Our superior organisation, I suppose. (Laughter.)

Continuing, Cr. Zwar said that prior to the elections some people promised 100 per cent. local preference, but not so afterwards.

Cr. Adams: On paper the difference might seem large, provided all the items were used, but as works will be curtailed this year the actual difference will be very small.

"Might Get Drowned in Undercurrents"

Cr. Newton, in reply, said Cr. Robeson had made many inferences instead of stating exactly what he meant. He had spoken of undercurrents, and if those undercurrents did exist Cr. Robeson had better be careful or he might get caught and drowned in them. (Laughter.)

Cr. Newton moved that the clause be withdrawn and referred to the committee of the council, which procedure was agreed to.

INTER-PROGRESS ASSOCIATION DEBATES.

SHIELD PRESENTED AT PRESTON

On Tuesday evening a handsome shield presented by the Central Council of Preston Progress Associations was handed to the Regent Central Association for the forthcoming year. The shield has a central shield in the centre and six smaller shields placed around on which the names of the winning associations from year to year will be engraved.

A keen contest is promised in the ensuing year, and it is expected the shield will be difficult to retain.

The presentation was made by Mr. E. G. Twite (Reservoir United), who congratulated the Regent Central on its win. Mr. Andrews (East Preston) and Mr. W. Burland seconded the remarks of Mr. Twite, and congratulated the association on its win.

A Debating Society

Mr. Andrews referred to remarks made by the adjudicator (Mr. Norish) who commented on the high standard of debate in the competition, and suggested that a debating team to represent Preston should be appointed to compete in some of the metropolitan competitions.

THE BOY SCOUTS

FIRST PRESTON TROOP.

Last Saturday scouts and cubs met at the scout hall for games and work, and will meet again this Saturday afternoon, when the time will be spent at the Darebin Creek. In the evening two events for the Thos. Hurford competitions were held—knot tying and Casey drill. Some smart performances were put up, P.L. Colson finishing with the best record, tying five knots correctly in 45 sec. This Saturday evening the items will be hoppy bump and shooting. Last Saturday afternoon we finished our first match against the Penders team, and were defeated by an innings and five runs. The game was somewhat exciting. On the second day we were considerably weakened by the absence of W. Dickens and P. O'Doherty. This Sunday afternoon a number of members of the troop will visit the graves of two former members, P.L. Cliff Wearne and Bernie Robinson, at the Heidelberg cemetery. A successful house party was held at the residence of Mr. Meekoms last Saturday evening. Next Wednesday a social will be held in the old leaders' room. Basket ball will be held Friday; the cubs will meet on Tuesday instead.

SCOUT BRASS BAND COMBINATION.

The scout band is making good headway, and is now spoken of throughout musical circles as one of the bands of the future. A very noticeable feature of the band is the style in which the boys tackle their music—real A grade players in the making. A number of the boys own their own instruments, and as well a beautiful set of instruments has been purchased by the band. The Christmas camp is likely to be at Kyneton or Woodend, and it is quite likely that the troop will visit Tasmania during the coming year. The scouts offer to the enthusiastic young musician (the boy who is anxious musically to improve himself and to become a first class player) the opportunity that no other band in Melbourne holds out. Boys who wish to join the scout band should get in touch with the conductor (Mr. Folletta), of 89 Gladstone Av., immediately.

The young man who has the temerity to send a nice girl a pair of silk stockings for a present must think that he is on a pretty good footing.

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Church Notices.

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OCTOBER 12—17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
USUAL SERVICES.
Rev. A. H. Constable, Vicar.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY. NORTHCOTE

OCTOBER 12—17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
Holy Communion 8
Matins 11
Evensong 7
Preacher—The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
USUAL SERVICES.
Rev. J. Raverty, Vicar.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion
11 a.m.—Matins
7 p.m.—Evensong

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET

11 a.m.—"The Three Crowns."
7 p.m.—"Ideal Manhood."
Preacher: Rev. A. T. Jones.
Anthems at Both Services

JAMES ST. Presbyterian School Hall, Northcote, Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7.45 p.m.—The Rev. Hugh Kelly will deliver his popular Lecture TRAVEL NOTES, GRAVE AND GAY being an account of a recent visit to France, Belgium, Holland, England and Scotland. In aid of the Mission Fund. Musical Programme and Supper. Admission 1/-. Rev. A. T. Jones, Chairman.

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2 p.m.—Sunday School.

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NORTHCOTE.
11 a.m.—Rev. G. Judkins.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
7 p.m.—Rev. G. Judkins.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m.—Rev. W. J. Wilson.
7 p.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
CROXTON
11 a.m.—Pastor E. C. Perkins.
7 p.m.—Sister Edith.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

SOUTH PRESTON.
Church Anniversary
11 a.m.—Rev. Mitchell.
3 p.m.—Stoker Stephens.
7 p.m.—Rev. Kernick.
PENDER'S GROVE
11 a.m.—Mr. W. J. Gray, J.P.
7 p.m.—Rev. R. Crocker, M.A.
OAKOVER ROAD.
11 a.m.—Mr. P. R. Bock.
7 p.m.—Rev. H. Williams.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12.
11 a.m.—"Christians—What They ...
... "Why Christ Came."
Preacher—A. J. FISHER.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MARTIN STREET.

UNION SUNDAY.
11 a.m. Rev. W. L. Slack
2.30 p.m. Sunday School
7 p.m. Pastor Harwood
REV. DUNCAN E. REEVES.

PRESTON SCHOOL OF DESIGN.
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MOTORING & CYCLING NOTES

Australia and Automobiles.

The reason why Australians have with avidity adopted the automobile—cars, trucks, and motor cycles—is readily understood when one appreciates the fact that there are 35,000 miles of main roads throughout the Commonwealth, also a further 245,000 miles of every kind of "other roads." Nearly half the latter are unformed. As roads are made for the definite object of enabling people to travel with the minimum of energy between two geographical points, the huge extent of roads in this country created a need of greater mobility, which the automobile is best helping to fill, and has enabled Australians to travel and transport goods with less waste of energy and a great saving of time. Instead of Australia—with its area of nearly 3,000,000 square miles, and a shade over two people per sq. mile—having too many cars, trucks and motor cycles, the truth is that this country needs more, and must have more if the Commonwealth is to function efficiently and get the cost of production down. The economic value alone of the time saved annually by the 650,000 automobiles on Australian roads must, says the Dunlop-Perdriau Co., reach enormous figures. The whole Commonwealth gains by this speedier transport, and will yet reap greater benefits as automobiles increase in numbers and service to this country.

Commercial motor trucks—some 120,000 of which are now registered throughout the Commonwealth—collectively cost some £30,000,000, and unquestionably represent one of the greatest investments by private enterprise in Australia. The work done, the time saved by this army of trucks, has been invaluable to our primary producers and secondary industries, radiating benefits to all sections of the community.

Restrictions and undue taxation are retarding the growth of that army of trucks, but the absolute need for more and yet more motor trucks in this country will surely have to be met, in answer to the call for greater efficiency and economy. The motor trucks already on Australian roads (representing £30,000,000) to-day actually employ as drivers alone more men than the whole of the railways in the Commonwealth, which represent a capital value of £323,770(550.

As a matter of interest it may be mentioned that the railroads in this country total 25,803 miles, whilst the network of roads and bridges throughout the Commonwealth—according to official statistics—have all told only involved Australia in loans totalling £30,252,961, the interest and sinking fund of which is paid several times over by motorists, while the great improvement effected in main roads during the last few years has been mainly the result of the many millions of pounds contributed to the State and Federal Governments for road development by motorists in petrol dues and registration fees.

An approximation of the mileage travelled annually by automobiles on Australian roads—incidentally providing in 1929 over 150,000 Australians with employment at 10,000 garages, at bodyworks, tyre factories, battery makers, etc.—produce figures that are stupendous, and serve to well illustrate the fact that the automobile to-day plays no small part in the life of the Australian people.

At a conservative estimate of only 6000 miles per annum per car, the 450,000 cars registered in Australia yearly travel 2,700 million miles. The 120,000 motor trucks at 7500 m.p.a. cover 900 million miles, whilst the 84,000 motor cycles, at 4000 m.p.a., would total 336 millions, or an aggregate of 3,936 million miles is being travelled yearly by Australians on Australian roads by automobiles. Discount these figures by 25 per cent., and the mileage is still stupendous, and indicates how indispensable the automobile has become to the people of Australia.

An interesting comparison is afforded by the total annual train mileage in the Commonwealth, the total figures showing less than 75 million miles travelled, carrying 375 million passengers and 36½ million tons of goods and live stock.

The Federal figures for the average distance travelled by each rail passenger are not available, but those of Victoria show that the country average is 58 miles, whilst the suburban is six, or a general average of 32 miles. Basing the average journey made by motor cars in Australia on the same figures—and excluding trucks and motor cycles—one finds that the cars travelled the equivalent of 84 million journeys; and allowing for only two people aboard, there are some 168 million travellers by motor cars on Australian roads annually, or about 45 per cent. of the total number of passengers carried in country and suburban trains throughout the Commonwealth. What percentage of motor car journeys not running parallel, or where no railways exist, it would be difficult to compute, but the figures would be very considerable. On the same basis of 32 miles per trip, the motor trucks in Australia would make over 28 million trips per annum, a very large percentage of which would be to and from the railways with produce and goods.

The figures given serve to emphasise how essential the automobile has become in our everyday life, and indicates what an economic utility the motor car, motor truck and motor cycle has become right throughout the Commonwealth.

Accurate Speed Forecasting.

An example of the exact methods of British motor designing was recently furnished by the 350 c.c. Dunlop shod Rudge-Whitworth motor cycles which won the first three places in this year's Junior Tourist Trophy race in the Isle of Man, England. Before these machines left the factory the chief engineer of the manufacturers' experimental department stated what their speed would be. On the course the difference between the theoretical and actual speed was only one mile an hour; the winner's average speed was 71.08 m.p.h., whilst second and third placed riders averaged 70.89 and 70.77 m.p.h. respectively, which is wonderfully consistent high speed for the three machines. The engines in these machines were entirely new and had not been on the road until they reached the Isle of Man.

Flexible Rubber Cop.

The Kew Council (Vic.) as an experiment has replaced a rigid metal "cop" with a flexible rubber one, constructed on the lines recently suggested by the Dunlop Perdriau Co., and the "cop" has aroused considerable interest and curiosity among motorists passing across the intersection where it has been erected. The new "cop" consists of a metal frame, let into and flush with surface of road, and into this frame four separate pieces of ½in. thick red rubber are clamped at right angles to each other, and stand upright about 4in. above the road surface. At first glance the red strips of rubber have a formidable look, and are taken for rigid metal uprights and are given a wide berth by passing motorists. Any contact with this "cop" simply lays one of the pliable rubber discs flat with the ground, the rubber rebounding into position again when pressure is relieved. A 10 ton steam roller was run over these discs as a test without doing them the slightest harm, and yet they will yield to the pressure of a cyclist. This is the first installation of the "flexible cop" in Australia, and it is anticipated that other municipalities will soon follow suit. Certainly something of this nature is more desirable than the rigid traffic domes now existing, and which recently called forth such condemnatory remarks from Judge Curlewis of New South Wales.

Laying on Petrol in Pipes.

Will the day ever come in Australia when we will see petrol laid on to car owners' garages, just as gas and water are now linked up with residences. The idea may be far fetched, but there are grounds for the suggestion. Looking ahead, it is easy to see how this thing may grow until at some future day every main road is served by its own petrol line. In America pipe-lines for oil have been operated for years, and now the oil companies are beginning to lay petrol pipe-lines from refineries to major distributing points to save trucking costs and reduce the burden of distributers' stocks. It is estimated that there are already 80,000 miles of pipe-line in U.S.A. today, distributing crude oil from the oil fields to the refineries. One new "line" that is now being laid down in the States for transport of oil will total over 1000 miles, and its laying is estimated to cost its owners £20,000,000. When it is stated that the oil companies in U.S.A. alone own and operate 49,000 motor vehicles used for fuel delivery, it will be realised what a tremendous saving can be effected in the near future by adoption of "pipe" delivery.

Convertible Car Bodies.

The possibilities of cars than can be used entirely closed or open are occupying the attention of some of the leading manufacturers. Attempts have recently been made to build convertable bodies by using glasses in the doors in combination with the top, which is largely a heritage from the old time hood. This part-way step, however, has not proved satisfactory. It is thought, however, that with engineering skill and manufacturing precision it is possible to build a convertible body which will give satisfactory service. So far it has not been done on a large-production basis, nor at a cost which fits the smaller purses, but that day, it is thought, may come very soon.

When Fan Belt Slips.

If a fan belt has worn, or is of too small section for the pulleys, it tends to slip. This slipping can be overcome by fitting rubber bands, made from an old tube, on the pulleys which transmit the drive. This will afford a good grip for the belt.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Northcote-Thornbury Branch

The monthly meeting on October 8 was largely attended, the president (Mrs. J. J. Ryan) occupying the chair. The card party held recently resulted in a profit of £7/8/6. The local branch is co-operating with other branches in a cabaret night on November 8. Subscriptions are now due for the current year. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames Cook, Mahoncy and Gilooley.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1928

SECTION 539.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the City of Northcote is of the opinion that AUBURN AVENUE from ST. GEORGE'S ROAD to WINIFRED STREET, is likely to be SERIOUSLY INJURED BY TRAFFIC of the following character using the roadway between the 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER in each year and the 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER in the following year, viz.:—

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Dated this 9th day of October, 1930.
By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote N.16.

BACK TO CHILDHOOD.

OLD TIME DANCE will be held in St. Jude's Hall, Lowther St., Alphington, on OCTOBER 18. Be a Happy Child again in Dress and Deportment. 8 p.m. 1/1½. Mrs. Coutts, Hon. Sec.

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CRICKET

DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v SOUTH MELBOURNE

Southerners Win Easily

Fitzmaurice, a 17-year-old lad, was the batting hero in the match between South Melbourne and Northcote. He and Park opened the innings on the first day, and, continuing his innings on Saturday, Fitzmaurice remained at the wicket until seven minutes to 6 o'clock for a score of 76, made in 230 minutes, but it was a fine solid display. Hassett is beginning where he left off last year, and his innings of 56 not out, made in 40 minutes and including eight 4's, was a splendid one. Austin took only 33 minutes to score 49, there being two 6's and seven 4's in a forcing innings. South Melbourne won very easily. Scores:—

NORTHCOTE

First Innings	41

SOUTH MELBOURNE

L. Park, c Chivers, b Ogden	2
D. Fitzmaurice, c Ellis, b Vernon	76
L. Darling, b Gibaud	14
J. Barnes, c Ellis, b Gibaud	23
S. Wootton, c Ogden, b Gibaud	1
H. Austin, c Ellis, b Vernon	49
H. Hocking, run out	21
T. Pye, b Ogden	0
A. Davidson, c Powell, b Chivers	9
R. Hassett, not out	56
F. L. Morton, not out	3
Sundries	6
Nine wickets for	260

Bowling.—Chivers, 1 for 26; Gibaud, 3 for 29; Ogden, 2 or 41; Fleming, 0 or 15; Fontaine, 0 or 18; Baring, 0 for 18; Vernon, 2 for 90.

SECOND ELEVENS.

NORTHCOTE v SOUTH MELBOURNE.

(By "Longun")

Under conditions vastly different to the previous Saturday Northcote resumed batting. The not out men Ansell and Millar facing the bowling Kendall and Darling. Northcote having scored 4 runs without the loss of a wicket were quietly confident of making the 195 scored by South Melbourne. Both batsmen being of the steady type, scoring was slow at the start, each being content to pick up an occasional single. The first change in the bowling was made at 22, Cornelius relieving Kendall.

First Four Scored.

The first 4 of the match was a nice drive by Millar to the fence off Cornelius, making the score 35 after 40 minutes batting. Ansell was the first to reach the 20's, with a neat little tap to the on for 2.

Lamb Plays Havoc with the Bats.

After a few overs Lamb, a left-hander, relieved Cornelius. His first ball was nicely turned to leg for 1, but off his fourth he clean bowled Millar for 17, the first wicket falling at 46. Warren followed, but was caught first ball without scoring, Lamb having taken 2 for 0 at the end of the over. Lawn filled the vacant crease, but off the first ball of Lamb's next over he was clean bowled for 1, giving Lamb the hat trick—a very fine performance indeed. Les. Gibaud came in to stem the tide, but he also fell a victim to Lamb, being dismissed for 2. The board showed 4 for 52. Lamb's bowling figures were 4 for 2 off two overs.

Northcote in Tight Corner

Northcote were in a pretty tight corner when Hughie Fothergill stepped out to stop the rot, a great deal depended on this partnership. Ansell who had been weathering the storm and watching his comrades fail, reached the 30's with a tap to leg for 1. It was a titanic struggle between bat and ball. The fieldsmen were on their toes and giving nothing away.

Ansell picked up a neat 2 on the leg side making him 35, and the total 70. Fothergill going along nicely and quietly reached double figures. The batsmen were gradually gaining the upper hand, as Ansell with a cut through the slips for 4 reached his half century—a very nice knock and also bringing up the century figures.

Afternoon tea was then taken, the board reading 4 for 100.

The Tide Turns.

On resumption Fothergill reached 20 with a drive to the on for 2. Getting most of the strike and forcing the pace he soon ran into the 30's with a powerful drive to the pickets off Williams. The game was beginning to swing round again in Northcote's favor, but unfortunately for the green and golds the captain, trying to force the scoring, was caught for 35, the partnership having put on 70. Five were down for 128 when Hamilton joined Ansell, who was playing one of his typical hands. Hamilton did not last long, being bowled by Lamb for 1. This brought Lamb's figures to five for 24. Fleming, making his first appearance, came in at a very critical period. Displaying plenty of confidence, he soon ran into double figures with a cut through slips for 4, bringing up 150.

Ansell Bowled.

Ansell with a single ran to 73 but got no further, for in going for a hit he was bowled by Williams for a well made 73. 7 for 164. When McSperrin partnered Fleming he soon got busy with a cut past point for three, followed by Fleming, who banged the next past cover for 4 more, making the total 172.

Adopting Aggressive Methods.

McSperrin, with a powerful pull to leg or 4, brought the total up to 180. After reaching 32 Fleming was given an out l.b.w. to Lamb, a very breezy hand.

An exciting Finish.

The excitement was intense as Clarkson joined McSperrin. 9 runs to win and two wickets to fall.

The Light Fails.

As the light began to fail the fieldsmen gathered round the wicket, McSperrin driving Darling for 4 brought up 192, then a snick through the slips or 4 gave Northcote the match. It was a wonderful finish and a great struggle. McSperrin played a fine hand for 30 not out. Lamb had the fine bowling figures of 18 overs 6 wickets, 49 runs. Scores:—

SOUTH MELBOURNE

First Innings	195

NORTHCOTE
First Inninings

V. Ansell b Williams	73
I. Millar b Lamb	17
S. Warren, c Boganoff, b Lamb	0
F. Lawn b Lamb	1
L. Gibaud l.b.w. Lamb	2
W. Fothergill c Clark b Darling	35
J. Hamilton b Lamb	1
I. Fleming l.b.w. Lamb	32
A. McSperrin not out	30
A. Clarkson bowled Darling	1
H. McCausland not out	4
Sundries	12
Nine wickets for	208

CLUB ELEVENS

Carlton A. five (closed) for 160 (Brody 71 n.o., Peterson))2, drew with Northcote, eight for 128 (Wiffen 26, Millar 21, Wiltshire 23).

SUB-DISTRICTS

PRESTON v KEW

Preston first eleven completed their first match of the season at Kew on Saturday. After dismissing Kew for 170 runs Preston were all out for 88. L. Fothergill batted well for 35 and A. Howse scored 19 attractively. With the score at five for 73 Preston were in a fair position, but the remaining batsmen were badly out of form, scoring only 15 between them. The impression gained was that the Preston batsmen took their batting too seriously, giving the opposing bowlers more confidence and a chance to make their own length. Preston's bowling was fairly good, A. Spoor and J. Clinnick doing well. With the inclusion of W. Woodbury (captain), R. Allen and H. Gordon, the batting will be considerably strengthened against Caulfield next Saturday.

Second Elevens

Kew, eight (closed) for 171 and seven for 41 (Spargo 5/20), d Preston, 98 (Powell 4/41, Eppeu 4/9). Eppel is a left-hander, aged only 15 years, and had four for none, all bowled, at one stage.

THE JUNIORS

Flemington and Kensington v Fairfield

In slow cricket at Fairfield Flemington and Kensington won by 46 runs. Fairfield was never comfortable against Courtney and R. Smith, and aided by smart wicket-keeping the score reached only 62 runs, the top scorer being Munro, with 13. Courtney secured four for 12 off 32 balls, and Smith three for 21 off 49 balls. Flemington and Kensington made 108 at its second attempt. Courtney, following his good bowling with a useful 28, while Heffernan also shaped well for 30.

THIRD GRADE

Hoffman's v Northcote Socials

Hoffman's, 139 and three for 85 (S Waugh 52, T. Moore 24), d Northcote Socials, 89 (S. Farrell 26, G. Wettenhall 22). Waugh again batted well for Hoffman's, making 61 not out, with Wettenhall the best bowler for Socials, taking four for 31. In Socials' innings Farrell and Wettenhall put up a solid defence, but the rest of the team failed to overtake Hoffman's score. C. Pinkney, who started confidently, was unluckily run out, and G. Mitchell was out to a good catch after making 12. Northcote Socials are desirous of playing Sunday afternoon matches with any team in and around a 30 miles radius of Melbourne. All inquiries should be addressed to the secretary, Mr. F. E. Pinkney, 299 George street, Fitzroy.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

First Grade

Burnley, 124 and 70 (A. Twyford 25, S. Bentley 32, J. Shippick 34, R. Moyle 39, D. Spencer 4/23), v Thornbury, 144 and four for 56 (G. Gough 41, A. Black 34 n.o.; R. Moyle 4/31)

Second Grade

St. Ignatius, 112 (Dempsey 41, Latter 4/19), v Prince of Wales, five for 152 (Eaton 31, Kruss 30, S. Jones 44).

Regent v Britannia.—This match was concluded on Saturday and resulted in a good win for Regent by 106 runs on the first innings. Scores: Britannia, 98 (Milne 4/33, Hamilton 3/19, Forrest 2/9) and eight for 27 (Milne 5/7, including hat trick. Hamilton 3/16). Next Saturday Regent play last season's section winners, North Richmond Methodists at Crispe Park, Regent.

Third Grade

Gibsonia, 130 and 93 (Coulson 41, Adams 29, Neill 38, J. Underwood 4/30, D. Russell 4/13, A. Hogg 3/12) defeated Northcote G.U.O.O.F., 115 and two for 17 (H. Newsome 32, J. Underwood 31 n.o., A. Hogg 11, C. Jackson 4/49, Coulson 2/7, Neill 2/14). A house party will be held at the home of W. Edsall, 42 Raleigh street, Thornbury, next Saturday night, October 11, at 8 o'clock. Everybody welcome. Roll up. Admission, 1/, with supper.

Wardrop House, 68 and 90 (Wright 27, J. J. Doyle 4/35, Smith 8/55), v Alphair Harmony, 185 (Ash 44, L. Doyle 59, Stanway 26; Spencer 4/67)

Regent Seconds, 46 and 49 (Hamilton 22, Bell 9/27, White 6/16), v St. John's, two (closed) for 174 (V. Tommasi 101 n.o., J. Andrews 39 n.o.).

Westgarth, 191 and four for 9 (B. Best 52, J. Broadhurst 59, W. Austin 25; Kitteringham 5/40), v Croxton, 165 and 79 (Johnston 79 n.o., Hopgood 21, Kitteringham 35, McDonald 4/27, Francis 9/74).

Northcote Free Gardeners, 118 (F. Whittaker 42, J. Kennedy 6/34), v J. Bennett and Son, 39 and 56 (C. Horton 22, Dean 8/50, F. Whittaker 8/41).

Crescent, 119 and seven for 42 (Gregory 31, Reading 29, Winstanley 29), v Fairfield Free Gardeners, 83 and 77 (W. Summers 36, J. Comery 4/12).

JIKA ASSOCIATION

Scouts, 49 and 82 (Albinson 30, Gougyon 20; Kenny 4/25), lost to Pender's Grove, eight (closed) for 136 (Alexander 39, Birchall 22, Mathers 21 n.o.).

Preston Footballers, 189, d Victory, 29 and 43 (Hannah 6/10).

East Northcote, 101 and seven for 80 (Rowe 24 and 30 n.o.; Angleton 10/69), lost to Bell, 113 (Goodluck 26, Kendall; Colson 6/39).

Gowerville, 137, d Broadhursts, 55 and 37 (Tuohy 35 n.o.; Barklem 8/13, Wilson 4/11).

Preston United, eight (closed) for 2/7 and three for 37, d Melrose, 132 (Downs 51).

Croxton United, 28 and 62 (Woods 6/21, Featherstone 7/19), lost to Prestonite, 116 (Jarvis 40 n.o., Whittle 24; Gracie 4/55).

Reesrvoir, nine for 178 (Forde 72 n.o. and 4/15), d West Preston Progress, 52 and 15 (Dineen 6/6).

The following umpires have been selected for the second round of matches on October 11 and 18:—Preston Footballers v Melrose, Simmonds and Salter; West Preston Progress v East Northcote, Loughlin and Haysom; East Preston v Broadhurst's, Raufer and Croft; Reservoir v Pender's Grove, Briggs and Pratt; Preston United v Croxton United, Oaten and Fothergill; Victory v Northcote Junior Footballers, Howard and Foster; Bell v Soccer, Newman and Harrigan; Gowerville v Prestonite, Sargent and Dean; byes, Scouts H. Ludlow.

On September 24 at the permit and umpire committee the following permits were granted and over 150 registrations were received:—L. Gleeson, East Northcote to Gowerville; R. Smith, Gowerville to Reservoir; A. Thomas, Gowerville to Bell; S. Dineen, Scouts to Reservoir; R. Clements and J. Collins, Preston Footballers to West Preston Progress.

Points scored in the first round are as follow:—Prestonite 5, Gowerville 5, Preston Footballers 5, East Preston 5, Reservoir 5, Pender's Grove 5, Bell 4, Soccer 4, Preston United 4.

HEIDELBERG DISTRICT

First Grade

Greensborough, 175, d Ivanhoe, 136 (Matthews 45 n.o., Portch 25).

North Ivanhoe, eight (closed) for 238 (Robertson 129), d West Heidelberg, 96 (Blackbourn 33, Reeve 22; Rendall 4/30), and six for 71 (Reece 30 n.o.).

North Alphington, 104 (Dunscombe 26, J. McAnuff 22; L. Proctor 4/19), d Rosanna, 64 and nine for 67 (Mullinger 4/18).

Fairfield, 105 and 44, d Heidelberg, 75 (Shearn 21; Hore 6/19 and five for 28.

Ivanhoe Footballers, 180 (Donohue 68, Guthrie 23 n.o.; Whitcher 6/43), d Alphington, 60 and five for 132 (Martin 58, Howard 34 n.o., Ashwell 20).

Second Grade

Claremont, nine (closed) for 152 (Durant 64; Williamson 4/31), d Fairfield Diggers, 84 (Day 22).

North Ivanhoe, 155 (Kitchen 52) and one for 17, d Eaglemont, 129 (Pitcher 36, Breaden 27, Greenwood 20 n.o.; Foster 5/28).

Macleod, 121 and four for 56 (Ramsden 28, Campbell 20), d Greensborough, 66 and 113 (Gilmore 37, Quirk 31, Collard 21; Pearson 4/25).

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Hawthorn, 129 and 103 (Dean 28, Herbert 33, Brewer 22, Pallamountagne 27, Franklin 20), d Heidelberg, 113 and four for 82 (Jacks 34, 52 and 5/57, Lugson, 34 and 5/27, Thearn 20, Fenton 9/15).

Footscray, 187 (Cross 78 and 9/60, White 20 and 5/28, Comben 4/12), d Preston, 24 and 124 (Gilchrist 21, Cunningham 43).

Kew, 163 (Galley 24, Carter 76), v Northcote, 67 and 82 (Rowe 24, Mathieson 25, Munro 6/47, Galley 7/24).

CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

Church of England

Holy Trinity, Thornbury, 129 and five for 48 (Watson 33, Thorn 19 n.o., G. Dutton 11/115), d St. Mark's B, 88 and 97 (C. Cullen 54, G. Dutton 36; Boyle 8/47, Watson 5/28).

Baptist Church

First Grade

Brunswick, 96 and 45 (Folletta 34, Keeble 8/38, Gilkes 5/35), lost to Northcote, 177 (Claydon 73, Scholes 5/57).

Second Grade

North Preston v Clifton Hill.—This match, played at Broadway Park, Reservoir, resulted in a win for home team by 10 wickets and 6 runs. Les Forden, of North Preston, gave an excellent performance. On the first Saturday he took 6 wickets for 38 runs and made 32 and on the second Saturday took 5 for 36 and made 19 not out. On top of this he took 3 catches and was awarded the vote as best fieldsman, by the committee. J. Gosstray also did well to make top score in both innings. Scores:—Preston North, 100 and none for 35 (Forden 32, 19 n.o. and 11/75), d Clifton Hill, 65 and 64 (Gosstray 21 and 20, Cook 19; Ebden 4/12).

Next match.—Fairfield v North Preston at Fairfield.

Preston West, 110 and 38 (Iddles 70, Davies 7/32, Matthews 6/51), lost to Ivanhoe, six (closed) for 202 (Matthews 115 n.o.).

Hawthorn, 272 (Moore 64, Aylen 54 n.o., Irving 43, Hook 6/51), d Fairfield, 85 and 40 (Gay 30, Mills 7/41, Bruce 4/14).

Northcote and Preston

First Grade

Croxton Methodist, 80 and two for 69 (Neilson 28 and 21 and 9/28, Nelder 41, Bock 7/31), d St. Mark's Church of England, 26 and 47 (Rowe 5/47, Davey 4/31).

Regent Presbyterian, 118 (Wildsmith 58 n.o., Heffernan 6/42), v St. George's Road Methodist, 38 and 37 (Wildsmith 7/18, Frobel 6/29).

Thornbury Presbyterians, 179 (C. Bowden 55 and 3/11, H. Jones 48 and 7/13, J. Milne 29 and 2/13, C. Taylor 6/20), d West Preston Methodists, 25 and 60 (C. Brewer 10, B. Paddle 7, J. Abbey 10, K. Warren 10, W. Durward 9; C. Brewer 6/72, K. Warren 2/37).

South Preston Methodists, 59 and seven for 62 (Keeble 8/31), lost to St. George's road Footballers, five (closed) for 132 (Veavers 50, Berry 25).

Prince of Wales Park Methodists, seven for 219 (H. Power 100, Oates 29, A. Power 42 and 7/19), d Northcote Church of Christ, 56 and 183 (Robertson 40, Allen 51 and 3/47, Carpenter 38, Buzzard 20).

St. James', 74 and seven for 110 (C. Woods 20, A. Pink 42, Bramley 6/8), v Thornbury Church of Christ, 105 and six for 76 (R. Gall 64, A. O'Connor 6/33).

Second Grade

Northcote Methodists, 95 and 35 (Risstrom 31, Thomas 19 n.o., Dunn 19, Scadden 20 n.o.; Alford 4/7, Anthony 5/9, Matthews 4/24), v Northcote Presbyterians, 92 and seven for 21 (D. Stewart 25 and 8/10, N. Stewart 6/23).

Northcote East Baptists, seven closed) for 105 and two for 10 (Bishop 22, J. Bruce 5/25), v St. Mary's Church of England, 45 and 75 (E. Harris 7/22).

Thornbury Presbyterians, 65 and 62 (Boyd 31 n.o. and 5/31, Paterson 33 and 4/22, George 6/28, Samme 4/35), lost to Epiphany Church of England, 88 and nine for 44 (Bray 36 and 8/44, Rogerson 25, Nichols 5/24).

Northcote Crusaders, 140 and 69 (L. Smith 44 and 5/39, Emmerson 22 and 4/41, Fargher 26 and 4/43, Hill 20 Mansfield 20, Baxter 6/43, Thorpe 4/38, Leffers 5/45, Tressider 5/36), d St. George's Church of England, Reservoir, 124 and four for 43 (McKenzie 22, Stott 54 and 15).

Third Grade

Thornbury Presbyterians, nine (closed) for 259 (Douglas 164, C. Douglas 20, Selars 4/15), d South Preston Methodist, 107 and two for 59 (Pike 49 and 29 n.o.).

Northcote Presbyterian, 72 and 57 (Bell 30 and 6/11, Beecher 20 n.o., Bond 6/39, Brown 4/22), d Croxton Methodists, 44 and 43.

St. George's Road Methodists, four (closed) for 124 (Hopkins 29, Hammett 43), Northcote Congregational, 17 and 15. The Congregationals could do nothing against the accurate bowling of Payne 8/12 and Hammett 9/13.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

U.A.O.D.

Preston won their first game on Saturday against Acorn on the latter's wicket, the scores being:—Preston, 200 (Gilbert 52, Cassidy 30, Lacey 23, A. Bigmore 19, Constable 15 n.o., Carter 15, Smith 14); Acord, 68 (A. Bigmore 2/8, J. Greathead 2/26, Smith 1/9, Constable 2/16) and 80 (Greathead 5/20, Lacey 3/15, Carter 1/19).

Gwalia, 135 (Langridge 34, Banfield 24, Richardson 23, Ashworth 20) d Anglesea, 91 and three for 11 (Carter 40 n.o., Shellnac 23, Wintle 6/29)

A.O.F.

Court Pride of Northcote, 93 and seven for 100 (A. Vale 30, E. Prior 20, Holbrook 5/21), v Court Friendship, 63 and eight for 42 (Holbrook 20).

P.A.F.S.

Fairfield, 78 (Eyres 33), v North Melbourne, 134 and three for 116 (Buttler 86 and 83 n.o., Schwaebsch 5/16).

Northcote, 91 (F. Ward 42, Anderson 6/34), v Collingwood, 103 and 105 (Jarvis 22, Marsh 29, McIntosh 21).

Preston, 79 and nine (closed) for 85 (Hasting 25, Busteed 6/35), v Williamstown, 52 and nine for 43 Hasting 5/17, hat trick, and 7/14).

C.Y.M.S.

Northcote B. v Carlton. Northcote 7 for 170 (dec.) d. Carlton 68 and 86. O. Kane, a young player, scored a fine first appearance by making 38 not out. He showed a fine variety of strokes, and with experience, should develop into a good player. T. Stevens again bowled well, taking 4 for 41, making his analysis for the match 12 for 66. J. Smark took 3 for 7. The fielding was poor, T. Stevens and M. Clancy being exceptions.

East Brunswick, 191 (N. Williams 45, Fitzgerald 34, Smith 30, T. Williams 24 n.o. and 6/48), d Preston, 154 (Prince 68, Sullivan 25).

Clifton Hill A, 107 (McAllen 25, Hunter 5/21), d Fairfield A, 52 and 35 (Growney 20, Rasmussen 8/24).

Fairfield B, 84 and four (closed) for 43 (Ryan 21, Danaher 10/34, Carrigg 6/26), d Essendon B, 51 and 63 (Mahoney 10/63, Batty 3/14).

H.A.C.B.S.

Preston, 81 and nine for 62 (F. Howard 34 n.o., J. Tuttle 27; Ryder 6/19), v Richmond, 49 (J. O'Callaghan 20; T. J. Bayliss 5/24 and 6/9).

Middle Park, 185 and one for 11 (O'Connor 61, Mitchell 52, Simon 19; O'Connor 6/5), v Thornbury, 30 and 164 (L. Hanson 49, Mahony 37 n.o., Wade 26).

I.N.F.

Brunswick, four (closed) for 269 (Mooney 127 n.o., Milne 37, Cole 24, Moore 22, Kennedy 20 n.o.), v Northcote, 56 and 26 (Kennedy 8/34, King 4/13, Dundon 26).

I.O.R.

Northcote, six (closed) for 265 (Mackay 136 n.o., Scott 98, Chanter 10; Cox 2/68), d North Fitzroy, 101 (Liddle 32, Hannah 26, Webb 13, Muir 12; Brown 3/39, Angus 4/18, Carthew 2/1) and 84 (Hannah 26, Liddle 15; Brown 5/19, Scott 4/25). Next match: Northcote v East Brunswick at home.

Fairfield, 150 (Shoebridge 50, Weller, sen., 39; Cornish 4/65), v West Melbourne, 86 and 23 (Potter 27; Davidson 8/23, Aucher 6/30, Shoebridge 5/40).

Collingwood, five (closed) for 136 (H. Jarrett 59, Price 46 n.o.), v Clifton Hill, 63 and 59 (O'Connell 20; Carter 10/38, Price 6/48).

Junior Competition

Northcote, 64 and none for 1 (Parry 25; Spinks 5/30, Robinson 2/4, Dwyer 2/18), v John Vale, 35 and 29 (Parry 8/22, hat trick), Burns 3/9).

Sons of Temperance

Alpha, 129 and two for 28 (Lucas 62, Robinson 21, L. Allen 5/62, V. Pangbourne 5/39) v Rising Star, 49 and 110 (L. Allen 21, V. Pangbourne 20, G. Robinson 10/35, J. Pentelow 8/65).

OTHER MATCHES

North Preston Baptists, 220, d Regent Central Progress Association, 140 (D. Cameron 50, A. R. Walker 38, Smythe 18, Foster 14 n.o.; Kerr 3/13, Wilks 3/9, Bannon 2/18, Naunton 1/6, Goller 1/13, Bassier 1/6).

PRESTON ANGLING CLUB.

(By "Piscator.").

A dozen members signed on for the competition at Bulla last Sunday, and although the sky looked rather threatening all day, we did not get the rain until the homeward journey was started on. Tench were on the bite most of the day, and nearly all the party landed at least one. It was about the heaviest weigh-in the club has ever had for a fresh water outing, between 30 and 35 pounds all told. The fish ranged from 10oz. to 3lb. Alf Watkins, our president, was top weight with 10 lbs; Bert. King runner-up with 9 lbs., and Fred Lowe 5½lbs. was next. Chris. Harrigan was the only one who grassed trout; he landed three aggregating 4 lbs. Geo. Day was unfortunate in losing a fine trout just as he was about to net it. Others who saw it say it would have scaled about 4 lbs. Better luck next time, George. Some fine trout are being grassed at Edwardes Lake; Bill Smith landed one last week-end 3 lbs.

Next Sunday's competition is at the Saltwater out from Mordialloc. We are anticipating a record entry, and seats in the boat will probably have to go by ballot, unless we are lucky enough to secure an extra boat.

The flight-sergeant was instructing some cadets in the use of the parachute. "If anything goes wrong with the bus," he said, "just jump out, count three, and pull this ring. The parachute will then open and land you as light as a maiden's kiss. If it doesn't open, bring it back, and we'll give you a new one."

A good salesman is one who can sell a vacuum cleaner to a Scotchman after he has thoroughly cleaned the whole of the house with the machine.

IN THE GARDEN

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH.

(By "Syringa")

As heavy winds are usually prevalent at this time of the year, it is advisable to make sure that all newly planted trees, shrubs and roses are securely tied to stakes to prevent them being blown about.

Aphis and green fly on roses will require watching this month. Effective sprayings with a good tobacco extract, sold by all seedsmen, will keep these pests down. Mildew will also be making its appearance, and the foliage should be dusted with sulphur. It will also be found helpful in checking the fungus, to spread the sulphur on the ground under the bushes.

Thin out any superfluous shoots and remove suckers from roses.

Climbing plants, such as sweet peas, convolvulous, etc., should be supported before they get more than 6 inches high. Keep sweet peas well watered as they suffer from drought, and spray the tops occasionally with tobacco water to keep down thrips and red spider.

Prepare the ground for planting of dahlias in December by trenching the soil deeply and giving the surface soil a good dusting of lime.

This is a good month to plant out buffalo lawns. Plant the roots in rows 6 inches apart each way.

Mow and roll lawns frequently. If mowing is neglected the surface will present a pale and disagreeable appearance afterwards.

Plant chrysanthemums this month. the soil should be trenched and heavily manured with well-decayed stable manure. When planting, tread the soil firmly around each plant, the object being to get hard-wooded plants, which cannot be obtained in soft, open soil.

The planting of herbaceous plants, perennial phlox and asters, cannas, penstemons, etc., should be proceeded with at once to ensure good results this summer and autumn.

Give the Flower Garden a Good Mulching.

Mulching is of particular benefit for flowering plants, annuals and perennials, especially such as are newly planted. It will save much tedious labor in watering, although it will not entirely dispense with the necessity of giving occasional supplies.

The benefit will be so much the greater if the mulch consists of well-rotted stable manure, or some rich compost, the manurial elements of which will be washed down to the roots by frequent watering or by rains.

Any waste materials that will effect the desired object may be used. Litter of all kinds, damaged straw or hay, the haulm of peas, and beans, decomposed manure, or any kind of vegetable matter in a rotted condition will also act as a fertiliser. Composts consisting of gardening refuse, dead leaves, and well-rotted cow manure, will be valuable both as a mulch and manure. Short grass swept from the lawns when mown is excellent for small plants. It will always look neat, a great point in ornamental gardening, and makes a very effectual preventative of evaporation.

The soil will derive benefit from being well stirred before the mulch is put on, as the night dews will then be more readily absorbed and retained. The mulch will allow of their passing down to the soil and will check the evaporation from it during the day time.

There may probably be cases in which the trees or shrubs, after having been mulched, will still require supplies of water for some time. Here the benefit of the covering will be seen by its preventing the surface from becoming hard by the process of watering, besides the retention of the moisture.

The space of ground covered by the mulch in the case of trees and shrubs should be as wide as the spread of the branches on all sides, this being the general limit to which the roots will extend.

It is not necessary to mulch very large shrubs or trees, so long as the ground has been previously well worked when planted. This will allow the roots passing down into the lower soil, where they will be almost independent of the heat and drought, which affects the upper soil, which, by frequent loosening and stirring, will itself perform the functions of a mulch.

Principal Sowings.

As the ground is now warm, sowings can be made with safety direct in the open ground, and the following will give beautiful displays during summer and autumn.

Asters will thrive and flower in almost any good garden soil.

Centaurea Imperialis. — The improved large - flowered sweet sultan, excellent for cutting, and cyanus the blue cornflower, which is one of the hardiest of annuals.

Cosmos.—flowers borne in loose clusters, and, being tall growing, should be sown at the back of borders, and thinned out well.

Clarkia (double flower.hg)—shown to best advantage when massed in sheltered positions.

Larkspur.—blooms are produced on long, graceful spikes and are of exceptional value or cutting.

Didiscus (the bluelace flower).—Now becoming so popular with florists. Sow where to remain, as they are not successful when transplanted.

Marigold, Dwarf African (orange prince).—grows two feet high, and bears large and well-formed flowers of a glowing orange.

Phlox Drummondi grandiflora.—unsuprassed for massing. Produces a charming profusion of brilliantly colored flowers.

Petunia.—exceedingly hardy Withstands heat well; free-flowering, and specially valuable for cutting.

Zinnia.—brilliant hardy annuals, much esteemed on account of the long time they remain in bloom. Very few annuals are so durable.

To the above list can be added a few more of the hardie t varieties worth growing, such as miniature sunflower, balsam, eschscholtzia, salvia (bonfire), lobelia, lupin, nasturtium and stocks.

An English Cottage Garden.

(By B. Begg and M. Shannon.)

Many modern villas would look very charming with an English cottage garden setting. The little cottage garden is more or less secluded from the street by a hedge of Banksia alba, the little white cluster rose which blooms in such profusion in spring.

A pink hawthorn overhangs the gate, framing a picturesque glimpse of the front porch, with its bower of roses and its straight flagged approach. On either side of the path are massed herbaceous plants in true English fashion—stately foxgloves in the shade of the hawthorn, and Canterbury bells, columbines, Japanese anemones and delphiniums as a colorful background to the smaller pinks, cat mint and gypsophila bordering the flags.

An apple, left unpruned, makes a delightful spreading tree, giving shade to the tiny lawn, and framing the house on one side. The wall of the house sets off the varying shades of pink hollyhocks, while hydrangeas grow in the protected corners formed by the projections of the house.

A thick green hedge of holly makes a background for the garden, and arches in picturesque fashion over the tradesmen's walk. This row of hollies is clipped close along the path, but is allowed to branch out overhead, forming a leafy tunnel.

In the back garden the path is also flagged, and leads through a rose-covered pergola and a hedge of plumbago and the common hawthorn to the vegetable garden and garage. The vegetable garden is quite spacious, and could also be planted in English fashion with borders of lavender and thyme.

On the south-east side, mandevillea and jasmine climb at will over the fence, while flower borders enclose a tiny lawn, with a sundial. Against the house, where the bed is wider small mauve and pink flowering shrubs have been placed as a background. A silver birch makes a delightful corner of the other end of the lawn.

Typically English again are the shrubs chosen for the border on the other side of the path. The pink spiraea and caryopteris, often called the blue spiraea make a charming picture together, while the guelder rose, with its round white flower balls and its brilliant autumn leaves, shows up well against the green cuonymus japonica. A lilac and lemon-scented verbena give fragrance to the garden, while bush roses complete the border.—"Garden Lover."

A LUCKY ESCAPE.

MAN STRUCK BY TRAIN.

A man named L. Harrison, of Clauscon St., North Fitzroy, had a very lucky escape from death when he was struck by the 6.40 down train from Reservoir on Monday night. He was crossing the line at Woolton Av., Croxton, and did not see the train approaching. When struck he was thrown clear, and he escaped with abrasions and minor injuries. He was taken to hospital, but was later allowed to go home.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Croxton Methodist Church.

On Sunday afternoon a joint meeting of the Men's Mutual Improvement Society and the Young Ladies' Society was addressed by Mr. T. J. George, a former pastor, who recently returned from a world tour. There was an attendance of between 40 and 50, when an interesting account of many places in Palestine and recorded in the Old Testament was given. The speaker was attentively listened to, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The meeting was presided over by Mr. E. A. Freeman, of the Men's Mutual Improvement Society.

Congregational Church, Martin Street

At the Congregational Church on Sunday evening the Rev. D. E. Reeves addressed a good congregation, his subject being the "Observance of the Lord's Day." God help Australia if we allowed the sacredness of the Lord's Day to be sacrificed. It has long been determined that one day's rest each week is necessary for man. The Sabbath has done much for the advancement of civilisation.

All Saints, South Northcote.

Youth was to the fore on Sunday. In the afternoon a rally arranged by the Crusaders' Bible Class was held, when a large number of young people assembled to hear the Rev. C. H. Nash, who spoke on the most important thing in the life of every young person—the heart. Two passages from the Book of Proverbs were expounded, viz., "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life," and "My son, give me thine heart." A fellowship tea was provided in the Parish Hall, when over 70 sat down. In the evening a missionary service was held, conducted by the young people themselves. The speakers were Miss Edith Piele and Mr. Alfred Stanway, who are candidates for service under the Church. Missionary Society. At the close seventeen young people came forward as an expression of their willingness to go anywhere in response to God's leading. The service was wonderfully inspiring.

Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The anniversary meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon in the High St. Church of Christ, when there was a good attendance. The chair was occupied by Mrs. Johnston, the president. Inspiring addresses were delivered by the Rev. D. E. Reeves and Mrs. Beresford Jones. Miss Hazel dine, superintendent of the League of Hope, reported a successful year's work. Two solos were rendered by Mrs. Iddles, and three new members were enrolled. Mesdames Cornish, Hazeldine and Junor were appointed delegates to the forthcoming convention.

Church of the Epiphany.

On Sunday Bishop Green concluded his series of addresses on "The Booklets of the Bible," taking as his subject Jonah. The anthem rendered by the choir was "He That Endureth." the solos being taken by Mr. A. Emery.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church.

There were good attendances at the Thornbury Presbyterian Church on Sunday, that of the evening being especially large, when Rev. S. C. Hedley preached. The musical portion was a feature, the choir contributing good anthems, while Mr. Moy Ling (soloist) rendered "Open the Gates."

Congregational Church.

"The Beautiful and Good" was the subject last Sunday morning, and Rev. Duncan Reeves treated the matter capably.

The Market Fair held during last week-end was a great financial success, and rewarded the ladies for much time and energy spent in organising. The men's club donated a large parcel of groceries towards the work of the central relief committee.

Next Sunday being Union Sunday, Mr. Reeves represents the denomination in Ballarat, while Northcote will be visited by the Rev. W. L. Slack, of North Fitzroy, and Pastor Hayward, missioner, of Chewton.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church.

The church anniversary was held last Sunday. Large congregations gathered at each service and the collections were well up to expectations. The Rev. John Thomas, B.A., preached at the morning service. The afternoon service took the form of a pleasant Sunday afternoon, the special speaker being Mr. George Maxwell, K.C., M.H.R., who delighted a full church with his story of "The Golden Thread." The evening service was in the hands of the Rev. Samuel Scholes, a wonderful preacher. The choir excelled, and was assisted by Miss Thelma Lawton, of Canterbury.

On Wednesday evening the meeting was addressed by the Rev. Colonel Holden, C.B.E., who spoke of "Life in the Never Never." Mr. Holden spoke to his audience concerning the problem of Australia's great open spaces. Mr. J. Alexander Brown was the special soloist, and greatly pleased the audience.

James Street Presbyterian Church.

Sunday was the diamond jubilee of the James St. Presbyterian Church, having completed its sixty years of existence. The special preacher in the morning was the Rev. A. Heathcote Fletcher, a former pastor of the church, who addressed the young people present on the necessity of thoroughness. The choir, under Mr. George Reid, rendered the anthem "Behold, He Cometh." Mrs. Paul and Miss Vera Black contributed the vocal duet "I waited for the Lord." At the evening service the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. A. T. James, who based his remarks on Haggai ii, 4—6. The preacher stressed the necessity of being strong in the work. During the evening the anthems "O Worship the Lord" and "Blessed be the Name of the Lord" were rendered by the choir, and Mrs. Clark sang a beautiful solo. Mrs. Jones presided at the organ.

The Girl Guides held their annual physical culture display at the Sunday school hall on Tuesday evening, the Rev. A. T. Jones presiding. During the evening presentations were made to Miss Iddles and Mrs. Urquhart by members of the guild. The following prizes were awarded:—Senior girls—Best all round, Miss Nancy Carter; most improved, Miss Phemie Ford. Junior section—Best behaved, Norma Hopkins; most improved, Isabel Agnew and Gabriel McQueen; most regular, Georgina Christmas; best all round, Jessie Hill. At the conclusion the instructress (Miss Iddle) and the pianist (Mrs. Urquhart), were accorded a special voate of thanks.

Northcote Methodist Church.

The quarterly meeting of the Northcote Methodist circuit will be held at the Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church. It is expected that the Rev. F. J. Jennings will be home in time to preside at the meeting.

Methodist Church, High Street.

Next Sunday is being observed as "Social Service Sunday" throughout the Northcote Methodist circuit. The preachers appointed are in the morning Rev. G. A. Judkins, and in the evening Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M. At both services retiring collections will be received in aid of the social service department, which is doing most valuable work at present.

Next Sunday week, October 19, the church anniversary will be celebrated. It is expected that the pastor of the church (Rev. F. J. Jennings), who has been travelling abroad, will arrive home during the preceding week, and be present at the celebrations. The preachers appointed are—In the morning at 11, Rev. John Thomas, B. A.; and in the evening the pastor, Rev. F. J. Jennings, will preach his first sermon in his own church after his return. In the afternoon a pleasant Sunday afternoon will be held in the form of a public "welcome home" to Rev. F. J. Jennings. The choir gallery is being specially enlarged to hold an augmented choir during the afternoon of all the choirs of the circuit.

Robert Raikes Celebrations.

In preparation for the 150th celebrations of the birth of the modern Sunday Schools, Mr. T. Campbell, of the Sunday School Union of Victoria, delivered a most interesting lantern lecture in Preston Church of Christ last Thursday night. With many unusual slides he told of the work of Robert Raikes and the spread of the Sunday school movement. In the city of Preston this celebration will be marked by the holding of special services in all the churches on Sunday morning and evening, October 19, and by united Sunday school gatherings at Reservoir and the Tyler St. State schools on Sunday afternoon, a monster Sunday school pageant, in which over 500 will take part as performers, will be presented by the united Sunday schools in the Exhibition Building on Saturday, October 18, and Monday, October 20. In Britain recently this pageant has a most successful season, being presented nightly to crowded audiences for a whole week.

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

DRASTIC ECONOMY MEASURES RECOMMENDED

ASTOUNDING FIGURES DISCLOSED

The special investigation committee brought down a preliminary report on its investigations of the workings of the City of Preston, which was presented to the last meeting of the council. The object of the committee is to investigate the workings of the various departments, with a view to bringing about economy and greater efficiency in the working of the city.

The report stated that there seemed to be a complete lack of organisation and proper management in supervision of employes, and it went on to recommend the dismissal of some 10 employes, who, however, would be given the right to apply for other positions at lower rates of pay.

A precis of the report is as follows:—

Investigations are not completed, but in order that the treasurer may proceed with the estimates it is advisable to submit a preliminary report on the engineer's department, which controls the main expenditure. During last year, approximately £154,000 was expended, and in the coming year it appears it will be reduced to £65,000; therefore it will be impossible to employ the present large number of outdoor staff of approximately 80 men.

Though reluctant to recommend the dismissal of anyone, no other course seems open.

The first matter to receive consideration is the better supervision of all works and employes as at present, there appears to be a complete lack of organisation and management. This is not meant as a reflection on the chief engineer. The main cause is that he has not had an officer to whom he could hand over, with confidence, the smaller matters of the municipality.

We consider that a qualified engineer, with ability as an administrator and manager, should be appointed as second in charge to supervise all street construction and maintenance works, thus doing away with the necessity of employing a large staff of supervisors, foremen, etc., drawing large salaries and car allowances.

The council yard at the rear of the Town Hall is badly laid out, and does not lend itself to efficiency, the buildings being scattered about the centre and built in such a manner as to encourage loafing—should any of the men feel so disposed. Several buildings are worthless and should be removed.

There appears to be a lack of coordination between the electric light department and the engineer's department, leading to duplication of a number of positions. There are two stores, each with a storeman and an assistant, whilst there is work for only one store. A yardman in the engineer's store also does blacksmithing, which could well be done by the electric light mechanic. By co-ordination £650 a year could be saved here.

The carpenter's shop employs three handymen at an aggregate cost of £801 per annum. One man should now be sufficient, thus saving £534 annually.

The building inspector, on account of slackness in building generally, has been called to his duties the position of supervisor of concrete construction works.

Cemetery.—At present men are employed digging graves as required. A man is sent from the Town Hall to allot graves to undertakers and others requiring same; he also attends funerals and collects the fees. There is a cottage in the cemetery, and a full time man should be appointed who, for the time being, could act as secretary and also dig graves and attend to the general maintenance work there. His time would be fully occupied. We recommend that burial grounds be opened up in sections, as far as possible, and the indiscriminate selling of graves in all parts be not permitted, thus saving maintenance.

It will be necessary to dispense with a number of lower paid men, as has to bring our expenditure within our income, this being a matter for the engineer and his second in command.

We recommend as follows:

1.—That Mr. Brennan be appointed works manager under the engineer for a period of from 6 to 12 months on trial, at £520 per annum.

2.—That the appointment of E. Taylor as foreman (salary £425) be terminated.

3.—That the services of the following employes be dispensed with, and that each of them shall have the right to apply for any other position for which they may be suitable:—Mr. Thomas Cassidy, engineer, salary £1020; D. K. Smith (inspector), £403; £420; D. K. Smith (inspector), £403; F. J. Sinclair (foreman), £392; J. P. E. Hines (concrete ganger), £312; W. Sparkes (storeman), £286; L. Moccia (carter), £274; two handymen (engineer to select), £534; Mr. Holden (cemetery), £257; J. P. Murphy (yardman), £250; Mr. Dudgeon (assistant storeman), £36.

Several of those men may be found positions at lower salaries in the re-organisation of the daymen, as rangers, leading hands, cemetery. We wish it to be distinctly understood that their services are only dispensed with in the interest of economy.

Flagmen.—Two flagmen who are employed to walk in front of road rollers. It is time this ridiculous practice was stopped here as in other municipalities, and these men's time occupied in something more beneficial.

Motor Vehicles.—At the present time there are motor vehicles under the control of the engineer's department and others under the electrical engineer, each department having their own drivers. Petrol is supplied from the electric light store and all repairs done by the electric light motor mechanic. It would be an improvement if all motor vehicles were placed under the control of the electrical department, and their use debited to the department using same.

Engineer's Office.—Methods in this office are being modernised and considerable improvement in filing, costing, etc., should result. If the building inspector be given other duties as recommended, and the services of Holden be dispensed with, a junior will be required to attend at counter, etc., as Mr. Morton will be fully occupied as general and costing clerk.

Awards.—We recommend that a conference of other municipalities be called with a view of applying to the Arbitration Court for variation of the municipal officers' award; also that application be made to the same court for a variation of the agreement entered into between this council and the Municipal Employes' Union in 1926, whereby at the present time we are paying approximately £50 weekly above award rates—an annual expenditure of £2,600.

A report on the other departments will be submitted at an early date.

(Signed) L. JONES, Chairman.
W. J. HEMBURROW.
A. E. NEWTON.

29th September, 1930.

Cr. Jones' Remarks.

In presenting the report Cr. Jones said—I submit this report feeling confident that it will be recognised that we have done so without favoritism or any suspicion of victimisation, as was suggested by one councillor at the last meeting of the council. It is not a pleasant position, but having accepted the task, we have endeavored to state the position as it stands, and what we consider the only way to solve our present financial problems, and at the same time gain greater efficiency. Some of the recommendations may seem drastic, but considering the state of our finances and the fact that the Commonwealth Bank has instructed us to square our balance, drastic measures are necessary. I would point out that at present our employes in all departments number 168, exclusive of men stone-breaking and other relief works.

Wages Equal to Two-thirds Rate.

Our wages and salaries amount to £50,964 per annum, equal to a rate on this year's valuation of 2/3 in the pound. After having transferred £7,000 from the Electric Light Department, we are commencing the financial year with an overdraft of £15,000, equal to a rate of 1d in the £, without taking the interest bill into consideration. As we cannot expect to receive much revenue from rates for the next six months, and our expenditure is going on all the time, it must be recognised that if we carry on in the way we have been doing, we will have an overdraft between £35,000 and £40,000 to meet by June 10, which in those times of unemployment and financial stress will probably be more than we will receive from the current rate. Exclusive of loans for private street construction, we have a loan liability of £267,000, the annual charge for which is equivalent to a rate of 6d in the £.

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PREPARING FOR HENLEY.

E. F. Johnson, of the Mercantile Rowing Club, taking out his skiff for training in preparation for the Silver Sculls event at Henley.

(Picture by courtesy "The Argus," Melbourne.)

PRESTON COURT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Before Messrs. O. A. Walker and T. J. McMahon, J.'sP.

"Cut the Corner"

For having "cut the corner" at High and Cramer streets when driving a motor truck, Charles Thomas Parsons, of Russell street, Ivanhoe, was fined £1.

Drunk In Charge Of Motor Cycle

Patrick Joseph Luttick, Goulburn avenue, Preston, was charged with having been drunk in charge of a motor cycle in Bell street on October 11.

He pleaded guilty.

Constable Geake said—I saw Luttick staggering about the footpath and then he went to a motor cycle, and after many attempts he started the engine. I spoke to defendant, who said, "I'm all right." He admitted having had five drinks.

Mr. Walker, J.P.: Another case of "more beer, more trouble."

Luttick: I've just got my license, and I wasn't driving the motor cycle.

Fined £3.

Two Charges Against Companion

John Francis Armstrong, of Brunswick, who was with Luttick on the date mentioned, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly, and also with being in possession of two tumblers suspected of having been stolen.

Constable Geake said that whilst he was speaking to Luttick Armstrong came along and said "I will ride the machine." He also was drunk, and in his possession were found two tumblers branded with the name of an hotel.

Fined £2 on each charge.

Driving Across Footpath

J. James, Tyler street, Preston, who on October 2 drove a car across the footpath in Queen street, was fined £2, with 2/6 costs.

Inspector O'Doherty said that when he spoke to defendant he said, "I only followed other fresh tracks, and the persons who made those tracks will appear at the court later."

Others fined £2 each, with 2/6 costs, for similar offences were: A. Junor (motor cycle), Narroon road, Alphington; C. Beale, Sussex street, Preston; L. Baird, Saunders street, Coburg; W. Dwyer, High street, Preston; F. Clare, Bayliss street, Preston; and B. Fox, Gower street, Preston.

Bicycle Offences

H. T Jackson, Clarence street, Preston, who rode a bicycle on the footpath in Frank street, was fined 10/, with 2/6 costs. For similar offences W. Sayer, Bell street, Preston; H. Hill, Dean street, Preston, were similarly dealt with.

No Light

L. Hart, Patterson street, Preston, who on September 26 drove without lights before sunrise, was fined £2 10/, with 2/6 costs.

Debt

N. Alexander v G. Duncan.—By consent an order was made for £2 5/6, with £1/6/ costs.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From the "Leader" of October 18 1890.

Last Friday four of the men at Walkenden's new brickwork's South Preston, had no sooner started work after dinner than a tremendous landslip occurred, some hundreds of tons of earth coming down. Most fortunately although at first knocked over, they all managed to get out of the way except one, who was partially buried. Efforts, however, were at once made to dig him out, and in about half-an hour he was extricated. He was removed to hospital suffering from shock, bruises and internal injuries but is now progressing favorably.

There has been a good deal of pigeon stealing in Preston lately. The police are on the war-path, so are several victims with six-shooters and shot guns, so the young manauders had better look out or they will meet with a warm reception when they least expect it.

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Activities at Preston

By The Roundsman

The Stork

MR. O Walker, J.P. is happy in becoming a grandfather once more. His daughter, Mrs. W. J. Browne, of East Kew, gave birth to a bonny boy on October 11.

Cricket Playing on Lawn

DURING last week-end some youthful cricketers took possession of a portion of the pipe track, and indulged in a game to the detriment of the grass. Such utter thoughtlessness on the part of the young sportsmen(?) is greatly to be deplored.

Combined Schools' Sports

THE boys and girls attending Preston and Thornbury State schools are anticipating an enjoyable outing on October 24 at Cramer Park, when the annual sports will be held.

Fire

AT 1.26 a.m. last Monday, there was an outbreak of fire in a house occupied by Mr. G. C. Dorver in Kemp street, Croxton and owned by Mr. T. H. Dorver. The fire was somewhat spectacular and attracted a crowd of spectators. The dwelling consisted of 6 rooms and much damage was done. The house was insured to the extent of £800 and the furniture for £500. A fur coat, valued at 270 guineas went up in smoke. There was an insurance amounting to £200 on this costly article of wearing apparel. The origin of the fire is unknown.

False Alarms

PRESTON firemen were called out to three false alarms during the past week.

West Preston State School

A FANCY dress and novelty night will be held under the auspices of West Preston State shcool in the local town hall on Thursday evening, October 23.

Preston Courthouse

THE courthouse in Roseberry ave. is undergoing a spring cleaning.

Bantams Taken

JAS. Aubrey Oliver, railway employe, Wood treet, Preston, reports the loss of 4 bantams, valued at 10/- which were taken from the yard of his house, between 3 and half past on the morning of October 14.

Lord Mayor's Appeal

TICKETS are reported to be selling well for the dance to be held in Preston town hall.

Diggers' Cricket

MEMBERS of Preston Diggers' Cricket Club indulged in a pleasant outing to Williamstown last Saturday afternoon where a match was commenced against the local team of diggers. Preston were got rid of for 148 runs, and Williamstown had one wicket down for 44. The game will be resumed tomorrow afternoon.

Egg Day Appeal

THE following is the result of Egg Day Appeal in Preston on October 6:—North Preston Methodist Church, 217; South Preston S.S., 1,133; Bell street school, 839; East Preston S.S., 376; Tyler Street S.S., 2,112; Girls' High School, 1,260; Reservoir S.S., 1,514; West Preston S.S., 1,647; East Preston Progress Association, 300; Wives' and Sisters' League, 56; The Preston Mothers', Wives' and Sisters' League, 248; Central Progress Association, 168; Sacred Heart School, 300; sundry donations, 690. Total, 10,800, which were distributed as follows:—Melbourne Hospital, 8,300; Eye and Ear Hospital, 2,000; Women's Hospital, 500.

More Vandalism

REGENT park reserve, so carefully tended by Mr. Eagles and his staff received a visit from thieves a few days ago and shrubs were made away with.

Jika Cricket Association

THE following new clubs have linked up with Jika Cricket Association this season:—West Preston, Victory, Melrose, Soccer, Northcote Junior Football Club and Croxton United. This makes 17 clubs connected with the association as against 11 last season.

Cases of Larceny

BETWEEN 7 a.m. on October 13, and 5.15 a.m. on the following day, a tyre, tube and rim were stolen from a truck in an unlocked shed on the premises of Thos. Kelly, contractor, Cooper street, Preston. The value of the property is £10.

Thieves paid a visit to the Methodist Church vestry, Yarra street, Preston between 7 and 8.30 p.m. on Sunday and stole a grey tweed overcoat, nigger brown felt hat, white silk knitted scarf, umbrella, mauve felt hat, and dark grey felt hat, the property named belonging to worshippers at the church and the value is given as £7/10.

A telephone receiver, valued at 7/6 the property of the Postmaster General's Department was stolen from the corner of Bell street and Plenty road, Preston on October 13.

Preston Market

MEMBERS of Preston city council have been invited to pay a visit of inspection to Preston market in Plenty road on Friday evening, October 17.

Woman's Handbag Grabbed

AS Miss Eileen Slattery, saleswoman, Hotham street, Preston, was walking along Hotham street at 9 o'clock on the evening of October 10, three youths came behind her and one of them grabbed her hand-bag and made off towards South street. The bag was picked up later in Bell street and returned to the owner. Money and a fountain pen to the value of £2/10 had been extracted from it.

Housebreaking and Stealing

BETWEEN 5.40 p.m. and 10.20 p.m. on October 12, the front window of the house of Fred Tucker, Oakhill ave., Preston North, was forced and a five-stone diamond ring, string of pearls, gold armlet, alarm clock, blue twill suit, brilliant armlet and other property valued at £29/10 stolen.

Cyril Callam, Jessie street, Preston has made a report to Preston police that between 12.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on October 19, his house was entered and the following articles stolen:—three silk shirts, two Canberra florins, ladies' pullover, casket, twill suit, two colored silk shirts and three woollen singlets, valued at £23/18/6 stolen.

A safety razor and twelve blades, valued at 10/- were stolen from the house of John M. Hagen, billiard saloon keeper, Plenty road, Preston on October 10. A side window of the house had been forced open.

Schoolroom Broken Into

BETWEEN 6 p.m. on October 9 and 7.30 a.m. on October 10, the State school at Sylvester grove, Preston was broken into and a Red Cross case, two ash trays, pair of surgical scissors and two fountain pens valued at £3/15 were stolen. The robbery was reported by Mr. Mitchell, headmaster.

Mr. Francis, headmaster at Hotham street school, Preston, reports that between 7.30 p.m. on October 9 and 7 a.m. on October 10, one electric urn, table cover, cups and saucers, travelling rug, gramaphone, four table cloths, overcoat, dressing case and two fountain pens to the value of £20/3/6 were stolen from the school. The bolt of the back gate was forced open with a jemmy, a window broken, and a lock removed from a door with a screwdriver, and another door forced into the headmaster's office.

Theft of Wristlet Watch

KATHERINE Schier, home duties, Roseberry avenue, Preston, was working in the garden at noon on October 8. Upon going to the back of the house she saw a youth about 18 years of age jump the back fence and run away. It was found that a lady's gold expansion wristlet watch and 2/- in silver had been stolen from the house.

Loss of Jewellery

FRANCIS Walsh, reporter, Beauchamp street Preston has reported that entrance was effected to his home recently and the following jewellery was taken:—lady's gold signet ring, five-stone diamond ring, black opal ring set with sapphires, gold cable bangle and gold expansion wristlet watch. The value of the jewellery is given as £20. A leadlight in the front window was forced. Mr. Walsh was away for the week-end, and his brother-in-law, Phillip Ryan was the first to discover the robbery.

Band Dispute

A MEETING of parents was held in the West Preston school on October 9, to discuss the position that has arisen of boys playing in the school band and in the Junior Citizens' Band. According to the rules, a boy may not belong to two bands. The president of the school committee presided and a departmental officer attended to try, if possible to throw oil on the troubled waters. The headmaster's opening remarks were received with some hostility and after a good deal of talk, the audience cooled down, although there seemed no likelihood of finality. A committee was formed to go into the matter and it is hoped an amicable arrangement will be arrived at. The band movement is the result of the bequest of the late William Gillies and it is a pity discord should take place where there should be harmony in more senses than one.

Ladies' Cricket

THE ladies' cricket season opened officially on October 11 when the first XI met Semco at Semco Park. Scores:—Preston 39: N. Lewis 10, I. Webster 7, J. Day, 4-12. Semco 61: E. Foley 12, H. McKeown 3-14, L. Webster 2-10. The game was interupted by heavy rain and may have to be replayed.

The second XI played Raymond at Bell Park. Scores:—Preston, 71: M. Green 11, N. Baldwin 10, L. Bone 7-11. Raymond 25: L. Bone 14, M. Hills 5-12, M. Green 4-17, S. Jones 1-5.

We are playing one-day matches, and the draw for next Saturday is:

Preston first XI v Collingwood, at home.

Preston second XI v. Clarendon at Albert Park.

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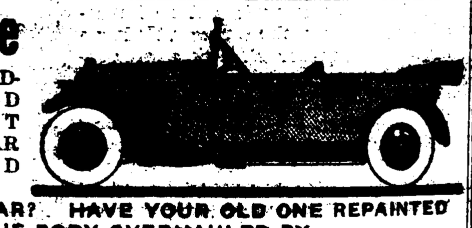

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CENTRAL PRESTON.

The Victorian State School Amateur Athletic Association will hold the annual sports at Preston Park on October 24, when all the local schools will be represented.

The next meeting of the mayor's unemployment relief committee will be held in the town hall, Preston, on Tuesday next.

The Preston Junior F.C. made their annual week-end trip to Yea, where a match was played with the local team.

The band attached to the 57th Battalion, A.I.F., spent some time on Tuesday night marching along various parts of High street, giving a good display.

While on a swing on Sunday P. Merrett, of May street, Preston, fell off and severely hurt his wrists. An X-ray examination showed that no bones had been broken.

Next Sunday will be observed at Robert Raikes Sunday at the Preston Church of Christ, this being the anniversary of the foundation of the Sunday school movement 150 years ago. The camp committee met on Saturday to make arrangements for the Christmas camp, and it was decided to again camp on King Parrot Creek, near West Kinglake. The camp has been limited to boys between the ages of 11 and 18.

W. Shields' score of 102 on Saturday is the first century scored in the Jika C.A. for two seasons; W. Punch's score of 96 not out being the highest score last season.

CYCLING.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The 20 mile senior and 10 mile junior amateur championships were held last Saturday at Carnegie.

In the senior championship G. Harris (Preston), 54.14 1-5, was placed sixth.

In the junior event P. Matthews (Northcote), 26.55, was third; A. Minns (Fairfield), 26.57, was fourth, and L. Ray (Greensborough), 27.23, was seventh.

COURTESY OR INSULT?

NORTHCOTE COUNCIL AND A MOTOR ROUTE

What might have been taken either as an act of courtesy or an insult was a letter which came before the Northcote council on Monday from the Hackney Carriage Committee of the City of Melbourne, intimating that it intended to approve of a motor cab service along Hutton street and Comas grove, between High and Miller streets. The writers, although it was intended to approve of the route, asked the council's opinion.

Cr. Turner said the rate would be a boon, provided a proper time table was observed.

Cr. Oldis: The letter says the application for the service is to be granted, and it is an insult to come along and ask the council its views.

Cr. Hayes: This just shows how necessary it is for the council to secure representation on the Hackney Carriage Committee.

It was decided to approve of the route, contingent upon the observance of a proper time table.

Accident to Cricketers

WHILST travelling along Bridge road on their way to Caulfield on Saturday, Messrs. A. and R. Spoor, members of the Preston Cricket Club, were unfortunate enough to have their motor cycle and sidecar overturned in trying to avoid knocking down a little girl. Mr. R. Spoor was taken to the Alfred Hospital and detained for four hours, after which he was allowed to go home considerably shaken up.

Ladies' Benevolent Society

THE monthly meeting of the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society was held in the town hall on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Allchin (president) presiding over an attendance of 17 ladies, including the mayoress (Mrs. G. Robinson) and Miss Robinson. Assistance had been given to 90 cases during the month. Donations amounting to £13/17 were handed in as follows:—Mrs. R. Broadhurst, £10; Grogan and drivers, £1 7; Miss Bean and Mrs. McIntyre, £1 each and Mrs. Bell 10/-. Miss Bean reported having attended a meeting in the city to raise funds in aid of unemployed girls. The mayoress and Mrs. Allchin asked if the ladies would be prepared to help with the refreshments at the Hospital Ball, which met with a ready response by all present. Accounts amounting to £85 were passed for payment. The treasurer (Mrs. Shepherd) would be pleased to receive donations in money or kind, as the society is in need of funds to meet the many cases that require assistance.

Lecture by Major Steele

AN interesting lecture was delivered in Preston town hall on Tuesday evening by Major W.A.B. Steele. The major took for his subject, "The Great War in France and Belgium."

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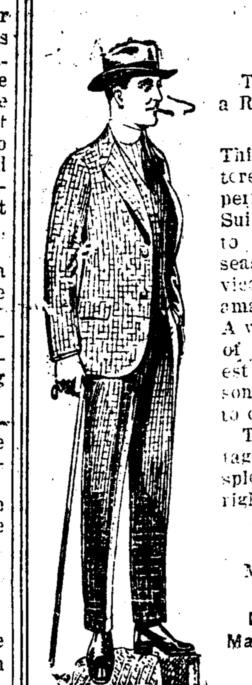

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DEATH.

BELL.—On October 8 (suddenly), Charles Albert Edward, husband of Olive Ethel Bell, 85 Barry St., Carlton, loving father of Sydney, Olive, Beatie, Charlie, Harry, George, devoted father-in-law of Alf., Fred, loving grandfather of Donald, Peter, Noel, Keith, Dorothy, Shirley.
—Ashes to Ashes.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1930

Owing to pressure on space a number of items are unavoidably held over. Amongst these is a report of a social to Cr. and Mrs. Newton.

A tender has been let by the Northcote council for the construction of a drain, in an easement between Ryan street and St. George's road, the price being £95/17/8. This is about two-thirds of the amount of the estimate.

There will be no more complaints about the state of the conveniences in Sundas street. They were removed last week.

The Northcote council is seeking permission to sell land in Separation street, east of Victoria road. This land is no longer required for the purpose for which it was purchased.

Woolhouse street, Northcote, has been gazetted as a public highway.

The Health Department has intimated that the premises of Messrs. Smith and Sons in Hastings street, Northcote, have been appointed as suitable at which to inspect and brand meat imported into Victoria.

Preston police will hold a euchre party and dance at Preston town hall on Tuesday, November 18 in aid of the relief of unemployed.

ROBBED FOURTEEN TIMES

Robbed fourteen times in about six years has been the experience of Mr. R. McN. Robertson, of High street, Croxton, who trades as Robertson and O'Donnell. His latest experience was at midnight on Tuesday, when a plate glass window at his shop was broken, and electric torches, wireless valves and an electric iron, valued in all at £8, were stolen.

A Mr. Crewe, who lives opposite, saw three men behaving suspiciously and when they broke the window he dashed to a public telephone box and tried to raise the police. In his hurry he found he had no money, and then he ran to a neighbor's and gave the alarm. When the police arrived on the scene the men were gone. The window had first been cut with a diamond.

THORNBURY RED CROSS

The monthly meeting of the above was held in the Dispensary Hall, Gooch street, on October 15. Mrs. D. H. Mott was in the chair. There was a large attendance of members, and two new members were enrolled. £29 was donated from auxiliary funds for maintenance of the Thornbury ward in the Queen Victoria Hospital. Owing to the vacancy of the presidency (caused by the death of Mrs. H. G. Hayden), an election took place, Mrs. D. H. Mott being elected president, Mrs. S. Hicks senior vice-president, and Mrs. C. Banks junior vice president. A euchre party and dance will be held on Tuesday, October 28, in Normanby Hall, Thornbury. A card afternoon is being arranged at George's, Collins street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, November 12. Tables can be reserved by ringing the hon. secretary, Mrs. E. B. Scott.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Stott, Son and Watson, on Oct. 22, at 2 p.m., on property, 61 Normanby Ave., Thornbury, sale of household furnishings; at 3 p.m., 4-roomed villa, 9 rooms, on land 66 x 150. Particulars elsewhere.

By Stott, Son and Watson, in conjunction with J. and H. Burgess, on Oct. 23 at 3 p.m., on property, 64-68 King st., Thornbury, mortgagee's sale of brick coachbuilders' shop, motor garage or factory, on land 50 x 6in. x 150ft. Particulars advertised.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on Oct. 18 at 3.30 p.m., on property, 23 Mar. St., Northcote, 4-r. timber villa, on land 44 x 206. Particulars advertised.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on Oct. 18 at 3 p.m., on property, 17 Jackson St., Northcote, s.r., w.b. 5-roomed villa, on land 241½ x 130. Particulars advertised.

By J. and H. Burgess, in conjunction with Stott, Son and Watson, on Oct. 22 at 3 p.m., on property, 2 Kellett St., Northcote, mortgagee's sale of 3-roomed w.b. villa, on land 45ft. x 164ft. 3in. Particulars elsewhere.

Alexander McCulloch, bootmaker, 78 Tranmere road, South Preston, asks us to state that he is in no way connected with Alexander McCulloch, lately recently for offensive behavior.

TURF NOTES.

(By "Watchful.")

The first stage of Victoria's spring racing carnival with be commenced at Caulfield on Saturday. Although Phar Lap's absence is regrettable, the racing should reach the usual high standard associated with meetings held under the auspices of the V.A.T.C. Interstate representation is fairly strong and horses from all parts of the Commonwealth and N.Z. will be seen in action. The programme is well diversified and included among the events is the Burwood Handicap, which is confined to three-year-olds. Aspirants for Derby and Oaks honors will measure strides in this race, and if Schnitlaucn, Rodde Mer, Harlotte, and Bay of Islands answer the call sensational it should prove a most interesting contest. Rodde Mer is a very racy looking Sea Prince colting out of old Cyrina, who was a great stayer and judging by the way he finished when third in the Merrie Trial at Moonee Valley recently he should develop into a useful sort over a middle distance. It would not be occasion no surprise to see him lead the field home in this. Schnitlaucn has been running well at her last two starts, she finished on the heels of the placegetters in the Caulfield Guineas. The Australian Sun filly is a galloper of class, and her form in the race will be closely watched in view of her Oaks engagement. Bay of Islands showed a lot of pace while his condition lasted in the Merrie Trial at Moonee Valley on September 27. He is trained by Dave Price for the Western District sportsman, Mr. E. Manifold, and has galloped in a pleasing manner since his last outing. Caulfield track habitues have a great opinion of Bay of Islands, who proved a bit wayward when first put into training. The two-year-olds seen out this season compare favorably with recent years. So far the outstanding youngster is Middle Watch, who is likely to credit his young sire, The Night Patrol, with another race before the Spring campaign ends. In color Middle Watch resembles Comedy King, who figures on the distaff side of his pedigree. Middle Watch shows class and quality and, given a fervory chance to reach maturity, he should stay fairly well. One of the nicest colts that has raced is High Brae, who won the second division of the Maribyrnong Trial Stakes for colts and geldings in a style which augurs well for a successful turf career. Bred on similar lines to his fair owner's brilliant gallopper, High Syce, the son of Highfield Syceonelle will probably be reserved for the Caulfield Cup, but if he should be running on Saturday, and this highly weighted candidate will be running on which most of his opponents are feeling the pinch. Certainly he has nothing to beat at Mentone especially, but he accomplished his task stylishly, and his racing has benefited him. Alcmon is an honest little horse, and has more than an outside chance. Neither El Rey nor Keaney can be classed as genuine stayers, and the same applies to The Gay Mutineer, Waicullus and Shadow King.

To sum up I fancy Amounts of Tomorrow, the best outsider may be Alcmon.

HOLY TRINITY CONCERT

On Wednesday night in the Holy Trinity parish hall the Ladies' Guild held a concert which proved an unqualified success socially and financially. The ladies, dressed for their many different characters, proved a mirth-provoking combination, and the audience rocked with laughter at the many comical situations presented. The programme was opened by a company of nigger minstrels, which was a special request item. Opening chorus, "Hoe, We Are Again," and "White Wings," colorature, Mrs. Clive Yourself a Fat on the Back," Miss Sambo; song, "Misery Farm," Lisa Joyce; song, "If I Had Been Born a Girl," Sambo; song, "Don't You Need It Honey," Haney; song, "Sal Little Mine," Bantam; song, "Golly Gray," Judge; song, "Hoop," Chief chorus, "All my Journals," company. After an interval the programme continued with a character duet, "Side by Side," the Two Waterbury duet, "Dandelions," Miss Dyke and Mr. Carolane; costume song and chorus, "Dorothy," Mrs. Crouch and Ladies' Guild; eccentric duet, "Dusty Rhodes," Mr. Newman and Mrs. Harper; recitation, selected, Mrs. Waverty. After a few minutes, the items were continued. Song sketch, "Love's Old Sweet Song," Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bowyang; song, selected, Miss Dyke; comic duet, "Just So Joking," Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. Bowman; comic song, "Charlie," Mr. Harper; costume song and chorus, "Just Look at This," Mrs. Brohaus and Ladies' Guild; song, "Rollicking Rolling Stone," Mr. Carolane; dance, cake-walk, company, chorus, "Good-bye Dear Friends," company. Mrs. Maxwood acted capably as accompanist.

"Scooter Speedsters."

"Scooter speedsters in Wales street Northcote had better beware. Officers of the Northcote council have been instructed to abate the nuisance. The street has a splendid grade for "scooter kings"—usually small boys—but in indulging in their pastime they are a source of danger to traffic, so no policing of the "speedsters" is necessary to prevent them from becoming a nuisance.

PRESTON COUNCIL'S FINANCES

(CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE)

Present Liabilities Would Require 8/7 Rate.

To meet our liabilities on our present rate of expenditure would require a total rate of 8/7 in the pound. We cannot reduce our expenditure, as far as overdraft and loans are concerned. We must, therefore, reduce our general expenditure, and there is only one way of doing that—by exercising the strictest economy, cutting out all unnecessary works, doing away with all superfluous positions, and getting down to business. Let us leave personal matters and friendships out of our deliberations and recognise that the only friends we have to consider are the general body of ratepayers. I desire to reiterate the fact that if our recommendations are adopted, greater efficiency will result. I move—

That the subject of the report be made an order of the day at the meeting of the council to be held in four weeks' time.

Cr. Adams—Can the committee of the council consider it?

Cr. Jones—Yes. I moved as I did only to assure that the matter shall come before the open council and be discussed.

Reports of Other Departments to Follow.

Cr. Spratling—All the recommendations cover the engineer's department. When will the others be reported on?

Cr. Jones—The committee is well on with its job, and has been going thro other departments. Another report will be submitted in a month's time.

Cr. Maynard—Will every department be brought up and dealt with in the same way?

Cr. Jones—Yes.

Recommendations Can Be Altered.

Cr. Adams—Are these recommendations subject to alteration by the council.

The Mayor (Cr. Robinson)—That is the business of the council.

Cr. Adams said he was anxious to have matters rectified, but on a just, fair and equitable basis.

Cr. Robeson—The committee will have the chance to amend the recommendations.

The Mayor—I would like Cr. Jones to alter his motion to send the report to the committee of the council, so that finality could be reached.

Cr. Jones—There is nothing to prevent an amendment being moved on an order of the day.

"By the Gaff"

Cr. Adams—It is simply "flying the gaff." If Cr. Jones is not prepared to do as the Mayor suggests I move an amendment—

That the report be received and referred to the committee of the council.

Cr. Robeson seconded and said that he wanted to deal with the whole matter so that his municipality would be run efficiently and economically.

Other Reports.

Continuing, Cr. Robeson asked when the reports by Messrs. Rose and Marshall would be considered.

Cr. Jones—The committee are going into all these and other reports.

"To Prevent Waste."

Cr. Hemburrow said—The investigation committee has gone into the job irrespective of any criticism that might come its way. Reports had been received by this council before but this committee has gone into things to prevent waste. The committee has gone round, and the waste I have seen is appalling. It has been suggested that men should be kept on just to give them a job.

Report might be "cut up and shelved."

If the report is sent to the committee it will be cut up and shelved. I know the committee's methods and I'm disgusted with them.

Cr. Adams—Cr. Hemburrow has inferred that someone said there was no desire to alter the present position.

Cr. Hemburrow—Would you employ a man you didn't want? Of course you wouldn't.

Cr. Adams—I want to consider the report fully.

Cr. Newton said—I have gone into this job to do my best for the ratepayers. I am surprised to hear the expressions about dismissing men. Everyone knows what happens to a business which keeps on men it doesn't want. If that were done then the sooner Preston obtained more councillors the better.

Cr. Adams—I didn't suggest that.

Cr. Zwar—I also would like an opportunity to discuss the matter in committee, so that men who have been in the council's employ for years shall not be superseded by others.

Cr. Maynard said there was no need for him to go into the matter fully then, as it would be considered in committee before coming again to the council.

"No Pleasure."

Cr. Jones said—Some of the councillors evidently think it is a pleasure for this committee to go round and compile a report of this kind. It is not. We have spent many hours on the employment and I am doing my best for the city. Other reports had been referred to the committee of the council.

Shelved.

Cr. Hemburrow—Shelved!

Cr. Jones—I object to this report being shelved. That's why I want the report to come before the open council.

Cr. Adams—I have no desire to shelve it.

Cr. Robeson—As far as I am concerned it will not be shelved. I have endeavored to get other reports finalised before.

Cr. Maynard—I want to see that every employe concerned gets a fair "dinky di." go. (Laughter.)

The amendment was carried, Crs. Adams, Maynard, Robeson, Spratling and Zwar voting for it.

The report was accordingly referred to the committee of the council.

UNEMPLOYMENT

MONEY URGENTLY NEEDED IN PRESTON.

Preston unemployed relief committee stress the point that more money is urgently needed. That note mentions the total collected was £2,040/9/, £2,687/10/9. The Government is continuing its gortuitously contributed by the public generally, but unless there is a marked improvement the committee will be sorely hampered.

Cr. H. P. Zwar presided over a meeting of the Miscellaneous Preston Council representatives. Thirty-six sent were most enthusiastic and promises of assistance.

Little Peggy Connelly, Bellmont, Preston, is entitled to a vote of thanks for running a competition in which the fund has benefited to the extent of 10/- The winner of the cap in the competition was Miss Coates, c/o. Bray's store, High st., Preston, and the baby's coat fell to the lot of Mrs. Gibson, Murray st., Preston.

A welcome donation was £10/10/ forwarded by Mr. A. Walters, Northcote, from J. P. Howe's employees loan account.

Thanks to the efforts of Cr. Zwar, a nice contribution amounting to £7/7/ has been handed in from Mr. J. Broadhurst, also £1/1/- from Mr. Harry Miller, Queen's Pde., Clifton Hill. In addition vegetables and groceries have been supplied by Mr. Cull, of the market in Plenty rd. The Baptist denomination is trying hard for another acceptable gift of groceries.

Up to the present Cr. Zwar has received word as to the efforts being put forth by the "grub-staking" parties their search for gold.

DEPUTATION TO NORTHCOTE COUNCIL.

A deputation from the Northcote unemployed committee, consisting of Messrs. A. L. Harry, S. Grimshaw and A. Andrews, waited on the Northcote council on Monday, requesting that the council's officers compile a list of men offering for work and the order of preference, so that men might be given at least 48 hours' notice of work; and a protest was entered against the Northcote Central Relief Committee's action in deleting names from the list of those receiving relief.

Mr. Andrews said that if the central committee had not enough relief to go round, what there was should be distributed, instead of a few getting help and others none.

Cr. Sutch said out of 30 men called for work, recently only 18 responded.

Cr. Turner—Those who didn't respond might have been given a call from the Labor Bureau. The posting of lists of those called for work would be a good thing.

The town clerk (Mr. Thomson) said that when the central relief committee was first started 300 were registered for relief. The cost of distributing was so great that many single men and others with 1, 2 and 3 children who were receiving assistance from other bodies had to be "cut out" by the Northcote committee. The single men were a big problem, as it was hard to know what to do with them, especially when they had dependants.

After some discussion the matters were referred to the Mayor (Cr. Green).

DESTITUTE FAMILY.

A sad case came under the notice of Cr. W. Hayes, of Northcote, early in the week, when he learned that a man and his wife and seven children had walked to Northcote from Ballarat, and, being destitute, had spent the night in a Northcote Park. The man had formerly been a resident of Northcote, and being out of work, had walked to Melbourne in the hope of getting something to do.

Cr. Hayes at once obtained a house for the unfortunate people, and saw that they were provided with necessaries. An appeal has been made for cash and the response has been good.

Whitlesea Council—Morang Riding.

Two nominations have been received—Messrs. C. E. H. Brownell and J. G. Offill. Mr. Brownell has the sixth nomination, but lost it to Mr. McDonald, who was recently ousted.

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NORTHCOTE-PRESTON CLUB

All records for attendance of members were smashed on Saturday by the attendance of members on the Preston Park for further try-outs in preparation for the track season. The work of the sprinters is gradually being speeded up, and under the guidance of Hughie Hanken (track captain), the sprinters concentrated on breaks.

Next Saturday six events will be held on the amateur sports ground, and the following selected members are asked to be present:—Pole vault, R. Lewis, J. Speedy; hop step and jump, A. Galagher, C. Owen; 220 yds., K. Orr, E. Berry, R. McNabb, W. Smith, R. Lewis, Hanken; 120 yds. hurdles, Hanken, McNabb, Mason; 100 yds., Orr, Berry, McNabb, Smith, Hanken, Lewis; 440 yds. hurdles, Galagher, Weightman, McEachern.

The Juniors

A 100 yards handicap was held for the juniors last Saturday at Preston Park. Vic. Kirkland (scr.) won from L. Branagrove (5yds.), with J. Woods (9yds.) third, N. Powell (10yds.) fourth, A. Tassie (7yds.) fifth, and D. Flemming (9yds.) sixth. The return challenge contest with the Glenhuntly Juniors will be held on the Preston Park much, Saturday, when the following events will be decided:—14 to 16 Years: Relay race, 600 yds, six in team; high jump, two-in team; 220 yds, four in team; 440 yds., four in team; long jump, two in team. 12 to 14 Years: 100 yds., four in team; 50 yds., four in team; relay race, 300 yds., six in team; long jump, two in team. The teams for these events will not be selected until late in the week, and all members are asked to be present.

Special General Meeting

A meeting of all members and friends will be held at the Preston Library on Monday, October 27. At this meeting the inter-club and track events generally will be discussed from all angles. As the inter-club events commence on the following Saturday all information regarding the club's debut in these contests will be forthcoming, and the club is determined to wrest the E Grade pennant honors for Preston and Northcote. At this meeting there is a possibility of having the following Australian champions appearing to give lectures and advice on their particular branch of sport:—George Hyde, Olympic distance runner; "Tickle" Whyte, Olympic and Empire games miler, who recently returned from Canada; Hugh Weir, manager of this team and a former champion sprinter; Mr. Edmunds, ex-Australian champion hurdler and all-rounder; A. D. McIntosh, Australian shot putt champion; H. Mulholland, American all-round athlete, and present Victorian champion.

TENNIS.

PRESTON LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Following are the results of last Saturday's matches:—

E Grade.—All Saints' (65) d Hill (20), Murray (72) d Panella (24), Reservoir (71) d Regent Methodists (42), Oakover (67) d Granross (54), Regent Park (66) d South Preston (45).

Points scored to date:—A Grade: Murray 10, Rothsay 6, Cranross 6, South Preston 4, East Preston 4, All Saints 4. B Grade: Murray 12, Oakover 10, Regent Park 6, Reservoir 6.

The draw for to-morrow (Saturday) is as follows:—

A Grade.—East Preston v All Saints', Cranross v Rothesay, Murray a bye, Oakover v Hill, Regent Park v South Preston Methodists.

B Grade.—Regent Baptists v Reservoir, South Preston Methodists v Cranross, All Saints v Regent Methodists, Panella v East Preston, Hill v Regent Park, Murray v Oakover.

The following players have been selected to play on Saturday, November 15. Any player not available should notify the assistant secretary (Mr. G. A. Graham) as early as possible:—

Preston v Eastern Suburbs, at Camberwell—D. Zwar (capt.), R. Pears (Bethel), E. M. Fennikh, (Murray), C. Coates (Hill), Misses Weame (Hopkesfop), McPherson (Hill), K. Miles (Murray), D. Reager (East Preston).

Preston v Brunswick and Coburg, at Prestoff—Whitcock, Miss Mattahen (Murray), Alardice (Regent Park), D Moore and J. Moore (All Saints), Miss Facey, Mrs. Tatterson (Cranross), Miss M. Ellis (All Saints).

Preston v Eastern Suburbs, at Preston.—Upton, Mrs. Phillips (Oakover), Harris, Mrs. Strahan, Mrs. Ashley (Murray), Lumsden (Regent Park), Miss Chissel (Regent Methodists).

Preston v Brunswick and Coburg, at Brunswick.—Jones, Mrs. Bromley (Regent Park), Cranross, Miss Tatterson (Cranross), Ellis, Pascoe (Reservoir), Misses Bartlett (Murray), Harris (Oakover).

COOMA CLUB

On October 11 No. 1 Cooma team visited No. 1, Northcote. Methodists, who won only one of the nine sets played. Outpaced and outmanoeuvred, they returned home defeated by 25 games.

On the home court at Preston No. 2 team played No. 2 Baptists' combination, and an interesting and even struggle eventuated until spoilt by a heavy downpour. When play ceased only three sets had been completed, and games were 20—16 in Baptists' favor. The game will be completed on 25th inst.

The followiwng teams will represent Cooma on Saturday:—

No. 1 Team v St. Andrew's.—Misses T. Jenyns, N. Capper, M. Stevenson; G. Jackson, C. Burges, F. Heinze; emergencies, Miss T. Parsons, D. Sykes.

No. 2 Team v Returned Soldiers.—Misses K. Hollowood, N. Lewis, P. Lewis; R. Miller, A. Schier, D. Jones; emergencies, Miss N. Tuppen, E. Jones.

EAST PRESTON ELECTRIC LIGHT TOURNAMENT

Following are the results of play to date:—Misses Eiseman and Harty d Misses Wilson and Titmus, 6—1; Misses Aland and Blandord d Mesdames Ashby and Strahan, 9—5; Misses Walker and Hall d Mrs. Ford and Miss Hedger, 9—3; Dolphin and Jackson d Morsity and Appleby, 9—5; Hedger and Fitzpatrick d Upton and Reeves, 9—8; Aland and I. Thorn d Miss Graham and Mrs. Reeves, 9—5; Misses Tuppen and Jones d Misses Crispe and Borman; Syer and Tuppen d Saunders and Quick, 9—3.

The following is the order of play for next week:—

Monday, 20th.—Pears and Bennett v Harrison and Davies; Doherty and Rule v Williams and Grant; Misses Tomlinson and Walker v Misses Martin and Atyeo; Zwar and Hornsby v Gay and McKeon.

Tuesday, 21st.—Mrs. Pretty and Miss Myles v Misses Lang and Haywood; Misses McPherson and Werner v Mrs. Phillips and partner; Coates and Hazel v Ruffin and Thorn.

MERNDA

When Mr. W. Smith was driving a buggy on Bridge Inn lane on Wednesday morning the horse was startled near the level crossing just as the 9.25 a.m. train from Spencer street was passing. The buggy was forced against the train and dragged into the cattle pit fence. The guard stopped the train immediately and Mr. Smith was found lying with his horse entangled in the debris of the broken buggy. With the exception of a slight cut on his head Mr. Smith was unhurt. The horse sustained bruises.

FAIRFIELD NEWS

Fairfield school orchestra had the distinction of gaining second place at Ballarat last week.

St. Jude's Dramatic Club.—The initial performance of St. Jude's Dramatic Club, Alphington, was given on Thursday, 2nd, in the parish hall, when four one-act comedies were presented to a full house. The farce "Carlos" was presented first, in which honors were shared by Misses Regina Griffiths, Estelle Dwyer and Edna Levens. "Who's To Have Him?" a very amusing piece, followed, in which the characters were well sustained by Misses Clarice Whitcher, Olive Kent, Estelle Dwyer, Pat Hanlon, Elsie Whitcher, Jack Connell and David Griffiths. As might be guessed by the title, only ladies took part in the third item, "Not a Man in the House," the leading part being taken by Miss E. Levens, who was ably supported by Misses May Parker, Olive Kent, Clarice Whitcher and Pat Hanlon. The final piece, "Neighbor's Wife," was cleverly done. The main parts (Mr. and Mrs. Somerton) were taken by Mr. H. L. Godfrey and Miss May Parker, who were assisted by Mr. Vic. Shortus, Miss R. Griffiths, Mr. D. Griffiths and Miss I. Anderson. Special praise is due to the producer, Mr. W. Whitcher, who is Park, hon. secretary, and Miss Whitcher, hon. treasurer. At the close Rev. W. P. Bambridge expressed appreciation of the club's efforts.

Alphington Resident Killed

The tragic death of a young man well known in Alphington, Mr. Talbot, recently came as a shock to his many friends. When working at Yallourn power house Frank McLintock, aged 23, years, of Alphington, fell from a girder 90 feet to the ground, and was killed instantly.

Personal

Miss Lucy Walker, of Fairfield, was placed second by Dr. Cyril Jenkins, adjudicator, in the sacred solo section for women at Ballarat. She is a member of the Fairfield Presbyterian Church and a pupil of Miss Dorothy Humphries.

Miss E. L. Herwig commenced duty last week at Alphington school.

Mr. R. O'Bryan, of the Fairfield Cycling Club, finished second last Saturday in the Colac to Melbourne race after being shaken by a fall.

NEW FEATURE

Turf Notes

(By "Watchful")

STARTS THIS ISSUE.

DROWNED IN AQUEDUCT

SIX YEAR OLD GIRL'S FATE.

ATTEMPT AT RESUSCITATION FAILS

A sad fatality occurred on Tuesday morning when Alice Beatrice Charteris, aged 6 years, whose parents live in Dunbarton street, Reservoir, lost her life in an aqueduct near her home.

The child had been playing with her brother, and while looking for a bird's nest the boy missed his sister. He informed his parents and a search was made, in which neighbors took part.

The aqueduct, which is about 8 feet wide and contains about 3 feet of water, was followed for some distance, and at a point where the water enters an underground pipe the child's body was found lying on a grating. Resuscitation methods were at once applied and continued for about three hours, but without success.

The council is considering a request of Arthurton Road Progress Association for the erection of a "Danger" sign at the Woolhouse street and Arthurton road intersections.

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NORTHCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Good soaking rains and a week of bright sunshine had the effect of making a remarkably fine floral display possible at the last monthly meeting of the Northcote Horticultural Society. A good display of flowers meant a good attendance of garden enthusiasts, and those who won the special prize and scored the points thoroughly deserved them, for the competition has never been keener at a monthly meeting. A glorious bunch of stocks (Crimson Monarch), exhibited by Mr. Crawford, of Preston, was selected as best from among a number of very fine bunches. The points scored in the monthly competitions were:—Amateur.—Cut Flowers: Mr. Gibson, 8 points; Mrs. Firth, 1 point. Novice—Cut Flowers: Mrs. Bonnell, 8 pts.; Mrs. Bennett, 1 pt. Amateur.—Bunches of Roses: Mr. Firth, 6 pts.; Mr. Beattie, 3 pts. Intermediate—Bunches of Roses: Mr. Lovelace, 6 pts.; Mr. Toole, 3pts. Basket of Flowers: Mrs. Bonnell, 5 pts.; Mrs. Corry, 3 pts.; Miss Twyford, 1 pt.

Lecture on "Pot Plants"

The lecturer of the evening was Mr. W. R. Warner, who delivered a most interesting address on "Pot Plants." By way of introduction, the lecturer instanced two workmen digging a trench, one working at each end. The first, on being asked what he was doing, replied: "I am digging a trench to get some money to buy some food to give me strength to dig more trenches." The second, when asked the same question, replied, "I am digging a trench in which drain pipes are to be laid, which will drain the town, thus improving the health of people, and making the gardens more beautiful and increasing the happiness of the townspeople." This, said the lecturer, represents the different viewpoints from which the cultivation of pot plants may be regarded. To some they mean nothing more than what can be made out of them, while to others their cultivation is a source of pleasure, and their purpose is to brighten and beautify the surroundings in which they are placed.

The correct method of potting a plant is:—First see that the pot is clean, and if new, soak it until the air bubbles cease. Cover the bottom with crocks, after which a layer of fine charcoal should be added; then add the potting soil. An ideal potting soil consists of equal parts of turfy loam and leaf mould. The plant, with a ball of soil attached to the roots, should be placed in the pot so that the top of the soil will come up to the rim of the pot. The soil should then be filled in around the roots and rammed until quite firm. The finer the roots the harder they should be rammed. Coarse fleshy roots must only be rammed lightly. After potting water well and keep out of the wind and strong sun for a few days, and always avoid a draughty position.

To protect a glass house from the summer sun paint the inside of the glass with Kalsomine, and in the hottest weather use outside blinds as well. The water used in watering plants in glass house or fernery should be as near in temperature to the surrounding atmosphere as possible. Where aspidistras have become stunted in growth, take them out of the pots and plant in the ground under a tree.

In conveying a vote of thanks to the lecturer, the president referred to the splendid work being done by Mr. Warner in the interests of horticulture, particularly in his capacity as secretary of the annual Garden Week display. In reply, the lecturer said that it always gave him pleasure to come to Northcote, because of the interest displayed by the members, which was shown by the numerous questions asked.

The next meeting will be held on November 12, when Mr. G. H. Handley will deliver a lecture on "Dahlias." It is satisfactory to note the number of visitors who attend the monthly meetings of the society, which are held in the A.N.A. hall adjoining the town hall.

PERAMBULATOR WANTED

(To the Editor)

Sir,—Would you permit me through your valued columns to inquire if any of your readers could supply an invalid's perambulator suitable for a girl of six years, [illegible] Northcote Benevolent Society. The child is suffering from a tubercular knee and has to be taken to the Children's Hospital from Northcote for treatment. The father has been out of employment for many months, and has a family of seven children, all of whom are under 17. This is a most deserving case, and the only way to give this little sufferer some relief is by a gift of this kind, as owing to the indigence of the parents it is quite impossible for them to purchase one. Particulars may be had from Mrs. Green, president, phone JW3626, or Mrs. R. Thompson, hon. secretary, 27 Hastings street, phone JW1406.—Yours etc.,

OLIVE GREEN,
Mayoress of Northcote and president of Northcote Benevolent Society.

Ruth Chatterton, Paramount star, possesses a beautiful singing voice. If she had chosen to be an opera singer instead of an actress, it is quite possible that she now would be renowned as a prima donna instead of a famous dramatic actress.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

1ST PRESTON TROOP

Last Saturday the troop spent an enjoyable day at Darebin Creek. A similar outing will be arranged this Saturday if the weather is fine, and those who wish to do so may take their tea. On Saturday evening a start was made with hoppy bump and shooting competitions, which will be concluded on Saturday. Night alarm will be arranged for Saturday, and signalling will be held the following week. Some senior members are camping at the hut at Janefield. Last Sunday a number of leaders of the troop visited the graves of P.L. Cliff Wearne and Bernie Robinson at Heidelberg and placed flowers on their graves. The usual Thursday parade will be arranged for next week. The gymnasium class on Tuesday evenings is making good progress and we hope to soon have the instructor (Mr. Greenwood) along. Basket ball will be arranged for this Friday evening. A house party in aid of the cricket club will be held on Saturday at Mr. Yorky Smith's, Reservoir. The weekly social will be held next Wednesday. The troop has undertaken to billet a number of country scouts during the visit of the chief, Lord Baden Powell, next April. It was also decided to place the use of the hall at the disposal of headquarters, if required.

WHITTLESEA

The district State schools collected about 226 dozen eggs for the Melbourne Hospital appeal. Master Claude Batten, of the Whittlesea school, was responsible for 41 dozen.

Mr. H. W. Chapman, rail motor driver, has been transferred to Echuca, and Mr. Lindsay, of Ultima, has taken up duty.

The grand final of the Bourke-Evelyn Football Association was played at Doreen on Saturday between Epping (minor premiers) and Whittlesea. The gate takings were £18. Scores in the various quarters were:—First, Epping 1.2, Whittlesea 3.2; second, Epping 2.11, Whittlesea 3.4; third, Epping 5.15, Whittlesea 5.4; final, Epping 5.17, Whittlesea 6.8. It is reported that Whittlesea has entered a protest, and that the match will probably have to be re-played.

Cricket matches in the Shire Association commence on Saturday, and also the tennis association games.

Mr. Clark has had a nine-hole golf course laid out on his property, and quite a number of players may be seen doing the rounds.

On show night the football club's social committee, not being able to get the parish hall, are going to Glenvale hall, and will run free buses for patrons. The parish hall committee will conduct a dance night for the funds.

MILK WANTED FOR BABY

(To the Editor)

Sir,—Would you kindly place this appeal in your paper for a kind person who would supply a poor mother with enough milk daily to feed her little baby, who is just four months old. The baby's father has been out of work for some time and cannot get employment. He is a carpenter and joiner by trade, but he is willing to do any kind of laboring work. The address is No. 7 Claude street, Northcote. This would be a great act of kindness, as the baby only depends on milk for its food.—Yours etc.,

A NORTHCOTE CITIZEN.

WILLIAMSTOWN ALLEGATION.

When Cr. Turner spoke of the municipal inquiry at Williamstown to the Northcote council on Monday evening the mere mention of it raised a laugh.

Cr. Hughes.—Is the Williamstown council in order? (laughter)

Cr. Turner.—A statement was made at the inquiry that it was a common practice in all municipalities to place fictitious names on the payrolls to cover the cost of entertainments. As silence gives consent I'd like to question that statement and to do so would ask if that sort of thing has ever been done in Northcote.

Cr. Olds.—If it was done do you think the town clerk would tell you so?

Cr. Turner.—I'd believe the town clerk's answer. The Northcote council's affairs are well conducted, and I'll say there is less "graft" here than anywhere else. Although once I got a load of soil and paid for it, when no one else could get soil from the council. (laughter).

The Town Clerk (Mr. J. A. Thomson).—Only the names of the outside employees are placed in the payrolls. All other names are placed on the vouchers which come before the council.

Cr. Hayes (ex-mayor).—The statement was made at Williamstown that fictitious names were placed on the pay rolls to comply with the Act.

Cr. Olver.—To get over it you mean. (laughter)

Cr. Hayes.—The accounts for all social functions in my mayoral year were paid by cheque and I can produce the butts if they are wanted. Cr. Turner is quite right to refute a general statement which might reflect on this council.

FAIRFIELD NOTES

An enjoyable party was held in the soldiers' hall, Fairfield, to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mr. Rae Bruce. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Corran, Mr. and Mrs. T. Weigmann, Mr. and Mrs. C. Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dance, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Messrs. Boyle (jun.), Gunther, Newnham, Marsden, McKenzie, Walker, and the Misses Soutter, Dillon, Sayce, Ramsay, Pascia, and Brookes.

By request St. Andrew's Dramatic Society repeated the performance of the three-act farce "His Favorite Pudding," in St. Andrew's Hall, Clifton Hill, on Saturday to assist the Spensley St. relief fund. At the conclusion Cr. Kane moved a vote of thanks to the society.

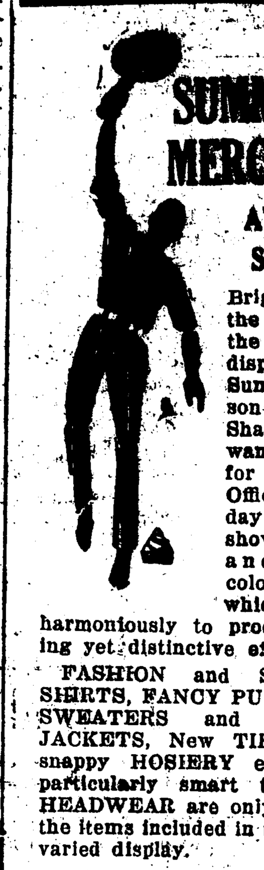
Orchestral Party's Luck.—Owing to several breakdowns in the bus they were travelling in, the Wales St., Northcote, and Fairfield school orchestras had an unusual experience on October 3. The orchestras were to compete at the South Street competitions in the evening. Leaving at about 10 a.m. the first mishap occurred a few miles from Bacchus Marsh. The journey was continued only to be interrupted a second time 19 miles from Ballarat. The Wales St. party with their teacher, Miss Mahoney, of Northcote, obtained a lift to Ballarat, and had the pleasure of waiting from 4.30 till nearly 8, without tea, until their turn came. Fairfield were more fortunate, although being stranded, and arrived five minutes before their turn came. They gained second place. Although Wales St. played their first part better than their companions, a slip was made in the second which put them into the third position. The return journey was as ill-fated as the outward, a breakdown occurring three miles from Ballarat, necessitating the hiring of another bus (a further cost of £8), which arrived at 3 a.m. The remainder of the party reached home at 4 o'clock.

On October 8 St. Paul's Dramatic Club presented the three-act comedy drama "High And Dry" before a crowded audience. The players were Messrs. F. Barker, C. A. Davis, H. Browne, E. M. Butler, Mrs. F. Barker and Misses Flo. Bamford and Ann Hill. Proceeds were in aid of the kindergarten.

On October 8 Fairfield C.Y.M.S. held a late night social for the presentation of trophies to the football club. The winners were Messrs. J. Mahoney, Parsonage cup to best and fairest player (popular vote); G. O'Connor, Kinahan cup, best and fairest (umpires' vote); M. Fahey, McIntyre cup for most consistent; D. Collins, Rogan cup to most unselfish; W. Farnell, Bush cup to most improved; L. Growney, Jones cup to best all round; R. Thompson, Lewis cup, utility man. Trophies were also presented to Messrs. Waters, Nolan, Gray, Lewis (treasurer), G. Rogan (secretary), E. Farnell and Reed, Miss Rogan (ladies' committee) and Mrs. Osborne.

The Ford cup for the winning couple, fox trot competition, decided at the C.Y.M.S. ball, Collingwood Town Hall on Show night, was presented to Mr. Perry and partner. Mr. Mount (president C.Y.M.S. Football Association) congratulated the Fairfield branch on reaching the first four in their first season.

Clara Bow has taken up horse-back riding and is being taught by William S. Hart, a veteran of the screen.



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THE A.N.A.

PRESTON SOUTH BRANCH.

There was an enthusiastic audience at our meeting on Thursday October 8. It was school children's essay night. After ordinary business all the essays received were read by one of the judges, Mr. S. Andrews. The title was "Why we should purchase Australian made goods"—150 words. The first prize (a gold medal, donated by the branch) was won by Alf. Goodfellow, of the Preston South School, and the second (a gold medal donated by Mr. John Jack, jeweller, of High street, Preston) to H. Smalley, of the same school. Mr. Andrews, with a few appropriate remarks presented the medals to the winners who made speeches in response.

On November 6 the Branch is holding its annual rose show. Entries are confined to members and their friends. Cash prizes are to be offered for the following exhibits; best rose in show; bunch mixed roses, three varieties; best three roses, distinct; best bunch cut flowers (roses excluded), distinct or mixed. There is also to be a competition for school children for prizes.

The following motion was carried unanimously:—"That the Board of Directors be informed that the practice of granting exemption to children under school leaving age is becoming very prevalent, and that in the opinion of this branch the practice is undesirable, and that the provisions of the Education Act should be enforced. Further—the Government should provide the necessary sustenance where inferred hardship is brought under notice in this way."

THE WINNING ESSAYS.

The following essays were first and second prize winners in a competition conducted by the Preston South Branch of the A.N.A. First prize, gold medal donated by branch; second gold medal donated by Mr. John Jack, jeweller, Preston.

By A. GOODFELLOW, 21 Brighton Avenue, Preston.—First prize.

Australia is a country only about one hundred and twenty years old, and at the present time in very straitened circumstances—a bad state for such a young country. At least two hundred thousand men, many of whom are at starvation point, are unemployed in Victoria alone, and some steps must be taken to materially reduce this workless band, for it is idle hands, no matter what the cause, which bring ruin to a country. Now there is one sure remedy for idleness and that is to provide work—and we Australians must provide it by using nothing but "Australian Made Goods". If each Australian makes this his "Cause"—using Australian fabrics, foods, implements and machinery, he will employ Australian hands, use Australian raw materials, build up her population; tariff duties will no longer be necessary to replenish the government purse, and a multitude of new industries will be ready to receive Australian boys and girls. This would give Australians an opportunity to earn good wages in Australia and the privilege of spending these wages in Australia.

By Harry SMALLEY, South Preston School No. 824—Second prize.

The present depression in Australia is due, in great part, to the short-sighted purchasing by Australians in supporting foreign workers. In buying these goods you are ruining Australian Independance and increasing foreign manufacturing stability. Let us banish want and care by doing without foreign-made articles, and buying the products of the Australian mills, factories, and foundries, so that many thousands of pounds, hitherto spent in supporting foreign industries, may be diverted towards Australian industrial efforts. By wearing Australian woollens we can establish our textile industries; by using Australian felts and wearing Australian hats we can utilise the Australian rabbit to some purpose. Household utensils, machinery of all kinds, the thousand little things we want every day, we should make it our business to see are Australian, by refusing any other. Make the tariff wall on all imported goods a sure barrier, and so change the present "lack of work" cry to demand for men; for there is plenty of room in our island continent for good men.

PRESTON BRANCH.

The Preston Branch A.N.A. held its usual fortnightly meeting in the Bradford Hall on October 6. The acting president, Mr. W. Thomas, was in the chair. The president, Mr. W. J. Ross, who has been absent through a serious illness is about again. The vice-president (who is also ill, and has been unable to attend for some time) is on the road to recovery. The branch fully discussed the Board's proposals in keeping members good on the books while out of employment and are urging those members to take advantage of the proposal. Mr. J. Meehan reported on the bowls competition—that this branch secured a victory against the I.O.O.F. at Fitzroy and also the team won against the [illegible] A.N.A. Mr. H. Mills reported on the Clifton Hill and Northcote Dispensary and was instructed as a delegate from this branch to use his best endeavours to get member Simmond's case reopened re his application for a refund (which was turned down by the Dispensary). Some discussion took place on a certain feature of a daily paper—Member J. Meehan stating that it was not in the best interests of school children to find the English language abused as was done. Various members supported Member J. Meehan on this question and it is to come up or discussion again next meeting. As business was over early some of the members went to the Council Chambers to find out if they could learn anything regarding debates. After about two hours they came away with the knowledge that the Preston branch A.N.A., No. 51, could teach a lot to the Preston Councillors in the matter of debating. Next meeting October 20. Social Evening and bowls.

BOWLING.

A PENNANT

Northcote (87) v Elsternwick (71)
Maynard's rink (24) d Wilson's rink (17); Catarinich's rink (22) d Ebbott's rink (17); Jackson's rink (16) lost to Rider's rink (17); Rowell's rink (25) d Anstee's rink (20).

Ivanhoe (101) v Moonee Ponds (79)
Stanbury, Worthington, Wild Bysouth (34) d W. Scott, W. Floyd, Wood, Kruse (23); Doig, Sharwood, Maggs, Terdich (25) d Bobsein, Williams, Nixon, A. E. Young (19); Grainger, Olney, Hannah, Williams (22) d Watson, Andress, Ingram, Thomas (17); Blandford, Shaw, Burchell, Walker (20) tied with Cook, Basham, Ellison, Ahern (20).

Sandringham (103) v Alphington (81)
Bradley, Lamb, Robertson, Hobson (24) lost to McDonald, Orders, Dumas, Lancaster (29); Rogers, Symons, Bythein, Girling (27) d McKeown, Carter, L. Hamilton, Monro (15); Ulmer, Bird, Bailiff, Willett (29) d Maskell, Campbell, S. Hamilton, Jeffrey (19); Soffa, Chisholm, Crellin, Kirmsse (23) d Whitcher, Scott, C. Hamilton, J. C. Hamilton (18).

B PENNANT

Ivanhoe (91) d Malvern (88).
Fairfield (115) d Elsternwick District (71).
Heidelberg (101) d Box Hill (74).
Alphington (127) d Sandringham (92).

C PENNANT

Alphington (80) d Brighton (63).
Albert Park (82) d Northcote (61).

THORNBURY CLUB

Preparations are being made for a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whalley. A social evening will be held in the Normanby Hall on October 29. Mr. Whalley's services will be welcomed by the A team, and his genial personality will add greatly to the social side of the game.

On Saturday the A team won nicely from City of Camberwell. It was pleasing to see Frank Frencham produce some of his old form; his rink were 17 up. Eric Forth, drawn against the Australian ex-champion, Frank Dobbie, played a very sound game, and was an inspiring captain, so much so that when the final scores were on the board he was 14 up—a fine performance against a man of Dobbie's calibre. Murden and Sharp were a few down, and should do better against Camberwell next Saturday. The B team were beaten by Fitzroy No. 1 team, but as this team is regarded as one of the best in the section the B's need not be downhearted, as the final scores showed a difference of only 9. The C team made amends for their defeat at Middle Park by winning nicely from Ascot Vale—all rinks were up. It is understood that President Fred Cornish promised them something special at the welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Whalley. Phil McDonald, Fred's third man, seems to be concentrating more than usual.

The fortnightly euchre party was held on Saturday at the club room and proved another success, more than 60 members and friends attending.

PRESTON CLUB

Following are the scores of Saturday's pennant matches:—

Preston (112) v Albert Park (77)
Tatchell, Carthew, Straede, Pike (17) lost to Sahlberg, Worland, Somerville, Cordan (18); Watson, McIntyre, Condie, Sinclair (34) d Smith, Alkermade, Francis, Day (21); Crispe, junr., Cohen, Siddons, Morgan (36) d Hutchins, Disney, Deague, Holloway (22); W. White, Geo. White, Shaw, Wearne (25) d Prason, Morris, Barber, Horsburgh (16).

Preston C1 (104) v Ivanhoe (59)
Wood, Hazel, Lewis, Crispe (33) d Litcher, Fenton, Stone, Lebane (17). Welch, Fleming, Atyeo, Billyeald (33) d Gilmore, Taylor, Witfen, Whitelaw (18); Hill, Sheppherd, Apted, Zwar (38) d McKenzie, Plain, Sutherdal, Lord (24).

Preston C2 (77) v Murrumbeena (70)
Pike, Hurlstone, Farr, Howe (30) d Lambeth, Hoskens, Grass, Bannister (28); Butterfield, Birchall, Joiner, Crowe (29) d Levey, Davey, Jewson, Pimblett (20); Allardice, Simmons, McIntosh, Broadhurst (18) lost to Fretwell, Paterson, Griffiths, Hands (22).

PRESTON LADIES' BOWLING CLUB

The selection committee decided on the following players for the V.L.B.A. matches:—

A Pennant. — Mesdames Cohen, Fleming, Wearne, Appleton (skipper); Hazel, Henshaw, Binney, Atyeo (skipper).

C Pennant—Mesdames Condie, McIntyre, Howe (skipper); Watson, Fox, Carthew (skipper).

Tuesday was the commencement of the pennant play for the A's. The team visited Mordialloc. The result was a win for Mordialloc, the scores being Mordialloc 44, Preston 31.

The C's were to have played at Auburn on Monday, October 13, but owing to weather conditions the match was postponed and will be played on Thursday, October 16.

THORNBURY LADIES' CLUB

The Thornbury Ladies' Bowling Club held their fortnightly euchre party at the club rooms, Normanby avenue, on 11th inst. Under the supervision of the president (Mrs. L. Roberts) a pleasant evening was spent. The club were well rewarded for their efforts by the large number in attendance. The prize winners were Mrs. Tierney and Mr. Collie, while the booby prizes went to Mrs. A. Ewins and Mr. Herb Smith. A dainty supper was served.

EAST PRESTON MOTOR CYCLE CLUB.

East Preston had a good week-end on Saturday. The boys went to Watson's Creek to prepare a dirt track and a good day's work was done. On Sunday the club, in spite of the wet weather, went to the Harley sports at Braybrook, where they had a very enjoyable time.

Next Saturday there is another working bee at Watson's Creek to finish the dirt track. On Sunday next the club will have another run to Watson's Creek to hold a sports meeting.

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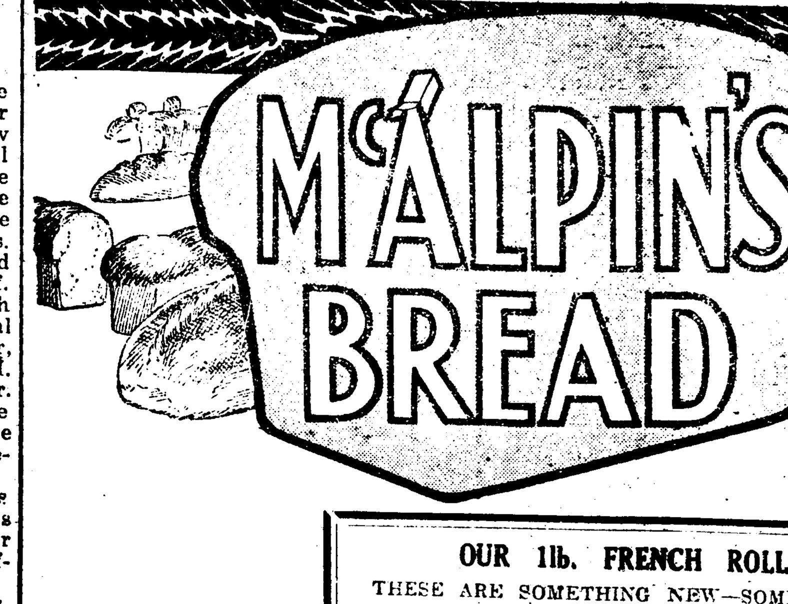

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(Continued)

There was much besides to lure her mind. Beautiful fields full of buttercups and daisies; dim mysterious woods full of storybook wonders; a great garden, a lawn, a fine house, a lovely white room of her own; long drives with grandpa, long talks with gentle, white-haired old grandma under the cedar tree, rides on a glorious shaggy-haired donkey that wouldn't go. Yes, all that and ever so much more, and then to crown everything a weekly visit from her dear papa and mama every Sunday. How she did look forward to their Sundays! As much almost as to a promised donkey ride or the prospect of nurse and the cowslips and a few special friends in the woods. And when papa and mamma came on those Sunday mornings can't you guess how great her joy at seeing them and can't you imagine how great their joy was too. For her it was the episode in a round of episodes; for them it was like glimpses of heaven brightening the drudgery of monotonous weeks.

It was Lena who first noticed how gradually Bertha was being weaned from them. For a few weeks she said nothing, but in the rain one evening she tested George on the point. He laughed of course, and said "Pooh. You're only imagining, Lena. The child's all right. Why, she was as affectionate with me today as possible—and you don't forget how she clung to you a while ago at the station."

"No, I don't forget," answered Lena. "Still——"

"Well don't give half answers my dear. Better speak out, even if I only laugh at you."

"I dont mind your laughing a bit, George—I wish I could laugh, too. I'm quite sure I'm crying. The child is forgetting us. We are no more to her now than an uncle and aunt. She has a new home and—and——"

Lena turned her face to the window. "And she has a new father and mother."

"Oh, rubbish," said George. "How can you think such things. About Bertha—and about the old people, too! Why, bless me, you'll accuse them next of being her from us!"

"Yes," answered Lena, dabbing at her eyes, "without meaning it, that's exactly what they are doing. They are her own place now. She's their darling now."

George fidgetted on his seat and grunted. Women were the deuce, if they couldn't see a thing they imagined it.

But whilst George talked in his ignorant manly way, Lena thought in her deep-seeing woman's way, discerning not only the weaning bond that now joined Bertha and her, but the strengthening bond that drew her away. And every day the bonds were weakning and strengthening. What would they be after years of service? And when the time came to snap the bond between the child and her grandparents, and bring her home to rediscover her father and mother and a new life and a new world, what then? Such were Lena's thoughts as she sat looking through the windows at the panorama of suburban London unfolding in the smoke-mists. How then would Bertha take the change? And how would the old folk take it.

IV.

In due time George emerged from his cloud, and in due time he prospered. He made another home for himself and Lena on the Middlesex heights. And when it was ready he took down one evening and wrote to his father that on the following Saturday he proposed going down to fetch Bertha. No answer came to the letter. On Saturday, George went to Cobham.

At the station Bertha did not meet him, as had been her use, and when he reached the house she did not come rushing down to greet him on the step, as also had been her use. "She's packing," he thought, and followed the servant into the dining-room. He sat awhile, wondering at his reception and at the silence; then old Henry came in. He gave George half a hand. "What's the meaning of this?" he asked presently. "That letter—what d'you mean by it, George?"

"You mean the letter about Bertha, Dad?" he asked. "Well, I think I made it pretty plain."

"Too plain, sir." Henry marched about, flushed, indignant. Suddenly he faced George, and straddled and looked fierce. "You can't have her," he said. "She's ours—ours—d'you understand. It would kill us—we can't let her go—and we won't. No, sir, we can't and we won't. So there!"

"All right, Dad," he said, laughing. "We mean quarrel, you know, over the girl. You've been awfully good to her, and you know how much Lena and——"

"Confound your compliments!" shouted Henry. "I say she can't go. Do you hear me. She can't go."

George rose. "Oh, but come, Dad," he said. "This is a little too much. Of course I'm sorry——"

"Confound your sorrow!" shouted Henry. "You can't have her."

"But I must, Dad. After all, I'm her father, and when you took her away from our troubles it wasn't to keep."

"Yes, it was," said Henry. "That was the bargain."

"There was no bargain."

"Yes, there was. We took her as our own. We've treated her as our own. She's become one of ourselves. We can't part with her. It would break—break——. We can't!"

"I'm sorry, Dad. But I'm afraid you must."

"Must! You insist. You've come to take her away?"

"Yes; I have."

"And you will?"

"Certainly."

"Then—then——" Henry calmed of a sudden, and his face grew white. "If you take the child from us," he said deliberately, "you will take the consequences. She, or you, and your wife shall never enter this house again—never!"

George stood pulling his moustache. Lena had prepared him for this dilemma, but he had laughed at her fears. New he felt no inclination to laugh. His father was entirely serious. He meant that threat. Taking Bertha away would probably cause them to make drastic changes in the disposition of their affairs. "Can I see mother?" he said.

"No, you can't."

"Then I'm afraid, Dad, there's no help for it. We're sorry; but we must have Bertha."

Without a word Henry crossed and rang the bell. "Send Miss Bertha here," he said to the servant.

In silence the two waited. Soon Bertha came in. She had grown tall and beautiful.

"Come here, child," said Henry to her. "Your father wants to take you from us. Answer me truthfully. Do you wish to go?"

The child stood looking from one to the other, then ran and flung her arms about the old man. "No, grandpa," she said, "I want to stay."

"Now," said Henry to George, a fierce light of triumph on his fine old face; "now take her from us!"

V.

So George took Bertha home; and thereafter matters were not pleasant. Despite all the love and care lavished on her, it was long before the girl grew accustomed to the great change made suddenly in her life. The villa on the Middlesex heights, with its small rooms, its patch of garden, its surroundings, its restraint, was nothing like the beautiful old house at Cobham. There was no wood, no donkey, no more drives through the country, no more picnics. It was school now every day, practising on the piano, early to bed each night; new friends, new ways, new pleasures. She missed the old folk, who had never denied her anything, who didn't bother, and weren't strict and seldom punished her. Father and mother were good, but not so good as the dear people she craved; they were kind, but not so kind; she loved them, but not so much. Why had she been taken from them? Why did they not come to see her? Why did mamma not wish her to write to grandma? Why was it now no pleasure to talk with papa and mama about Cobham and everything there? What was wrong? Had she done away for always, and was she never, never to see them again?

It happened, of course, as it always happily does happen with the young, that in time Bertha became acclimatised (so as to speak) to home was quite happy there, and entirely made her parents happy. But always both in them and her was a consciousness of something lacking—a blank, a misfortune—of which she had been the innocent cause. Cobham and all it meant was for each of them a thing of the past—a memory. For Henry remained obdurate. Since that afternoon when he said, "Now, take her!" and marched from the room, no communication of any kind had come from him. Not even when at last, full of years, his old wife died, not even then would he countenance George at the funeral or answer Lena's letter of condolence with so much as a word.

So matters went on, and Bertha grew up, and one day she gave her heart to a lover. That was a happy day, be sure, and all the happier because her sweetheart prompted her to share her joy with others. And of those others, after her dear father and mother, none was nearer than the lonely old man wearing towards his end in that big silent house at Cobham. Lonely, old, and sorrowful—and she was happy! Could she do nothing for him, nothing to end all this misery of silence, nothing even to let into his life a little of her happiness? "I'll try," said Bertha; then secretly wrote this letter.

"My Dear Grandpa,—I must write to you and tell you something, because I know you will like to hear it, and because I want you to hear it first from me. I am going to be married. Yes, really! Of course I am very happy, and of course I think Ned the handsomest and noblest man in the world; but then, as mother says, young people should always be happy, and every girl always marries the one person in the universe. Perhaps so. All I know is that every girl just now is me.

"Dear grandpa, do you remember how you used to tease me for answering 'It's me,' instead of 'It's I,' and do you remember the good times we had in lots of ways? I'm always thinking of them. Send me an entree to let you like to see me again—how big I've grown, and my hair up, and long skirts—and a lover, Grandpa? And wouldn't you like to see him? If you would, then he and I could cycle down one afternoon, and if you really didn't want to ask us to tea, then we could stroll on the lawn, and you could have a look at us through the dining-room window. But I'm sure that if you over-hear what I would send Nelly—is she with you yet, and does she still wear caps?—out to fetch us in. May we, Grandpa? My love to you.

Bertha."

"P.S.—I still like strawberry jam best.

"P.S.S.—I think I have not forgotten how to ride a donkey."

VI.

Four days later this reply came:

"Dear little Bertha,—Bring your Ned to see me on Saturday. Perhaps your father and mother would care to come, too. You could all stay till Monday.—

Your affectionate, Henry Kemp."

The End.

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The amount collected is £461 less than that collected in the corresponding period last year. Of the 14,000 odd rate notices sent out 760 (representing about £1,200 on vacant land) were returned by the postal authorities.

Sanitary Charge.—The amount to be collected was £3,345 and arrears £975/14/2; of which £2,517/18/11 and £545/15/4, together with £31/4/ interest were collected. Arrears carried forward are £1,254/4/7.

A comparison of rates collected to September 30 in the past five years is interesting.

Rates due 1926 £31,845/10/3; 1927 £36,683/4/8; 1928 £40,071/0/3; 1929 £41,115/10/3; 1930 £40,461/3/8. At the same dates the arrears were 1926 £1,273/10/10; 1927 £1,639/1/4; 1928 £2,120/11/1; 1929 £2,922/8/3; 1930 £3,190/8/3.

Asphalting charges and crossings—In 1928 £1,389 was collected and in 1929 £1,063/11/8 and 1930 £1,699 7/1.

Street construction and interest. The collections were as follows—1928, £7,983/9/8 and £1,939/11/11; respectively; 1929 £11,129/16/9 and £2,084/18/1 respectively and 1930 £14,646/6/4 and £2,985/9/8 respectively.

Fairfield Life Saving and Swimming Club.

In spite of the unemployment membership are coming in steadily, already 25 members being enrolled. Donations are also very good, the president (Mr. A. P. Reynolds) having given two shields, one for each section, for the champion all rounder of the club.

Messrs. McKinley, Rowe and Osmond have promised silver cups. Members are going to have a week's camp at Anglesea at Xmas, having been invited to take part in the carnival on Boxing Day and in a water polo match against a combined country team. Altogether 30 members will make the camp.

The Heidelberg Council has commenced work on the improvements. The basin is being re-lined and a pump is being placed in the river to keep up a steady supply of fresh water. The surveyors have finished their survey for the new club room, on which work will be commenced shortly.

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UNCLE PHIL.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the happiest and jolliest Birthday Greetings to Nancy Maidstone and Clyde Birmingham (Oct. 19), Edward Grenfell (Oct. 20), and Edith Reine, Mary Hill and Isabell Robinson (Oct. 21).

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OUR MAIL BAG

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am sorry to say that I was in New South Wales, so I will tell you what happened up there. We left Northgate at 29 o'clock in the morning and had to be in town at half-past eight. We had to change down in the train at a quarter to nine. My mother, grandma and I, Dorothy Kemp, were in a bridge in town where there were boats floating upon the water. We then went out of Milsons and we had to change at one we had to be going to visit my uncle, who is a farmer in New South Wales. There were a lot of sheep and cattle on the way to Bendigo and all the way to New South Wales. We had a very long journey, changing trains, and we got up to my uncle's place at 5 o'clock, feeling very tired.

Bert Moylan (GOOD).

Dear Uncle Phil,—We had a ripping holiday. Did you hear about our fight? Jack Jones broke his nose. Will you send us a photo? Yours, Lily Craig.

The Pets send greetings. Love.—U.P.

Dorothy Harris.—We will try for the book, so there will be a chance for you. Congratulations on winning 100 marks. Love.—U.P.

Alan Lane.—Your cousin, Allan, for yet another 100 marks. Will you call in for the prize, please. Best of luck in the sports. The Pets send greetings.—U.P.

Enid Lowe.—I'm sorry about the prize, but it will be here on Monday, so will you call then. How is school going? Is it all study for exams? Jacko says he's glad school is over for him, but I'm not so sure that it is. Best wishes from U.P.

Lena Southron.—Your serial "The Bulroth Bride" starts this week. I would like two instalments by Monday next and an instalment on each following Monday till it ends. Love.—U.P.

Percy and Nancy Maidstone.—Please don't use both sides of the paper, as it causes us trouble to sort out your contributions if you do. Heaps of love.—U.P.

Richard Twomey.—Don't use both sides of the paper. Hurrah, we now have a new boy cobber! How is school going? Love from the Pets.—U.P.

Jean Moylan (Original).

Dear Uncle Phil,—Mum and Dad and the Pets were so miserable. Jacko scared the life nearly out of us on Sunday night when we were coming home. In order to avoid a big car he jammed on his Baby Austin's brakes and it skidded round back to front on the wet pavement. Fluffy was scared, but they arrived home without any further mishap, so we ought to be grateful. We had a lovely day on Saturday and the Pets stayed a concert, using the dining room table for a platform. It was good, as they gave us items of novelty singing and dancing, foreign and clowning, and amused us for about an hour and a half, when it was bedtime. About five minutes after they should have been asleep we heard stealthy footsteps, and when a few minutes later the lights went out and ghosts invaded the fire-side shrieking dismally, we just grabbed them and put them back to bed. There's a new competition this week-end, and new boy cobber is welcomed. Don't use both sides of the paper, please, Cobbers, as we just disregard any contributions like that. The Pets send lolds of love, and also your

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A TRIP TO INVERLOCH

(Original).

At Christmas we went to Gippsland, and we arrived about 10 o'clock on Christmas eve. Then they told us we were going to Inverloch the next day. We had not taken bathing costumes with us, so we had to rig up a pair. We left about 9 o'clock on Christmas morning. We had to wait for friends to come down from the next hill, and after we had packed our Christmas dinner into the car, we packed ourselves in. Inverloch is about 30 miles from where we were staying, and we had a very pleasant journey there, winding in and out among the hills, and we stopped twice to get water from the creek for the engine. We passed over the Bacon River along the same road twice. Passing through Loongtha we saw the Sunny South butter factory, and then we drove through the avenue of honor. Each tree in the avenue is in memory of a soldier who had served in the Great War. When we arrived we had dinner and then went to look for a good place to bathe. Of course, we were too shy to bathe straight in. We had to go and bathe in the ocean as there were too many people underneath around the beach. After an enjoyable bathe we came back and had tea, and we had to buy some soft drinks, for which they charged 1/ for two bottles. We had to leave early as we had a long way to go, and returned home tired but happy after an enjoyable day.

Ruby Moses (BETTER).

THE BABY

The teacher was trying to illustrate the evil effects of laziness and idleness. She drew a terrible picture of the habitual loafer, the man who hates work, and his ultimate fate. "Now, children," she said to a little boy, "what do you think becomes of the man who lies idle on the grass?" The little boy, with a dreamy mind was far from the lesson of the hour, "Well, I suppose he gets mowed down."—"Tell me who is the wretched miserable individual who sets others to work, loafs and lounges, and gives nothing in return?" The little boy glowed. "Please, miss," he replied, "the baby."

Lily Craig (GOOD).

THE LOUDEST-VOICED BIRD

The loudest-voiced bird is undoubtedly the bell bird, the commonest of South America and Africa. This feathered songster rivets forth a loud, clear note almost exactly like the chiming of a bell. The campanero, which is about the size of a pigeon, has on its head a horny growth, and this, connected to the roof of the bird's mouth, is the cause of the particular note.

Robert Bower (GOOD).

WALLOPED FOR LEARNING

William Whowell, who in later life became Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, was a boy very quick at learning his lessons. His schoolmaster, noticing how easily young Whowell mastered the exercises and lessons of his class, thought he was trifling his hours in easy lessons, and so he raised the standard of the whole school by something more difficult, and blamed the smart boy Whowell. "Now, Whowell," they said, "if you say more than twenty lines of Virgil to-day we'll wallop you." But Whowell said he had done it easily. "I have seen him," says Professor Owen, who was one of his school fellows, "with his back to the churchyard wall, flooring first one and then another of the "wallopers," and at last public defiled his name greatly, by giving two of you may take Whowell in a fair stand-up fight, and I will take the rest of you." But there were the conditions. However, young Whowell seems to have been proof all round and proved himself to have been as clever at fighting as at learning, for we hear that "after the first pair a second was not found willing."

Richard Twomey (GOOD).

THE ELEPHANT

Little Muriel had been to the Zoo with her grandfather, and when her mey home they met her father, who asked her if she had had a good day. She said, "Oh, yes. I saw more days than I could count, and also a tail both ends (meaning the elephant)."

Jack Fullerton. (GOOD)

A FUNNY PIG

Has any Cobber ever seen a little pig with a rattle? The other day I was at a friend's place, and the baby dropped his rattle, a big celluloid ring through a red celluloid apple. A little pig ran to get it, and he took it in his mouth and ran away rattling it!

Jean Moylan (GOOD).

THE SHOW

For my school holiday I stayed with an aunt over at East Malvern. It is very nice and she seems a great change. On Monday we went to the show, my cousin and myself to the show. It was a cool day and very nice. But as I went last year with my father and saw everything it was not very interesting to saw the same things twice. But it was an outing that we may not be able to have every year. So when we had seen all we wanted to we were tired and ready to come home.

Lily Scrimes (GOOD).

SPRING

Spring is the most pleasant season of the year. The birds seem to be so happy twittering and chirping while they are hunting for food for any stray pieces of straw, wool or string to build their nests. The trees are all covered with new leaves, which and lovely are such a delicate green, and the flower gardens are gay with Iceland poppies, stocks, pansies and other showy flowers. The ferns are putting out new fronds of such a delicate green, making the fernery look like a fairy dell, and the bees are very busy those nice days gathering pollen from the flowers. All nature seems to be awake and rejoicing in spring time.

Dorothy Harris (GOOD).

THE YAK

(Original).

Up in the mountainous country in the north of India there is an ugly, shaggy animal known as the yak. This beast is not as big as an elephant, but many travellers say that it is clumsy and stupid. Still, it is a good friend to the people of Kashmir and Tibet, and the British found it a useful Russian-tamer on the lower slopes when they tried to get to the top of Mount Everest. The mount belongs to the desert dwellers, but the yak is indispensable to the mountaineers, for he gives them milk and cheese, and even fuel, so is fitted to live in bleak climates and can find a way over dangerous roads. Although the yak is not so huge, he is big nevertheless, and, living in hard a life, it is remarkable that he has been able to grow to such a height. Thick, shaggy hair keeps him warm in the cold climate of these mountains, which are four miles high. Clumsy as yaks are, it would be impossible to do without them, for they can go ten miles a day over country where no horse can live. They seem to be made specially for the Tibetan people, who needs they supply. There is one weakness, however, and that is, when they are hunted they look at the hunter before they run. This may be because they count man a friend.

Percy Maidstone (BETTER)

A CLEVER GANDER

A goose is always taken as a type of stupidity, but there are many instances recorded of intelligence and affection shown by these much-despised birds. A man had a tame gander called Jacquot, which was greatly attached to its master. The master went out visiting one day, and, hearing his voice through the window, the gander entered the friend's house, and, to the no small alarm of the family, ascended the stairs and made its way into the room where they were sitting, uttering loud cries of joy when its master was discovered. The gander's master had a blind girl, who went out shopping. A lady called to see her, and when told she had gone out, was much surprised. "But," said the master, "we are not afraid as the gander is with her, and will bring her safely home."

Leslie Craig (GOOD)

BANK OR CHURCH?

A woman who did not understand the language of business went into the Bank of England, and, addressing the first official she saw, requested that she might be allowed to converse about her war loan holding. The clerk to whom she had happened to be rather a severe person. He inquired, "Is it a case of conversion or redemption, madam?" "Conversion is impossible," faltered the woman. "Sir, perhaps, is this the Bank of England or the Church of England?"

Royal Lomax (GOOD).

THE ZOO

Daddy—Sometimes our cub teachers took our pack for a visit to the Zoo. We arrived at the Zoo at about half-past two and had a good time looking at the animals. I saw the monkeys, some nice and lollies. I had a ride on the lions and the trains and I had a good time. We came home about half-past five.

Graham Harris (GOOD).

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE BULBRUSH BRIGADE

The drakes of Bulrush Island were feeling very pleased. They had called a meeting of the Drake's Club. The fact was it was hatching time, and the drakes had all left their ladies far from nest and near were hunting round in the Bogs for something a nice fluffy morsel for a meal. "Quack, quack, quack! Wick," said Mr. Wagtail, after the meeting had been called to order, "I've found a nice boggy grocery, our families somewhere." "Quack, quack! Wick! Yellow-legs, quack, quack!" cried Mr. Yellow-legs.

To be continued.

Ellen Southern (GOOD).

THE TALES OF TWO MICE

Mr. and Mrs. Nibble lived in their neat little wooden house with their two sons, Nibble and Quibble. There were two tiny bedrooms upstairs and a ladder placed against the ledge to hold down by the dining room and clay floor. Pets was a plaything, and something like a sandpaper. Nibble was always taking exercise in it, as he was a bright lively little mouse, never still, and always wanting to find something, as his mother said. His brother was fat and lazy, and spent most of his time in sleep. Mr. Whitemouse was plain white, Mrs. Whitemouse was fawn and Nibble was fawn and white, but Quibble was pinkish brown and he had worn many prizes. In a hole behind the skirting board lived the Wilde mouse family with their sons, Toby and Tiny. "Why, can't we play with Toby and Tiny?" Nibble asked his mother. "Because they are only common brown mice, and we are special prize mice," replied the mother gravely. "I can't see what difference that makes," said Nibble. "They have a jolly fine time, I can tell you, and I'm sure they'd like to talk to me." "I daresay they would, but you haven't speak, Nibble. Prize mice have to have common ways and are not fit companions for you," Mrs. Whitemouse said, while Quibble added, "You see, Nib, if you played with them they'd expect you to, and, of course, I don't want that. Of course not, you're much too fat," replied Nibble, and scampered off to look at Toby pickings up crumbs on the scullery floor. Then Toby found a fine fat bacon rind, and, greatly excited, began to drag it home for the family supper. Nibble was excited, too, and leaned far out that—bump! down he went on to a pod his bacon rind and stared. "Why, how did you get here?" he asked. "You won't get back without someone to help you back, and if you ask you there'll be an end to you. She's asleep by the fire now, so you had better come home with me. Mr. Wildmouse was very kind to Nibble, and when his mamma came to feed Nibble, and found the hole and was safe home again. And now Mrs. Whitemouse never says a word when Nibble talks to Toby and Tiny Wildmouse.

Enid Love (GOOD)

FIND THE WORDS

The words missed out of each sentence below are pronounced exactly the same. Can you find what they are?

I will ..... this bone ..... eat it.

I like fruit, especially a ..... give me a ..... slice.

The builder looked ..... as he carried the ..... slates.

I hear you cannot ..... am I ..... ?

Here are the ..... words ..... year, wait sale, pail; write, right.

Phyllis Murphy. (GOOD)

RECIPE

Peanut Crisps.—Take ½lb. butter, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg, 1 cup flour, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon cocoa, 1 cup shelled peanuts. Mix sugar with melted butter, add the beaten egg and all dry ingredients. Drop in dessertspoonfuls and all dry ingredients. Drop in dessertspoonfuls and bake in a hot greased oven tray and bake for half an hour.

Eileen Harris (GOOD)

COME AND SEE THE SHOW

Hullo, bullo! you noble gents,
You ladies fair, you babies!
Turn in your ears and pull out your pence
And come and see the show.

Our Joey is just the boy to work
Our Jugglers like a dream,
Our elephant is just too notch,
Our tigers give a scream.

Our pirate never cared a rap
For any mortal thing,
Our cowboy is the slickest chap
As ever scared a ring.

Our funny man will make you roar,
And you should see him dance;
Our Columbine's a sparkling gem
The king and queen of France.

I haven't time to tell you half,
But, speaking as a friend,
This is the show to make you laugh
And stand your hair on end.

So hurry up, you jolly gents,
And all you ladies dear,
This show is waiting to commence
As soon as you appear.

Brenda Herb (GOOD)

CAN YOU BEAT IT?

Do any of the Cobbers know any word in the English language longer than this word—"Antidisestablishmentarianism." If you do I would like to know it.

Gladys Jones (GOOD)

A MORNING THOUGHT

A new day is here,
Give the past no fear,
Take failure no fear.
Place itself in line
With the power divine,
Pure joy will be thine.

J. Power. (GOOD).

STORYETTES

Party Politicans.—At a neighbor's party a young man said, "I must say this wireless art is fine." As they were going home his mother said, "How could you say it was fine?" to which the son replied, "I merely said I must say so."

M. Macgwick (GOOD).

Know His Man.—Patient: "Doctor, I'm afraid you are dreaming there's someone after me." Doctor: "Why don't you pay your bills?"

Lily Anthonsen (GOOD).

"Here, waiter, I've just found this waistcoat button in my soup," exclaimed the new arrival at the boarding house. "What do you think of that?" "Oh, thank you, sir," replied the waiter beaming, "I've been looking all over the kitchen for it."

Thelma Steed (GOOD).

He (on telephone): "Hello, darling, would you like to have dinner with me to-night?" She: "I'd love to, dear." He: "Well, tell your mother I'll be over at seven o'clock."

Duncan Matheson (GOOD).

Mrs. Askew: "Well, I know do you like your new house?" Mrs. Stickybeak: "Oh, all right but next door there's a young couple who are—er all day." Mrs. Askew: "How unpleasant to have to listen to that." Mrs. Stickybeak: "Yes, and the worst thing is they're French so that we can't understand a word they say."

Myra Whisp (GOOD).

A Weighty Job.—Old Lady: "So you are one of the crew of a submarine? How interesting! And what do you do on the submarine?" Sailor: "Well, mum, my job is to run forward and tip the submarine up when it wants to dive."

Winnie Birmingham (GOOD).

"I heard that you were a teetotaller, but here you are drinking wine." "Yes but, you see, I drink wine like water."

Geith Kirby (GOOD).

Libel Judge: "The plaintiff says he has got a milk run, which you have to pay for, he claims damages." Farmer Jones: "The cows is a trifle hard in which he says. In his old place he didn't find me a milk run at all, but, mind, this is a milk run, I'm sure of that thing, for the man was whole when I left it, I think!"

Dulcie Pearson (GOOD).

A Silent Mixture.—Two little Irish boys were in a Melbourne cinematograph one day recently. Noticing the elegant audience, one turned to the other and said, "Sure, Mick, Pat, Pat's." The other boy, amazed at his companion's ignorance, whispered back, "Sure, Mick, I'm a father. He's one mixed and has a family."

Jean Gerrie (GOOD).

One Hint.—"Now, Johnson, I took an interest in your pupils last week. Half a dozen of them were good enough to be fine, but there were two who were a little out of line, and I'd like to see them under coin my top!"

Willy Birmingham (GOOD).

Mother: "If I had ten shillings in my purse I'd lend them all, what would you do?" Son: "I'd hide in your pocket, I'd be jolly lucky!"

Alice Hopkins (GOOD).

Trams (who has just received a ticket): "Sorry for jawing some words." Conductor: "Mind if I saw the pip and cut off your head?"

Bruce Hill (GOOD).

Mother: "Who broke your window, Kid?" Kid: "Mother, but it was father's fault he did it."

Edward Grenfell (GOOD).

Mother: "John! Forgive your brother before you go to sleep. You might die in his sleep." John: "Well, I'm not going to die, but if I don't die he'll better look out in the morning."

Dorothy Kemp (GOOD).

Quite Safe.—Teddy was holding the dog by the tail and following it round the room when his aunt entered. "Oh, Teddy—you must not hold the dog like that. You might—or it bite!" It's all right, auntie. Dog's don't bite his end."

Cecil Gordon (GOOD).

Small Boy (who has been in trouble at coin collecting): "Pape what is the meaning of coin that you know of?" Pape: "The sovereign, my son, the British sovereign."

Andrew Anthonsen (GOOD).

Father: "Tommy, what are you doing with your watch—your silver watch that your Christmas?" Tommy: "Teacher said that I'm to wind watch has 150 waste, and I'm seeing if it does it is a good one."

Laura Stead (GOOD).

Mother: "How wonderful it has been, darling. We have spent all our honeymoon on the sands. I wonder where we shall be next? Back 'On the rocks?'"

Hoax: "Do you believe that thirteen is an unlucky number?" Joax: "Well, all the people who lived in the thirteenth century are dead.

Bruce Kahn (GOOD).

My Mistake.—Brown: "You've called for the cow pea. What's that?" Rate Collector: "It's for the benefit of people without means." Brown: "Ah! Then you mean you've called for the poor!"

Cecil Gordon (GOOD).

Tom: "I hear they've got Bradman on the stamps in England now." Jack: "Well, that's enough to give a cheque to kick him."

Ernie Anthonsen (GOOD).

Tommy: "Do you know why a little girl is like sunshine?" Flossy: "No, I'll give it up." Tommy: "Because it makes the corn grow."

Roy Murchison (GOOD).

Small Boy: "Seeing as how we've knocked your hat off with our football, sir, we've decided to let you off the goal kick."

Loris McLean (GOOD).

Ad-lade: "Yes, I love you, Maurice, but I am too young to think of marriage." Maurice: "But you will grow older." Adelaide: "How dare you say such a thing!" You are simply too old."

Walter Anthonsen (GOOD).

RIDDLES.

Why does not Bairnsdale produce much honey? Because there is only one H in it.

When is the easiest time to read?—In the autumn, when nature turns the leaves.

What town do auctioneers Blow?—Beale Goldstein (GOOD).

Why is there not a minute worth call our own? Because minutes are not thousands.

When is a firework not a firework?—When it is a rocket.

Why is your favorite book like an empty switch box?—Because it is matchless.

Can a leopard change his spots? Yes, because he can move from one spot to another.

Allan Love (GOOD).

What is worn by the foot and bought by the yard? A carpet.

Why is a bookie like a looker on? Because it is a bee-holder.

Joyce Corry (GOOD).

What holds water but is full of holes? A sieve.

Why don't a burglar get into a washhouse? Because there's a copper there.

Why doesn't a ginger-headed man starve? Because he has a ginger nut.

Lily Watts (Good).

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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., North. Uncle Phil, "The Leader," High St., North. Uncle Phil, "The Leader," High St., North. They will be printed and marked Good, Better, Best—Good, 5 points; Better, 10 points; Best, 15 points. Cut out all your own

EPPING.

Football enthusiasts are delighted at the success of the local team in the Bourke-Evelyn competition, by defeating Whittlesea they gained their fifth successive premiership. This feature of the season from the locals' point of view was the complete harmony and good fellowship between the players.

The excitement of football having subsided, the tennis team and cricket team will commence their respective competitions. Epping Tennis Club will begin on Saturday, when they will play Thomastown on the Epping court. The cricket club will be at home to Whittlesea. The success of the club last year has stimulated interest in cricket and much support has been given by residents. A second team has been formed in the town, and will be engaged in social matches during

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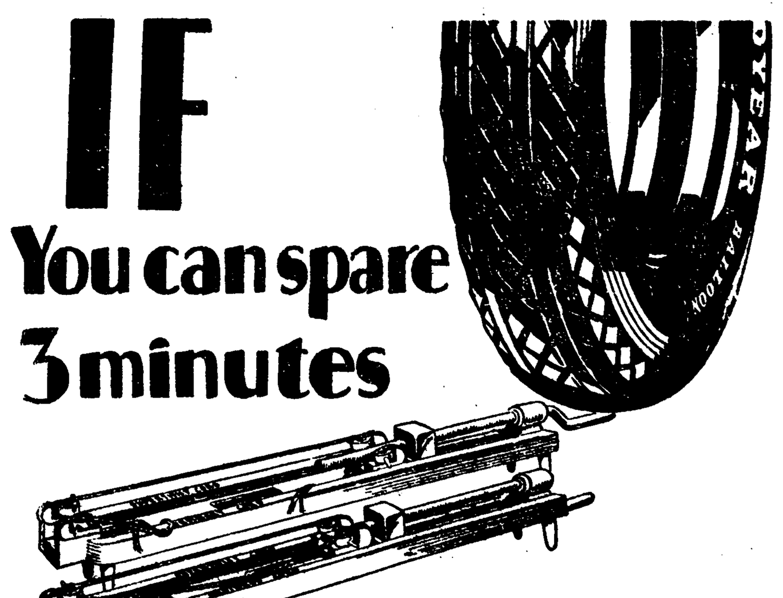

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Victor Schertzinger, Paramount's film director, is a noted musical composer. He is perhaps best known for writing "Marcheta," one of America's great songs.

"Paramount on Parade," Paramount's intimate all star screen frolic, will be presented to the public as "a party of the stars."

NORTHCOTE COUNCIL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13.

The usual meeting of the Northcote Council was held on Monday. Present were the Mayor (Cr. J. H. Green, J.P.), and Crs. B. E. Johnson, S. Pinkney, S. Dennis, J. O. Hughes, A. Bird, M. I. Jones, W. Oliver, W. Hayes, A. J. Cornish, H. C. Mitchell, A. H. Oldis, W. Turner, and J. Sutch. An apology was received from Cr. Glanfield.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Board of Works invited the council to co-operate in minimising nuisance to residents caused by sanitary waggons traversing streets.—P.W. Committee.

B. D. McAlary, referring to condition of footpath in Victoria road south Northcote.—P.W. Committee.

Northcote Unemployed Committee, requesting use of Town Hall for community singing on Friday nights.—Finance Committee.

Mrs. S. Henthorn, Auburn Av., relative to lifting of water main in lane between Auburn Av. and Arthurton road, under construction, and laying same on top of the concrete.—P.W. Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

General accounts £1,599/11/3 and street construction accounts £474 15/9 were ordered to be paid.

Bitumen.—Tenders were let to the Shell Oil Co. for 475 tons, £3,253/15/-, and to the Atlantic Union Oil Co., 100 tons, £770.

Leinster Gr. construction, from Woolton Av. to Beaconsfield Pde.—The engineer was instructed to prepare plans for this work, despite the opposition of Cr. Johnson, who said the time was not opportune for doing the work, and urged that the owners concerned be consulted before the plans, etc., were prepared.

ELECTRIC LIGHT CMMITTEE.

Accounts £19,470/3/- were passed for payment.

Park Lighting.—It was decided to take no action in the better lighting of the Johnson, Northcote, Pender's and Batman Parks. To provide five standard lights in each of the first two and four in each of the latter two would cost £270, and maintenance would cost £130 a year.

This figure, together with that of the electric light committee payments, may look high, but there has simply been a transfer of £19,000 from the electric light accounts to the municipal fund, whence £14,000 is passed on to the general purposes account, leaving the other £5000 to go towards balancing accounts at the end of the financial year.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

Accounts £284/2/7 were passed for payment.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Additional accounts to the foregoing £26,841/5/11 were passed for payment.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Batman Park Paths.—Cr. Cornish said these required gravelling.—Already authorised.

Street Seats.—Cr. Cornish drew the surveyor's attention to seats in High St. on the hill and one in Westbourne Gr.—Placing of slab round seats referred to P.W. Committee.

Cr. Oliver—You'll get cold feet then. (Laughter.)

Northcote Free Library.—Cr. Hayes reported having inspected the library after its annual stock taking and spring cleaning. There were 14,000 books there, all in first class order, and the library was in splendid condition. It was decided to send a letter of thanks to the librarian (Miss Clarke).

Unfinished Right-of-way.—Cr. Bird complained of the unfinished state of right-of-way off Gracie St., rear St. George's road.

The engineer said that the owners had to adjust their own fences.

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

High Grass.—Cr. Bird said on vacant allotments at corner Mead St. and St. George's road, and at Rennie St. and St. George's road high grass would later prove a fire menace.—Matter referred to P.W. Committee, with a view of serving notice on the owners.

Drain Guards Removed.—Cr. Bird stated that wire guards on Bullen's drain and also slip rails had been removed by someone—for firewood he supposed.

Cr. Oliver—Ask them to return it. (Laughter).

Matter referred to P.W. Committee.

Northcote Court.—Cr. Oldis referred to the Northcote Court of Petty Sessions, saying that it had become very busy and a second court day was now required. In August the police magistrate had sat till 5 p.m., and a second court was also constituted to deal with cases.—It was decided to ask Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., to arrange a deputation to the Attorney-General in an endeavor to obtain a second court day.

As a result of his work in "The Cuckoos" and "Rio Rita", Radio Pictures have signed Bert Wheeler to a long term starring contract. In "Half-Shot at Sunrise", he will be co-starred with Robert Woolsey. This is to be followed by a picture of his own.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.

THEATRE NIGHT AT NORTHCOTE THEATRE

On Thursday evening, October 9, the committee, players, trainers, etc., and lady friends (128 in all) were the guests of the management of the Northcote Picture Theatre at the screening of "Paramount on Parade." The evening was thoroughly enjoyed and the hospitality of the management greatly appreciated.

During the interval advantage was taken of the opportunity to present to Doug. Nicholls the handsome silver cup donated by Mr. Alan Proposch, of High street, to the player scoring the highest number of votes in connection with the competition for the Recorder cup. This is the second successive season in which Doug. has won Mr. Proposch's trophy.

Refreshments were partaken of in the Masonic Hall, after which the president, Mr. Frank Trainor, conveyed the appreciation of the club to the management for their hospitality. He expressed regret that the function was not being held to mark the winning of the 1930 premiership, as was the case at a similar function last season, but he congratulated the players on their fine efforts through a very strenuous season. The raising of funds with which to carry on the club had been a particularly hard one, but he was happy to say that all obligations to players and trainers had been met in full.

Cr. Sutch in congratulating the players on the proud position of the team at the conclusion of the season's activities, expressed the opinion that the final match would have been won by Northcote had some of the players controlled their tempers a little. However, there were other seasons, and he trusted that the team would bring the 1931 premiership to Northcote.

Mr. Percy Rowe, captain and coach, on behalf of the players, thanked the theatre management for their hospitality, and also Cr. Sutch for his expressions of goodwill. He said the Northcote Club had been subjected to severe criticism on account of rough play in the final match, but he could assure those present that there were faults on both sides, and it was hardly fair for Northcote to be given all the blame. Many of the Northcote players had received painful injuries, but they did not go squealing to the world about it. He was certain that Northcote would be well to the fore in the 1931 season.

NORTHCOTE'S FINANCES

The annual statement of accounts of the Northcote council for the year ended September 30 last indicates that though the year was started with a credit of £6381, it ended with a debit balance of £1561—a matter of £7,900. The amount received from rates was £3200 less than was anticipated, and a heavier interest bill accounted for something like £5,500—these two items together amounting to £8,700.

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SCHNEEBERGER—HUNTER.

On September 6 at the Wellington Street Methodist Church, Clifton Hill, Rev. Kent officiated at the marriage of Eric Schneeberger, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Schneeberger of Euroa, Victoria, and Vida Kathleen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hunter of Thomson street Northcote South. The bride was given away by her father and wore a charming gown of ivory satin and georgette with tulle veil held by sprays of orange blossom. A shell pink train fell from her shoulders and carnations and hydrangea composed her shower bouquet. Little Dorothy Roberts as trainbearer, wore a dainty pale blue frock. The bridesmaids, Misses Elsie Hunter (cousin of the bride) and Evelyn Hunter (sister of the bride) were frocked in eau de nil and salmon pink satin with felt hats to tone. Their shower bouquets were arranged with pink carnations and pansies. A crystal necklace was the gift to each maid. Mr. Allan McBain and Mr. Phill Schneeberger were the best man and groomsman respectively.

The breakfast and reception were held in the Masonic Hall Westgarth, where the tables were beautifully decorated. Mrs. A. Olorenshaw of Normanby Hall, was the caterer and every appointment was most satisfactorily carried out. The bride's mother chose a navy wool-de-chene ensemble, with hat to match, for her gown. She carried carnations and sweet peas. Black satin with hat to match formed the smart attire of the bridegroom's mother who carried a posy of Duchess of York pansies. A frock of brown satin with coat to match and a chic fawn felt toque composed the bride's travelling costume.

JONES—COHEN.

The Rev. Thomas Cole officiated on September 20 at the wedding of Mr. Les. W. Jones and Miss Ivy G. Cohen at the Church of the Epiphany. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cohen, of Clifton Hill, and the bridegroom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jones, of Clifton Hill. Lillies decorated the altar, and the bride's cousin sang while the marriage lines were being signed. Entering on her father's arm, the bride looked charming in a long white satin gown, with a lace veil falling over a pink tulle, and her shower bouquet was composed of pink hyacinths and sweet peas. Misses Maisie Cohen and Myrtle Jones were the maids, and wore pale pink crepe satin ankle-length frocks, with pale green shoes and picture hats. Pink sweet peas and grape hyacinths were their flowers. Crystal necklets, the gifts of the bridegroom, were also worn. Mr. Arch Oats was best man, and Mr. George Cohen was groomsman. The breakfast and reception were held in Normanby Hall, where the bride's father entertained with some sleight-of-hand tricks. Tables daintily decorated and heavily laden showed the ability of the caterer, Mrs. A. Olorenshaw, who carried out her duties in a capable and entirely satisfactory manner. Black georgette and lace gowned the bride's mother, and pansies in autumn shades were her flowers. Black georgette was also the choice of the bridegroom's mother, who wore a trail shoulder spray of red carnations and maidenhair fern. The bride travelled in a Burgundy wine crepe satin ensemble suit, with white trimmings, with a wine and white felt hat and white shoes. Ganmain, New South Wales, will be the future address of the couple.

THE DINNER COSTUME OF CHIFFON.

Startling motifs are the keynote of the printed chiffons utilised for the new costume which has taken the place of the more formal dinner gown.

Joan Arthur, the Paramount player, took several of these most charming ensembles with her on vacation after completing work in Paramount's "The Return of Dr. Fu Manchu."

One frock strikes an effective mood in dark blue chiffon, printed with large yellow and rose flowers. The gown sweeps the floor all round and hangs softly from a high waistline, which is girdled with a narrow belt of the same material. The long sleeves of the matching coatee are split to the elbow and fall away at the wrist.

SVELTE STREET FROCK

Street styles will be jaunty this season, according to Clara Bow, who is very busy completing work on Paramount's "Her Wedding Night."

Quite one of the prettiest frocks this little star has worn for some time is of dark blue crepe romaine, which is fashioned into a jacket and pleated skirt, contrasted by a blouse of white satin, which shows the latest in scalloped effects down the front and lower edge, which falls gracefully over the tight hip-band of the skirt. A large cluster of red, white and blue carnations lend a quaint touch of color, and her little hat of matching blue velvet is turned pertly off the face, showing the star's beautiful curly hair.

Black satin pumps and promenade shaded hose (which is quite the newest tone for street wear) complete the ensemble.

SVELTE STREET FROCK
featured by CLARA BOW
in the Paramount Picture
"HER WEDDING NIGHT"

BEAUTY IN THE BATHROOM.

Spring time is the time for redecorating the house, and what better place to start than in the bathroom.

June Collyer, who is Gary Cooper's leading lady in the Paramount picture, "A Man From Wyoming," loves plenty of color in her home, and has recently remodelled the bathroom to respond to this taste. The walls were lined with seafoam tiles, which is a great foil to the black hexagonal one on the floor. The door and window mouldings were enamelled black, whilst the door was old ivory. The tall window was curtained in white voile over a white windowshade, and hung just within the black trim were draw curtains of seafoam green chintz.

A dressing table, curtained in chintz, a medicine chest which was enamelled white to match the fittings, green floor rugs, and green and white towels, completed the furnishings.

The Care of the Houseworker's Hands.

Once the hands get into a bad condition, it is a little difficult to get them soft and white again, especially in winter, and it is necessary to have for all rough duties a piece of lemon handy to rub on the fingers after peeling vegetables and fruit, and avoid the use of soda in any water used for cleaning or scrubbing. Keep a basin of oatmeal or bran ready, and after drying rub this well into the skin. This will soothe chapped hands which are often difficult to thoroughly dry, and help to heal the cracks. Use vaseline freely for roughened hands, and wear old gloves at night. If the skin is unbroken, massage well with a mixture of glycerine, rosewater and lemon. A little honey and sugar rubbed into the palm, is a wonderful softening agent, and will not harm the most delicate skin.

FLOWER GARDEN IDEA.

The flower garden ensemble is introduced in the Paramount production, "Let's Go Native," which is shortly to commence an extended season in the capital cities of Australia.

The new costume comprises a frock printed with large gay flowers in yellow, red, green and beige on a background of black. A jaunty jacket of bright yellow ring velvet is worn with the frock, and completes an outfit of unusually chic pretensions.

SUMMER CLOTHES.

Clothes seem to be getting lighter and lighter in weight; it is to be hoped the coming summer will be a warm one, for the newest models in women's clothes are just airy nothings. In a shoplifting charge that came before a London magistrate a detective held up a cardboard box measuring just 12 inches each way, and told the incredulous magistrate it contained 43 women's dresses! At a drapery exhibition one of the visitors was so struck with the gossamer weight of the new clothes that she picked out a complete costume for a modern lady of fashion and got an obliging saleswoman to weigh it up for her. Here are the items:—(1) Coat of beige georgette, tucked (this was the latest model for Ascot), 3½ ozs.; (2) filmy dress with vivid flower design, 5 ozs.; (3) lingerie, 2 ozs.; (4) hat of silk, with shady brim, 2 ozs.; (5) stockings, finest gauge—these defied the scales, so that a pair of thinnest gloves was added, total weight then ½ oz.; (6) pair of shoes, 4 ozs. Total, 1 lb. 1 oz. How's that for a complete costume?

RECIPES.

Icings improve cakes and here is an easy way of making some wholesome ones.

Lemon Icing.—Sieve ½lb. to 1lb. icing sugar into a basin, grate ½ rind of a lemon into it, and squeeze the juice from 1 or 2 lemons. Mix till stiff and quite smooth, free from any lumps. Spread on cake with knife dipped in cold water frequently.

Orange Icing.—Same, but use orange and orange-juice instead of lemon.

Passion Fruit Icing.—Use the juice of passion fruit and a little water instead of lemon, or equal parts of lemon and passion fruit.

Raspberry Icing.—Mix 2 tablespoonsful of raspberry jam to one of water, and force through a sieve; then add to icing sugar.

Date Slices.—Mix 3 cups flour, 1 cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 4 eggs. Filling—1½ cups dates, 1 tablespoon butter. Put in saucepan till warm, beat till soft; spread on cake, roll like jam roll. Cut in slices. Bake in moderate oven.

Chocolate Jellies.—1 egg, 1 dessertspoonful cocoa, 2½ gills hot water, ½ pint milk, about 1½ dessertspoonsful sugar, 1 pint packet vanilla jelly, dessicated cocoanut.

Method.—Beat the egg. Mix the cocoa to a paste with a spoonful of the milk. Boil the remainder; stir on to it. Return to the pan and boil one minute, then cool slightly and add to the egg. Pour into a jug and add the sugar. Stand it in a saucepan of hot water and cook until the custard thickens. Stir it occasionally, and be careful not to let it curdle. When cooked pour into a basin and leave until cold. Dissolve the jelly in the hot water.

Batter Puddings.

All batters should be well beaten. Sufficient air is thus admitted into the mixture, and unless a great many bubbles form, it will be heavy instead of light. To be at its best, batter should stand at least one hour before cooking, and should be fried in very hot fat.

Joan Arthur, Paramount featured player, is 5ft. 3in. tall, weighs 7st. 7lbs., and has brown hair and blue eyes. Her favorite recreations are reading, driving and swimming.

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RESERVOIR NOTES

On October 11 the official opening of the rowing season was held by the Preston Ladies' Rowing Club at Edwardes Lake. Mrs. Williams, the president, received the visitors. The council was represented by Crs. Spratling and Maynard. The former apologised for the absence of the Mayor. Cr. Spratling made a breezy speech, regretting that the state of finances prevented the council from assisting the clubs as it would like to. Invitation races were held and the ladies' combined fours was a fine race. It was won by Miss P. Pridham's crew, with Miss Anden's second, and Miss V. Ratcliffe's third, a canvas separating the three boats. The winning crew, in addition to Miss Pridham, consisted of Misses E. Twite (P.L.R.C.), S. Griffiths (A.P.L.R.C.), and G. Paul (A.P.L.C.). On Sunday morning the crews were out under the eagle eye of coaches. There is great keenness to repeat the performance of last year at Henley. At present the crews must walk through water ankle deep to get to their boats, as owing to the alterations in the banks, the stage is almost useless. There is a fine body of water going over the weir, and anglers are trying the creek waters for some strays. Some more fine trout have been caught during the last week, one fine specimen of 3½ lbs. being grassed, 23 inches long.

Mr. Samuel Alexander Baker died on Thursday from heart failure. Mr. Baker, who was 49 years old, was a master tailor, and was in the best of health. At about 1.30 severe pains seized Mr. Baker, who died before Dr. Fredman could arrive. He had been a resident of Reservoir for seven years. He leaves a widow and nine children, the eldest being Miss Elsie Baker, a singer who has been heard often in Preston. The funeral was attended by members of the local Buffalo Lodge, led by their primo (Mr. Hall) and secretary (Mr. L. Day).

The Reservoir police found the missing Chrysler car belonging to Mr. Brockhoff, biscuit manufacturer, on vacant ground overlooking Edwardes Lake on Monday morning. It had been stripped of tyres, tubes and other accessories.

Mr. Uren, butcher, was informed that suspicious persons were in the vicinity of his shop in High St.. Hastily dressing, Mr. Uren, accompanied by willing neighbors, hurried to the shop, where with the aid of torches they were able to distinguish the fleeing forms of the would-be intruders. The suspicious ones did a complete get-away. It is another indication of the necessity for a uniformed patrol.

Happy Evening at Reservoir.

A "surprise party," which took the form of a kitchen tea, was organised for last Saturday evening, and carried out most successfully by four of the girl friends of Miss Muriel Dyson, the gathering taking place at Lomur Hall, Reservoir, the residence of her mother and step-dad, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thrower. Well over 60 of her friends, including a number from Preston, attended, and a useful array of appliances and general essentials for modern kitchen equipment awaited her inspection when she arrived home from the city about 9 p.m. Miss Dyson's surprise on finding the party in full going order was smothered in the delight of the overwhelming evidence of the thoughtfulness of her friends in regard to her future welfare. With dancing, songs, games and refreshment interludes a pleasant evening was spent by all, and with her fiance (Mr. George Anderson) Miss Dyson shared the congratulations and sincere wishes for their future happiness expressed.

A representative meeting of West ward (Reservoir) residents was held at the Methodist Hall on Tuesday, October 14. Cr. Hemburrow outlined the idea of subdivision of the West ward and the need for local activity to support the members in the council. It was decided to form a progress association, and on the motion of Mr. Cruttenden the West Reservoir Progress Association was duly formed. The office-bearers are:—President, Mr. T. R. Clinnick; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Hardie, Beer, Emmett, Tindal; secretary, Mr. Cruttenden, senr.; treasurer, Mr. G. Marlow; committee, Messrs. P. C. Young, Harris, Marshall, A. Young and Lott. The annual subscription is 2/ for gentlemen and 1/ for ladies. The association will meet on October 28, when all West ward (Reservoir) residents are invited to attend at the Methodist hall. A committee was appointed to draw up the rules of constitution to be presented at the next meeting. It is intended to concentrate on the lighting of Edwardes street, the 'bus service and the petitions for the creation of the new ward.

VANDALISM IN NORTHCOTE

In order to prevent a recurrence of the repeated acts of vandalism which have occurred in the West ward, Northcote, from time to time, the Northcote council is seeking better police protection, or alternatively, the use of a motor patrol in the western section of the area named.

The council has also decided to offer a reward of £10 for information leading to the conviction of any person or persons damaging council property.

NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Before Mr. T. H. Woods, P.M., and Messrs. E. J. Jones, H. Evans, P. J. Kean and Mrs. Woods, J's.P.

Didn't Pay Tramfare.

Henry Joseph Meese, St. David St., Northcote, was charged that on October 11, being a passenger on a tram car he failed to tender his fare to the conductor.

The evidence showed that Meese boarded a tramcar at Spencer St. on the day in question and when asked for his fare began to argue with the conductor. He was given several chances to pay and was finally handed over to a policeman.

Meese said—"I'm sorry it happened, but I was under the influence of liquor at the time."

Fined £1, with 10/10 costs.

Railway Traveller's Two Offenses.

Charged with having travelled first class in a railway carriage on a second class ticket on September 11, Robert Shilling, of Cumming St., West Brunswick, was fined £1. He was also fined £1 for having given a wrong address, and was also ordered to pay 10/- costs.

Cigarettes After Hours.

Myrtle Turner, Railway Place, Fairfield, who on August 28 kept her shop open for the sale of cigarettes after the appointed hour, was fined 10/-.

Motor Bus Left Unattended.

Henry Edward Taylor, Gooch St., Thornbury, was charged that being a driver of a licensed motor omnibus, he was not constantly attendant on his vehicle when plying for hire on September 19.

Inspector Jenkins said—On September 19 I saw defendant's bus unattended for 10 minutes in Westgarth St., with the engine running. Passengers were getting into the vehicle. When I spoke to Taylor and told him it was a dangerous practice he said "I've been to the service station."

Fined £3, with 2/6 costs.

Alleged Soliciting for Passengers.

William Weatherall, of Kellett St., Northcote, was charged that on September 20 he solicited passengers for a motor car otherwise than by a sign attached to the vehicle.

Plainclothes Const. Tremewen said—I was at the corner of Darebin and High Sts. and heard Weatherall call out "Car to the city," and indicated a car standing on a block of land alongside the service station. I said: "Why are you plying for hire here?" and he said "I'm not."

Inspector Jenkins said—Weatherall directed passengers alighting from the Darebin St. bus to a taxi bus, and he was standing in the street whilst doing so.

Inspector Gale said—Weatherall spoke to me, saying "Are you going to the city? A car is waiting," and directed me to a car standing on land alongside the service station. He added: "The fare is the same as the trams."

Weatherall said—I did not speak to anyone until some people asked me about the taxi-bus service. I did not call out and I was just standing on the corner. I was unemployed at the time.

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

About a Bail Bond.

When Henry Robbins, of Richmond, was arrested some weeks ago and charged with being drunk and disorderly, he was released on a bail bond of £10, of which he left a deposit of 10/- in the hands of the Northcote police.

When the case was called on the following Tuesday he failed to appear. Although sent for, and it was not until a week later that he came to the court. He was then discharged with a caution.

At the Northcote court last Tuesday Robbins was called upon to show cause why the bond should not be forfeited. He said: "I entered into the bond when arrested and thought the deposit I left would be sufficient to cover the fine if I didn't come to court."

The P.M. advised Robbins to write to the Minister and explain the circumstances, and said he would adjourn the case for four weeks.

Robbins—What's the alternative?

The P.M.—About a month, I suppose.

Robbins—Give me time to pay the fine.

The P.M. (testily)—It isn't a fine, it's a bail bond.

The case was adjourned for four weeks.

Debt.

H. D. McKay, of Station St., Fairfield, obtained an order against Wilbur V. Long for £16, due on a dishonored cheque. (Order for the amount, with £1/6/- costs.

Stevens Shopfitters Pty. Ltd., sued Harry Linley, of Alphington, for £6/13/7 for work and labor done.

An order was made for £5/13/7, with 3/6 costs. Linley said the work contracted for had not been finished.

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AN ECONOMIC PROBLEM

WHAT DOES CR. TURNER WANT?

It is hard to understand what Cr. Turner wants, judging by his attitude at the Northcote council meeting on Monday evening, when he spoke in regard to a letter from the Northcote A.L.P., which stated that whilst not in favor of reductions in wages, dismissals, or rationing of labor, yet it was of opinion that if rationing were to be observed it should be applied to the whole of the council's staff, and not to a section of it, and so be made to apply to the town hall staff as well as to the outdoor staff.

Cr. Turner, in moving that the matter be referred to the committee of the council, said that whilst he would like the matter discussed in public, there were details which required much consideration.

Continuing, he said that his party did not believe in rationing, wage reductions or dismissals, as these would not lead to prosperity. However, if rationing was adopted as a policy it should work from the top to the bottom and not be applied to employes on the bread line only, upon which section, unfortunately, everybody seemed to focus their attention when any concessions had to be made.

Cr. Turner went on:—I admit that I could not live on the basic wage, and many others are in the same position. It is an anomaly that workmen with families to keep should be asked to make sacrifices by rationing, whilst the higher paid men are not asked to give up anything. It seems that everybody is out to direct attention to those on the lowest strata, whilst the higher ones are not touched.

Cr. Dennis: I suppose they are not in your union. (Laughter.)

Cr. Turner: If you had your way none of them would be in unions. If rationing is to be the policy of this council it should apply to all officers from the town clerk down. I would prefer to see no rationing or reductions.

There was ironical laughter at this, and one voice asked: "What then? Dismissals?"

Cr. Turner: No. Continuing, he said the council had not proposed to ration any of its town hall officers.

Cr. Johnson: The council has been considering that.

Cr. Turner: It has not. The only rationing the council intended was to apply to the outdoor staff only, and not to the inside staff.

The Mayor (Cr. Green): Spare the mayor. (Laughter.)

Cr. Turner: It's a pity we can't ration some of the councillors and give them a holiday at times. (Laughter.)

The mayor indicated that the Municipal Association was moving to secure a reduction in the municipal officers' award.

Cr. Olver suggested that the question of rationing was one that should be considered with the estimates when the council would know what money it would have to spend.

Cr. Dennis: There has been a lot of "hot air" let loose. The position actually is that on the completion of a big programme the council, rather than put off 40 men, for whom there was no further work, decided to ration what work it had. I would ask Cr. Turner what he would rather have—rationing or dismissals?

Cr. Turner: I want neither.

Cr. Dennis: You must have one or the other, as there is no other way out of the difficulty. The employes at a meeting with the union representatives had the position explained to them, and they agreed to the rationing of the work. As far as salaries are concerned I am of opinion that if a reduction of wages is coming everybody should participate in it. If it is the policy of Cr. Turner and his party to dismiss 40 men instead of rationing what work there is, and give all a share, I for one cannot support that policy.

Cr. Bird said that though he did not like rationing he regarded it as an alternative to dismissals. The council paid its indoor and outdoor staffs from the same fund, and in the matter of reductions or rationing it was grossly unfair to draw the line between the two staffs.

Cr. Mitchell said that rationing was essential under the present conditions, although no one liked it. The only way he felt the country could get out of its economic troubles would be by wage reductions. Wages and costs went hand in hand, and until there was a drop in wages the country could not return to prosperity.

Cr. Pinkney: Rationing seems to be the best way out of things at present. Had it not been for rationing the 40 men spoken of would have had to be dismissed.

Cr. Hayes said that to his idea rationing was just a means of reducing wages. Still the council had only a certain amount of money to spend, and unemployment was a great deal worse than rationing. Economies were no good to help men to get work. It was not a question of politics but "get together," and he felt the higher paid officers were prepared to co-operate. Officers like the town clerk could not be rationed.

The matter was referred to the meeting which will consider the estimates.

PRAHRAN OFFICERS' REQUEST

LOWER SALARIES ASKED FOR

Lightening Ratepayers' Burden

With the object of assisting the council to effect economies and of setting an example to employes of the State Government, the town clerk and officers of the Prahran Council have set a fine example and have offered to agree to any reasonable reduction of salaries which the council might consider advisable in the present financial depression. This decision was made by the officers voluntarily, and was conveyed to the council in a letter from the town clerk (Mr. J. Romanis) which was read at the meeting of the council on Monday night.

In the letter it was added that the members of the staff felt that it was due to those occupying permanent positions to make some sacrifice which might contribute in a small way to lighten the burden imposed on the ratepayers. The offer was also an expression and acknowledgment of the generous treatment of officers by the council.

Cr. Woodfull said that the council was indebted to the officers for their public-spirited co-operation. He expressed the hope that the example would be followed by persons high in the Government service.

The council decided to adopt the following recommendation which was submitted by the finance committee:—"That the council expresses its highest appreciation of the action of the town clerk and officers in submitting to the council a proposal for a reduction of their salaries with a view to assisting the council to effect economies during the present depression."

PERSONAL

Constable Kearney, a member of Preston force, is an inmate of the police hospital, St. Kilda road.

Mr. F. P. Bird, electrical engineer, is visiting Sydney.

There passed away on October 11, at Weston street, Brunswick, Mrs. Catherine Spargo, mother of Mr. Spargo, of Tyler street, Preston.

Friends of Mrs. Weatherhead, of Preston, will regret to learn of the death of her father, Mr. Edward Persse Newenham, of Middle Park.

There passed away on Friday last at his residence, 31 Dresden street, Heidelberg, Mr. Arthur Poulter, at the age of 63 years. He leaves a widow and grown-up family.

The death occurred on October 1 at the residence of her daughter (Mrs M. Butler), 171 Separation street, Northcote, of Mrs. Annie Morgan (late of Orbost).

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Knights, of 219 Gower street, Preston, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son (Donald Pearce).

There passed away on Sunday at Harold street, Thornbury, Mrs. Mary Ellen Pendlebury, wife of Mr. Chas. S. Pendlebury. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kelly. The interment was made at the Strathallan Cemetery, Preston, last Monday, the funeral arrangements being in the hands of Mr. Ern Jensen.

Theodore Murray Bliss, of Fairy street, Ivanhoe, retired printer, who died on August 16, left by will dated July 8, 1930, real estate of a gross value of £1,600 and personal property of a gross value of £4,602 to his children.

Mr. J. T. Ellison, Bell street, Preston, attained his 80th birthday on October 8, and the occasion was celebrated by a family gathering, a pleasant evening being spent. Mr. Ellison has been a resident of Preston for 55 years, and was a justice of the peace for 44 years. He retired two years ago on account of deafness. At the celebration a birthday cake (made by Mr. Les Ellison, a grandson), surrounded by 80 candles, was cut and handed round.

Sergt. H. Lang and Mrs. Lang have returned from an enjoyable trip to Daylesford. The sergeant feels in improved health after a daily course of spa waters.

The Rev. F. J. Jennings returned on Monday from an extended holiday abroad. Mr. Jennings visited many places on the Continent, England and America. He will immediately resume his duties as minister of the High street Methodist Church. On Sunday an augmented choir of over 100 voices will be heard in special music, including "The Hallelujah Chorus."

Mrs. Kimpton, of Moonee Ponds, has been appointed organist at the James street Presbyterian Church in succession to Miss Thelma Chapman, who resigned after filling the position for some years.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Morris, of St. David street, Thornbury, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

A delightful afternoon arranged by Mrs. E. C. Tribe, of Southernhay St., East Preston, was held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Tucker, Oakhill avenue, on Wednesday. About twenty ladies were present. Games and competitions were indulged in, and a dainty afternoon tea was served. The proceeds will go towards St. Mary's Church of England annual fair, which will be held early in November.

The Union Trustee Company of Australasia Ltd. is applying for letters of administration in the estate of Kenneth Armstrong, late of South Morang, who left personal property amounting to £2787, to his wdow and relatives.

After having given many years service as a member of the committee of the Northcote Free Library, Mr. O. S. Rawson has retired from that committee. The Northcote council has decided to send him a letter of thanks in recognition of his public spirited work.

The friends of Mrs. H. P. Brewer, of "La Rose," Gordon Grove, Northcote, will be pleased to know that she has returned home from hospital and is making a good recovery after her recent operation.

All Saints' Church of England, in Northcote South will celebrate its 70th. anniversary on Sunday November 2. The late Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Johnson, father and mother of Cr. B. E. Johnson of Northcote, were the first couple to be married in the church.

Cr. Walter Glanfield of Northcote was absent from the council on Monday. He has been on a trip to Sydney to see his mother, whose health, unfortunately, is not of the best.

Mr. Freeman, assistant secretary of the Preston Rowing Club, has returned from a holiday at Daylesford.

Mr. George Leffers, of Reservoir, is now convalescent after an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Mason of Epping road, Reservoir has sold his property and taken a farm. Sisters Dumper and Jackson have opened a private hospital in this residence.

The James street Presbyterian Women's Guild and P.W.M.U. held an enjoyable social afternoon on 9th inst. when they presented Mrs. Wallace, who has been their secretary for seven and a half years, with a handsome ebony and silver rose bowl as a token of esteem. Mrs. Wallace, who was quite overcome, thanked the ladies for their beautiful gift. Mrs. Paull and Mrs. Muir delighted the meeting with their solos.

Mr. Charles J. Bell, of Barry street, Northcote, who was engaged in the electric supply department of the Brunswick City Council, succumbed suddenly to a heart attack, and was interred in the Heidelberg cemetery last week. His activities in connection with the High street Methodist Church, of which he was a member, the Loyal Orange Society, of which he was secretary for several years, and his association with the Masonic fraternity were duly acknowledged at the burial, services being conducted by the Rev. J. T. Duggleby and officers of the L.O.L. and the Masonic Order. The attendance was large, and it testified to the high esteem in which deceased was held.

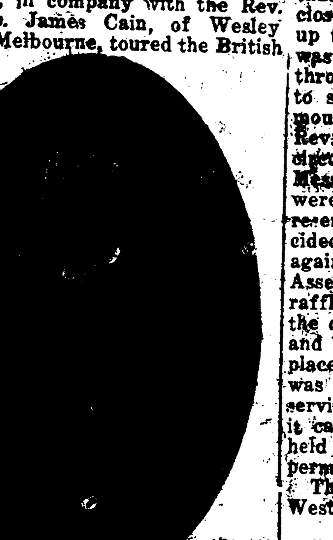
Another well-known resident, Mrs. Hing, widow of the late Mr. William Hing, of High street south, passed away on Monday after ailing for about four weeks. She was a sister of Mr. Ah Ket, barrister, and was most accomplished, passing on many of her talents to her family, which comprises Elva (Mrs. Teng), Grenville, Rupert and Myra. Mrs. Hing was an ardent worker in the High street Church of Christ. Further reference will be made to Mrs. Hing on Sunday evening, when Pastor Illingworth will conduct an in memoriam service.

Miss Mavis Kruger, of Northcote, was awarded second place with 98 points for a solo under 13 years at the South street (Ballarat) competitions. Audrey Stokes (Ivanhoe) was third with 95 points. In the girls' solo under 16 Joyce Mundy (Northcote) gained second place with 92 points, and in the champion solo under 16 years the same young lady gained 88 points and an equal third place.

CHURCH NEWS

High Street Methodist Church

The pastor of the church (Rev. F. J. Jennings), who has been abroad for seven months on a holiday tour, returned last Monday, when he was met at Spencer street station by a large and enthusiastic gathering of members of the congregation. Leaving about the middle of last March, Mr. Jennings, in company with the Rev. and Mrs. James Cain, of Wesley Church, Melbourne, toured the British



Isles and the Continent, returning home via America. The anniversary services of the church will be held on October 19. The preacher at 11 a.m. will be the Rev. John Thomas, B.A. The anthem will be "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "Awake Thou That Sleepest." Miss Olive Batten will sing the solo, "Nearer My God To Thee." The afternoon session will take the form of a pleasant Sunday afternoon and welcome home to Rev. Jennings, when the combined choirs of the circuit will render the anthems "By Babylon's Wave", and "The Glory of the Lord" and "The Hallelujah Chorus." The "Thema" quartette Party will also sing. The chairman will be the Hon. J. G. Membrey. In the evening at 7 o'clock the Rev. Jennings will preach his first sermon. Mrs. Frances Court will render the solos "Come Holy Ghost," and "Come Unto Him." The choir anthems will be "Lift Up Your Heads" and "Through the Day Thy Love Has Spared Us." On Saturday (Oct. 18) proir to the anniversary services a family tea of the High street people will be held in the school hall at 6.30, tickets are 1/6, children 1/-. This will be followed at 8 o'clock by a church social gathering, when a programme of musical and elocutionary items will be given. The Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M. will preside.

All Saints' 70th. Anniversary.

All Saints' Church of England Northcote South will celebrate its 70th. anniversary on Saturday November 2. Rev. A. H. Constable, the present vicar has invited Mayor Green and Northcote councillors to be present at the morning sevrice on that date.

Preston Methodist Churches.

Rev. F. C. Bremer, presided over a large attendance of members at the Quarterly Meeting in the Reservoir Church, on October 8. The membership showed a slight reduction (353 to 347). Finance is still buoyant, income being the allocated amount £160 and expenses £162/4/10. Refunds were made to the various trusts, the Preston Church receiving nearly £25. The circuit stewards reported that a slightly higher amount was needed to adequately meet the circuit obligations without using the credit balance. It was decided to adopt an allocation of £165, Preston carrying the extra £5.

Hospital Sunday October 26. West Preston Sunday school anniversary, November 16 and 23, Thomastown November 22. It was also decided to ask for a retiring collection for Cheltenham Home on Christmas Sunday. Mr. A. W. Pearce, Sunday school visitor, gave his usual full and interesting report. All schools visited. The average attendance was only about 70 per cent., probably the effect of the period through which we are passing. Our school workers and teachers are asked to stress this point and to work for an improvement. Rev. G. D. Brimacombe reported regarding the Young People's Societies. All State schools had been visited regularly and scripture instruction imparted. Mr. R. Tivey, Home Mission Secretary, reported that the results for the year just closed, were amazing, being almost up to that of the previous year. It was decided to ask the conference, through the synod, for permission to sell land at Bundoora. A unanimous invitation was extended to Rev. F. C. Bremer to superintend the circuit for the ensuing twelve months. Messrs. W. A. Pearce and R. Tivey, were appointed as substitute representatives to synod. It was decided to protest to the local member against the bill now before the Assembly, which aims to legalise raffles, also urging the necessity for the closing of hotels on Good Friday and Christmas Day. Discussion took place regarding East Preston and it was decided to start an evening service there, commencing as soon as it can be arranged. Services to be held in the State School, providing permission is obtained.

The next meeting will be held at West Preston on January 14, 1931.

James Street Presbyterian

Special services in connection with the Robert Raikes jubilee will be held next Sunday. In the morning the Sunday school children will take part, and to which parents are invited. In the evening Rev. A. T. Jones will give a special address to the young people on "The Fellowship of Burning Hearts."

Prince of Wales Park Methodist

Last Sunday was Social Service Sunday, and the morning service was conducted by Rev. J. T. Duggleby. Rev. G. A. Judkins, director of the Methodist Social Service Department, was the special preacher in the evening. Next Sunday the morning service will be conducted by Pastor Perkins and that in the evening by Rev. Duggleby.

South Preston Methodist

The anniversary services of the South Preston Methodist Church were conducted last Sunday. The morning service was under the guidance of Rev. Mitchell, whilst Stoker Stephens won the rapt attention of his congregation at the afternoon session. The large congregation was present at the evening service, which was conducted by Rev. Kernick. On Wednesday evening the annual concert was held.

Hospital Sunday

On Hospital Sunday, October 26, the following exchange of pulpits has been arranged by the Preston Minister's Fraternal. Special sermons will be delivered, and a retiring offering or other offering, as locally decided upon and announced in each church, will be contributed to the hospital funds:—11 a.m.— Church of England, St. Mary's, Rev. F. C. Bremer; St. Mark's, Rev. C. Powell; Methodist Church, Regent, Rev. F. Parsons; South Preston, Pastor M. F. Anderson. 7 p.m.—Baptist Church, Regent, Rev. W. Lowson; Church of England, St. Mary's, Rev. D. Roberts; St. George's, Reservoir, Rev. W. D. Anderson; Church of Christ, Preston, Rev. G. D. Brimacombe; West Preston, Rev. H. Williams; Congregational Church, Pastor A. J. Fisher; Methodist Church, South Preston, Mr. R. A. Crocker; West Preston, Mr. C. R. Burville; Reservoir, Rev. C. Powell; Oakover road, Mr. C. G. Sandlands; Presbyterian Church, West Preston, Adjt. F. Inglis; Regent, Pastor H. R. Robbins; Salvation Army, Gower St., Rev. A. J. Stewart. November 2, 7 p.m.—Church of England, All Saints', Rev. A. J. Stewart. The West Preston Baptist Church will observe Hospital Sunday at a later date.

All Saints' Mothers' Union

The monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union was held on 14th inst. at All Saints' school room, when there was a good attendance. The speaker for the afternoon was Miss Taylor, a member of the Women's Missionary Council, who spent six months in India, where she visited the mission stations and hospitals.

HIGH STREET (NORTHCOTE) METHODIST CHURCH.

THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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And on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, at 11 a.m. the service will be conducted by REV. JOHN THOMAS, B.A. Soloist—MISS OLIVE BATTEN.
In the afternoon at 3.15 a P.S.A. and great "CIRCUIT WELCOME HOME" to REV. F. J. JENNINGS.
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To-night and Saturday comes "Light of the Western Stars" from Zane Grey's novel, a stirring flesh and blood romance, filled with action and drama, with a brilliant cast in a picture greater than "The Virginian." The story of a man who boasted he would marry the first girl he met, and what came of it. Richard Arlen, a fighting lover you can't resist; Mary Brian, the screen's sweetest sweetheart; imagine Harry Green as a cowboy; Fred Kohler as the burly bad man, and a host of others. The second feature is "Jealousy" an all talkie with highlights and an interesting love theme.

Nancy Carroll heads an able cast in "Dangerous Paradise" which comes on Monday. Menaced by her ruthless employer, she seeks safety on a tiny island where Richard Arlen, an embittered recluse, is living, and working alone. Friendship turns into hate, but when three desperadoes trail Nancy and menace Arlen's life, her love is revealed. "Geraldine" is the support with Marion Nixon and Eddie Quillian leading a first-class cast in the regeneration of a frumpish girl into a beautiful society damsel.

Thursday brings another Powell mystery, "The Benson Murder Case," to be solved. Five suspects are hopelessly involved with the killing of a stockbroker and yet nothing can be proved. Each had his motive for the crime; each had the desire to commit it; but only one did commit it, and Phillip Vance sifts the mystery to the bottom. Each twist of the plot seems to open a way to the final solution; every turn of the story seems to reveal the answer to the puzzle. But Vance surprises everyone and proves right. "Noisy Neighbours" the second attraction is a mirth provoking comedy with colored musicians in old favorites and Eddie Quillian, and his two sisters, three brothers and their father, all well-known vaudeville performers, are featured in the picture, the cast of which also includes Alberta Vaughn and Theodore Roberts.

WOMAN FINED FOR BETTING.

TOOK BETS TO OBLIGE NEIGHBORS

Rose Ellen Webster, of Hawthorn road, Northcote, made an appearance at the Northcote court on Tuesday when she was charged with having on October 4 had the care and management of a common gaming house.

Defendant: I plead guilty, but not to a common gaming house.

Plainclothes Constable Batt said:—At 2.30 p.m. on October 4, with other police, I went to Webster's house with a search warrant. On being questioned the woman produced a number of betting slips.

"To Oblige Neighbors"

When asked how long she had been betting, she said, "Only a few weeks to oblige the neighbors." A sum of £4/9/3 was seized, of which Mrs. Webster said that £2 was her own.

Mrs. Webster: This policeman did not produce a warrant. I asked if he had a warrant, and he only smiled but did not produce the warrant.

Plainclothes Constable Veness also gave evidence.

Fine of £20

A fine of £20, in default three months' imprisonment, with £1/5/ costs, was imposed, and an amount of £2/9/ found on the premises was forfeited.

NORTHCOTE EGG DAY APPEAL

The following eggs were received in connection with the appeal for the Melbourne Hospital:—Members of Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary, 235 dozen; Westgarth State school, 143 dozen; Northcote District High school, 73 dozen; Helen street State school, 62 dozen; St. Joseph's school, 50 dozen; Prince of Wales Park State school, 48 dozen; Westleigh College, 37½ dozen; Hutton street State school, 37 dozen; Pender's Grove State chool, 36 dozen; St. Mary's school, 32 dozen; Fairfield North State school, 24 dozen; Fairfield State school, 9 dozen; total, 786½ dozen.

Richard Barthelmess has many hobbies, but his one real passion is the sea. Like John Barrymore in his love for "that ole debbil sea" he is also the proud possessor of a beautiful yacht, "The Pegasus," and between pictures he is never found in Hollywood. If not off for a jaunt to Europe with Mrs. Barthelmess, who is a New York society woman, then they gather together a few chosen friends and go off on a long ocean cruise.

FATHER AND SON.

TROUBLE OVER BROKEN WINDOW

Claiming 12/, the value of a broken window, William E. Costar, of Andrew-street, Northcote, had his son, Cyril Frederick Costar, haled before the Northcote court on Tuesday.

The elder Costar said:—This boy is my second son. He refuses to pay any board, so I asked him to leave the house. He would not do so, and I called in the police, who eventually persuaded him to go. On the same day, about an hour later, he came back and threw a lemonade bottle through my kitchen window.

Fined £1, with 12/ damages, in default seven days' imprisonment.

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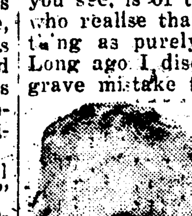
LEWIS STONE IN "STRICTLY UNCONVENTIONAL"

"Rehearsals in the head are much more satisfactory than rehearsals with the body," Lewis Stone stated, when queried as to some of the inner secrets of the action profession which he has adorned so long and so efficiently. Stone is now appearing in "Strictly Unconventional," a talking picture version of W. Somerset Maugham's stage classic of satire on marriage, "The Circle."

"I enjoyed this picture, particularly because of David Burton's connection as director," Stone stated. "Burton, you see, is of the school of directors who realise that there can be such a thing as purely physical rehearsals. Long ago I discovered that it was a grave mistake to let myself go with full voice and body until the actual moment of final creation, either on the stage or screen. In rehearsals I always read my lines very quietly and with practically no expression. Likewise I merely indicate my gestures and do not really complete them. My mind, however, completes the scene. The result is that when the final "shooting" is ready I can let go physically, knowing that my mental processes will guide my body correctly. Further, my body and my voice will be fresh, because it hasn't been worn to tatters by too strenuous rehearsals. It is difficult to get this lesson over to the youngsters. They almost invariably hold the mistaken notion that to act they must act, whether in rehearsal or in the real scene. They pour their life's blood into rehearsals whose main function is merely to set the mechanics, and when the real show goes on they haven't a thing left to give."



Lewis Stone

Other players in "Strictly Unconventional" include Catherine Dale Owen, Ernest Torrence, Alison Skipworth, Mary Forbes, Tyrrell Davis and Paul Cavanagh.

the studio shops. This setting represents the royal suite of Monte Carlo's most exclusive and most expensive hotel, a tapestry and satin-draped series of rooms, that are the last word in luxury. The setting and its furnishings were designed by Wiard Boppo Ihnen, who some time ago won international recognition for his development of "abstract construction-ism" as an interior decorative theme.

Popular Marie Dressler and perky Polly Moran, in their first co-starring talkie, "Caught Short," are a screamingly funny pair. Marie and Polly as rival boardinghouse landladies plunge into the stock-market with disastrously humorous results. Anita Page as Marie's daughter, and Charles Morton as Polly's son, supply the love interest.

"RULING PASSION" AS A TALKIE

"Ruling Passion," an old silent of George Arliss', has been resurrected as a possbile vehicle for this eminent artist. Asked whether the title of "Ruling Passion" would be retained in the talking version, Mr. Arliss replied: "That I don't know; there is always difficulty in selecting just the right title. We even thought of changing "Disraeli"—I remember I suggested "Wild Nights With Queen Victoria!" Surely it was the Earl of Beaconsfield whose eye twinkled so roguishly through the monocle. Or maybe it was the Rajah of "The Green Goddess," who so delighted in suave cynicism! Or "The Devil" himself! Which, by the way, is the name of the Molnar play to be made into a picture with Mr. Arliss in the title role. He has just finished "Old English."

ON LOCATION FOR A MODERN WESTERN

Filming a scene for Paramount's all-talking picturisation of Zane Grey's story, "The Border Legion," starring Richard Arlen. Outdoor scenes were made above the snow line in the Californian high Sierras. Note the sound camera, no "blimp," on the left.

RKO TO MAKE "BEAU IDEAL"

William LeBaron and Herbert Brenon have finally decided on Brenon's next production for RKO Radio Pictures. It will be an adaptation of "Beau Ideal," the sensational novel from the pen of Percival C. Wren. "Beau Ideal" is the last of a trilogy by the same author. The first, "Beau Geste" was not only one of the year's greatest pictures, but was one of Brenon's most spectacular film achievements. The second of the series was "Beau Sabreur." Like the others, "Beau Ideal" is a powerfully dramatic story of the French Foreign Legion. It deals with the emotions of two men and a woman whom both love. Its scenes are in Morocco, Algiers and the far-flung outposts of the Legion. Brenon is now at his beach home working on the screen treatment, and is conferring daily with LeBaron, vice-president in charge of RKO Radio Pictures production.

FURNITURE MAKING AT HOLLYWOOD

Furniture making, a trade hitherto untouched by the motion picture studios in Hollywood, has finally been added to the long list of studio arts and crafts. Because of the advanced type of modernistic furnishings required or the lavish setting against which much of Ernst Lubitsch's latest Paramount operetta, "Monte Carlo," was filmed, all of the furniture for the picture was designed and built at

Louise Fazenda's Sideline

Most of the Hollywood celebrities have a sideline, and Louisa Fazenda is one who has made her sideline a very profitable business. This enterprising little woman not only builds and sells houses, but draws the plans for them, and it is rumored that she has a way with contractors which makes them build according to her specifications.

One of Clara Bow's biggest worries in Hollywood is finding a time in which she can go horseback riding without drawing a salary. No matter whether the red-haired girl tries early in the morning or late in the afternoon, she finds it impossible to ride sans publicity.

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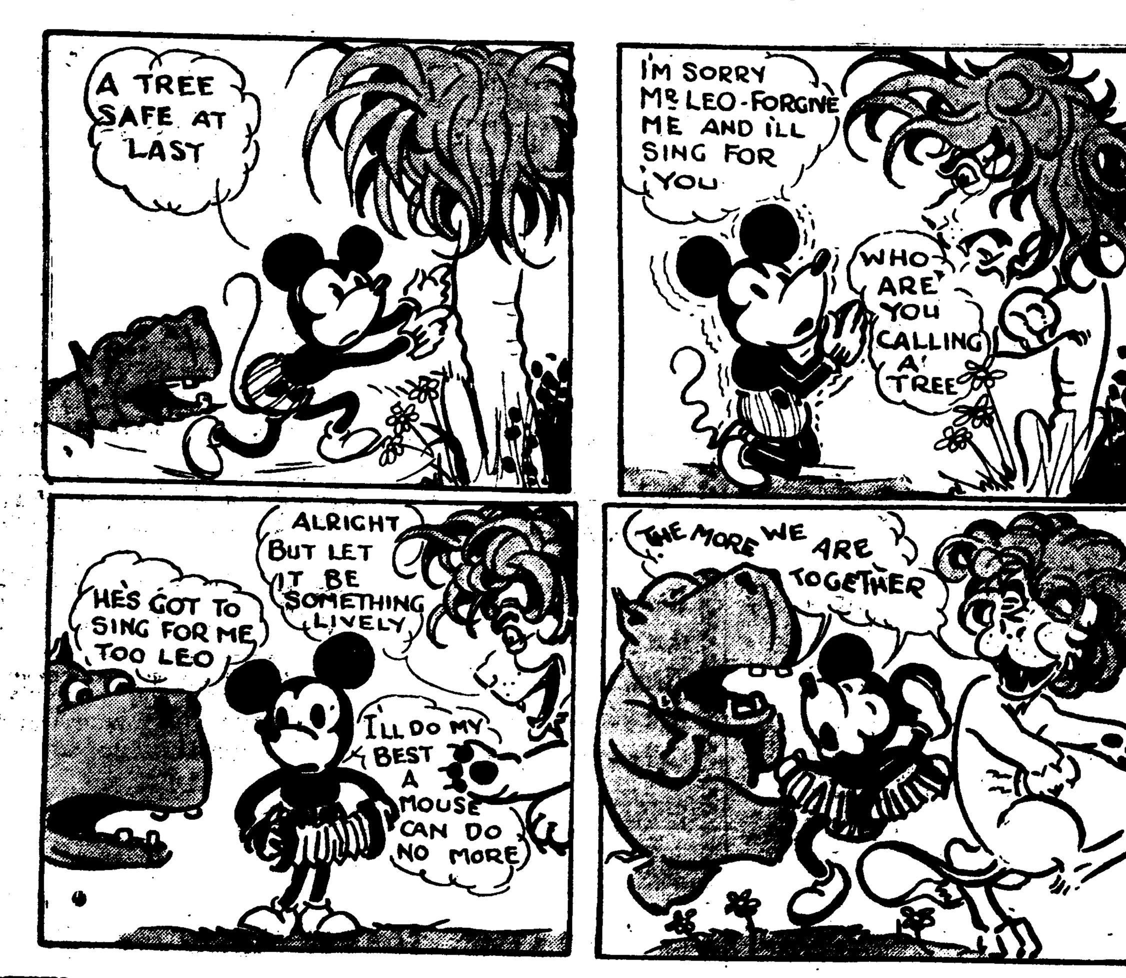

Boys and Girls.—Above you see your old favorite, Mickey Mouse, in further adventures. In conjunction with the Star and Gowerville Theatres, of Preston, we are commencing a grand new competition. Each week will be published a Mickey Mouse cartoon similar to the above. All you have to do is to color it. 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. Sept. 10. Results will be published in Friday's "Leader." Name, address and age must appear on entry.

CRICKET

DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v FITZROY

Northcote, batting first on a good wicket at Fitzroy, made 224. Ellis, the Fitzroy footballer, who played cricket last year with Collingwood, was top scorer with 94 and was run out. It was a good and forceful innings that included seven 4's and occupied 180 minutes. Baring's 56 was made in 98 minutes and included four 4's. Ogden, the Melbourne footballer, made 40 nicely. A. Lansdown was the most successful bowler, taking four for 42. Scores:—

NORTHCOTE

A. E. V. Hartkopf, c A. Lansdown b Dummett	0
F. Baring, c Parkin, b Plant	56
F. Heron, c Plant, b Liddicut	5
P. Ogden, b Liddicut	40
E. Vernon, c Liddicut, b A. Lansdown	3
J. Baggott, c Dummett, b Lansdown	3
P. Ellis, run out	94
K. Fleming, c Scaife, b A. Lansdown	3
P. Gibaud, st Mullins, b A. Lansdown	4
C. Morgan, run out	2
P. Chivers, not out	7
Sundries	7
Total	224

Bowling.—Liddicut, two for 45; Dummett, one for 41; Chapman, none for 42; Plant, one for 44; A. Lansdown, four for 42.

SECOND ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v. FITZROY

(By "Longun.")

The above match was commenced at Northcote Park on Saturday. Flushed with their brilliant victory over South Melbourne, the locals were confident of lowering Fitzroy's colors. The spin of the coin favored the Maroons, who decided to bat.

Brindel and Flavel opened to the bowling of Fleming and McSperrin. In the former's first over Flavel was easily caught at leg by Millar, the first wicket falling for one run. Wynne partnered his captain, who did not last long, as he also fell a victim to the Fleming-Millar trap—two for 10. McDonald joined Wynne, who pulled McSperrin dangerously close to Clarkson at leg for 2. With the score at 29 Clarkson relieved McSperrin. Wynne scored a single off his first ball, and with his second Clarkson skittled McDonald for 13—three for 35. Gladman joined Wynne, who was playing a patient innings. He reached the twenties with a tap to leg for 1, but he got no further, as he was caught by Fleming off Clarkson. Four were down for 45 when Saunders came in. Clarkson, who was tantalising the batsmen with his wily slows soon had further succes when he caught Saunders off his own bowling. His figures at this stage were three for 13. The batting had been dull and lifeless. Two more wickets fell cheaply, and with the score at seven for 61 the locals were in a good position. However, Thomson and Gladman set out to stem the tide, and by steady batting brought up the century. Thomson, after hitting up 24, was eventually run out. Cashman, the well-known footballer, did not last long, being caught and bowled by Clarkson, the ninth wicket falling at 115. Wilcox partnered Gladman, who put up a stubborn defence. Wilcox batted freely and reached the twenties with a clean hit for six off Clarkson. The last wicket partnership proved troublesome, although the bowlers were handicapped by the wet ball, rain having fallen after the tea adjournment. The innings closed for 179, Wilcox being out lbw to Powell. Gladman scored 58 not out. Powell finished up with three for 23 off 12 overs.

In the remaining few minutes left for play Northcote scored 22 without loss. Sam Warren showed his usual free and breezy style in knocking up 12 off Cashman's first over, including a beautiful drive for 6. Scores:—

FITZROY

H. Brendel, c Millar, b Fleming	5
R. Flavell, c Millar, b Fleming	0
T. Wynne, c Fleming, b Clarkson	20
T. McDonald, b Clarkson	13
W Gladman, not out	58
C. Saunders, c and b Clarkson	2
H. Hartney, lbw, b Powell	0
A. Barrass, c Dickens, b Powell	4
R. Thomson, run out	24
J. Cashman, c and b Clarkson	4
J. Wilcox, lbw, b Powell	34
Sundries	15
Total	179

Bowling.—Fleming, two for 33; McSperrin, none for 20; Clarkson, four for 71; Powell, three for 23; Fothergill, none for 17.

SUB-DISTRICTS

Caulfield v Preston

Preston won the toss at Caulfield and batted, making 79. L. Fothergill played some nice strokes and was out to a good catch off Jones for 16. W. Woodbury was the only batsman who looked like scoring, and his 27 not out included good leg shots. Williams, going on first change, at once struck a length and took three for 18; J. Gill obtained two for 17, J. Fair two for 21, and T. Jones two for 19. Caulfield made 33 without loss, Williams 16 and Boardman 15 both batting well.

Ivanhoe v Elsternwick

Elsternwick won the toss at Ivanhoe and batted, scoring 130 for the loss of seven wickets. The early collapse—five for 37—was unaccountable, and not justified by the standard of Ivanhoe's bowling. Elsternwick showed extreme caution after losing the opening batsmen for 10 runs, and took 2½ hours to make 100 runs. The best feature of the innings was the fine 60 not out by Lord, who batted confidently. Dentry made a useful 18, and Graydon was unfortunate in being run out for 15 when showing good form. Davidson (three for 28) and Duxson (two for 33) were the best bowlers. Ivanhoe's smart fielding helped to restrict scoring, Kennedy in particular stopping many hard shots.

Second Elevens

Elsternwick, 192 (Brooks 65, Oakley 37, McCay 35, Clemenger 17, Orders 12, Cornish 18; Cowley 7/47, Eddy 2/36, Ford 1/16), v Ivanhoe, two for 13.

THE JUNIORS

Clifton Hill A.N.A., 57 (Dolloffski 18; Joyce 7/31, Fordham 1/19, Hughes 1/6), v Yarraville, three for 127 (Weller 50, Smith 38 n.o., Horley 20, Ford 17; McKay 1/31, Eastman 1/37, Eadie 1/3).

In a low-scoring game at Heidelberg, Fairfield, after winning the toss, was all out for 53. Three were out for 5 and four for 14; but McKay improved things a little by scoring 12 quickly, six being out for 34. Heidelberg, after scoring 25 for the first wicket, finished with four out for 32, McCormack being out lbw for 14, while Gonzales also made 14. Boyle took three for 7.

Alphington, 105 (Urr 42, Jewell 14; Gibbett 3/32, Knoll 2/4, Thorne 2/22), v University High School, three for 7 (Wiltshire 2/2).

Second Grade

North Fitzroy Juniors 149 (Jackson 29 n.o., Brendel 27, Foster 22), v Richmond Presbyterians, two for 120 (Clarke 58, Cozens 36 n.o.).

Third Grade

Clifton Hill A.N.A., 113 (W. Gosstray 41, Allen 26 n.o.; Wells 7/31), v Fitzroy Club XI., six for 73 (Russell 29 n.o.; C. Gosstray 4/24).

Batting against Northcote Socials, Pinnacle scored 213 for nine wickets, R. Mahlook making 118 not out. The fielding of Northcote was very poor. G. Wettenhall took 3 for 38. Northcote Socials will play Caulfield Sports Cricket Club at Seaford on October 19. All players and friends are invited. The party will leave corner High and Westgarth streets at 9.30 a.m.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Brunswick, 116 (Torville 30, Kean 21 n.o.), v Clifton Hill, three for 135 (E. Cock 83 n.o., W. French 22).

Northcote, 79 (L. Peterson 17, Wiltshire 17; Major 4/23, White 6/51), v Cremorne, eight for 116 (Phillips 45, Carr 24; Hamilton 5/15).

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

First Grade

Youlden's, 213 (Moran 83, Boxhall 28, Travis 54), v Thornbury, none for 2.

Burnley, 142 (C. Moy 66, S. Bentley 20; Peters 6/59), v Northcote Footballers, four for 34.

Second Grade

Prince of Wales, 83 (Brockley 26, Murphy 28; Scott 6/22), v Court Little John, one for 66 (Hart 26 n.o., Allen 20 n.o.).

Third Grade

Fairfield Free Gardeners, 158 (Meates 64, F. Booth 31, Auhl 15; D. Russell 4/42, J. Little 3/43, J. Whitburne 2/20), v Northcote G.U.O.O.F., three for 16. A grand social will be held in the scout hall outside Northcote station on Tuesday, October 21, at 8 p.m. Admission 1/, including supper. Dancing. All welcome.

Regent, 178 (Langlands 29, Forrest 43, Hamilton 21 and 2/0; White 4/35), v North Richmond Methodists, two for 7.

Alphair Harmony, 39, v Westgarth, 104 (Best 41 n.o., Austin 22; Doyle 4/24).

Gibsonia, 137 (Bartlett 55 in three overs, Coulson 27), v Wardrop House, four for 58 (Chandler 35 n.o.).

Croxton, 77 (Saunders 22; Whittaker 5/26, Dean 4/49), v Northcote Free Gardeners, 83 (Lansome 27; Saunders 4/17).

JIKA ASSOCIATION

Soccer, 109 (Fraser 23, Jessop 22; Angleton 5/33), v Bell, four for 118 (Hughes 66 n.o., Thomas 33).

West Preston Progress, 99 (Johnson 39; Colson 5/47), v East Northcote, four for 152 (Shields 102, R. Colson 39 n.o.).

Northcote Junior Footballers, 85 (Bennie 20), v Victory, eight for 62 (James 25).

East Preston, 118 (Rundle 38, Huxley 27; Fuller 5/33), v Broadhurst, five for 32.

Pender's Grove, five for 208 (Alexander 70, W. Birchall 36, F. Birchall 35, Leake 28 n.o.), v Reservoir.

Preston Footballers, 94 (Punch 30; Crawford 5/28), v Melrose, four for 71.

Gowerville, 96 (Bahen 25 n.o.; Whittle 4/5, Woods 4/30), v Prestonite, three for 35.

Preston United, 129 (McClaren 29; Gracie 5/27), v Gannon United, four for 48 (De Grande 23).

HEIDELBERG DISTRICT

First Grade

North Alphington, 154 (Hamilton 78, McAnuff 25), v Greensborough, one for 21.

West Heidelberg, 107 (Crosby 39 n.o.), v Heidelberg, five for 55 (Murphy 23 and 4/23; W. Hickox 4/18).

Rosanna, 33 (Rendal 5/10), v Nth. Ivanhoe, eight for 77 (Robertson 33).

Alphington, 98 (Martin 41, Ashwell 23; Waters 4/11), v Ivanhoe, one for 37 (Stone 25 n.o.).

Ivanhoe Footballers, 105 (Anson 41, Meredith 29 n.o.), v Fairfield, three for 60.

Second Grade

Eaglemont, six (closed) for 207 (Bruce 90, Carlyle 67, Harvey 23), v Macleod-Watsonia, one for 14.

Greensborough, 63 (Day 5/3), v Fairfield Diggers, six for 66 (Jones 4/32).

North Ivanhoe, 60 (Bain 7/11), v Claremont, three for 133 (Durant 40, R. Hall 40 n.o., P. Hall 3).

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Camberwell, three for 200 (Jones 44, Amery 46, Maguire 32, Price 62 n.o.), v Northcote, six for 17 (Clarke 4/3).

Preston, 97 (J. Forbes 20, E. Taylor 37, Bailey 4/38, Moore 4/43), v Melbourne, 56 (Moore 22, Gilchrist 4/5).

Heidelberg, 63 (Clarke 26, Jack 7/16, hat trick), v The Provincials, 94 (Newman 20, Andrew 27, Lumsden 22, Andrews 4/16).

CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

Northcote and Preston

First Grade

Croxton Methodists, 60 (Neilson 20 n.o. and 4/11; Lawry 4/11), v Northcote Church of Christ, seven for 44.

Thornbury Presbyterians, 162 (T. Love 52, J. Watson 43, H. Jones 22, A. Gray 17, S. C. Hadley 10; C. Owen 4/17, L. Tulk 3/26), v St. George's Road Methodists, none for 41 (Kellett 20 n.o., Collier 21 n.o.).

Northcote Crusaders, 166 (Hill 38, T. Roadknight 34, W. Roadknight 20; D. Smith 4/51, Forsyth 2/37), v Ivanhoe Presbyterians, five for 23.

St. James' Church of England, 143 (E. Newton 32, C. Preston 27, C. Woods 27; Pink 5/14), v Prince of Wales Park Methodists, seven for 34 (Risk 4/42).

St. Mark's Church of England, 38, v Regent Presbyterians, six or 82 (Harry 26 n.o.).

Second Grade

Northcote Methodists, 175 (Risstrom 55, Hatfield 26, Thomas 22, Hales 18, Matthews 17, Anthony 15; Bray 5/49), v Epiphany Church of England, one for 16.

Thornbury Presbyterians five for 83 (J. Milne 22, A. Boyd 18 n.o., A. James 13), v St. George's Church of England, 113 (A. McLeod 41, C. Stott 32; N. Cooper 4/22, A. Boyd 3/25).

St. George's Road Methodists, 107 (Laver 28; Bruce 5/33), v St. Mary's Church of England, none for 28.

Northcote Presbyterian, 69 (Broadhurst 5/27), v Northcote East Baptists, five for 110 (Hart 57).

Sunday Schools

Thornbury Presbyterians, 115 (J. Douglas 70, E. Baker 23; W. Frawley 4/12, hat trick, V. Sellars 2/8, F. Fenwick 2/19), v Church of Epiphany, 47 (Sharp 12; Webber 3/7).

South Preston Methodists, 60 (Pearce 20, Body 12 n.o.), v All Saints' Preston, five for 37 (Pearce 2/3, Body 2/1).

Band of Hope

Y.M.C.A., 71, v Bell, 41 and five for 16.

Croxton Junior I.O.R., 118 (McCann 33, Pridham 27 n.o.), v Carlton Comrades B, 25 and two for 5.

Church of England

First Grade.—Holy Trinity, Thornbury, 75 and one for 27, v Christ Church, Hawthorn, 27 (Watson 5/12, Woods 4/15).

Second Grade.—Fairfield B, 38 and five (closed) for 74 (Beale 26; Delany 4/19, Whelan 4/12), v Chelwhen, 24 and five for 51 (Delany 24 n.o.; Beale 6/9 and 4/21, Johns 4/11).

Baptist Church

First Grade

North Preston met Collingwood at Reservoir. The home team, who elected R. Taylor captain and F. Kerr vice-captain, scored 221 for eight wickets. Ted Campbell made 54 run out, and G. Naunton, also run out, made 54 (one 6 and eight 4's). Details:—North Preston, eight for 221 (Campbell 54, Wilks 14, Taylor 24, Naunton 54, Kerr 29, E. McLaren 22; A. Dunstan 3/48).

Northcote, 76 (Brien 33, McKenzie 4/4), v South Melbourne, four for 88 (McKenzie 29 n.o.).

Second Grade

North Preston played Fairfield at Fairfield. The home team scored 60, Matthews carrying his bat for 26. Forden took 4 for 18. Preston collapsed badly against the bowling of Steel, 4 for 7. Roy O'Brien was top score with 16. Details:—Fairfield, 60 (Matthews 26 n.o., White 7, Hooke 5; Forden 4/18, Eldon 2/14, A. Edgar 2/6); North Preston, nine for 39 O'Brien 16, Edgar 7, Harvey 6; Steele 4/7, Robinson 2/10).

Albert Park, 100 (Wyatt 17 and 4/15), v Preston West, 75 Iddles 36).

Ivanhoe, 44 (Robertson 20), v Hawthorn, five for 144 (Ashby 87, Mills 32 and 4/10).

Church of Christ

Fairfield, 122 (Les. Archer 25, Sardo 22, Reynolds 20 n.o. and 2/19), v West Preston, five for 46 (Kruse 19 n.o. and 3/22).

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

U.A.O.D.

Gwalia, 184 (Ashworth 80, Banfield 26, Bailey 24; Spencer 6/50), v Trafalgar, two for 12.

Preston, 61 and three for 3 (Gilbert 13, Lacey 13, Hutchinson 10, Constable 9 n.o.; Langdon 6/22, Graham 3/25), v Mona, 35 (J. Greathead 5/18, Lacey 5/15).

A.O.F.

Court Prince's Hill, 94 and two for 14 (Caldwell 27, Vale 4/24), v Court Pride of Northcote, 29 (Watkinson 7/16).

P.A.F.S.

Fairfield, 97 (Groves 30, Kells 18; E. Heintz 5/19, hat trick), v North Fitzroy, two for 140 (F. Johnson 20, L. Johnson 48 n.o., A. Smith 54 n.o.).

Preston, 222 (Hastings 55, C. Burke 40, N. Burge 36 n.o., Roty 23, Mann 21), v North Melbourne, one for 1.

Footscray No. 48, 113 (Curwood 22, Inglefield 38), v Northcote, three for 60 (Edwards 34, Ward 23 n.o.).

C.Y.M.S.

Northcote B v Cathedral.—Northcote batted first, but Kelly and Tunzi were practically unplayable, and after 30 minutes' play the locals had lost five for 16. Howard and Smark took the score to 149, when the former was out lbw for 34 (four 4's). Smark was out for 71. His innings changed the aspect of the game, and Northcote declared with nine down for 196. T. Smark was 14 not out. Tunzi was the best bowler with six for 22. At stumps Cathedral had lost three for 59, Kelly being top scorer with 25.

Fairfield, 122 (Johnson 35, McKelson 32, Hunter 22 and 5/18, Hollowood 4/43), v Thornbury, seven for 51 (O'Connell 26 n.o.).

Clifton Hill, 220 (Feeley 55, Roberts 45 and 3/2, Rowe 33, Power 29), v Northcote A, three for 21.

North Fitzroy, 100 (Busch 29, Lockwood 4/31), v Preston, four for 53 (Naughton 20 n.o., Sheehy 4/18).

Fairfield B, 72 (Farnell 21, Lambert 5/19), v Clifton Hill B, four for 54 (Bird 29 n.o. and 5/28, Batty 3/18 hat trick).

I.O.R.

Senior Competition

Fairfield, 178 (Weller, snr., 50, Jones 62, Waller, jnr., 23), v Sunshine, one for 5.

Ivanhoe, 54 (Kitchen 24, Little 20; O'Brien 4/18, Cox 4/33), v North Fitzroy, five for 102 (Muir 46).

Northcote, 213 (Dunn 62, King 32 and 2/2, Chanter 30, Mackay 27, Brown 20 and 2/1; Leslie 4/43), v East Brunswick, four for 7.

Clifton Hill, 238 (Flynn 61, Henry 22, Schultz 23, Caryon 21, Cox 20, Saunders 19, Price 14, Marshall 11 n.o.; Spinks 6/93, Watkins 1/10, Robinson 1/18), v John Vale, 58 (Robinson 18; Henry 5/20, Schultz 4/27).

Northcote, 60 (Byrne 12, Parry 12, J. Angus 11, Brunson 10; Bennett 3/5, Omant 4/17) and three for 25 (Parry 14 n.o., Omant 2/8), v Dennis, 58 (Omant 39; Faull 8/11, Byrne 2/8, Coombes 2/4).

Sons of Temperance

Alpha, one for 25 (J. Pentelow 15 n.o.), v North Fitzroy, 114 (G. Phillips 40, A. Denholm 29 n.o.; G. Robinson 6/24, W. Hegarty 3/34).

Manchester Unity

Loyal Langridge, 102 (E. Crawley 23, P. Webb 18 n.o.; Mitchell 6/34), v Hand of Friendship, 45 (Pannam 13 n.o.; E. Crowley 6/10, L. Torode 3/14).

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

Reservoir, 107 (Manchester 22, Campbell 16, McClusky 15, Grogan 14, Hook 14; Newbigin 5/9, Nagle 2/14, Henderson 2/19), v Regent, five for 34 (Henderson 13, Kneebone, Cameron 3 n.o.; Campbell 4/9, Judson 1/9).

On October 6 a house party was given by Mrs. T. Grindley to raise funds for the cricket club. Everybody present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Northcote, 102 (Fagan 25 n.o., Lyons 20; McDougal 6/45, Purcel 3/12) and eight for 111 (Fagan 35, Clarke 30, Lyons 21, Emmerson 20; Purcel 4/26), v Melbourne, 208 Barnes 113 n.o., King 31, Purcel 25; Emmerson 5/44).

WOMEN'S CRICKET

Preston B, 71 (M. Green 11 and 4/17, N. Baldwin 10, M. Hill 5/12), v Raymond's, 35 (L. Bone 14 and 7/11).

Preston A, 39 (N. Lewis 10, I. Webster 2/10, H. McKewan 3/14), v Samco, seven for 61. The match was unfinished on account of rain.

Community Singing.

The Community Singing last week was under the control of Mr. W. Nicoll, and despite the fact that one of the performers was absent, good amusement was provided. Community singing was indulged in. The opening selection by the Northcote Professional Orchestra was a medley of American airs. Miss Josephs sang "Gipsy Spring", "Because" and "A Heart that's Free". Mr. Nicoll introduced a Ballarat number "In Community Land". Miss O'Halloran accompanied and Mr. Winter conducted the orchestra. Community singing will be held in the small town hall every Thursday evening in aid of those who are unemployed.

RECEIVING CHARGE FAILS.

NORTHCOTE MARINE DEALER'S PURCHASES OF COPPERS.

When Henry Bishop, of Darebin road, Northcote, a marine dealer, was charged that on or about August 1 he received four washing coppers, knowing them to have been stolen, he pleaded not guilty.

The evidence showed that Bishop purchased the coppers from two boys at prices ranging from 1/4 to 1/6 each, and these coppers the police alleged had been stolen from empty houses in Christmas, Dennis, Jenkins and Alphington Sts. and Victoria road, Northcote.

Plainclothes Const. Veness said that when asked why he had not kept his purchase book in the way provided by the Act, he said "I didn't know I had to," and in answer to further questions he said he had been in business at that yard for 26 years.

The charge of receiving was dismissed, the P.M. (Mr. Wade) stating that there was no evidence of any guilty knowledge on Bishop's part when purchasing the coppers.

On a charge of having failed to keep a record of all his purchases in the manner prescribed by the Act, Bishop was fined £10.

The P.M. said that this offence was serious, as if entries were not made by marine dealers of all their purchases, it would be impossible for the police to trace stolen goods.

C.Y.M.S.

At the monthly meeting of the St. Mary's branch of the C.Y.M.S. the members entertained visitors from Holy Trinity branch Thornbury and a very pleasant evening was spent. Parlor bowls, ping pong, quoits and cards were played and a cup of coffee ended a pleasant evening. On October 28 Holy Trinity have invited St. Mary's branch to visit them. At the next meeting of St. Mary's branch, on October 21, the General Secretary (Mr. S. H. Robinson) will give a lantern lecture on Chile. The Consul for Chile, Mr. C. W. LePlastrier has promised to be present. As the meeting is open to the public a good attendance is expected.

C.Y.M.S. Re-union.

The third Annual Re-union Dinner of the Northcote branch will be held in the small town hall on October 21 at 6.30 p.m. Prominent parliamentary and municipal representatives will attend.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1930,
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At 3 o'clock.
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NEWS OF THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD.

(Contributed.)

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on October 9. The president (Mr. C. Thomas) was in the chair. General dissatisfaction was expressed with the reply received from the council regarding the request made by this association that the city be revalued at the earliest opportunity. A letter was read from a correspondent wherein he stated that house rents in the locality in which he lived had been considerably reduced. This correspondent quoted specific cases where rents had been reduced from 27/6 a week to £1 and 22/6, and stated that his own property was similar to both these places, and yet his valuation had been increased this year. A cutting from the "Leader," setting out certain statistics submitted to the council by the valuer was read, and this showed that 66 houses and shops were empty in the west ward. Members considered that this was a sure sign of declining values, and yet from the same cutting we find that the valuations in the west ward have increased by £1,036 10/- this year.

The secretary reported that he had solicited the support of other associations with a view to having the valuations reduced, and it was finally suggested that a monster meeting be organised to protest against the high valuations being maintained at a level which prevailed during the boom period.

In reply to a request made by this association on behalf of residents of Fyfe St. for soil for the top dressing of lawns in front of their properties, we were informed that the city engineer is finding it very difficult to obtain supplies of soil for the completion of St. George's road pipe track and other reserves in the city, and therefore no soil is available at the present time.

As the syllabus for the night was a social evening, a good deal of business was held over. The social took the form of an old time dance, and dances such as the first set, Fitzroys and Alberts were thoroughly enjoyed. A couple of fine vocal items were rendered by Mr. Barber. Mr. Meadows, of West Preston Progress Association, officiated as M.C. Mrs. Ballantyne as usual gave of her best at the piano, and a highly enjoyable evening was spent.

The next meeting will be held in the school, Hutton St., on October 23. All ratepayers are invited to attend and interest themselves in the doings of the district.

Council Brevities.

Instructions have been given by the Railways Department to have the drain and culvert at Woolton avenue, Croxton regularly cleaned out. This has been following a complaint from the council.

At the request of Mr. B. Stone, the council will ask the Board of Works for an extension of water mains in St. David street between Dundas and Penders streets.

Following complaints by the Northcote council about the condition of the subway near the Northcote station, Cr. Cornish told the council on Monday that the work was now in hand.

Cr. Turner.—Wonderful! I think a framed photo. of it should be presented to Cr. Cornish. (Laughter.)

A request by St. Vincent's Hospital Red Cross Auxiliary for a rebate in hall rent in connection with a recent dance is being considered by the Northcote council.

City of Preston.

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Alleged Theft of Payroll and Forgery

Disappearance of £56/5/-

CHEQUE FORGERY CHARGE ALSO PREFERRED.

CLERK FOR TRIAL.

Charged with having stolen £56/5/- representing the factory pay roll of the H. M. Shedden Slipper Co., Northcote, and with having forged and uttered a cheque, Ernest Stanley Smith was committed for trial at the Northcote Court on Tuesday.

It was alleged that Smith, after having tampered with a telephone in the slipper factory's office, went to Brunswick and collected the pay roll. A clerk at Brunswick could not raise the telephone at the slipper factory, and then gave Smith the money.

Passed Goods With Cheque.

Frederick Rainbow, a salesman employed by F. G. Smith Pty. Ltd., said that on July 18, a person whom he knew as Stanley, had goods and tendered in payment a cheque for £9/10/-, which was signed by drawn by the Shedden Slipper Co.

Attempt to Verify Cheque.

Witness Hector Smith, a director of F. G. Smith Pty. Ltd., said—A person called Shedden Slipper Co. and asked for verification of the cheque. There was a lady and a voice—I thought it was an altered one—replied "Mr. Smith speaking." I inquired about the cheque for £9/10/-, and the person said "It is all right. It is for the same day the goods were sent to Stanley and also in change. The cheque was shortly returned marked "Stop payment."

Cheque Seemed to be a Forgery.

Frederick Henry Smithers, manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Northcote, said—The cheque was presented at my bank for payment, and was not paid, as it was deemed to be a forgery.

Pay Roll Was Collected.

Joseph Maby, clerk, employed by H. M. Shedden, estate agent, whom I know as Stanley, was known to me as a person employed by the H. M. Shedden Slipper Co. as a clerk. On July 18 he came to the office in Brunswick and said he had come for the wages for the slipper factory. I tried to telephone the factory, but could not avail, and I then gave him notes and silver.

Director Gives Evidence.

John Travis, a director, of the Shedden Slipper Co., said—In July Stanley was employed as a clerk, one of his duties was to answer the telephone. He was missed from the office on July 18 and I did not see him for some months afterwards. Smith had no authority to collect the wages.

"Cheque Signatures are Forgeries."

The cheque not paid by the Bank of N.S.W. was not signed by either H. M. Shedden or myself, the signatures being forgeries. The cheque form was removed from a book in the company's office. On July 18, as the telephone was out of order I examined the cash and found that it had been tampered with.

Accused Made No Admissions.

Det. Abbott said—On October 10 I interviewed Smith at Brunswick police station, and asked him if he had forged a cheque on the Shedden Slipper Co., and whether he had collected the wages from Shedden's estate agency for the slipper factory, and he said "I will not answer." He also refused to answer other questions.

Committed For Trial.

Smith, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial.

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PRESTON COURT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

Before Mr. W. J. Clarke, P.M., and Messrs. O. A. Walker, L. Jones, T. J. McMahon and P. F. Bird, J.'s.P.

Rear Number Obscured

Walter Fink, who on August 31 drove a motor car, the rear number of which was obscured, was fined 10/.

Traffic Constable O'Brien said the number plate was hidden by the hood, which was down.

No Light

Alfred Tennyson, who rode a bicycle without a light on October 2, was fined £1.

Unregistered Car

William Duncan, Kerr street, Fitzroy, charged with having driven an unregistered car in High street on September 21, was fined £2.

Unlicensed Hawker

Eric Earl, of Port Melbourne, who was charged with having on October 3 carried on the business of a hawker without being licensed, was fined £1.

Constable Ballard said that Earl was selling fish from a temporary stall, and he did not have a license.

Show Cause Summons

Gilbert William White was called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for having failed to enter into a surety to comply with a maintenance order.

Mrs. White, Bell street, Preston, said—I wish to go on with this case. My husband had his own house, but he left it go back to the banks.

The P.M.: You understand what it means? He will go to gaol.

White said he could not find the surety. He was not working.

The P.M. (to White): You don't expect the public to support your children?

White: No. I was to start work but my wife prevented it.

The Wife: Could you give him seven days?

An order was made that White be imprisoned until the surety was found, and he was ordered to pay 6/ costs. A stay of seven days was granted.

BOXING.

The boy improving most in boxing and training at Hillman's Gymnasium is Billy Squires. He has been training hard and has been sparring with Billy Turnbull and his trainer. Next Thursday he will have three rounds

with the junior Victorian champion at 8st. 6lb., Clem Sheppard.

Tommy Jackson and Fred Trotter are also showing great promise. New pupils to the gymnasium are E. Meats and E. A. Baines.

The Junior Class.—The boys in training now are H. May, W. Blum, K. Anderson, W. Dunlop, K. Brown, R. Brown, M. Smith, W. Smith, W. Saddington, R. Howard, C. Deslandes, V. Deslands. These boys are training hard and are showing good form. May and Blum are little ahead of the others.

WEIGHT LIFTING.

Billy Smith, light-weight champion of Australia, came third in a contest at Moonee Ponds last Monday. This competition was on one lift, and he

was handicapped too much. He was the most fagged of all the competitors.

We have found another good lifter in H. Mayor, who is at present doing some fine two-handed lifts.

A SUNBURN REMEDY.

Very appropriate for the summer season is the new remedy given by Fay Wray, who has just returned from location scenes for Paramount's "The Sea God."

Miss Wray has a beautiful complexion, and she says that it is preserved by a simple but effective method which was practised by our grandmothers. It is made by mixing cucumber and butter milk into a paste which is pasted well over the face and allowed to dry. Then washing off with lukewarm water, and a beautiful soothy touch will be given the skin.

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THE "KING OF THE AIR'S" PLANE.

An air-mail photograph of the Southern Junior Cross, in which Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith made his record flight. Reproduced by courtesy of the Vacuum Oil Co. Pty. Ltd.

(Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne).

GARAGE MAN THROWN OUT OF CAR.

FOREIGNER CHARGED WITH LARCENY

CASE DISMISSED

The evidence in a case in which a foreigner, Ahmer Heyder Shah, of Victoria street, Collingwood, was charged with having stolen a motor car, valued at £300, the property of James Frost, of Plenty road, Preston, was most unusual. It was alleged that after Frost had re-possessed the car under a hire purchase agreement he was induced to give a demonstration in the car to a man who represented himself as a prospective buyer. Whilst going along Plenty road the car was stopped, and it was further alleged that Shah, assisted by two others, threw Frost out of the car, and, leaving him on the roadside, drove away in the vehicle.

Mr. Home (Home and Wilkinson) prosecuted for Frost, and Mr. Nolan appeared for Shah.

Garagman's Story

James Frost, motor garage proprietor, of Plenty road, Preston, said:—I sold the car to Shah in September, 1927, under a hire purchase agreement. I re-possessed the vehicle on January 4, 1929. Shah asked for its return, but I refused to let it go until arrears were paid. On January 6 two supposed purchasers, who were being given a trial in the car, took it away while I was speaking on the telephone. I subsequently saw Shah, who made certain payments, and I allowed him to continue with the agreement. On August 24 I again seized the car, as Shah was in arrears with the payments. On October 12 I was demonstrating the car to a man, who "stalled" the engine on a hill whilst driving along Plenty road. At once another car overtook the car I was in, and Shah and two others dragged me from the car and, leaving me on the roadside, drove away in the vehicle.

Cross-examined: Disputes have been going on for some time about the payments?—Only on Shah's side.

How much has Shah paid on the car?—£150/10/2.

Did Shah ever suggest that the amount owing should be submitted to an arbitrator?—No.

Submissions for the Defence

Mr. Nolan (for Shah) said the matter was one for a civil and not a criminal action. There was a dispute as to the amount of the monies paid and the price, and he submitted there was no prima facie case of any criminal intent.

Mr. Jones, J.P., said on the evidence the bench would not commit Shah for trial.

Mr. Home (for Frost) asked that the depositions and all papers be sent to the Crown Law Department.

An application for costs by the defence was refused.

Other Cases

Arising out of the same circumstances a charge of conspiracy and charges of assault were laid against several persons. These cases were proceeding when we went to press.

RESERVOIR FATALITY.

LITTLE GIRL DROWNED

Going out to gather wild flowers with her brother, Annie Beatrice Charteris, aged 6, the daughter of Robert Charteris, salesman, Dumbarton street, Reservoir, fell into the Maroondah Channel, about two miles from its entrance into Preston Reservoir, and was drowned. Her body was found on the iron grating at the spot where the aqueduct begins an underground course.

At an inquest at the Morgue on Monday the Coroner recorded a finding of accidental death.

Alan Charteris, aged 9, brother of the dead girl, said that at 11 a.m. on October 14 he went out with his sister to pick wild flowers. They went to the channel at the second bridge above the basin, climbed through the wire fence, and hung over the water by holding on to the telephone wires under the bridge.

"I held my sister so she would not fall in," said Charteris. "I then saw a magpie in the paddock, and I went to try and catch it. I did not see my sister again."

BATH MAT MADE FROM CORKS

By making a collection of good-sized corks that are in whole condition, it is not very long before a really useful bath mat may be contrived from them. When the collection is sufficient, take an old razor and carve up the corks into layers, making them of even thickness—about a quarter inch is a suitable size. Then take each circle and cut it square. For the foundation use a piece of strong linoleum, cut to a size suitable for the mat. The corks should be stuck to the lino by means of a strong shellac varnish. They may be arranged in any suitable way, but if the corks are not equally sized a perfectly symmetrical arrangement will not be possible. Allow several days to elapse for the varnish to dry hard, then smooth down the surface of the mat by rubbing the corks with glasspaper. Use it in a rapid circular movement. Now get your husband to finish off the mat by gviing it a frame of wood.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From the "Leader" of October 25, 1890.

We understand that an attempt is about to be made by the tradesmen of Preston to start an Early Closing Association, with the object of closing earlier, especially during the summer months, but of securing a half-holiday during the week.

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NEWS OF THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

EAST PRESTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Rogerson, who presided at Monday evening's meeting of the East Preston Progress Association, welcomed Mr. Twite, of the Central Council.

Correspondence from the Council indicated that the r.o.w. rear of Reno St. had been completed; that the widening of Plenty road, north of Tyler St., was considered impracticable; that attention would be given to Steane St. and Hamilton Ave.; and that Murray road had not yet been taken over from the contractor.

One new member was elected. The committee which drew up plans for the improvement of Bell Park presented its report.

Messrs. Houghton, Andrews and Stafford were appointed to present the plans to the council.

The secretary reported having attended the annual meeting of the Regent Central Progress Association.

Mr. Houghton reported the meeting of the Mayor's unemployed relief committee.

The question of Sunday night entertainments for the same fund will come before the next meeting of the council. Mr. Rogerson reported that the Central Council had dealt with the questions re Strathallan cemetery administration and tenders for cartage in Preston.

It was decided to ask that drain in Watson and Jackman Sts. be cleaned out, and that toppings be spread on the north side of Gower St.

WEST PRESTON ASSOCIATION.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held in the Progress Hall. Mr. W. H. Burland, president, occupied the chair. The association decided to forego the funds from the Cup Eve dance and to donate same to the Mayor's Unemployed Fund. It was intended to use these for the Annual Picnic fund. It was decided to write to the East Preston Association advising them that we will support any action they may take for the betterment of the Strathallan Cemetery.

[illegible] A collection will be taken up and the proceeds will be devoted to the unemployed fund.

Several items were discussed under general business i.e. requests for footpaths and general drainage Robeson avenue.

GOWERVILLE THEATRE

To-night and Saturday the intensely gripping mystery drama, "The Benson Murder Case," will be shown, along with "Noisy Neighbors," a comedy farce, with Eddie Quillian, Alberta Vaughan and Theodore Roberts. In the former Wm. Powell characterises Philo Vance, the famed detective, and elucidates an almost inexplicable mystery.

Monday brings high lights of modern life in a fresh fast-moving feature, "Office Scandal." Phyllis Haver wears some wonderful creations in her leading role and gives a splendid interpretation "The Street of Chance" is the second feature, and gives ample play to Wm. Powell's ability. It is an intense drama that grips and holds the interest from start to finish.

"Square Shoulders" and "Sarah and Son" constitute Thursday's change of programme. Ruth Chatterton leads in "Sarah and Son," with Junior Coghlan and Louis Wolheim in the male roles. The story tells of a father's love for his only son, and his deceptions to ensure his son's happiness are poignantly dealt with in a fight against overwhelming odds.

One of the first roles Walter Hudson ever played on the stage was in a melodrama written by Hal Reid, father of the late Wallace Reid.

Jack Buchanan, featured with Jeanette MacDonald in Ernst Lubitsch's new production for Paramount, "Monte Carlo," is one of London's favorite musical comedy stars.

PRESTON NEWS

False Alarms.

PRESTON Fire Brigade continues to be annoyed with the receipt of false alarms. Two were recorded during the last week.

Ugly Man's Competition.

THE sum of £120/6/- was raised in aid of Preston Football Club by means of an ugly man's competition.

Police Court Figures.

MR. PROWSE, clerk of courts at Preston, kindly supplies the following figures in connection with transactions at the local court of petty sessions for the quarter ending September 30—Arrests, 18; persons on summons for various offences, 106; debt cases, 152; miscellaneous, 34; special, 7. People sued for recovery of £1 577 for debt and the sum of £1,137 was awarded. The list taken altogether was lighter than the one for the preceding quarter. Just on 700 cases were listed for the quarter ending September 30 at Northcote.

Diggers' Concert Party.

ON Wednesday evening last the Diggers' Concert Party attended at West Preston Progress Association hall and put forward a most enjoyable programme. The funds raised are to be spent on the providing of a Xmas treat.

Tennis Courts.

A TENNIS court is being prepared in connection with the Baptist Church in Cramer St. The Presbyterians are making preparations in a similar direction on the corner of Cramer and Jessie Sts.

Preston Tennis Club.

PRESTON Tennis Club secretary has notified the council, from whom the Gower St. courts are hired, that the club proposes to end its career on December 31.

Watchhouse Whispers.

COLIN McFarlane, dairyman, High St., reports the loss of a number plate, which had been stolen from his car outside the Bundoora hall on the evening of October 15. A box of butter, valued at £3/10/-, and a small quantity of meat was stolen between 6 p.m. on October 16 and 7 a.m. on the following day from a shop in [illegible] road, Preston. The meat [illegible] property of Fred L. Kerch, [illegible], and the butter belonged to Mr. Watson, grocer. From the rear of [illegible] dwelling occupied by Reginald [illegible], electrician, Young St., Preston, a bicycle was stolen; the value of the machine was £10.

Preston Dispensary Honor Board.

TO perpetuate the names of the past presidents of the Preston United Friendly Societies' Dispensary, an honor board will be unveiled at the dispensary on Saturday evening by the president (Mr. R. Douglas). The monthly meeting of delegates will follow the ceremony.

Postal News

The staff of postmen stationed at Northcote post office, who effected the letter deliveries in the Thornbury district, has been transferred to the Thornbury post office. To prevent delay in the letter deliveries of the Thornbury and Northcote postal districts it is advisable for the residents to ascertain their respective postal district number and inform their correspondents accordingly. Northcote postal district number is N16; Thornbury district number is N17. The Thornbury postal district N17 is bounded on the north by Miller and Dundas streets, south side; south. Kemp and Darebin streets; east, Wilmoth (included) and Rathmines streets (excluded); west, Merri Creek.

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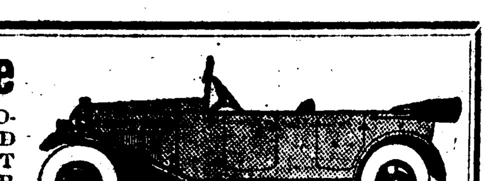
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PRESTON "STATE COACH" TO BE SOLD

At the meeting of the Preston Council on Monday evening it was [illegible] that the Buick car, which [illegible] known as the Preston "State Coach," should be valued by experts and disposed of by tender within sixty days.

This is the outcome of an agitation that has been going on for many months, and in which a number of the various Preston Progress Associations have taken part.

The recommendation was agreed to, Crs. Adams, Newton, Spratling, Hemrow and Zwar voting for it, and Crs. Robeson, Maynard, Jones and the Mayor (Cr. Robinson) against.

Services of Driver

In reply to a question, Cr. Jones was told that the matter of retaining or otherwise of the services of the driver would be referred to the special investigation committee and the council's executive officers.

PRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The report from Preston public library for year ended September 30 shows a marked improvement on the previous year, the revenue being £110 higher. Subscriptions were £150, and [illegible] was collected from members on penny charge made for each of two extra books allowed by the constitution. This source of revenue [was] entirely neglected by committees [in] previous years. The receipts from [c]ards show an increase of £8, rent [of] library hall an increase of £4, savings bank interest an increase [of] £2/10/-. The subscribers' register shows that 498 members paid to end September; arrears 31 members. [Sinc]e the introduction of the card [and] pocket system last July, 127 new subscribers have joined up to September 30, and 50 new members have [join]ed up to 21st inst. The annual [mee]ting takes place on Tuesday, [...] inst., and a record attendance [is] expected.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Being a subscriber to the Preston library, I have received notice of the yearly meeting. It [say]s that the business is selecting [a] new committee; also yearly re[port]. I think some changes in the [librar]y would be welcome to some of [the] subscribers. I have been a subscriber for 12 years, and I thought last year the committee had been comprised of one man. Nowhere have I seen in other public libraries what has been noticed and commented on in the Preston library, and I think something should [be] done by the councillors in the [matt]er. Subscribers are subjected [to e]spionage from the minute they [enter] until their exit, and are followed around and have books pressed [on t]hem when they have no use for same, preferring to choose their books. Another man listens to conversation that might be taking place. Although I have roamed [aroun]d the shelves I fail to see any books making their appearance. [I se]e some books that have been re[pai]red, but I think subscribers are [entit]led to some newer books than [thes]e. Thirty per cent. of the books [in] the library should be scrapped. [Sure]ly something could be done to [impr]ove things instead of letting [them] go from bad to worse. Subscribers would do well to come to [the] meeting and ask a few questions.—Yours, etc.,

TWELVE YEARS SUBSCRIBER.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Subscribers to our public [lend]ing library have been notified that [the] annual meeting will be held on [Octo]ber 28 at the library hall, the [princ]ipal business being the presentation of yearly report and election of [officer]s. I think a few questions [should] be asked of the committee. [Is] anything paid to the committee [for] the advertisement in the library? If so, how much did the [funds] of the library benefit by it? [How] many books have been bought in last year. And how many are in the library or can be accounted for? Also why is the stock book [not] available to subscribers? Why [have] so many subscribers dropped [out] in the past year? These questions could well be asked of the committee, and should be answered to [the] satisfaction of the subscribers.—[Yours], etc.,

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

[An]other "Buster" has won fame in [the] "Buster," trained dog, appearing in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer all [the] comedies, was named after [Buste]r Keaton. And Buster Keaton [and] his friend Buster Collier are great friends of the canine Buster and often bring him hamburger [to lo]ve it.

Congratulatory Social to Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P.

A congratulatory social by the friends and supporters of Cr. H. P. Zwar was held in the scout hall last Thursday. The function was attended by over 250 persons. The hall had been beautifully decorated by the ladies of Cr. Zwar's committee, and the dances were interspersed with fine musical items by the Returned Soldiers' Concert Party.

During the evening Cr. Zwar was presented with an autograph book containing the signatures of all his committee. Cr. Zwar, in reply, stated that he deeply appreciated the wonderful work of his committee, and also paid a glowing tribute to his joint secretaries, Messrs. Geo. Henderson and H. F. Nisbitt, who were each presented with a handsome gold pencil suitably engraved.

Mr. Jack Donath filled the role of M.C. The function was a huge success, all present testifying to the very enjoyable evening.

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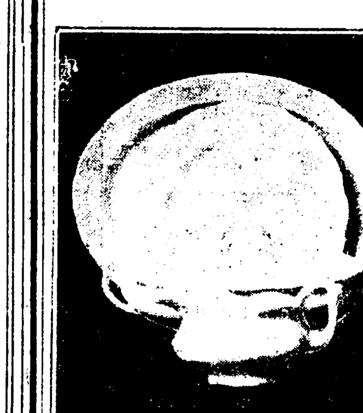
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Held Over.—Several letters, reports, etc.

The Reservoir Palais announce a series of dances, including modern and oldtime, at the hall, Epping road, Reservoir. See amusement column for particulars.

The Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary will hold a bridge party in Northcote town hall (upstairs) on October 25 at 8 o'clock. Tables may be reserved for other card games. President, the mayoress (Mrs. J. H. Green); hon. secretary, Mrs. R. Thompson, "Aralluen," 17 Hastings street, Northcote, 'phone JW4106.

The Northcote football supporters' committee will hold a cap and steamer night on Cup eve in the Northcote pavilion. Mr. S. Chivers is the secretary and Mr. J. H. Burgess treasurer.

The principal of the Northcote Coaching and Business College, 901 High street, Thornbury (cable tram terminus), wishes to state that there are a few vacancies for boys and girls attending other schools and colleges for special help after school hours and Saturdays in backward subjects for the Intermediate and Leaving and Merit Exams. Students may be coached in Latin, French, English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, History, Geography, Chemistry and Physics. Applications for entrance for £25 free scholarship in full commercial course close in December.

ROMANTIC CIRCLE

DOHERTY—TAYLOR.

St. James' Church of England, Thornbury, was the scene of the wedding of Miss Eveline Mary Taylor to Mr. Daniel Patrick Doherty, on Tuesday evening, October 7, when the Rev. J. Briggs performed the ceremony. The bridesmaids were Miss Marion and Edna Thickens, and the groomsmen were Mr. Bruce Young and Mr. Thomas Rynders. The bride, who was given away by her brother, was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Taylor, 54 Gooch st., Thornbury. The bridegroom is the youngest son of the late Mr. Charles Doherty and Mrs. Doherty, of Glasgow, Scotland. The bride wore a dress of ivory satin with long sleeves and corsage, and a fully flared skirt, which fell in folds to the ground. Very beautiful was the silk veil trimmed with pearls and orange blossom, and extended as a train. A beautiful bouquet of white and pink flowers was carried. The bridesmaid's dresses were—Miss Marion, in pink and Miss Edna in apple green silk lace. Both wore large silk hats to match, and both carried bouquets of jonquils. The reception was later held in the Dispensary Hall, Gooch St.

Northcote Traders' Misspelt Word Competition

During October 9, 10 and 11 the Northcote Traders' Association held a misspelt word competition, and the winners of prizes announced are as follows:—10/ Prizes: R. Bennett, 10 Arthur street, Fairfield; Miss M. Casson, 7 Cooma street, Preston; Mary Wilson, Loretto, Clarke street, Northcote; May Ford, 45 Salisbury grove, Northcote; Walter F. Biggs, 25 Green street, Ivanhoe. 5/ prizes were awarded to W. J. Gulliford, 15 Cambrian avenue, Preston; Mrs. Steele, 91 Beauchamp street, Preston; Miss Thelma Pratt, 43 Frank street, Preston; Mrs. A. Smith, 5 Helen street, Northcote; Mr. A. Green, 6 Tobin avenue, Northcote; Miss Amy E. Davies, 115 Arthurton road, Northcote; Miss M. Johnson, 48 Darebin road, Northcote; F. Nelson, 146 Separation street, Northcote; Miss Bertha Cooper, 46 Darebin street, Northcote; Miss G. Skillern, 12 Milton street, Preston.

Boy Breaks Leg

On Tuesday the youngest son of Mrs. Frances Court, the well-known singer, met with an accident in the grounds of the Westgarth State school. Tripping, he broke his leg. He was taken in one of the teacher's cars to the Children's Hospital, where the limb was set, after which the boy returned to his home.

James Hall had to run away from home and succeed in musical shows before he could get his father's consent to be an actor.

Guy Oliver worked steadily for Paramount since 1916 with only a verbal contract and is now playing his 340th part for the company.

Turf . . . Notes

By "WATCHFUL."

MOONEE VALLEY GOLD CUP.

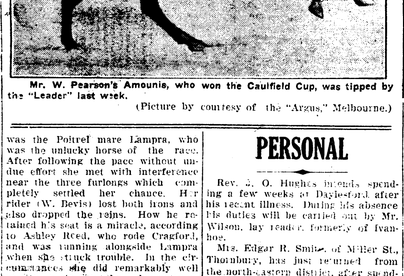
TAISHO	1
LAMPRA	2
SPANG	3

Now the Caulfield Cup is over racegoers will focus their attention on the Melbourne Cup, which at the moment looks at the mercy of the mighty Phar Lap. After winning the Derbies last year the Night Raid gelding appeared the best of good things for the Melbourne Cup, but after fighting with his redoubtable rider (R. L. wis) in the early stages, failed to see out the race. Lewis was roundly criticised for his handling of the gelding, but it was unjust criticism, as Lewis rode to instructions, and now that Phar Lap has settled down and is thoroughly seasoned, he is giving J. Pike armchair rides and breaking records galore. Despite his big impost of 9.12 Phar Lap promises to start a short priced favorite in the Melbourne Cup, and as he is built on generous lines, the lack of winning should not prove beyond him. Much has been said and written about the belated withdrawal of Phar Lap from the Caulfield Cup, but J. Telford was well within his rights. It would have been much better for backers if he had made known his intentions when the weights were issued instead of playing into the hands of the bookmakers. Tasmania's hope in the Caulfield Cup Lampra, one of the unlucky horses in the Caulfield Cup, is a great little galloper, and she may prove Taisho's most dangerous opponent.

Spang stays well and is nicely handicapped. Many good judges expect the game St. Spang gelding to extend the best of his rivals, and as he has shown a partiality for this course, Bill Cox has won three races and also run a wonderful race in the Quality Handicap, in which he finished with a wonderful burst of speed.

Quite a galaxy of talent will contest the W. S. Cox Plate, which will be run over the new course. With such a brilliant gallopar as Amounis engaged, the race should prove a veritable battle of equine giants. The presence of the Derby candidates, Tregilla and Veilmond, will also be an added attraction. Phar Lap has taken no harm from his Sydney racing, and being a horse who can adapt himself to all courses, he seems almost a certainty to account for Amounis, who has already won the event. The Magpie gelding defeated Avant Courier and Gothic in 1927, but he missed a place in the Quality Handicap a few weeks ago, when sent out favorite. He will be meeting Phar Lap for the second time this season, but the chestnut will step a fitter horse on this occasion, and should avenge his defeat. Veilmond, a colt of real class, and he is likely to prove Phar Lap's chief danger. Limerick was a wonderful three-year-old, but he had to strike his equal in Heroic in this event. Now we have another son of imported Limond throwing down the gauntlet to the champions Phar Lap and Amounis. If Veilmond can defeat that pair he will start a very hot favorite in the Victoria Derby. In view of his Melbourne Cup engagement, the running of Carradale will be watched closely but he will find the journey too short.

AMOUNIS, WINNER OF THE CAULFIELD CUP.



Mr. W. Pearson's Amounis, who won the Caulfield Cup, was tipped by the "Leader" last week.

(Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.)

was the Poitrel mare Lampra, who was the unlucky horse of the race. After following the pace without undue effort she met with interference near the three furlong which completely settled her chance. Her rider (W. Bevis) lost both irons and also dropped the reins. How he retained his seat is a miracle, according to Ashley Reed, who rode Cragford, and was running alongside Lampra when she struck trouble. In the circumstances she did remarkably well to get so close to the placegetters; with a clear run she would have made the finish interesting.

Many high class performers figure among the list of Caulfield Cup winners, and it takes a good horse to win that race. Like Uncle Sam, Maranui and Shepherd King, gallant Amounis came from the tail of the field to achieve a memorable victory. Amounis has proved himself one of the gregarious and most versatile gallopers Australia has produced, and his imposing record includes races from 6 furlongs up to 1½ miles. Consistent, honest and courageous, Amounis is a horse that has conquered the imagination of all Australian racegoers. The hardy campaigner has surpassed Gloaming's stake winning record, and his total of £18,197 10/- will stand the test of time. Though the all conquering Phar Lap has reached the pinnacle of fame, he is still many thousands behind Amounis on the list of stake winners. It is on the cards that Phar Lap will not survive the rigors of intensive training.

The ever popular Moonee Valley Club will bring off its Cup fixture on Saturday, and deserves all the patronage it gets. Big fields will be the rule and the racing should reach a high standard. The Moonee Valley Gold Cup is the star event on the programme. Numerous first class performers figure among the acceptors, including Taisho, who was backed for a fortune in the last Doncaster Handicap, and fell at a critical stage of the race. Judging by his forward showing in the Coongy Handicap, in which his rider made a lot of use of him early and finished fourth, the Eastern Monarch gelding is back to his best form. He will be suited by the circular nature of the track, and should show the way home.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

St. Mary's C. of E., East Preston.

On Tuesday last Mr. S. H. Robinson, general secretary of C.E.M.S., gave an interesting lantern lecture on "The Rambling Recollections of a Briton Abroad." The Consul for Chili (Mr. C. W. Le Plastrier) was present. After views of local interest the lecturer gave a series of views, leaving Liverpool, thence to France and Portugal, the views of Lisbon and Corunna being specially interesting, then touching Rio Janeiro and commencing at the south, he worked up to Valparaiso, where the lecturer lived for ten years. Next views of Santiago and parts of the interior. The views of the Andes mountains were really splendid. A vote of thanks was moved to Mr. Robinson and also to the Consul. Mr. Le Plastrier, in replying, thanked Mr. Robinson for the evening's entertainment, which he had thoroughly appreciated.

Croxton Methodist Church Sunday School.

On Sunday afternoon a commemoration service to Robert Raikes was held. An interesting address was given by Mr. T. J. George, who has lately come out from England, and spoke of Gloucester, where Robert Raikes commenced his great work.

Croxton Methodist Church.

The monthly musical service was held on Sunday evening, when Mr. J. Adcock sang "Do We Believe," and a tenor solo from "The Crucifixion." The choir, under Mr. Atkinson, rendered "I Will Sing of Thy Power," and "I Waited for the Lord;" the soloists were Mr. Adcock and Misses Edith Freeman and Winifred Meares.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church.

The married women gave a concert on October 14, which proved a great success. The school hall was filled, and praise is due to the organisers, Mesdames Pagden, Horsfall and Hounslow. Elocutionary items were arranged by Mrs. Macready, who, as "Mechanical Jane," was splendid. The pageant of the nations terminated a most successful concert.

Next Sunday is Hospital Sunday. The morning service will be conducted by the Rev. J. T. Duggleby, and Dr. Douglas Thomas will speak at night.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church.

Special mention was made of Robert Raikes' work and in the evening the church was filled, the different organisations being well represented, and the singing was undertaken by a junior choir. Rev. S. C. Hadley took as his subject "Youth at the Prow."

Congregational Church.

On Sunday all Congregational churches paid tribute to the memory of Robert Raikes. Rev. Walter Alpiston, secretary of the Union, was the preacher in the morning. The afternoon address was delivered by the Rev. Duncan Reeves. The pastor spoke in the evening on the Centenary of Congregationalism in Victoria.

Mr. Hall, Sunday school superintendent and a deacon of the church, who recently underwent an operation, is steadily making progress towards recovery.

One of our oldest members, in the person of Mrs. Armstrong, has been laid aside for many months.

A Commendable Scholastic Effort.

What may be achieved by a little effort was demonstrated last week by two girls of the Thornbury State School Junior Red Cross League. The head master (Mr. Hall) supplied a number of the members with one shilling each. Their objective was to increase the amount, the total to go towards the Children's Hospital and the Mia-Mia Children's League. Alison Graham and Ruth Greenland have been working steadily until last Saturday they gave a bazaar at the school. A very creditable display of work, sweets, cookery, and flowers was shown, and business was brisk. The takings for the afternoon amounted to £3/19/-, and should reach £4. This, with amounts collected during the term, will be in the vicinity of £6.

Preston Church of Christ.

Last Sunday was observed as "Robert Raikes' Day," in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the modern Sunday school movement. At the morning service the minister, Mr. A. J. Fisher, made special reference to Robert Raikes, while at night a young people's service was held, Mr. Fisher preaching on "Launching Out."

The results of the annual Scripture examination were announced on Sunday afternoon, when the following Bible school scholars were declared successful:—Merit Certificates.—W. Francis, R. Fisher, L. Duffy, E. Morten, A. Briggs, M. McLennan; H. Arney, W. Stokes. Certificates.—L. Quaife, S. Garth, D. Ellis, I. Webb, F. Lang, G. Garth. Pass—C. McLennan, N. Fisher.

All Saints.

The members of the Girls' Fellowship are holding a rally on Sunday evening next, when the vicar will conduct a special service for young womanhood. All young people will be welcomed.

Arrangements for the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the church are well in hand. A beautiful souvenir card is being issued to past and present parishioners.

Salvation Army, Preston.

On Hospital Sunday, at 3.30 p.m., the Silver Band will render a programme of first class music at Plenty road tram terminus. In the evening a meeting will be conducted in the old town hall by Commandant Pettigan. The speaker will be Rev. Stewart.

The corps anniversary will be held on November 1 and 2. On at 6 p.m. of the Saturday night, followed by a programme at 8 p.m. by the star songsters. Col. Sutton, Chief Secretary, will be in command on the Sunday.

Adj. Inglis, of the Salvation Army, will take the service at the Presbyterian Church on Hospital Sunday, exchanging pulpits with Rev. Stewart.

James Street Presbyterian.

The Rev. A. R. Jones occupied the pulpit and delivered both sermons on Sunday. The young people's organisations were present, and special children's hymns were sung. Mr. Jones briefly outlined the initiation of Sunday schools. Mr. Raikes established the first school for them, which developed until their attendance roll now numbers millions.

Church of the Epiphany.

On Sunday afternoon a Confirmation service was conducted by Bishop Green, when a large congregation was present. The Bishop administered the rite of confirmation to seventy candidates, and delivered a stirring address on the Christian life. "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith." In the evening the Bishop addressed a large congregation on St. Paul's letter to Philemon.

High Street Methodist Church.

Next Sunday is Hospital Sunday. Donations of eggs will also be received at the morning service for distribution among the hospitals and homes of the district.

MILK FOR BABY SECURED, BUT FURNITURE NEEDED

(To the Editor)

Sir,—Many thanks for asking in the "Leader" for some kind person to provide milk for a baby at No. 7 Claude street. The parents of the baby are very grateful. The ladies of the Benevolent Society are providing milk and have given an order for 2/6 worth per week. I visited the home of these young people last evening and my heart felt sad to see how sorely they are in need of help. The only articles of furniture in the place are an old cane couch, one chair, a kitchen table and a cabinet the man is making. In the bedroom a double bed with mattress and a pair of blankets. No quilt, no sheets, and a duchess chest of drawers. There are no floor coverings on any part of the house, so if you know of any person who could give them any article of furniture to make them more comfortable they would be grateful. I have given them a couple of chairs out of repair and a couple of shillings, also some vegetables, bread and wood for the week-end, and I think they are getting benevolent help for food.—Yours etc.,

A NORTHCOTE CITIZEN

NORTHCOTE COUNCIL OFFICERS AND SALARIES

(To the Editor)

Sir,—The following resolution was carried at a meeting of the staff of the Northcote city council held last week. The resolution has been submitted to the council:—"That in view of the existing depression and the fact that municipal councils will be compelled to effect economies wherever possible owing to decreased revenues, Municipal Officers' Association be requested to seek a conference with the Municipal Association (as the representative of municipal councils) offering to accept temporary reductions in the salaries of officers on a similar basis to that proposed for State public servants. In support of this proposal, this meeting expresses the opinion that it is due by those occupying a certain permanency of position (as municipal officers do), to make some effort to assist, otherwise the present burden on ratepayers, many of whom are unfortunately placed as a result of the existing depression. Further that the representatives of the Northcote council officers on the Municipal Officers' Association be asked to support this proposal and use their best efforts with a view to its adoption."—Yours etc.,

J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Oct. 23, 1930.

EAST PRESTON MOTOR CLUB.

East Preston went to Watson's Creek on Sunday, where a good day's sport was enjoyed. The attendance was also a record for the club, numbers of riders and machines that took part.

Our next official run will be to Seymour, leaving Durrant's garage, Plenty road, Preston, at 9 a.m. Sharp. All motor cyclists invited.

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Valedictory Social to Cr. and Mrs. Newton.

The Bradford Hall has never before experienced such a transformation as was witnessed on Saturday evening, October 11. It would seem that the Goddess Flora must have waved over it her magic wand and converted it into a bower of roses. The decorations, which were of a most lavish nature, were the work of the gentlemen of the campaign committee of the successful candidate of the East Ward of Preston, and were an expression of the high esteem in which Cr. and Mrs. Newton are held in the East Ward. The committee had invited the ratepayers and supporters to congratulate Cr. Newton on his success in the recent election and to express their esteem for him and Mrs. Newton. It must indeed have been very gratifying to Cr. Newton to be entertained in such a striking manner, over two hundred people having gathered, despite threatening weather, to do him honor in his good lady. A dais had been erected in the end of the hall, with a large Australian flag for a background, and a large arch with the Union Jack, and surmounted with exquisite exotic blooms. On arrival at the hall Cr. and Mrs. Newton were met and conducted to the dais by the president (Mr. Jenner) and Mrs. Jenner, supported by the campaign secretary (Mr. Ward). The hall rang with cheers from everyone and Cr. and Mrs. Newton were escorted to the dais to the strains of "See the Conquering Hero Comes" by Mr. Rushford (piano) and Mr. Cheeseley (violin). In a neat and concise speech Mr. Jenner welcomed Cr. and Mrs. Newton on behalf of the committee, which he claimed was the largest municipal campaign committee ever formed in Victoria, there being more than 100 members, thus proving beyond doubt the popularity of Cr. Newton, whom he described as second to none, either as a councillor, a citizen, or a man. He expressed great pleasure in seeing Mrs. Newton present, and hoped they would long continue the good work they had done and are still doing in our city.

Mr. Ward, in supporting the chairman, expressed the confidence of the committee in the action taken by Cr. Newton as a member of the special committee appointed by the City Council to inquire into methods of retrenchment in municipal administration, and he hoped that Cr. Newton would have the support of every councillor who had the interests of the city at heart.

On Mr. Ward resuming his seat, Cr. and Mrs. Newton were cheered to the echo, and little Miss Alma Paton, on behalf of the ladies of the campaign committee, presented to Mrs. Newton a shower bouquet of Hadley roses, Duchess of York pansies and maiden hair fern, tied with long streamers of mauve and gold ribbon.

Cr. Newton briefly responded to the welcome, expressing his admiration for the wonderful transformation that had been effected in the hall, and thanking his supporters for the manner in which they had conducted the campaign, and for the honor they had tendered to Mrs. Newton and himself that evening. As he intended at the supper adjournment to address his supporters, he would limit himself to this expression of gratitude and allow the social side of the evening to carry on.

A euchre tournament, under the conductorship of Mr. Rob Luscombe, resulted in prizes being won by Messrs. Foley and Baldwin. Dancing (old time and modern) was indulged in by those present, interspersed with vocal items by Messrs. McGraw and Storey, which were much appreciated by those present. The music was supplied by Messrs. Rushford, Cheeseley and Long, and everything was kept going with a swing under Mr. Cameron. A sumptuous supper was served by the ladies' committee, under the directorship of Mesdames Orton, Moulder, Toohey and Cook, who were materially assisted by Messrs. Hinton and Beard, who attended to the coppers.

During the supper adjournment, the chairman read apologies for non-attendance from upwards of thirty of Mr. Newton's supporters, amongst them being Cr. Jones, Messrs. Bransgrove, Inglis, and Brompton, who was absent owing to illness.

On rising to address his supporters Cr. Newton received a tremendous ovation, and it appeared as if they were not going to be heard, so prolonged and enthusiastic was the cheering. Again expressing his appreciation of the confidence reposed in him by the ratepayers, in returning him as their representative, Cr. Newton outlined his policy to be followed during the coming year. Economy, he pointed out, was imperative if the council was to carry on successfully, and retrenchment, even if it meant the employment of less labor, was inevitable in the present financial position. It was not so much the dismissal of men; it was the dismissal of jobs that were superfluous, and he was acting in this manner in the interests of the ratepayers, who could not at the present time meet any extra taxation—a condition that would be inevitable in the present state of things. He felt it his duty to act and speak as he had done on the special committee, and if the ratepayers thought he had done wrong they had their remedy—get another man.

Cr. Newton further expressed his appreciation of the excellent work of the committee in the recent elections, each and every one of whom had worked so hard to ensure success. He congratulated the committee in having secured the services of Mr. Jenner as chairman, as he felt the success of the elections were in no small measure due to his magnetic personality and to that of his wife in getting so much hard work done on his behalf. He also spoke feelingly of Mr. Wilson, who was on his first committee seven years ago when he first contested the seat in the council, and who was on this last occasion as energetic and indefatigable as ever, despite his 86 summers. Others also who had supported him during those years were Messrs. Whittaker and Ward, men of sterling worth, who spared no pains on his behalf.

Cr. Newton expressed keen regret at the absence of Mr. Brompton, who is ill in hospital, and hoped he would soon be restored to health and to his friends. In conclusion, Cr. Newton referred to the wonderful result of the postal votes returned, and congratulated the committee in having had the valuable services of Major Gray, secretary of the Ratepayers' Protection League, who carried out that arduous work in such a thorough manner.

Cr. Newton closed his address with an expression of deep gratitude to the ladies who worked so well for him prior to his election, and who had that evening honored Mrs. Newton and himself by preparing such a royal expression of congratulation.

Responding on behalf of the committee, the chairman said it had been a pleasure to work for a man of Cr. Newton's calibre. If all work were as pleasant, none of us would ever like to be idle. The committee had their reward in having in the council a representative who would study their interests, and who would not be afraid, even at the expense of popularity, to follow his conscience in doing the best for his ratepayers.

Mr. Jenner paid a glowing tribute to Mrs. Newton, who has been such a sustaining impetus to her husband during his years as councillor, and to whose wonderful personality and sweetness of nature he owes in a great measure his success.

Mr. F. A. Paton supported the remarks of the chairman, and stated that the committee would be prepared to work as hard or even harder at any future time if required to keep Cr. Newton as a representative of the East Ward.

Major Gray briefly acknowledged the tribute of Cr. Newton, and said the work entailed was amply justified by the wonderful results achieved.

During the evening Mrs. Newton, accompanied by Mrs. Jenner, moved freely amongst those present, and with her usual tactful personality broke down some feel ing and shy that had prevailed on behalf of her husband, who was amply repaid by the sunshine of her winning smile and the sincerity of her handclasp.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by encircling Cr. and Mrs. Newton in the centre of the floor and singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne," in which Cr. and Mrs. Newton heartily joined.

PRESTON BRANCH R.S.S.I.L.A.

At the general meeting, presided over by Mr. J. Donath, an instructive lecture was delivered by Dr. Roy Park on cricket. The address was especially interesting to the members of the cricket club as the finer points of the game were exhaustively dealt with. Batting bowling, and fielding were discussed and demonstrated, and fine points on strategy divulged. The doctor, in addition, entertained the members by relating incidents that have made history—humorous and otherwise.

At the next meeting on October 30 (not Tuesday as usual) Mr. W. C. Groves will lecture on his experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany for over two years.

It has been decided to support the annual Poppy Day appeal, proceeds being in aid of The Distressed Soldiers' fund. Wreaths of silken poppies emblematic of sacrifice and associated with the poppies on the battlefields of France and Flanders may be obtained from the branch secretary.

On Sunday November 9 the Armistice Day Parade and Service will be held. Full particulars will be advertised later.

The first meeting in connection with the Annual Christmas Tree Treat for the children of deceased and permanently incapacitated sailors and soldiers in Preston will be held on October 29 at 8p.m.

Arrangements for the annual picnic at Janefield on Cup Day are in full swing.

The branch Concert Party will render a performance in the Preston Town Hall on November 26 in aid of the Preston Unemployment Fund.

NORTHCOTE BRANCH A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting on October 9 was well attended, Mr. Turnbull being in the chair. It is proposed to strike a voluntary levy this quarter to keep unemployed members financial. The rifle team have defeated Clifton Hill (last year's winners) and Collingwood A.N.A. After business an enjoyable evening was spent, the branch being visited by the Merlynstone and Fawkner branch. Two games of bowls were played, and the home team won both. The visitors were afterwards entertained. The inter-branch visits are becoming popular.

The A.W.A. held their fortnightly meeting on 13th inst. The attendance was large considering the weather and when the meeting closed Mrs. Edgley gave an enjoyable evening. All members are invited to the meeting on Monday October 27.

June Collyer is the daughter of Clayton Heermance, a New York attorney, and chose the name Collyer because she is the granddaughter of Dan Collyer, well known stage player.

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PERSONAL

Rev. J. O. Hughes intends spending a few weeks at Daylesford after his recent illness. During his absence his duties will be carried out by Mr. Wilson, lay reader, formerly of Ivanhoe.

Mrs. Edgar R. Smith, of Miller St., Thornbury, has just returned from the north-eastern district, after spending a month's holiday with her sister, Mrs. A. E. Howe, of "Brookfield," Everton.

Mr. A. R. Penfold, assistant clerk of courts at Preston, has been granted a month's leave of absence by the Crown Law Department, owing to ill-health.

Mrs. Hodges Smith, "Edithville," Bell St., Preston, has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter Maude to Mr. G. Carter. The ceremony will take place at the Church of Christ, High St., Preston, on November 15, at 4.30 p.m. A reception will follow in the church hall at 6.30 p.m.

Mr. Devitt, formerly proprietor of the Gowerville Hotel, Plenty road, Preston, is on a visit from W.A. to Victoria.

In the Government "Gazette" of the 15th inst. appears a notice from the Crown Law Department stating that the following residents of Northcote have been appointed commissioners for taking declarations and affidavits under the Evidence Act 1928—Messrs. A. H. Turnbull, Claude St.; J. L. McKenna, Normanby Ave.; S. Courtnay, Bent St., and Cr. A. C. Bird, Elm St. In addition to the usual affidavits these gentlemen are empowered to take any declaration that can be made before a justice of the peace, which should be very convenient for the public.

Lowell Sherman will make his debut as a director of features, when he places "Lawful Larceny" in production at RKO. He will also star in the picture. Lynn Shores will work with Sherman on the direction. Sherman has directed for M-G-M.

IN THE GARDEN

ERICA (HEATHS).

PROPAGATION—CULTIVATION—VARIETIES.

(By T. E. West, Dumgree, Marlborough, New Zealand).

In the heath section of flowering plants, we have a very large collection, comprising about five hundred varieties. Of these, about three-quarters are natives of South Africa, the rest being divided between Britain, Ireland, Germany, Portugal.

Although there are 500 varieties, I do not think more than one-third are in cultivation. They are propagated by cutting firm side-growth about one inch to 1½ in. long. These are taken off with a heel; this being trimmed and the leaves removed for half an inch from the bottom, they are ready for insertion in the cutting-pots, which have been previously prepared. The composition used is peat and silver sand.

The pots are half filled with crocks, largest on the bottom and fine on top, then a layer of rough siftings from peat. This is followed by prepared soil of varying degrees of fineness, to within an inch of the top. Cover with half an inch of silver sand, water thoroughly, and compress firmly. After the cuttings have been dibbled in, cover with bell-glasses and stand on a bench in the propagating house or in a well-shaded glasshouse.

When rooted, they are potted off into two-inch pots, and from these into four-inch, and when well established they are ready for planting in the open ground or potting as specimens for glasshouse or conservatory.

They can also be propagated from the young green points. The same method is used as in the harder growth, with the exception that a joint is used instead of a heel, and they are given bottom heat. They are very hardy and easy to grow. They enjoy a sandy peat, but this is not essential, and they will thrive well in good maiden soil or fibrous loam. They do not like old garden soil that has been manured with either stable or artificial manures; to be successful with them avoid manuring, water in hot dry weather, and top-dress occasionally with an inch or two of fresh soil.

When specimens of heath are being planted in an old-established border, you should remove the soil eighteen inches deep and two feet wide and fill with fresh loamy soil; tread in firmly after planting, but leave the surface loose to prevent soil-cracking and so evaporation of moisture.

To my mind no flowering plant gives more satisfaction than the heath. With colors varying from pure white to scarlet, and having such a long period of bloom, they are worthy of a prominent position in both our public and private gardens, especially as varieties varying in height from one foot to ten feet can be procured. They adapt themselves to any position, from the shrubbery to the rockery, and nothing makes a more beautiful display than a massed bed of the dwarf Ventricosas, which bloom in the spring and last in flower for two months or more.

Selected varieties such as cavendishiana (yellow), cerinthoides coronata (scarlet), grandiosa (white), hybrida (red), hyemalis (pink and white), and melanthera (lilac) make perfect specimens for glass-house or conservatory.

From any of our up-to-date nurseries a selection can be supplied for any purpose or position in open ground, and with varieties that will give one a heath bloom practically all the year round.—"Journal of N.Z. Institute of Horticulture."

DAHLIA CULTURE.

(By G. E. Handley, Caulfield).

The improvement that has taken place with dahlias in recent years and is still taking place by leaps and bounds really makes one wonder what the future holds in store for the larger army of lovers of this beautiful flower.

The following cultural hints may appear to give a considerable amount of labor, but I can assure the novice that the effort is well worth while. My endeavor is to bring him success in producing the beautiful blooms that grace the autumn shows.

Two things only are necessary—(1) The varieties that will produce the gems; and (2) eyes that see. You have the last mentioned, the other can be easily got from your nurseryman.

Situation and Preparation.

Select a position, if possible, facing the east, and in the open, also sheltered from the north winds. Break your beds up to a good depth—anything up to 18 inches if of a heavy nature. Give a good dressing of lime and leave the ground in a rough state for at least a month. Then work in any available manure that you may have, and plant a crop of green manure, such as peas, or even French beans; dig these in about the end of November, and leave the beds without further attention until about the second week in December.

Planting.

The best blooms are procured in and around Melbourne, from plants which are set from the beginning of December until the end of January.

Place your stakes from 2ft. 6in. to 3ft. apart, and drive them in firmly. Open a hole at bottom of each stake, about 6in. deep; knock the plants out of the pots and plant with the ball of earth, from two to three inches below the level of the bed; plant firmly and water.

You will notice that you have your plants in a hollow; as these grow, gradually work the soil around them until level with the bed.

During the first five or six weeks let your plants grow naturally; don't try and force them along; water sparingly and cultivate the beds at least once a week to a depth of three or four inches.

In the meantime procure some bone meal and sulphate of potash; mix these together in the following proportions—2 lbs. of bone meal and 1 lb. of potash; also procure a load of manure. Horse manure if your ground is of a heavy nature, and cow manure if of a light sandy nature.

The following are two don'ts up to this stage. Don't try and force your plants and don't over-water; just keep the beds moist and keep the surface cultivated. If the weather is very hot, just spray over the foliage of the plants; if you do these things nature will do the rest up to this stage.

Later I will deal with the main things that give the big clean hard blooms that you see on the show benches. The subjects include cutting back, disbudding, thinning out, manuring and how to keep your plants producing large blooms in succession until cut down by the frosts. —"Garden Lover."

STAR OF NORTHCOTE, I.O.R.

The usual fortnightly meeting on [illegible] was largely attended, Bro. [illegible] presiding. Full particulars of the scheme formulated [illegible] members were [illegible] a letter from the District and after some discussion a committee was appointed to study the matter. An invitation was received for the officers to attend at installation ceremony at the Albert Park Tent on November 21. The annual picnic for junior members was mentioned, and a meeting of superintendents was called to make preliminary arrangements. The secretary of the social committee (Bro. H. L. King) submitted the syllabus for the coming half year, which with a slight alteration was adopted. The items are of a varied and interesting character, and quite in keeping with the usual high standard of social activities conducted by this tent in the past.

Bro. Alf. Reed tendered his resignation as superintendent of the Samuel Manger Junior Tent, which was accepted with regret. In referring to Bro. Reed's departure from the district, Bro. W. L. [illegible] spoke of his sterling work in the interests of the order generally, and particularly in connection with the juniors, over a long period of years, and on behalf of the members he extended to Bro. Reed the best wishes for success in his new sphere of life. In returning thanks, Bro. Reed said that although he was changing his place of residence, he would still retain his membership with the Star of Northcote Tent, with which he had been connected for so long.

The popularity of the social evenings conducted by the tent was evidenced at the close of the meeting, when a large number of members and their lady friends spent a merry time in a variety of dances arranged by Bro. W. Walker, the music being supplied by Bro. E. Youl. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close at a late hour with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The next meeting will be held on October 30, at which all officers of the boys' junior tents will be entertained by the adult tent.

Northcote Brick Co. Dividend.

The directors of the Northcote Brick Company have declared an interim dividend of 6d. a share for the half-year ended September 1930, payable October 31. Total distribution for the company's last financial year was 10 per cent.

ATTEMPTED GARAGE ROBBERY AT PRESTON.

TWO CONVICTED AND ONE ABSCONDS.

An unusual position was created in the Criminal Court on Monday when one of the four accused persons on trial failed to appear.

George Lewis, salesman, of Cheley St., Preston; Ernest Leithead, bill poster, of Collins St., West Brunswick; Allan Chadwick, motor wheel maker, of Donald St., Brunswick; and Ida Chadwick, of Donald St., Brunswick, were charged with at Preston on September 25 having attempted to break into the garage of Rayner Bros. at Bell St., Preston.

The trial commenced on Friday, and the four accused were released on bond over the week-end.

When the trial was resumed on Monday morning it was found that Lewis had not appeared. His surety was Allan Chadwick, one of the other accused in the case.

His Honor ordered that the recognisance entered into by Lewis and by his surety be estreated and issued papers to enable Lewis to be arrested.

The Crown case was that Allan Chadwick and Ida Chadwick remained in the car while Lewis and Leithead left with the intention of stealing petrol, but the latter was interrupted by the arrival of the police patrol.

Allan Chadwick, Ida Chadwick and Leithead on oath denied the charge. Leithead said he and Lewis left the car with the intention of purchasing petrol. They knocked at the door of the garage, but did not use any force, nor did they have any intention of stealing petrol.

Leithead and Chadwick were convicted and were remanded for sentence. Ida Chadwick was found not guilty and was discharged.

PRESTON TRAM ROUTES.

ALTERED BY BRUNSWICK LINE CONVERSION.

Details of services to operate on the East and West Preston to Spencer St., the East Coburg to St. Kilda beach, via South Melbourne, and the Elsternwick to Victoria St. routes on Sunday, with the opening of the converted Brunswick St. (North Fitzroy) tram line were announced by the Tramways Board on Monday.

"Through Routing to be Tried."

For some time during the slack periods of the day West Preston passengers have had to change trams at Thornbury (Dundas St.). With the routing of the Preston cars to Spencer St., via Brunswick St. and Collins St., instead of to St. Kilda beach, via South Melbourne, and the consequent saving of mileage by the elimination of the Holden St. detour, the board will experiment by giving separate services both to West and East Preston. Both districts will have a morning and evening "peak" service of five minutes, the effect of which will be that to and from Dundas St. there will be a car every two minutes and a half. The destination sign of North Fitzroy used by the cable cars will still be preserved, as during peak hours a short-shunted service will operate between Spencer St. and Barkly St., North Fitzroy. Passengers to that point will have the benefit of a car at intervals of one minute and two-thirds. A "shuttle" service will give a connection between the St. George's road and Lygon St. lines.

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PRESTON COUNCIL'S FINANCES

A FULL STATEMENT.

TOWN CLERK'S COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.

Mr. L. W. Williams, town clerk to the Preston City Council, presented to the council on Monday evening, October 20, the following report, which sets out the position of the council to September 30, 1930:—

I have to report that the work in connection with the annual balance of the books and accounts for the year ending September 30, 1930, is now completed, and the Government auditor, Mr. W. J. Blyth, is now engaged on the work of audit of same. Preliminary to the council dealing with estimates of receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year to September 30, 1931, I desire to submit a statement showing receipts and expenditure for the year as compared with estimates adopted, and setting out in detail where items are in excess or are under estimated receipts and expenditure.

The municipality commenced the year with an overdraft of £6,140.

Estimated expenditure was exceeded by £12,630; estimated receipts were short by £2,011, leaving an overdraft at the end of year 30/9/1930 of £14,641.

Principal items of excess expenditure were—Asphalting, £1,030; day labor—General, horses, drays and drivers, £2,168; parks and gardens, £2,224; motor cars, trucks, etc., £752; quarry expenses, £697; cemetery expenses, £731; unemployed, £500; hall and office expenses, £788; materials, £1,578; new Town Hall, £1,320; tarring, £483; sundry, £359; total, £12,630.

Principal items of receipts under estimates are:—Current rates, £4,538; arrears of rates, £2,810; sales of metal, £4,396; total, £11,844.

Less receipts over estimates:—Advance Electric Light Department, £7,000; hall fees, £410; asphalting, £373; interest, £137; unemployed, £854; sundry, £1,059—£9,833; total £2,011.

Total liabilities at end of year:—Contractors' deposits, £1,672/5/-; miscellaneous deposits, £222/1/6; overpaid rates, £30/11/8; Marshall embezzlement, £650; loans balances to be used in redeeming debentures, £1,175/3/8; Country Roads Board, £834/16/5; wages to 30/9/1930 (day labor), £163/7/8; unpresented cheques 6/-; bank overdraft, £14,641/0/5; total, £19,389/12/4.

Against the above liabilities the council has the following assets:—Arrears of rates, £9,974/8/9; arrears of pan fees, £1,254/4/7; arrears of meat inspection fees, £77/16/6; arrears of asphalting, £4,701/11/2; deposits on park lands to be recouped by loan, £260; since paid account loan principal and interest, £1,230/14/9; Edwardes Park Carnival account, £837/9/2—£18,336/4/11; balance £1,053 7/5; total, £19,389/12/4.

During the year the collections of rates were as under:—Current rates. To collect, £46,872; amount collected, £40,461; percentage this year, 86.3 per cent.; percentage last year 90.5 per cent. Arrears of rates—To collect, £6,753; collected, £3,190; percentage this year, 47.2; percentage last year, 45.6. Sanitary Fees—To collect, £3,345; collected, £2,520; percentage this year, 75.3. Arrears sanitary fees—To collect, £975; collected, £545; percentage, 55.8.

Total arrears of rates outstanding are made up as follows:—West Ward —Number of dwellings, 587; amount owing on dwellings, £3,434/19/6; amount owing on vacant lands, £405 10/5. Merrilands—Amount owing on vacant lands, £535/14/4. East Ward—240; £1,325/18/10; £826. Central Ward—363; £2,291/9/6; £1,151/16/2. Totals—1,190; £7,055/7/10; £2,919 0/11.

Summary of arrears of rates—Owing on dwellings, £7,055/7/10; owing on vacant land, £2,919/0/11; total £9,974/8/9.

Private Street Construction.—Expenditure.—formation of streets, £13,837/13/11; metal breaking, £1,135 13/-; total, £44,973/6/11. Total instalments owing at £30/9/1930 for private street construction, £126,121/0/3.

Collected for year ending 30/9/1930—Instalments of principal, £14,646 6/4; interest, £2,985/9/8. Total, £17,631/16/-.

Owing for incomplete contracts at 1/10/1929, £26,073/10/3; cost of streets constructed during the year, £13,837/13/11; total, £69,911/4/2.

It will be necessary to arrange for further loan monies before the council can undertake the construction of further streets, as all loan monies to date have been expended, and private street construction works must cease when incompleted contracts amounting to £7,137/4/10 are completed.

Works carried out during the year out of loan monies:—Loan No. 5, £123/16/1; Loan No. 9, £10,656/14/10; Loan No. 11, £2,141/10/4; Loan No. 12, £759/5/2; Loan No. 13, £2,925/4/-; Loan No. 14, £16,353/16/8; Loan No. 15, £34,090/13/11. Total, £72,051/1/-.

Works carried out under private street construction, £44,973/6/11.

Country Roads Board expenditure, £3,496/1/7.

Municipal fund, expenditure £103,629 6/4. Total expenditure £224,148/15/10

The following is a list of some of the works completed during the year, which materially add to the progress and beautification of our city, as well as being valuable assets to the municipality:—Construction of High St. roadway and footpaths, Murray road to Bell St.; deep drainage—central portion of the municipality; beautification of pipe track, Bell St. to Murray road; improvements to parks—Mason St.; Wood St., Bell Park, Regent Park; Florence Adams playground, Margaret Walker playground, Asling St. playground; protecting the banks of Edwardes Lake; construction of numerous streets (as per list to be submitted); completion of new city hall and furnishing of same; erection of new Baby Health Centre and furnishing of same; additions to old town hall, new supper room, kitchen, basement and public conveniences; building of new offices and accommodation at Town Hall and furnishing of same; erection of electric light offices; a large area of concrete pavement "in situ" has been laid, as well as paving numerous streets in the municipality; construction of Cooper St., Walton Av., Harold St., Fettling St., Patterson St.; purchase of 4 acres park land, Pine St. and Gloucester road; purchase house and land in Spring St. for nursery for curator and playground and improvements to same; additions to quarry, Princess St., Preston. Extensive employment has been given during the year by day labor to relieve distressed unemployed on various works in the municipality.

L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk.

BELL STATE SCHOOL

SPELLING BEE WINNER HONORED

At the Bell State School on Saturday evening a complimentary social was tendered to Gordan Jonas, the winner of the "Sun" spelling bee for No. 4 Metropolitan District, and his parents by the school committee and Mothers' Club. There was a large attendance, and an enjoyable evening was spent in dancing, games, songs and fancy dancing. Just prior to the refreshment interval the correspondent of the school committee (Mr. W. H. Webber) presented Gordan with a handsome wristlet watch from the committee. Mr. Webber said that whilst it was to be regretted that Gordan had not succeeded in the final during Show Week, the heartiest congratulations of all present were tendered to the young guest on his winning the championship of No. 4 Metropolitan District—a notable achievement. Since the school was opened a little over two years ago, Mr. Webber continued, several honors had come to the school, and he desired to take the opportunity of congratulating the head teacher (Mr. R. O'Brien) and his staff on the progress made during that period.

In reply, Gordan Jonas thanked the committee for their presentation, and handed to the school the pennant that had been presented to him.

The head teacher said that it was his aim to bring the Bell School to the fore in every way. Several scholastic and sporting competitions had been won recently, and he was hopeful that in the future many more would be won. He congratulated Gordan on his success, as it was something to be proud of to be the champion speller of the school district.

Mrs. Lawler, president of the Mothers' Club, then presented to Gladys Berry and Ray Kendall book prizes for competitions at the school by the Mothers' Club.

During the evening songs were rendered by Mrs. Duncan, and fancy dancing by Miss Jean Preston.

On Monday next a meeting of parents and guardians will be held at the school to appoint another member to the committee in place of Mr. T. C. Deslandes, who resigned owing to business reasons. After the new member is appointed a lecture and demonstration of latest appliances will be given by Mr. G. M. Allen, of the Children's Dental Clinic, to which all parents are cordially invited.

V.J.F.A.

NORTHCOTE CLUB.

ENJOYABLE TRIP TO HEALESVILLE.

About 25 players and committee made the trip to Healesville, leaving the Town Hall about 7.30 by bus. A pleasant run along the White Horse road to Lilydale was experienced, where the first halt was made for refreshments. Arriving at our destination about 8.30 accommodation was arranged at "Grace Burn Glen," one of the most popular houses in the district under the direction of Mrs. Drysdale. Everybody was made welcome. The stage was then set for a good time. Most of the visitors attended the dance in honor of the club winning the premiership honors. Everyone had a wonderful time and dancing continued until 2 o'clock. The boys soon became popular and the "sheik of the party" was our reliable half forward A. Johnson, closely followed by many others who were "sparking in all sixes." On Saturday morning things were not so lively, as most of the boys were tired after the dance, and had a quiet ramble around the town and the adjacent beauty spots. After a hearty meal the Alphington club (who arrived for the week-end) were welcomed and a match arranged for the day. The game resulted in a good exhibition.

On Saturday evening the tourists visited the picture show, and the manager in a brief speech welcomed us to Healesville. Mr. S. Bolt, our vice-president, suitably responded, assured the manager the boys had enjoyed every minute of their stay.

During the interval Doug. Nicholls gave the audience one of his musical treats on the gum leaf, which was much appreciated. So popular had the manager become that the boys showed their appreciation of a sport by singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" at the end of the performance.

On Sunday the weather was against any trips to the fern gullies and the boys, adapting themselves to the conditions, soon made up for it. Cards, games, etc., were indulged in. A wonderful dinner of turkey and ham was provided by the proprietor and the visitors showed that they had not lost their appetites.

Leaving Healesville about 8 o'clock we had an uneventful trip home after a wonderful time. So popular has our trip secretary (Mr. E. Musgrove) become that the boys requested him to arrange a similar trip for A.N.A. week-end. Pinky Smith had charge of the party and his report on Thursday night was that the boys upheld their good name.

CLUB NOTES.

On Thursday night the committee have to decide the winner of the cups presented for the best and fairest and utility player for the season 1929-30. Several other trophies are also down for discussion.

Arrangements have been made to have the photograph taken of the players and officials on October 26. All are requested to meet at the corner of Arthurton road and High St. at 10.30 sharp. A motor will be provided.

ROBERTS RAIKES COMMEMORATION

The 150th anniversary of the foundation of Sunday schools, established in Gloucester by Robert Raikes, was set down for commemoration in most of the Protestant Churches on Sunday.

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Miss Stokes's New Boarder

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Besides the town square, the old court house, and the new theatre, there were two things of particular interest in Bridgport. One of these was the faded, green-painted house in which Miss Nancy Stokes had conducted her strictly private boarding establishment for the last twenty-five years; the other, and essentially the more important, was Miss Nancy herself. Not that she was the town character. Her sole interest was centered in the eleven inhabitants of the town who were allowed to feast on her cooking, and these she ruled absolutely. Eleven feminine and masculine Oliver Twists were they, who accepted what was set before them and dared not ask for more. To them Miss Nancy was a stern-faced, blue-eyed, grey-haired woman of fifty, who stood commandingly regardful through every meal, her hands folded before her, her eyes roaming here and there, silent, sharp, half-grim, speaking only when the acid was on her tongue.

But back in the kitchen the aged Phœbe, the cook, had observed enough to know that Miss Nancy's life did not consist wholly of bickerings with Percy Wrightman, of complaints about the number of girls who chose to telephone Byron Williams at meal-time, or of professional anxiety whether or not Dr. Flaven's plate was heaped sufficiently high with cabbage. For more than once on summer nights Phœbe had seen Miss Nancy watching the stars from the old porch with an expression discernible in the dim light far different from that at meal-time. Once, too, Phœbe had seen Miss Nancy in her room—where chromos and mottoes of a time far gone adorned the walls—slowly, almost reverently, turning the pages of a worn scrap-book while something glistened on her cheek. But Phœbe had lived long enough to keep her own counsel, even in the long afternoons following the departure of the boarders, when Miss Nancy would seat herself at the rickety old piano in the living-room, and sing "Nelly Grey" to the accompaniment of its toneless harmony.

It was thus one afternoon while Phœbe washed dishes and Miss Nancy was dilating on the misfortunes of poor Nelly Gray that the new boarder arrived. The first intimation of him was the slamming of the front door and a step in the hall—a step which caused Miss Nancy to desist suddenly from her singing, rise from the piano, and, folding her hands professionally veil her suprise in a stern scrunity of the young man before her.

"I suppose," she began, noting his bold-checked cap and a certain jaunty style which proclaimed him anything but an inhabitant of Bridgport, since you walked right in and slammed the door, you came to see me."

The young man's brown eyes twinkled. "Yes," he answered, "if you are Miss Stokes."

"I am," said Miss Nancy; then, with a sudden suspicion: "What are you selling—life insurance?"

"No, nor sewing machines." The young man laughed and fanned himself with his cap; it was one of those too warm spring days which sometimes follow the death of winter. "I'm not selling anything. I want to buy something—a place at your dinner table."

"Where do you come from? Manchester?"

"No; from London. Tommy Larkin's my name. I've come out to get cured."

"Not ill, are you?"

"Yes and no," young Mr. Larkin replied. "Nerves. You see, I had such a good time at college that, when it was all over, I decided to settle down and attend to business. So I settled all in a lump; didn't take time to get accustomed to it, and the first thing I knew Jim and the doctor—Jim's my brother, and we've got a pretty good brokerage business—were holding consultations and settling my fate for me. Then one day they decided I must go away. I wanted to be near Manchester, and when they told me I had to get out in the country and take things easy, and breathe deep seventeen times a day, and say 'Oh, joy!' or something every fifteen minutes, I was glad for the chance. But," he said suddenly, "you were playing when I came in. Go on and keep it up, won't you?"

Miss Stokes started and turned a bit red—a strange thing for her. She looked slowly toward the piano, and then, determinedly approaching it, closed the lid. "You said you came to say something about board," she said.

Tommy Larkin nodded. "Yes, and a room—a big room with four windows where I can see the sunrises and sunsets. Doctor says I must absorb their beauty and all that sort of thing for my nerves. Well"—he laughed again—"if I can see a sunset once in a while in Manchester I'll be satisfied."

"Seems to me," Msis Nancy broke in, if you were so fond of Manchester you'd go there and live."

"What! And me a bundle of broken-down, double-jointed, and knock-kneed nerves!" young Mr. Larkin exclaimed. "No; I'll show the little lady I love her if I risk it even once a week. Now about that room."

Something about the young man penetrated the sheet armour which Miss Nancy kept constantly about her, and the hint of romance he had given found its way to her heart and discovered there, much to its suprise, a soft spot and a welcome. "Well," she said as Tommy stood looking at her, a twinkle in his brown eyes, it'll be twenty-five shillings a week."

"Just for the sport of it I'll see your twenty-five and raise you twenty," answered Tommy Larkin, with a laugh. "That makes it two pounds five, and I won't deduct for my week-ends in Manchester. Can I send up my trunk?"

And thus it was that the table of the House of Stokes had a new occupant, while the eleven Oliver Twists made the acquaintance of a very blithe, laughing, happy-hearted young man who seemed to worry about nothing in particular, who had no occupation other than to enjoy life, to roam about the shore, and to find the first violets in the hedgerows, and, with a bravery which none of the others could summon, pin them on the protesting Miss Nancy. It was something for Bridgport to talk about, to guess about—this strange, quite happy, money-spending young man who every Friday night left the little seaside resort behind for a trip to Manchester and what it held for him.

As for Miss Nancy, she experienced a change which centered her long-imprisoned powers of affection upon this well-clothed, laughing young man, and gave her a thousand new cares and a wonderful happiness in the possession of them. More than once in the weeks that followed did the other boarders gasp at the privileges allowed the new member; more than once with wide eyes they saw him ask for more with the greatest insouciance, and, more wonderful still, receive it directly from the hands of Miss Nancy herself without even a protest from her.

"I'm sure your brother was right," she said one day, as she half halted at his door. "If you haven't gained twenty pounds my name isn't Nancy Stokes." She smiled admiringly at Tommy, who was gazing out of the window. Her smile faded as he turned. "Not ill, are you?"

"No." He summoned a smile as he answered. "Just a little bad news, that's all."

"From Manchester?" Miss Nancy's voice had a tone of quick anxiety in it. Tommy had talked to her and he had promised once to show her the picture. She trembled a bit as she asked the question; there was something about Tom's face——

But he shook his head. "No, it's not as bad as that." He forced another smile. It's from Jim—at home The business has all turned turtle; I expect I'll have to be going back pretty soon. We may pull out, but —I don't know," he added, turning to the window again.

Miss Nancy twisted her apron slowly. "Nothing's ever as bad as you imagine," she assured him.

Tommy smiled again and waved a hand. "Right-o!" he said. "I things will come out right side up. If not—well, I've still got the little lady in Manchester, and she's worth all the business in the world.

"Going to tell her anything about it?" Miss Nancy here wondered at her own curiosity.

Tommy laughed. "Why not?" he asked.

Three days later Miss Nancy, coming, red-faced, from the dining-room, found Tommy Larkin, pale and staring-eyed, standing by the door, a letter half crushed in his hand.

"Seen a ghost?" she questioned shortly.

Tommy tried to laugh. "No-o—not that I know of." His voice seemed to be strained and high pitched.

"Something more from London?" Miss Nancy knew that she was asking leading questions; but she knew, too, that she had a right, that she had taken this boy—he was only a boy to her—within the locked confidence of something she never before had experienced, mother love.

"No." There was a hopelessness in Tommy's are as he moved towards the door that gripped her, and his lips twitched.

"No-o—it's nothing rom town."

(To be Continued.)

EGG APPEAL

LETTERS OF THANKS.

THE PRESTON APPEAL.

Mr. L. W. Williams, town clerk to the City of Preston, has received appreciative letters from the secretary of the Melbourne Hospital Red Cross Auxiliary (central executive committee) as follows:—

"On behalf of the executive committee I desire to thank you very sincerely for your great help in the egg appeal for the Melbourne Hospital, and for the splendid donation of 8000 eggs received from your city. We are glad to have a list of schools and organisations who collected and a letter of thanks will be sent to each one from the secretary of the hospital, also a letter to the citizens of Preston through municipal headquarters. We have been most gratified with the wonderful response we have received from the appeal in every quarter, and we have already received about 90,000 eggs and they are still coming in."

The secretary of the Eye and Ear Hospital writes:—"On behalf of the committee of the hospital I desire to make grateful and appreciative acknowledgment of the splendid result attending the efforts of the Preston ladies in their appeal for eggs. 2000 were safely delivered at the institution. Would it be possible to convey our thanks to the organisers and the ladies who gave their services in collecting."

From the secretary to the Women's Hospital comes the following:—"I desire to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of 500 eggs collected at the Tyler St. State school, Preston. On behalf of my committee I beg to tender to the teachers and scholars their grateful appreciation of their efforts on behalf of this institution. It is felt that the response made by the schools in answer to our appeal is a splendid one, as I am sure very many calls are being made upon their generosity owing to existing economic conditions. The assistance afforded the hospital is indeed very helpful."

SERVING A SUMMONS.

CONFLICTING EVIDENCE AT PRESTON COURT.

There was a great deal of conflict in the evidence given by witnesses at Preston court on October 16 in a case of W.W. Hulme against A. N. Penn, in which after an order had been made by the court in regard to a patrol summons, Penn made application for a hearing.

The grounds for seeking rehearing were that the fraud summons had not been served on Penn personally as the affidavit on the summons stated.

In evidence Penn, who lives at Wellington street Collingwood, swore that he was not at a house at Delaware street Preston, at 2 p.m. on August 29, when it is alleged the summons had been served on him.

Mrs. Penn also said that her husband was not at Delaware street on that day.

Fred Molteshead, of Wellington street, Collingwood, said Penn was with him at the Collingwood town hall at the time and date mentioned.

"Don't believe a word You Say."

After Moltershead had given evidence Mr. T. McMahon J.P. said to him "I don't believe a word you say".

Penn's counsel said Penn had never got the summons and in his obsence the court had made an order committing him to goal failing payment of the amount due to Hulme

William Walter Hulme, Wood street Preston, said.—I saw Penn outside a house in Delaware street, Preston. He denied he was Penn and tried to get away. I got to the gate first and put the summons on his chest and also offered him conduct money. He swore and broke away.

Alfred John Oliver of Delaware street Preston, said "I saw Hulme place some documents on Penn's chest". Mr. A. Wilkinson (Home and Wilkinson) appeared for Hulme to oppose the appeal.

The appeal for re-hearing was dismissed with £4/1/7 costs against Penn.

Messrs O. A. Walker and T. J. Mc Mahon were on the bench.

BOURKE-EVELYN ASSOCIATION

Epping v Thomastown.—At Epping a large attendance saw the opening match between two evenly-matched teams on Saturday. Macher, S. Umlaufs, Misses G. Bunting and I. Fagg played brilliantly for Epping, while W. Thomas and Misses M. Brazel and Smith were Thomastown's best. Thomastown led until the mixed doubles, when the scores were evened. Epping won the last set, 8—4, which gave them the match by 4 games.

Wollert v Yan Yean.—At Wollert the home team began well and made the play exciting until Yan Yean took some splendid opportunities on the weak spots in the team. Fine spring weather made the picturesque settings around the court show up at their best. Fine play was seen on both sides. Yan Yean won by 9 games.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—What a lovely week-end it was, but for all the heat, it was cold in the sea. We tried it on Saturday afternoon and had a grand time on the beach. but the Pets decided they'd been sunburnt enough by six o'clock, so we came home again, and spent the evening at a new game of ball Jacko has invented. It's really a sort of bowls, but is played on a billiard table, and Jacko makes up rules to suit himself as the game progresses, and then promptly forgets them. On Tuesday we went out for a spin after the Pets had spent the morning at cricket; but they nearly broke one of the neighbor's windows, so Grandpa stopped their game, and then they begged for a drive after lunch, so we set off and did a round trip through Coldstream, Panton Hill and Hurstbridge. There's a new competition, so send along your entries. The Pets send heaps of love and greetings, and so does your

UNCLE PHIL.

P.S.—Remember to use only one side of the paper for contributions.—U.P.

NEW COMPETITION

WORD BUILDING

Make as many words as you can from the word "ENGAGE," using only the letters which appear in the word. Send your entries in by October 31, and the prize-winner will be announced on November 7.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the heartiest and happiest of Birthday Wishes and Greetings to Mavis Smith and Graham Harris (Oct. 25), Jack Thomson (Oct. 28), Thelma Maes (Oct. 29) and Freddie Baker (Oct. 30).

OUR MAIL BAG

25 Keon St., Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am writing to ask if you will enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. My friend has joined and I would like to join also. I have just started to read the articles in the Cobbers' Page, and I think they are very interesting. I will enter for the Tria Competition. Hoping you and the Pets are well.

(GOOD) Inez Williamson

(Welcome, Inez, and we hope to have some contributions from you before long. Will you send your snap along for our Cobbers' album? Fluffy sends greetings and best wishes. Love. U.P.)

Cora Miller.—Welcome to the Clubs, Cora, and we hope you have a happy time with us. Send along an entry for the corner as well as a snap of yourself for our album. The Pets send heaps of love.—U.P.

George and Fred Gordon.—Welcome to the Clubs, both of you. Your entries are in this week. Send us snaps of yourselves for our album. Jacko sends a hearty greeting. Love. U.P.

Alison Graham.—Welcome, Alison to the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. Fluffy is specially glad to have you and wants you to send along your snap for our album, please. Lots of love from the Pets.—U.P.

Kathleen Browne.—Welcome, Kath, to the clubs. Your entry is among the riddles. Have you a snap for our album? Fluffy is delighted to have you. Greetings and best wishes from U.P.

M. Madgwick.—We like the goldfish story very much but are unable to print it because you have used both sides of the paper. Please send it in again, using only one side, and in future keep to this rule. Love.—U.P.

Lorna McLean.—Bravo, Lorna, for gaining 100 marks. The prize will be sent on, so keep a lookout for it. Heaps of love.—U.P.

Duncan Mathieson.—Bravo, Duncan, for gaining the 100 marks. Will you call for the prize? Jacko is happy because you're doing so well. 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 f 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

NEW ARRIVALS

The other week I went to the Zoo. It was a fine day and most of the animals were basking in the sun. We went to the monkey cage and found there were many new baby monkeys. One of the monkeys had a mirror and it could not understand why the monkey in the mirror mimicked him. After that we saw the lions, tigers and birds. We also saw the baby hippopotamus, which has been put with its mother in a separate place, as the father would eat it. After that we saw the new monkeys, which are called "spider monkeys." These monkeys are very sedate and look at you with disdain. They are not as funny as the other monkeys and they do not do any tricks at all.

(TRIA) Joyce Membrey

SCHOOL

Like other girls who go to school,
My work is sometimes wrong;
And oft I talk and break the rule
"To keep a quiet tongue."
But how can anyone keep still,
And not move round and look
To dodge the teacher's eye until
She looks up from her book?
I love the poetry and verse.
But, oh, those dreadful sums!
My errors go from bad to worse
Until my brain succumbs.
We all are taught "Domestic Arts"
To help our way through life;
And with the wisdom that imparts
Avoid unseemly strife.
I know sincerely how I wish
My studies were completed,
So I could cook flesh, fowl or fish
That the daintiest might eat it.

(GOOD) Mary Moylan.

INDIA RUBBER

When any of the Cobbers are using a rubber, I wonder do you ever think how it was made? India rubber is obtained from the milky juice of a plant which grows in Java and other hot climates. The natives make incisions through the bark of the tree, through which the sap oozes, and is then spread upon moulds of clay to harden. When the first layer is dry a second is put on, and this operation is repeated until the rubber is of the thickness required. Then it is placed over the smoke of burning vegetables, which hardens and darkens it. India rubber is used chiefly in Australia for effacing black lead pencil marks, for tyres, waterproofing and balls.

(GOOD) Jean Grenfell

A LOVELY FLOWER

The Iris is a beautiful flower, and was given that name, which means rainbow, by reason of its many beautiful colors. It is supposed to be a bearer of good news, with reference, perhaps, to the promise of the rainbow made in the Old Testament. The Greeks regarded the flower as an omen of good. It is a general favorite, and is hardy and easy to grow. My

(GOOD) Tommy Craig.

ATHLETICS INSTEAD OF ARITHMETIC

A class of children were taking their arithmetic lesson in the playground of a London school, when a tame monkey suddenly appeared. Presently it saw a cat, and instantly dashed after it. The class followed as quickly as they could, the teacher leading the way, but the cat managed to get up a tree just as somebody arrived and took charge of the monkey.

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas

NEARLY OFF

The whole regiment knew that the colonel was a bad horseman, and when the order to move off was given the band struck up the regimental march. The colonel's horse was not fond of music, and everybody was interested in its antics so interested that the front rank of the first company bunched up in the middle. "Ease off, there!" shouted the captain of the first company. "No, 'e aint," whispered a recruit, "but 'e soon will be."

(GOOD) Wilma Price

A BOILING LAKE

In January, 1875, a strange sight met the eyes of a party of explorers who had set out to learn the reason for the thick white cloud which hovered over the mountain tops of the Island of Dominica. On the summit of the mountain they were awed by the strange spectacle before them. Walled in by steep banks 60 to 100 feet in height, raged and tossed, were the waters of a lake about 200 yards wide and 100 yards long. The surface of the lake resembled a seething cauldron. It is now known as the Boiling Lake of Dominica.

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy

CONTRIBUTIONS

THINGS WE NEVER SEE

A sheet from the bed of a river,
A tongue from the mouth of a stream;
A toe from the foot of a mountain,
And a page from a volume of steam;
A wink from the eye of a needle,
A nail from the finger of Fate;
A plume from the wing of any army,
And a drink at the bar of a gate;
A hair from the head of a hammer,
A bite from the teeth of a saw;
A race on the course of study,
And a joint from the limb of the law;
A cheque that is drawn on a sand bank,
Some fruits from the jamb of a door.

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

JOHNSON AND JONES

Johnson Minor, with Jones and me,
All went down to my aunt's for tea;
Jones sent a ball through a window pane,
Johnson fell into a cucumber frame;
I'll jolly well never take them again,
For she blamed it on to me!
Jones smashed an orchid with shining stones,
Both of them hid little Fido's bones;
Jones let the chickens go running free,
Johnson put salt into auntie's tea;
There won't be a tip this year for me,
And all through Johnson and Jones!

(GOOD) George Gordon.

THE LION CUBS' MARCH PAST

Rub-a-dub! Rub-a-dub!
Sound the merry drums;
Keeping step, each smiling cub
Through the woodland comes.
Marching to the camping ground,
At Seaville-on-the-Sea,
Where in England could be found
Smarter cubs than we?

(GOOD) Freddie Gordon

The elephant is a funny bird,
It swings from bough to bough;
His nest is in the rhubarb trees,
And he whistles like a cow.

(GOOD) Wilma Kruger

MUMMIE'S BOY

He was Mummie's boy, he was,
In woolly suit and cap;
He travelled into town one day
Upon his Mummie's lap.

(GOOD) Leslie Gordon

FAIRY PERFUME

Oh, I know that something fragrant comes
a-stealing through the dusk,
When the air is faintly scented with a perfume
like to musk;
Through the dimly-colored twilight comes an
incense faint and sweet,
When I'm sitting in the garden with the
flowers at my feet.

(GOOD) Marie Browne

FRIED CELERY

Cut the white pieces of celery into lengths of about one inch. Dust them with salt and pepper. Dip them in beaten egg, then in breadcrumbs, and fry quickly in hot smoking fat. Drain on paper and serve hot.

(GOOD) Lily Craig

KING CHARLES II.

Charles II. was the eldest son of Charles I. and Henrietta Maria of France. He was crowned King of Scotland in 1651 and then led an army into France, but was defeated at Worcester. He then went into exile. He returned to England on his 30th birthday and was received with the greatest joy. The people soon found out that they had no cause for their joy, because Charles II. was a selfish man. He filled his court with worthless men and women, and took no interest in the welfare of the country. But the execution of his father taught him a lesson which he never forgot. Charles II. was like his father in many respects. He liked plenty of money and he levied unfair taxes. During his reign a code was passed containing four acts—the Act of Uniformity, Conventicle Act, Corporation Act and the Five Mile Act. They dealt with religious and civil matters. It was called the Clarendon Code. After 25 years on the throne Charles died after a short illness.

(GOOD) P. Maidstone.

STORYETTES

A Tale of a Penny.—"Won't you cut open a penny for me, father?" said a little girl when she came home from school one day. "Cut open a penny? What do you want me to do that for?" asked the father. "'Cause," said the little girl, "our teacher said there are four farthings in every penny, and I want to see them!"

(GOOD) Joyce Corry

Old Man: "Why are you crying, sonny?" Little Boy: "Because he hit me." Old Man: "Then why didn't you hit him back?" Little Boy: "Because it would be his turn to hit me back if I did."

(GOOD) Thelma Knell

"Let's go for supper to 'The Three Sparrows.' The other day I found a stud in my soup." "Perhaps we'll find a neck-tie today."

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen

Boss: "Why were you so long coming back to work?" Boy: "Oh, the man in the next office lost a shilling and I was helping him find it." Boss: "With success?" Boy: "No he found it himself."

(GOOD) Duncan Matheson

"How long can a man remain unconscious and still live?" "How old are you?"

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn

Absent-minded Professor (to servant): "You say there is a collector at the door. Did you tell him I was out?" Servant: "Yes, sir, but he didn't believe me." Professor: "Well, I guess I will have to go and tell him myself."

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen

"But, dear, why must we be home so early?" "Oh, we must get home in time to kiss the children before they go to school."

(GOOD) Leslie Craig

Billy: "Where are you going?" Bobby: "Into town to get some of that traffic jam I hear so much about."

(GOOD) Enid Love.

"Did your little boy enjoy the party?" said Mrs. Brown. "I think so," sighed the little boy's mother. "He wasn't hungry till half-past five the next afternoon."

(GOOD) Myra Whipp

Tim: "I'm glad I wasn't a rat or a mouse yesterday." Dick: "Why?" Tim: "Because it was raining cats and dogs."

(GOOD) Lily Scrimes

Young Housewife (reading from cookery book): "Break sixteen eggs"—crash!—"what ever have you done, Mary?" Mary (having dropped a bag of eggs): "I've made a start, ma'am. I've broken a dozen of 'em."

(GOOD) A. Anthonsen.

Customer: "I want some powder to kill cockroaches." Clerk: "Do you want to take it with you?" Customer: "No, I'll have the cockroaches call, and you can rub it on their little tummies."

(GOOD) Roy Murphy

Professor: "What is the quickest way to produce sawdust?" Student: "Why, er—er—" Professor: "Come, come! Use your head!" "Use your head!"

(GOOD) Arthur Sellers.

Mike: "Well, Patrick, why don't ye let the doctor operate on ye?" Patrick: "Shure, an' don't ye know his name's Kilpatrick?"

(GOOD) Edward Grenfell

No Bonus.—"So you were in the army, were you, Ikey?" "Oh, I was in the army," was the proud response." "Did you get a commission?" "No, only my wages."

(GOOD) Roy Hubble.

Cinema Producer (by force of habit in the street): "That's no earthly use. Go back and do it again."

(GOOD) Guila Okhn

Jimmy: "What is extravagance, father?" Pa: "Extravagance, my boy, is wearing a tie when you have got a beard."

(GOOD) Alan Gray.

A Good Speller.—When my sister first started school, she came home one day and said she could spell chook. She said: "H-e-n spells chook."

(GOOD) Jean Moylan

Writer: "It took me ten years to discover that I had no talent for writing." Friend: "Did you give it up then?" Writer: "No. By that time I had become famous."

(GOOD) L. Scrimes

Quite Correct.—Dora was showing her auntie how well she could count. She got as far as seven when she broke down. "Well, you've counted up to seven very nicely," said auntie, "but don't you know what comes after seven?" "Yes, bedtime, auntie," said Dora.

(GOOD) D. Phayer.

"I would send you to the bank to fetch some money if I were sure I could trust you." "How big is the amount?"

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen

RIDDLES

I am in the middle of England; I am also found in Ireland, Scotland and Wales. I am always in battles and brawls; never in peace and quietness. Yet I have something to do with the lamb as well as the lion. You are greatly indebted to me, for without me you would not have pleasure, and by employing me you could turn even pain into something else. I belong to a family of twenty-six, and am one of its tallest members. What is my name? Answer: The letter L.

(GOOD) Richard Twomey

What has a lot of teeth and yet never has the toothache? A comb.

What kind of cake would you use for a wash? A Sponge cake.

(GOOD) A. Love

Which are the sweetest islands to eat? Sandwich and Madeira.

Which is the better letter in the alphabet? The letter U, because it is in the middle of fun.

(GOOD) Rosie Goldstein

What part of a fish weighs the most? The scales.

(GOOD) Thelma Stead

Why did the hen cross the road? To get to the other side.

I have one who love one and the tiniest blade of grass has one. What is it? A shadow.

(GOOD) Dorothy King.

Why will a ginger-headed man never starve? Because he will always have a ginger nut.

What bird is the king when he is fishing? A kingfisher.

(GOOD) Kathleen Browne

What has no legs but can run very fast? A tap.

Why is O the dirtiest letter in the alphabet? Because it is twice in soot and once in oil.

(GOOD) Chrissie King

What is passed by a man every day? His opinion.

What do we all do when we first get into bed? Make an impression.

(GOOD) Beartice Twohey

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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Name...

Address...

Date of Birthday .... Present Age..........................

21/10/30.

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HIGH ST. METHODIST CHURCH.

ANNIVERSARY AND WELCOME HOME TO REV. F. J. JENNINGS.

Seldom has Northcote witnessed such celebrations as took place on Saturday and Sunday to welcome back the Rev. F. J. Jennings. On Saturday evening a tea meeting was attended by the ladies of the congregation, and a huge "welcome home" cake duly cut by the Rev. F. J. Jennings was a feature of one of the tables. After tea a formal welcomoe was given in the church. The building was filled and several hours were spent socially in speeches musical and elocutionary numbers. The chair was occupied by the Rev. J. T. Duggleby, who opened with hymn and prayer. Then followed a song, Miss R. Matthews; recitation, by Miss E. Cornish; Mr. Duggleby, (the chairman) in an address said that during Mr. Jennings' absence the work of the church had been carried on efficiently and on normal lines and extended a hearty welcome home to their pastor.

Then followed a musical interlude song, Mr. Delaney; song, Miss Olive Batten; recitation, Miss Irene Dennis: song, "Welcome Home" Mrs. Anthony an original item, the chorus being taken up heartily by the audience.

Cr. S. Dennis said this was the seventieth anniversary of the church, and the opportunity was being taken of welcoming back their pastor after his tour round the world. In welcoming back Mr. Jennings he had to refer to the excellent sustitute Mr. Duggleby had proved himself. (applause)

Rev. J. T. Duggleby remarked that during Mr. Jenning's absence they owed much to the work of Pastor Perkins, who had visited the sick.

Then followed a recitation by Miss Cornish and a part song by several male members of the choir. A comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had assisted was moved by Mr. Membrey and seconded by Mr. Gray.

Song, Mr. Delaney.

The Rev. F. J. Jennings, was received with warm applause. He hardly knew what to say but it was with a deep sense of gratification that he met his friends again.

Song, Miss Olive Batten.

On Sunday afternoon the church was crowded with a large congregation. The choir, of 88, drawn from the circuit churches under the baton of Mr. Harris, rendered several items.

Mr. Swinburn said that the experience gained by Mr. Jennings would be available for the community Thanks were tendered to Mr. Duggleby and Pastor Perkins.

Quartette, by Mr. Bert Cox's Quartette Party.

Mr. J. C. Neumann, senior circuit steward, complimented the officers of the church for their efficiency.

Song, "Welcome Home," Mrs. Anthony, and anthem, "And the Glory."

Rev. F. J. Jennings received an ovation. He said the hand grips and smiling faces of old friends made him glad to be back again. Australia was good enough for him, and he would be pleased to resume his work among them. Mr. Jennings then briefly outlined his trip and commented on the characteristics of the people he met.

The Hallelujah Chorus by the choir concluded a most enthusiastic evening.

REV. HUGH KELLY'S LECTURE.

On the evening of the 15th inst. the Rev Hugh Kelly delivered in the schoolroom of the James Street Presbyterian Church a lecture entitled "Travel Notes, Grave and Gay". There was a good attendance, and the lecturer kept his audience interested whilst he recounted incident regarding his trip to England. Scotland and the Continent Especially touching was his account of a visit to the battlefields of the Great War. During the evening the following musical programme was much enjoyed Overture on National Airs Mrs Gill; song, Mr. Harvey, "There's Life in the Old Dog Yet", encored, when "The Sergeant-Major's on Parade" was capitally given; song, "The Old Church Choir," Mrs Clarke; song, Mr. Muir, "Peg Away" song, Mrs. Gardiner, "There's Na Luck About the Hoose" encored when "Doon the Burn, Davie" was rendered; song, the Garden of Happiness," Miss Rickerby, encored. "The Ringers," Mr. Brimascombe, encored, when "They Say" was rendered. A most enjoyable evening concluded with supper, provided by the ladies. Mrs. Gill obliged as accompaniste for most of the vocalists.

John Cromwell, one of Paramount's directors, is one of the tallest men in Hollywood. He is 6ft. 3 ins. in height.

BOWLING.

THORNBURY CLUB

A special feature at the Thornbury Club this season is the games for the championship pennant rink. A special trophy of £5 was donated by Mr. Wardley for competition, and after much consideration the committee decided to endow the winning rink with the amount given.

Welcome Home. — Arrangements are now complete for the welcome home arranged by the club for Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whalley, and whilst the function is a bowlers' welcome, it is felt that there are many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Whalley outside of the Thornbury Club who desire to be present. If those interested apply to Mr. Geo. Allen, hon. secretary of the club, they may obtain tickets.

Pennant Games.—On Saturday last the A team visited Camberwell and after a very keen game lost by 6 points. Sharp and Murden were each 1 point down. Frencham's rink is very much in need of practice, the loss of 13 points being disastrous. Forth's rink, with 9 points up, was the only bright spot. The A team cannot afford to lose any more games, and it is imperative that all members should concentrate. The C team was again victorious, with all rinks up. They demonstrated just what good combination can do. Hammet played a wonderul game, and was largely responsible for the victory. The B team also showed the way to Richmond Union, winning a fine game by 18 points. The B team is now consolidated and will be very hard to beat for the section.

PRESTON CLUB

Results of Saturday's pennant games are as follow:—

Preston (85) v Sandringham (99)

Tatchell, Dahl, Straede, Pike (18) lost to Soffa, Chisholm, Nelson, Kirmese (22).

Crispe, Cohen, Siddon, Morgan (15) lost to Bradley, White, Robertson, Robson (29).

White, Felthouse, Shaw, Wearne (12) lost to Ulmer, Bird, Balliff, Willett (30).

Watson, Apted, Broadhurst, Ross (37) d Rogers, Radford, Bytham, Girling (18).

Preston C1 (79) v Ascot Vale (59)

Williams, Fleming Atyeo, Billyeald (23) lost to Bennie, Nixon, Couzens, Hutchinson (28).

Hill Sheppherd, Zwar, Lang (34) d Shaw, Beck, Blenkiron, Corteen (12).

Ward, Hazel Lewis, Crispe, sen., (22) d Penrose, Bourne, McMurtree, Snell (19).

Preston C2 (82) v Albert Park (69)

Butterfield, Birchall, Joiner, Crowe (20) d Lockhurst, Parisonnie, Watson, Sherlocige (18).

Pike, Hurlstone Farr, Howe (31) d Hamett, Luckmore, Pudley, R. Morris (22).

Allardice, Simmons, McIntosh, Salfinger (22) lost to Ashton, Wilkinson, Stubbs, Heron (29).

TENNIS.

COOMA CLUB

In the third series in the North Suburban Competition Cooma No. 1 team received a walkover. The No. 2 team played the Returned Soldiers at home. After an exciting opening game, which Cooma won 9—8, the Soldiers struck a purple patch, and, forcing the home team into numerous errors, won the second game 9—6. Thereafter Cooma dominated the game, and eventually ran out winners by 69 games to 42, losing only the one set. The home ladies were a model of consistency, winning their games 6—1, 6—3, 6—2. By far the most brilliant player for Cooma was A. Schier, who was playing his first game for that team. Right on the spot, his service games included many aces, and his powerful drives were outstanding, surpassing anything that has been seen on the courts this season. Scores:—

R. Miller and A. Schier d G. Martin and C. Robertson, 9—8.

R. Miller and D. Sykes lost to G. Martin and E. Ragg, 6—9.

A. Schier and D. Sykes d C. Robertson and E. Ragg, 9—4.

Misses E. Hollowood and P. Lewis d Misses A. Finch and M. Robinson, 6—1.

Misses K. Hollowood and N. Lewis d Misses A. Finch and D. Why, 6—3.

Misses P. Lewis and N. Lewis d Misses M. Robinson and D. Why, 6—2.

Miss K. Hollowood and F. Miller d Miss A. Finch and G. Martin, 9—7.

Miss N. Lewis and A. Schier d Miss D. Why and C. Robertson, 9—2.

Miss P. Lewis and D. Sykes d Miss M. Robinson and E. Ragg 9—6.

Totals.—Cooma, 8 sets 69 games; Soldiers, 1 set 42 games.

PRESTON LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The draw for Saturday, October 25, is as follows:—

A Grade.—Regent Park v East Preston, Cranross v Murray, All Saints v Oakover, Hill v South Preston Methodists, Bothesay bye.

B Grade.—Regent Baptists v Regent Park, East Preston v Cranross, South Preston Methodists v Reservoir, Danella v All Saints, Oakover v Hill, Murray v Regent Methodists.

CRICKET

DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v FITZROY

With only four minutes remaining for play, Fitzroy made the winning hit against Northcote, losing seven for 229 against Northcote's score of 224. The supporters expressed themselves freely on the subject of dull play, only Scaife (who was struck on the wrist and had to retire) and Parkin being at all enterprising. H. Lansdown was top scorer with 83, made in 124 minutes, and including ten 4's; and Liddicut made 53 not out in 95 minutes, with four 4's and one for 6 (off Hartkopf). Scores:

NORTHCOTE

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FITZROY

H. Lansdown, c Morgan, b Ogden	11
A. Lansdown, c Morgan, b Gibaud	83
H. Parkin, c Chivers, b Baring	23
J. Scaife, retired hurt	27
F. Chapman, c Morgan, b Gibaud	12
A. E. Liddicut, not out	53
A. Dummett, c Morgan, b Chivers	2
J. Plant, run out	5
Melling, not out	3
Sundries	10
Seven wickets for	229

Bowling.—Chivers, one for 55; Ogden, one for 25; Hartkopf, none for 57; Gibaud, two for 44; Baring, one for 32; Fleming, none for 4.

Northcote, 79 and 60 (Mauger 9/63, White 1/61), lost to Cremorne, 140 and none for 3 (C. Hamilton 5/26).

SECOND ELEVENS.

NORTHCOTE V FITZROY.

(By "Longun.")

Under ideal conditions, with the wicket a batsman's paradise, Northcote resumed batting, the not out men, Warren and Millar, facing the bowling of Wilcox and Thomson. Wilcox after one over was relieved by Barrass. The first scoring of note was a four through the slips by Warren, making the total 30. Millar ran into double figures by glancing Thomson for four. Warren, adopting his usual aggressive tactics, drove Thomson for 4 and six in successive balls, but next over was easily missed at leg off Cashman. Millar ran into the 20's with a drive for 3 off Thomson, bringing the total to 70. Warren reached 50 with a drive for 3. The same batsman was again easily missed off Cashman. The century was reached with a 2 to the on by Warren. With the board 1 for 105 Warren was caught by Brendel off Cashman for 69. Garrett joined Millar, and with the addition of 3 to the score Millar was bowled by Cashman for 35. 2—108. Dickens partnered Garrett, who soon ran to 17, but got no further, as he was caught at leg off Cashman, who obtained the 3 wickets that had fallen. 3—125. Ansell filled the vacant crease. Dickens, pulling Thomson for 4, brought up 130. Ansell broke the ice with a cut past point for 3 off Cashman, but got no further, as facing Thomson, he was dismissed first ball lbw for 4. The board read 4—135 as "Pip" Powell joined Douglas, who was shaping in his usual free style, but soon lost Powell, who mishit Cashman and was easily caught. Things now began to look a little sick for the locals with 4 for 143. Hughie Fothergill set out to stop the rot. Dickens ran into the 30's with a single to leg off Cashman. The captain in his usual quiet style reached double figures with a tap to leg for 2. At afternoon tea the score was 4 for 164. On resumption the two batsmen attacked the bowling with a vengeance, Dickens driving and cutting beautifully. Fitzroy's score was soon passed, and, adopting forcing tactics, he soon ran into the 70's. Fothergill, in the meantime, was still playing his usual patient game. At 6 for 254 Dickens was stumped for a very fine 80—an innings full of sparkle; the partnership put on 110. Fothergill was 46 as Fleming filled the crease. Fleming soon ran up 18 but was run out just on time. At stumps the score was 7 for 291, Fothergill 57 not out. It was a fine victory for the green and gold, who are a force to be reckoned with among the second elevens.

Scores:—

FITZROY.

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NORTHCOTE.

First Innings.

S. Warren, c Brendel, b Cashman	69
I. Millar, b Cashman	35
T. Garrett, c Saunders, b Cashman	17
V. Ansell, lbw, b Thomson	4
P. Powell, c Saunders, b Cashman	0
A. Dickens, stp. Wynne, b Barrass	80
I. Fleming, run out	18
H. Fothergill, not out	57
A. McSpeerin, not out	4
Extras	7
Seven wickets for	291

Northcote won by three wickets and 112 runs.

SUB-DISTRICTS

CAULFIELD v PRESTON

Caulfield, with the good start of none for 80 against Preston's 79, but the whole side was out for 128 on a fair wicket. Bott's good bowling was the chief instrument in their downfall. Caddy, who batted nicely for 32, was top scorer, and Williams 17, Boardman 15 and Law 11 were the other double-figure scorers. Bott (five for 25) and Spoor (four for 30) were Preston's chief bowlers. In the second innings Preston lost six for 73 (Fothergill 19, Gordon 16, Mildren 16). Caulfield won on the first innings by 44.

Although Preston were defeated they are not downhearted, but are anxiously awaiting the match with Brunswick next Saturday. The batting showed a distinct improvement in the second innings, while the bowling is every bit as good as any side that Preston has met. Therefore the team has every reason to look forward to the remaining matches with confidence. A. Spoor has at last reaped some of the success that is long overdue. After his good bowling against Kew he took four for 30 against Caulfield. If he continues in this manner many batsmen will have anxious moments when facing him. G. Bott also did well in securing five for 26. With the promise of faster wickets, some interesting games should be witnessed. The presence of W. Woodbury as captain has helped considerably to give the team more confidence.

THE JUNIORS

SECOND ELEVENS

Caulfield, 159 and 121 (C. Glass 79, G. Marshall 23, R. Kitson 25; Mason 7/72), d Preston, 94 and two for 25 (Collins 31, N. Davis 20; Gibson 4/21).

Heidelberg v Fairfield

Resuming with four down for 82 in response to Fairfield's total of 58, Heidelberg made 78, McHugh scoring 23 and McCormack 14. Munro took four for 28, Ingleman three for 11, Boyle three for 18, and Bryant two for six. Fairfield closed with one out for 81 in its second innings, Boyle 45 not out and Beale 22 hitting up 67 of the runs, which were made in 55 minutes. Heidelberg lost three for 28 in the second innings at stumps, winning by 20 runs on the first innings. Shearn made 14 not out, and Munro took two for 5.

THIRD GRADE

Pinnacle, nine (closed) for 213 (Mahlook 10) v Northcote Socials, nine for 270 (J. Greenwood 161, G. Wettenhall 58). Greenwood and Wettenhall made 208 for the first wicket the former hitting 18 4's and a 6. A. Mahlook took seven for 75. Socials won by 57 on the first innings.

Socials played Caulfield Sports at Seaford on Sunday, one innings each, the Sports winning by 4 runs. J. Greenwood made 47 for Socials.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

FIRST GRADE

Stanley, 144 and two (closed) for 77 (R. Lyle 66, S. Bentley 20; Peters 6/48), v Northcote Footballers, 80 and two for 83 (Cole 6 and 20 n.o., Gifford 16, Peters 14, Reilly 9, Ferguson 11, Corrigan 10 and 11 n.o.). Next Saturday the Footballers play Youlden's at Merri Park. The team will be selected from Seymour, Cole, Gibaud, Ferguson, Gifford, Ennis, Avison, Cockram, E. Reilly, Hulett (capt.), Grimshaw, Lem, Corrigan, Peters, King. Coming shortly, the big dance at the Thornbury Palais. Valuable prizes, including liver cup valued at £3/3. Watch this paper for further particulars.

SECOND GRADE

The match Regent v North Richmond Methodists resulted in another good win for the former by 94 runs on the first innings. With six of the best opposing batsmen out for only 23 runs the clock beat Regent for an outright win. Regent, batting first, made 178 runs (A. Ferres 43, Langlands 29, J. Hamilton 21, Cameron 18). N. White, four for 35, was the only effective bowler. North Richmond, in the first innings, made 84. R. White 31 and Williams 14 not out, being the only batsmen to manage the bowling of Hamilton, six for 37. At their second attempt North Richmond were just as much at sea to the same bowler, who took four for 17. Milne, two for 23, also bowled splendidly without much luck. The Regent second eleven is improving slowly, and, being all youngsters, should develop into a good team.

Prince of Wales, 83 and four for 95 (Brockley 22, Kruss 38 n.o.), lost to Court Little John, nine (closed) for 179 (Hart 75 n.o., Allen 2 n.o.).

THIRD GRADE

Fairfield Free Gardeners, 158 and seven for 8 (Meates 64, Booth 31, Auhl 15; D. Russell 42, L. Newcsome 4/15, J. Whitburne 2/30, J. it le 3/43), d Northcote G.U.O.O.F., 85 (A. logg 27, J. Underwood 13; I. Booth 5/23).

Gibralnia, 137 and six (closed) for 78 (Bartlett 55, Coulson 27, Howard 21 n.o.), d Warrup House, 84 and five for 62 (Chandler 53 n.o., and 4/46; Croke 4/13, Jackson 4/36).

Regent, 45 and 52 (Hughes 4/28, Kennedy 2/21), lost to J. Bennett and Son, 84 and four for 18 (Horton 25, Brown 21).

Northcote Free Gardeners, 83 and two for 41 (Whittaker 21 and 4/21, Taylor 56 n.o.; Dean 4/46), d Croxton, 77 and 84 (Simmons 20; Saunder 4/17).

Alphair Harmony, 39 and 60 (McDonald 25, Selkrig 9/13, Heather 4/20), lost to Westgarth, 104 (Best 41 n.o., Austin 22; Doyle 4/24).

JIKA ASSOCIATION

East Preston, 138 and seven (closed) for 76 (... 7/43, Spargo 10/51).

... for 231 (Hughes 105, ... d Soccer, 109 and 48 ...).

West Preston, 59 and 81 (Clements 25; Murray 5/30), v East Northcote, 199 (Colson 55; ... 6/24).

Victory, 63 and eight for 48 (James 25; Martin 5/17), v Northcote Junior Footballers, ... and four for 60 (Martin 44, Aked 28, Benis 20).

Preston United, 128 and five for 61, d Croxton United, 76 and 17 (Elder 6/11, McClaren 2/24).

Gowerville, 95 and 32 (Temple 6/18), d ..., 70 and 33 (Barklem 5/11).

Preston Footballers, 94 and 92 (Hannah 11), lost to Melrose, 139 and three for 74 (... 37, Smith 42 and 31 n.o.).

Pender's Grove, 215 (Alexander 70, W. Birchall 36, F. Birchell 35, F. Leake 52), d Reservoir, 205 (J. Forte 56, J. Lockhead 37, S. Olsen 27, A. Tivey 25).

The following umpires have been appointed for the third round of matches on October 25 and November 1:—Melrose v West Preston Progress, Haysom and Simmonds; East Preston v Preston Footballers, Ludlow and Pratt; East Northcote v Reservoir, Foster and Fothergill; Broadhursts v Preston United, Raufer and Satler; Pender's Grove v Victory, Harrigan and Newman; Croxton United v Bell, Howard and Carr; Gowerville v Northcote Juniors, Briggs and Oaten; Soccer v Scouts, Sergeant and Loughlin. Byes: Prestonite; umpires, Dean and Croft.

The following permits have been granted by the P. and U. committee:—H. Proposch, Preston Sub-district to Northcote Juniors; G Smith, Broadhursts to Bell; A. Gray, Broadhursts to Soccer.

HEIDELBERG DISTRICT

FIRST GRADE

West Heidelberg, 107 and 81 (Fraser 6/20), d Heidelberg, 102 and three for 35 (Dowling 24, Murphy 23).

North Alphington, 154, d Greensborough, 84 and 50 (Lines 23; Dunscombe 9/61; Medhurst 5/5).

North Ivanhoe, 37 and two for 21, d Rosanna, 33 and 74 (McWaters 24).

Ivanhoe, 106 (Stone 24; White 4/14), d Alphington, 98 and 37.

Ivanhoe Footballers, 105 and 50, d Fairfield, 84 and seven for 60 (Guthrie 6/35; Simkiss 24 n.o.; Anson 5/16).

SECOND GRADE

Eaglemont, 207, d Macleod, 56 and 64 (Hocking 29 n.o.; Bruce 3/19).

Fairfield ... and four for 41 (Day 13 n.o.), d ..., 64 and 58 (Wade 5/12).

Claremont, ... (closed) for 1... (R. Hall ...0), d North ..., 60 and 12 (Duncan 6/6).

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Heidelberg, 63 and 65 (Shearn 27) lost to The Provincials, 18 and nine for 155 (Newman 54, Lumsden 38; Bridger 5/36).

Preston, 97 and eight for 80 (Foster 20, Hargraves 43; Jordan 6/15), d Melbourne, 56 and nine for 73 (Moore 22; Gilchrist 6 15).

Camberwell, three (closed) for 200 (Amery 44, Jones 46, Maguire 32, Price 62 n.o.), d Northcote, 29 and 23 (Pettifer 7/31, Clarke 4/9, Scudds 5/0).

CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON
FIRST GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians, 162 (T. Love 72, J. Watson 43, H. Jones 22, A. Gray 17; A. Gray 2/24, C. Bowden 2/41, C. Taylor 3/30, H. Jones 2/59) and four for 116 (T. Love 16, C. Bowden 69 n.o.), tied with St. George's road Methodists, 162 (C. Owen 56 and 4/17, Collier 32, Kellett 40; L. Tulk 5/57, J. King 1/18).

St. Mark's Church of England, 38 and 52, lost to Regent Presbyterians, 189 (Wildsmith 67, Harry 33; Davey 5/74).

Croxton Methodists, 60 and 71 (Neilson 20 n.o. and 4/12, Nelder 28 n.o., Hammersley 22; Lawry 4/11), d Northcote Church of Christ, 49 and five for 61 (Carpenter 19 n.o.).

West Preston Methodists, 21 and 80 (H. Paddle 56; C. Brewer 6/79), lost to South Preston Methodists, 164 (L. Bishop 28, R. Smith 29, Kaufman 29; McDonald 5/4, Kaufman 4/18 and 1/17).

St. James' Church of England, 113 (Newton 82, Woods 27, Preston 27, O'Connor 33, Woods 52 n.o.; Pink 6/31, O'Connor 5/25), d Prince of Wales Park Methodists, 66 and 73 (A. Power 34 n.o., Risk 25 n.o. and 4/46).

Northcote Crusaders, 166 and one for 18, d Ivanhoe Presbyterians, 38 and 138 (H. Paterson 28, L. Gel 23, L. Smith 8/35).

SECOND GRADE

Northcote Methodists, 175 and three for 89 (Hatfield 26 and 41 n.o., Risstrom 55, Anthony 27 n.o. and 15, Thomas, Hales 18, Matthew 17; Matthews 5/49), v Epiphany Church of England, 116 (Bray 40, Jonse 18 n.o.; Bray 5/49).

Thornbury Presbyterians, 99 (N. Cooper 4/22, A. Boyd 3/25) and 55 (J. Milne 16; A. Boyd 3/8, D. Patterson 2/8, N. Cooper 2/11), lost to St. George's Church of England, 113 (A. McLeod 41, C. Stott 32) and 67 (C. Stott 31; Leffus 6/24, C. McKenzie 3/11).

Northcote East Baptists, 132 and two for 50 (Hart 57 and 16 n.o., Hooton 33 and 14; Stewart 4/30), d Northcote Presbyterians, 69 and 99 (Muir 27; Broadhurst 10/38, hat trick).

St. Mary's Church of England, 118 (F. Johnson 36, J. Bruce 29, H. Tait 23; Connibus 8/43), v St. George's Road Methodists, 107 and five for 45 (L. Laver 28; J. Bruce 6/44).

THIRD GRADE

Thornbury Presbyterians, 115 and 73 (J. Douglas 70, E. Bahen 23; W. Frawley 4/12, hat trick), V. Sellars 2/8, F. Fenwick 6/52, F. Gillies 4/16), v Epiphany Church of England, 47 and 115 (Sharp 12; Webber 3/7).

Northcote Presbyterians, 160 and one for 16 (W. Beecher 84, R. Craig 26, E. Hammett 5/37), d St. George's Road Methodists, 74 and 100 (Payne 23 and 16, Hammett 21 and 13; J. Metcher 5/29).

Preston Presbyterians, 116 and five (closed) for 56 (Horsfield 40 and 20, Murray 26; Young 5/32, Matthews 2/10, Raisbeck 2/0), d Westgarth Baptist B, 55 and 8 (Raisbeck 12; Murray 6/3, Hayes 7/7).

Croxton Methodists, 150 (Winslade 48, Wise 35, Brown 21, G. Webster 20; Webster 9/14, Brown 4/4), d Northcote Congregational, 23 and 14 (Ahern 6/60).

C.Y.M.S.

Northcote B, 186, v Cathedral, three for 59. —Cathedral resumed batting and took the score to 103 without further loss. Then after dismissing Edwards for 51, J. Smark routed the remaining batsmen, taking seven for 41, and the side was out for 128. Northcote's second innings totalled 98, A. Smark 22, W. Clancy 18 and McLennan 19 not out batting soundly.

Fairfield A, 122 and eight (closed) for 70 (Johnson 35, Thompson 28, McKelson 22, Hunter 22, Owens 5/18, Hollowood 4/48), d Thornbury, 55 and six for 86 (Mithen 33, O'Connell 29, Owens 28, Hunter 7/10).

Clifton Hill, 220 (Feely 55, Roberts 45, Rowe 33, Power 29), d Northcote A, 76 and 96 (O'Sullivan 39, McDonald 24, Rasmussen 8/36, Roberts 6/35, Rowe 6/33).

North Fitzroy, 100 and nine (closed) for 71 (Busch 29, Quinn 20 n.o.; Lockwood 9/38), d Preston, 66 and three for 36 (Naughton 24, Shechy 9/46).

Clifton Hill B, 73 and five for 19 (Bird 31, Farnell 5/15, Batty 3/27, hat trick), d Fairfield B, 72 and five (closed) for 68 (Batty 26, Farnell 21, Collins 20, Lambert 7/24, Bird 5/28).

CHURCH OF ENGLAND
FIRST GRADE

Holy Trinity, Thornbury, 75 and eight (closed) for 127 (Watson 50 n.o. and 9/30, Fox 22; Dickason 7/49, Melville 5/60, Lyngcoln 4/20), d Christ Church, Hawthorn, 27 and 64 (Woods 5/23).

BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST GRADE

North Preston v Collingwood.—North Preston (eight for 223) continued batting and scored 228. Collingwood failed badly, scoring only 52. Bill Goller took 4 for 20, including the hat trick, and G. Naunton 4 for 23. Collingwood followed on and scored one for 99. Scores:—North Preston, 288; Collingwood, 52 (A. Dunstan 11, Richardson 16, W. Millar 16 n.o.; Goller 4/20, Naunton 4/23, Butler 1/6, McLaren 1/0) and one for 99 (A. Dunstan 30 n.o., Darnett 66; Butler 1/24). Next match: North Preston v Footscray A at Footscray.

Northcote, 76 and 66 (Brien 38, L. Keeble 18; E. McKenzie 5/19, Smith 6/25), lost to South Melbourne, 112 and one for 37 (E. McKenzie 30; Gillingham 6/35).

SECOND GRADE

Fairfield v North Preston. Played at Fairfield and resulted in an outright win by 89 for Fairfield. Preston were all out for 41, and Fairfield declared their second innings at six for 94, Max Robinson making 53 not out. Les Forden took three for 44. Preston were all out for 33 in the second innings (J. Robinson 4/9). Scores:—Fairfield, 60 and six for 94 (declared) (M. Robinson 53 n.o., Mayfield 11, White 11; Forden 3/44, A. Edgar 1/11, Ebdon 1/11, L. Edgar 1/16); North Preston, 41 and 33 (R. O'Brien 16, Forden 8; J. Robinson 4/9, R. Steele 3/17). Next match: North Preston v Albert Park at Reservoir.

Albert Park, 100 and one for 87 (Wyatt 40 n.o., J. Price 39), d Preston West, 75 and 104 (Iddles 61 n.o. and 36; W. Price 5/57, Wyatt 6/48).

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Preston suffered defeat at the hands of the Mona Lodge last Saturday. Scores: Preston, 61 and 42 (Hutchinson 18, Gilbert 12); Mona, 35 and three for 71 (J. Dare 28 n.o., Graham 14 n.o.; Lacey 6/41, J. Greathead 7/39).

Gwalia, 184 (Ashworth 80, Banfield 26, Bailey 24; Spencer 6/50), d Trafalgar, 69 and eight for 68 (Dorgan 20; Richardson 6/21, Winslade 4/47).

A.O.F.

Court Prince's Hill, 84 and 78 (Hopkins 25, Caldwell 27, Dale 4/24 and 4/17), d Pride of Northcote, 29 and 25 (Watkinson 7/16 and 8/13).

P.A.P.S.

Preston, 222 (Hastings 55, C. Burge 40, N. Burge 36 n.o., Ratz 28, Mann 21), v North Melbourne, 130 and two for 99 (Butler 74 n.o., Sykes 42, Alexander 13, Oliver 16 n.o., N. Burge 6/70).

North Fitzroy, eight (closed) for 208 (A. Smith 91, L. Johnson 46, F. Johnson 20), d Fairfield, 87 and 70 (Groves 30, Eyres 20, Heintz 5/19, hat trick, Allen 7/86, F. Johnson 4/50).

Footscray, 112 and 79 (Inglefield 38 and 21, Curwood 22, Ward 6/56, McDonald 4/47), v Northcote, 81 and none for 7 (Ward 24, Wards 31, Butcher 4/28, Mumford 4/38).

M.U.I.O.O.F.

Loyal Languidge, 102 and seven (closed) ... 116 (E. Crawley 23, E. Hacking 46, E. ...ridge 20, P. Webb 18 n.o.; Mitchell 9/78), v Hand of Friendship, 45 and 41 (E. Pannam 13 n.o.; L. Torode 6/25, N. Bolger 5/2).

H.A.C.B.S.

East Brunswick, 100 and five for 58 (Cassidy 43 and 24 n.o., Murphy 24; Thomas 5/45), v Preston, 195 (T. Whelan 62 n.o., H. Lang 25, L. Kinsella 48, B. Wallace 25; Monagle 5/26).

I.O.R.
SENIOR COMPETITION

West Melbourne, six (closed) for 335 and one for 20 (Potter 155, Pierce 53, Coggins 51, Geetz 28), d Clifton Hill, 122 (Evans 25, Kellett 24; Cornish 4/22).

Fairfield, 178 (Jones 62, Weller, sen. 50, Weller, jun. 23), d Sunshine, 69 and one for 28 (McIntyre 35 n.o. and 17 n.o.).

Northcote, 213 (Dunn 62, King 32 and 5/30, Chanter 30, Mackay 27, Brown 20 and 8/48), d East Brunswick, 82 and 44 (Johns 29, Leslie 21 and 4/43; Scott 4/18).

JUNIOR COMPETITION

Clifton Hill, 238 (Flynn 64, Henry 22, Saunders 19, Price 14, Marshall 14 n.o.; Spinks 6/93, Watkins 1/10, Robinson 1/28), v John Vale, 58 and 76 (Robinson 18, Latham 17, Watkins 16; Henry 5/20, Schultz 4/27).

SONS OF TEMPERANCE

Alpha, 66 (J. Pentelow 30; R. Bassitt 4/26, J. Bassitt, sen. 3/3), v North Fitzroy, 114 and 86 (R. Jones 47, G. Phillips 40, A. Denholm 29 n.o., G. Robinson 11, 18, W. Hegarty 3/54)

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

Reservoir United, 107 and seven for 91 (Cameron 43 n.o.; E. Campbell 3/26, Judson 3/19, H Campbell 2/24, Pola 1/11), drew with Regent Central, 107 (H. Campbell 30, J. Grogan 39, Pola 11; Nagle 2/4, Cameron 2/9, Knebone 2/21, Crone 1/16. On Saturday, 25 h, Regent Central will play a one-day match against the "Sun Pictorial" Cricket Club.

PRESTON LADIES

Preston girls suffered two defeats on Saturday when the first eleven met Collingwood at home and the second eleven met Clarendon at Albert Park. Scores:

Preston Firsts, 40 and 42 (I. Webster 11, P. Edwards 14 and 8 not out; J. Sutton 5/57, J. Anderson 5/22, L. Lambert 5/9); Collingwood, 106 (Q. Manny 23, J. Sutton 26, P. Humble 17; I. Batsman 4/23, D. Ward 3/19).

Collingwood won by an innings and 24 runs.

Clarendon, seven (closed) for 146 (D. Debnam 65, D. Marshall 23 not out; E. Hills 2/29, P. Green 4/57) defeated Preston Seconds, 12 and 17 (M. Carey 7; N. McLarity 6/9, D. Debnam 4/0), by an innings and 117 runs.

To-morrow's draw is: Preston Firsts v Raymond, at Brunswick; Preston Seconds v Two Blues, at home.

Phillips Holmes, featured player of the screen, was born in Grand Rapids Michigan. He is the son of Taylor Holmes, noted stage actor, and was attending Princetown University when Paramount signed him a contract.

RESERVOIR NEWS

Cr. ...hearow visited Reservoir during the week-end, and with the executive officers of the new Progress Association inspected the erosion of the roads in Leamington St. and the park conveniences.

The Reservoir Band will give a programme in Edwardes Park on Hospital Sunday.

Mr. Collier, of Macartney St., Reservoir, suffered a heavy loss when he was raided on Tuesday night. Mr. Collier is a carrier employed by gramophone and "talkie" firms, and on this occasion his delivery van was loaded with valuable apparatus. The van is locked with burglar proof locks, so the raiders bored through the soft wood in the front of the van and took the contents.

Mr. Percy John Dunham, of Ashley St., Reservoir, died at St. Vincent's Hospital on October 20. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dunham, of Brunswick. Mr. Dunham was a returned soldier and leaves a widow and two children, Keith and Doreen.

The construction of Compton St. is held up owing to the necessary delay for the clay excavated by the M.M.B.W. in shifting the water pipe to settle.

The sewerage work in Thackeray road is progressing well, and the whole area should be finished before the summer.

Mr. Goujon has disposed of his greengrocery business in Spring St. to Mr. Carver.

The Byfield St. hall has been the scene of activities by a working bee of the Ladies' Guild. In addition new windows have been put in, which will improve the lighting.

Mrs. Athas, of Reservoir, is at present in hospital suffering from a severe illness.

Cr. Zwar, J.P., visited the United Reservoir Progress Association on Tuesday night, to outline the need for concerted action in relief work.

Paul Lukas was born and educated in Hungary. He made his stage debut in 1916 at the Comedy Theatre, Budapest, in the title role of Franz Molnar's "Liliom".

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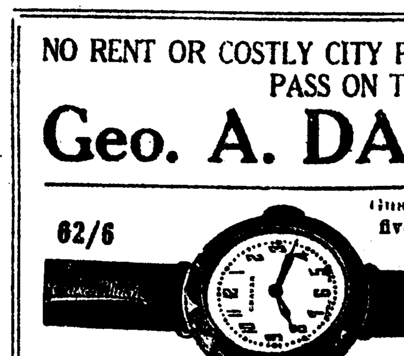

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ROMANTIC CIRCLE

ROGERSON—HODGE.

A pretty wedding was celebrated on October 11 at Holy Trinity Church of England, Thornbury, by the Rev. J. H. Raverty. The contracting parties were Mr. George Osbrough Rogerson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Rogerson, of 120 Westbourne Gve., Northcote, and Miss Doris Shelford Hodge, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hodge, of Bunyip. Entering with her father, the bride was gowned in ivory satin, with tucked hip yoke, pouched bodice with long pointed sleeves and a full flared skirt with silver lace. Her silk lace veil was wreathed with orange blossom and fell over a shell pink tulle fan train. The maids were Misses Madge Reid, Annie Meharry and Nellie Kraft, and wore frocks styled alike in three shades of mandarin, with large picture hats of tulle turned off the face. Duchess of York pansies were carried, and each maid wore a crystal necklace, the bridegroom's gift. Little Lo's Fettling (cousin of the bride) was the flower girl in a dainty apricot petal frock, trimmed with flowers, and carried a gold basket of pansies. Her gift was a gold necklet of Mickey the Mouse. Mr. Les. Rogerson was best man, and Messrs. Arthur Rogerson and Walter Hodge were groomsmen. The church was decorated by the bride's friends and during the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, of Drouin, sang the duets "O Perfect Love" and "Love is Sweeter." The reception was held at Normanby Hall, where a lavish breakfast had been set by Mrs. Oborenshaw. After the guests were seated the bridal party formed a procession to the strains of the bridal march, played by Mrs. Hewitt (Bunyip) piano, and Master Ken Fettling, violin. At the wedding breakfast and after the loyal toast the following toasts were proposed and honored—"Bride and Bridegroom," by the chairman (Rev. J. H. Raverty) and responded to by the bridegroom; "The Bridesmaids," by the bridegroom, and responded to by the best man (Mr. L. Rogerson); "The Bride's Parents," by Mr. I. Daniel, and responded to by Mr. F. S. Hodge; "The Bridegroom's Parents," by Rev. J. O. Hughes, and responded to by Mr. A. H. Rogerson; "The Chairman," by Mr. R. E. Hodge and responded to by Rev. J. H. Raverty. The bride was asked to cut the wedding cake, which was of three tiers, shaded to harmonise with the bridesmaids' frocks. An adjournment was then made to the ballroom, where dancing was indulged in, interspersed with vocal and musical items kindly rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, of Drouin; Master Ken Fettling and Miss Dorothy Coulson. Prior to the departure of the bride and bridegroom they were encircled by all present, who sang "Auld Lang Syne." Mr. E. Hewitt, of Bunyip, acted as M.C.

A black satin ensemble, relieved with white, with squirrel collar on coat, and black Pamanalac hat, gowned the bride's mother, and red roses were her flowers. The bridegroom's mother chose a black lace ensemble, brown fox fur and black Pamanalac hat relieved with straw and pink tonings, and carried pink carnations. A biege wool and crepe de chene ensemble, relieved with blue, a baku hat and a stonemartin fur (the bridegroom's gift), formed the bride's travelling costume. The honeymoon is being spent touring Queensland.

GUICE—GUNSSER.

Entering St. Paul's Church of England Fairfield, on her father's arm (Mr. P. Gunsser), Miss P. Gunsser made a charming picture as she trod the aisle to meet the bridegroom, Mr. H. Guice on Saturday October 4. The service was conducted by the Rev. P. Pay. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Gunsser, of Bastings street, and wore a gown of white satin reaching to the floor. A coronet of orange blossom framed her face and a sheaf of lilies and sweet peas rested on her arm. The bridegroom's gift of a pearl drop pendant was worn and her tulle veil was arranged as a train. The bride was attended by three maids—Miss A. Goodwin, who wore a long pink satin frock with long sleeves ... over the hands; Miss F. Gunsser, mauve satin, flared skirt, and Miss M. Guise, turquoise blue satin. All carried posies in pastel tonings and wore tulle hair bands. Little Pauline O'Brien looked sweet in a Kate Greenaway frock of rose pink silk trimmed with forget-me-nots, and carried the bride's train. Master Paul O'Brien was dainty in a white satin suit and white shoes. The bridesmaids' gifts from the bridegroom were crystal drop pendants. The reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents.

LUSCOMBE—HODGSON.

A pretty wedding was celebrated on Saturday, October 4 at St. Jude's Church of England, Alphington, the Rev. T. Bainbridge officiating, when Miss Emily Hodgson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hodgson, Grange road Alphington, was united to Mr. T. Luscombe, of Alphington. The bride was attractive figure wearing a charming white satin frock with flared skirt. Her embroidered tulle veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossom, and fell in graceful folds to form a train. A boquet of cream roses and fern tied with satin streamers completed a charming toilette. Mr. L. Pedal was best man, and the bride was given away by her father. Miss F. Hodgson (sister) and Miss D. Cramp (Montmorency) were the bridesmaids. The former chose a frock of mauve crepe de chene set off with a beautiful bouquet of pink carnations and sweet peas, with hair bandeau to tone. The latter wore a frock of pink crepe-de-chene, pink hair swathe and carried a bouquet of pink and mauve sweet peas. A reception was held afterwards at St. Jude's parish hall, and the guests were received by the bride's mother, who wore a smart ensemble of black marocain and hat to tone.

FANCY'S FASHION

LADY'S DRESS

Our fashion illustration for this week is one that embodies all the latest features of the present day styles now coming forward. It is suitable for making up in a wide range of new season's goods from silk and printed chiffons to voiles and similar weaves. It is also eminently suited to making up in light woollen materials such as wool crepe de chenes, repps, etc. The frock has two flared tiers, which are joined to a well-fitting skirt or deep hip-yoke; the bodice is joined to the skirt at normal waistline, and gathered slightly at each side. The neck part is finished with a deep V facing of the material and a graceful cape collar is featured. The pattern provides for long-fitted sleeves, but short sleeves may be worn if desired, the pattern being marked for cutting same; or the frock may be made sleeveless. This is purely a matter of individual taste. The small sketch shows the dress up without the cape collar, a simple tie-facing being substituted. The pattern is No. 3358, price 10½d., obtainable at all agents, in sizes to suit 32 to 34 and 36 to 38 inch bust. A list of local agents for Demaret's patterns will be found elsewhere in this paper. Ask for a copy of the illustrated monthly fashion paper, containing latest styles, and reading matter of interest to all women.

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THE GUEST ROOM.

That the guest room is one of the biggest considerations in a home is the contention of Kay Francis, in Paramount's "For the Defense". Miss Francis contends that one likes their guests to feel at home, and nothing helps so much as to make the room bright, cheery and comfortable.

She has recently re-decorated her Hollywood home, and has had the extra bedroom entirely re-papered with a modern wall-paper which harmonises delightfully with the linen on the barrel-back chair, and the floor rugs. All these combine with the really old bed and highboy, and they have a friendly feeling for the new vanity and spinet desk. Dotted muslin was used for the under-curtains, plain glazed chintz making the hangings and valances, the latter being shirred and stretched between two rods. The whole color scheme is worked out in a pale primrose, with touches of green.

PRETTY TEETH.

There is no doubt that pretty teeth are a great asset. When a person, who may not be blessed with attractive features, smiles, and shows a row of white, even, and well kept teeth, the actual plainness of the features is forgotten. But how often has a pretty or handsome face been marred, when the owner smiles and shows uneven, uncared for teeth.

Teeth, like everything else, need attention.

They should be washed night and morning, especially the former, as food lodges in the teeth, causing decay.

The tooth brush should not be too hard, and one with a curve is the most suitable to the shape of the mouth.

There are many varieties of tooth paste to choose from, and it should be an easy matter to find one to your liking.

Use warm water if your teeth are very sensitive, but cold is really better for gums and teeth if it can be used.

To retain that pearly whiteness, try using lemon juice and baking soda mixed to a paste for your teeth. Apply it in the usual way, working with the tooth brush into the crevices and taking care that not the front only, but the back of the teeth are cleared. It will only be necessary to use this once a week.

If your gums are tender, dissolve a small quantity of permagnate of soda in a glass of water. Rub the gums well with this twice a week, and then once a week after they have improved.

Tincture of myrrh has also a hardening effect on the gums, and a few drops is sufficient in a glass of water for using as a mouth wash night and morning.

A periodical visit to the dentist is to be recommended if your teeth are to stand you in good stead. Neglected teeth are a menace to good health, and certainly to good looks. A little unevenness may be overlooked, if the teeth are clean and, from a dental point of view, in order.

A WASHING HINT

White clothes ought to be soaked a few hours in soap melted in hot water and a little washing powder. This loosens the grease and saves rubbing, which wears out material very much. Window blinds and anything that is smoked should be allowed to soak in cold water and wrung out again.

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A Case Adjourned.

Charles Douglas was charged—that on June 29 he drove a motor car—in a dangerous manner—in High St. There was a second charge of having failed to stop and render assistance after an accident.

Mr. Schilling (for defendant) argued that the matter was res judicata, as Douglas had already been presented on a manslaughter charge at General Sessions, and the jury found for him. When that case was heard it was sworn that Douglas was not driving the car.

Plainclothes Const. Thomas (prosecuting) said that the other man who was driving the car had no license. Douglas was teaching him to drive, and was therefore responsible for the acts of the unlicensed driver.

After further argument the case was adjourned for a week to allow of the production of a record of the case at General Sessions.

No Ticket.

Herbert Lewis, Sampson St., East Melbourne, charged with having on September 18 ridden between Northcote and Merri without a ticket. Special Checker Smith said when he entered the train at Merri station Lewis jumped out and said he had not time to buy a ticket.

Fined £1, with 7/6 costs.

Milk Sold by Unlicensed Dairyman.

William Hatton, Dacey St., Preston, was charged that he, having, between July 1 and 14, sold milk without being the holder of a license.

Dairy Supervisor Tyman said on July 15 at 8 a.m. he stopped Hatton in Regent St., Preston, selling milk. Defendant then said he had sold his round to a dairyman named Peterson.

Fined £1, with 4/- costs.

Offensive Behavior.

Charged with having behaved in an offensive manner in Park St., Fairfield, on October 4, Duncan Alexander Melntyre, Thompson St., Northcote, was fined £1, in default 7 days' imprisonment.

Parking By-law Contravened.

Alfred Oliver Cramer St., Beaumaris, charged with having left a motor car unattended in St. George's road, Northcote, on October 6, in contravention of a by-law of the city of Northcote, was fined £2, with 2/6 costs.

Others fined for similar offences were Thomas J. Anthony, Park St., North Carlton, and D. Panattiera, Sydney road, Brunswick.

Drove Across Footpath.

Walter Gulbey, Coventry St., South Melbourne, was charged with having driven a motor car across a footway in Sumnine St. on October 6.

Gulbey said it was raining and his car "skidded across the footpath." Fined 10/-, with 2/6 costs.

One Way By-law Contravened.

Harry Joske, Westbury St., East St. Kilda, who on September 29 drove a motor car on the wrong side of St. George's road—where a one way traffic by-law operates—was fined £2, with 2/6 costs.

Arrears of Maintenance.

Norah Irene Jackson, Edward St., Westgarth, sued her husband, Herbert Jackson, for £52 arrears of maintenance to October 15. Mrs. Jackson said that her husband had offered to pay her £1/10/- a week.

Jackson was ordered to be committed to gaol until the arrears are paid.

Maintenance of Three Children.

Ellen Louisa Tearle, Brown's Paddock, Northcote, sued Percival Tearle, Rae St., Fitzroy, for the maintenance of three children.

Mrs. Tearle said—Percival Tearle was my husband. I divorced him three years ago. I saw him this morning and he said that he was expecting to get work in the near future. I have been getting help from the Welfare Department. Tearle is living with his sister, and as far as I know he has no property.

An order was made against Tearle, who did not appear, that he pay 10/- weekly for each of the three children, and that he find a surety of £25 to comply with the order.

Motor Cyclist on Four Charges.

Robert Ansell, Arthurton road, Northcote, was charged that on October 3 he drove a motor cycle in Gold St., Clifton Hill, at a dangerous speed. There were other charges of having allowed a motor cycle to emit an offensive noise; of not having a license; of having driven an unregistered motor cycle.

Mr. R. R. Gray appeared for defendant.

Traffic Const. Wood said. At 7 a.m. on October 3 I was in Gold St., Clifton Hill. Ansell's motor cycle was travelling at between 40 and 45 m.p.h., and the noise from his machine could be heard for some distance. Inquiries showed that Ansell did not have a license and that the machine was not registered.

Mr. Gray—Ansell has since got a license?—I believe so.

Ansell said—I had been fixing up the machine and as there was no silencer on it I could not see it registered. On October 1 I was riding the cycle out, and was taking it to the motor cycle [illegible]

fitted so that a silencer could be put on.

Fined £3 for the speed, 10/- for the noise, and £1 for not having a license, and £2 for not having the cycle registered.

Unlawful Possession Charge Fails.

Alfred Charles Pearce, McClure St., Northcote, was charged that he had in his possession two wheels, two axles, a generator, and a petrol saver, suspected of having been stolen.

Const. L. G. Dunn, of Fairfield, said—About 7 p.m. on September 16, with Const. Buchan, I went to premises in Rathmines St., Fairfield. The yard was securely enclosed. At about 9 p.m. defendant and his son climbed over a paling fence and came to a shed in which we were hidden. Pearce said—"What are you doing here. I'm missing things from here." Asked to whom the axle, wheels and generator belonged, he said: "They belong to my brother-in-law, who owns the premises." After further questioning Pearce admitted having put an axle and a pair of wheels in the shed. At Pearce's home was found a bag containing a generator, a petrol saver and some small bolts. There was a car at the premises to which was being fitted a front axle and wheels. The son said: "I bought them from a man in Waterdale road, Heidelberg, about six weeks ago." The older Pearce, however, denied this.

Phillip William Pearce, McClure St., Fairfield, said—"I worked for a garage man named Croft, at Kew, for about six months. The generator and petrol saver were given to me in lieu of wages. I had had an accident with a car and was taking the wheels to Northcote, along with the generator and petrol saver. We had only gone half a mile, and as the articles were too heavy I left them at a house owned by my uncle in Rathmines St."

The P.M.—Where is your late employer now?

Witness—I don't know. The police are looking for him too. (Laughter.)

The P.M. (sternly)—Silence. Some people are easily amused. This is not a place of amusement.

The P.M. after hearing further evidence, said that a jury could reasonably believe the story of the defence, and the charge would be dismissed.

Fraud Summons.

C. King v E. Stanton, a summons to appear for examination on a fraud summons. Stanton did not appear and was fined £1, with 10/6 costs. The case was adjourned for four weeks.

Debt.

F. L. Schmidt obtained an order against the Victorian Monumental Company for £1/6/- on a dishonored cheque.

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...NDED REPORT ADOPTED

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...as amended report reads:—

The Amended Report

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Addendum to Report

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Cr. Hemburow seconded the motion for the adoption of the report.

Cr. Jones asked if the report was to be taken "in globo."

The Mayor: Yes.

Cr. Jones—Some of some minor alterations and went on to say that application should be made to the Arbitration Court for a variation of the award. The present union wage was approximately 10/- a week less than the council was paying.

The Mayor: The council will have to make the application to the court.

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HUSBAND SUED FOR WIFE SUPPORT

PARTIES WOULD BE RECONCILED—ON CONDITIONS

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At one stage it appeared that a reconciliation might be effected, but both parties wanted to impose terms and the P.M. (Mr. T. B. Wade) heard the rest of the evidence and made an order in favor of the wife only.

Parties Married for 29 Years

Mrs. Rosanove (for the wife) said the parties had been married for 29 years. In January, 1929, the husband was fined at the Northcote court for assaulting his wife, and after that he remained away from the home for eight months, only allowing his wife £1 weekly. It was the husband's habit to go to the house, and if doors were locked against him he would break them down. The wife put up with a lot of maltreatment, and eventually the husband became unemployed and returned home. Since then he had spent almost every week-end away. In January of this year he got his job back, and after that allowed his wife £2/10/ weekly. On October 9 last the husband left the home and since then had only paid two sums of 12/6 towards the support of his wife and one child, who was under the age of 16 years.

The Wife In the Box.

Mrs. Rogers said—On October 8 my husband came home and said: "I am not going to put up with this life any longer. I'm going to leave you."

"Life Is What You Make It"

I said, "Your life is what you make it." He packed up his clothes and left the next day. About last Christmas there was some trouble over another woman, and when I complained about it he cut down my allowance.

After I proceeded against him for assault in 1929 he was away until the following August. Since he came home I was upset every week-end away, and when he returns he makes very offensive remarks. He rarely speaks to my eldest daughter except when he interferes with me.

Husband Spiteful

Continuing, Mrs. Rogers said—My husband is very spiteful at times, and I have had to seek assistance from two next door neighbors. When my husband left on October 9 it was for no reason at all.

Husband's Means

I saw his bank book a couple of months ago and he had a balance of £300. He also owns a house valued at £885 and has one-sixth interest in two other houses.

Counsel for Defendant: Have you any affection for your husband?

Witness: Yes, if he treats me right. You are trying to tell the court that your husband's temper is the cause of all the trouble. Isn't your temper to blame?—I am amiable. (Laughter.)

Would Have Husband Back—On Conditions

Will you have him back?—Yes, if he treats me as he should.

Mr. Little (for the husband): The husband will go back if the wife will treat him as she should.

The Wife: I want a decent allowance. I have struggled for years.

A Question of Allowance

Mr. Little: How much do you want?—£1/10/- a week, as he used to give me.

And he now earns only £5, and has to pay rates, taxes, etc.—I'll take £3/10/, then.

Mrs. Rosanove: The girl wants to be reasonable, and is willing to effect a reconciliation provided she is treated properly.

Mr. Little: The wife can cut down her fancy price, then. (Laughter.) The husband supports his wife adequately as he has done for 25 years.

The P.M.: The younger child is earning wages?

The Wife: Yes, 10/ weekly.

Mr. Little: The husband gives his wife the use of a house and will allow her £2 weekly.

Mrs. Rosanove: But the wife can't live on bricks. (Laughter.)

Possibility of a Reconciliation

At this stage there was a possibility that a reconciliation might have been effected, but after some discussion the P.M. said: "It is no good trying to bring the parties together on conditions. Let us hear the rest of the evidence."

Husband Prepared to Return—On Conditions

Frederick Rogers said—I am prepared to return to my home provided I'm treated properly. I'm prepared to forgive and forget if my wife will do the same.

Mrs. Rosanove: You were fined for assault?—Yes, unjustly.

You haven't been home one week-end this year?—No.

You only kept one change of clothes at the house?—Yes. They refused to wash for me.

Since you left you gave your wife 12/6 weekly?—Yes.

Do you think that adequate?—Yes, under the circumstances.

Mr. Little: Why do you go away for week-ends?—Because I leave home the others all go out.

An Order Made

An order was made that Rogers pay £2 a week for his wife, and also the sum of £40 be found to comply with the order, and that he pay £2/7/ costs.

No order was made in respect of the child, who, the P.M. said, was earning money.

CENTRAL PRESTON.

The J.Z.A.C.A. has decided to challenge the Preston C.C. on Cup Day to give their selectors an idea of the calibre of the players available for the forthcoming junior union games.

At the social of the V.F.A. Sub-districts on Tuesday night the Preston United Club was presented with a bonus for having obtained a place in the final four. It has been disclosed that in the three years' existence of the V.F.A. Sub-districts six teams from the Preston and Northcote districts have connected in the final four, but none of these have ever won the premiership.

On Tuesday night the P.B.P. Club entertained members of the K.S.P. Club and a pleasant evening was spent. On Saturday night a further social will be held in the interests of the cricket club.

The cricket club last Saturday again suffered defeat, the scores being:—Preston C. of C. 83 and 66 (C. Meates 21, P. Wright 4/29, R. Wright 6/33); Castlegrand, 85 and three for 68 (P. Wright 44, R. Wright 28 n.o.; A. Ralston 3/22, has trick).

At All Saints' Church next Sunday members of four Masonic Lodges will attend, a portion of the church being reserved for them. A special address has been arranged and well-known hymns will be sung. The night is open for everybody to attend, the service not being purely Masonic.

TENNIS.

EAST PRESTON ELECTRIC LIGHT TOURNAMENT

The following are the results of last week's play:—Misses McPherson and Wearne d. Misses O'Neill and Barrie, 9—7; Moore and Moore d. McCrae and Archibold, 9—5; Ruffin and Thomas d. Coates and Hazell, 9—7.

The following are to play on Monday:—Pears and Bennett v Harrison and Davies; Doherty and Rule v Williams and Grant; Misses Tomlinson and Wallace v Misses Martin and Atteyeo; Mrs. Pretty and Miss Myles v Misses Lang and Haywood; Zwar and Hornsby v Gay and McKeon.

Northcote Notes

Northcote Footballers' Ball.

Under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. J. Green) the footballers and their friends danced to the strains of Dean's band in the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday evening, the occasion being the club's second annual ball. The attendance of 80 odd couples was not as good as was expected. Mr. Les. Sharpe was M.C. The hall was decorated with the club's colors and artfeat paper flowers and drapings, with a large centrepiece. The catering was in the able hands of Mrs. Oberenshaw, who carried it out in her usual inimitable style. The dancers broke up at 1 o'clock after a most enjoyable evening. The music was all that could be desired.

Fairfield P.A.F.S.

The above society held an enjoyable social evening on October 20 at the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Glenferrie. Brothers officiated at the meeting, at which there were brothers and sisters from North Fitzroy, Brunswick, Footscray, Richmond, Preston and Clifton Hill. All Protestants in Fairfield district are cordially invited to join this society. Particulars can be obtained from the secretary, Mr. J. H. Graham, 52 Ivanhoe Pde., Ivanhoe, or the social secretary, E. Lanning, 334 St. George's road, Croxton.

Community Singing.

The attendance at Community Singing on Thursday night was the best for some time, and Mr. Nicol was announcer and conductor. He mentioned a circumstance which showed a good feeling on the part of a patron who had been unable to attend for the past fortnight. In appreciation of the good work he had sent a donation. Proceedings were opened by the orchestra playing a selection entitled "Martial Moment." Mr. Mitchell's selection was "Danny Boy". She was recalled and sang "I love you Truly". Master Wally Bishop sang a couple of songs and his sister Miss Lalla Bishop rendered "Mother Dear" and "Three Green Bonnets", as an encore. Mrs. Mitchell was again encored for her rendition of "My Ain Folk" when "To a Miniature" was nicely given. Proceedings terminated by the orchestra playing "A Persian Market"

Police Items.

A smart bicycle thief recently in the neighborhood of Spencer and Kemp streets relieved Frank Anderson Neilson, dairyman, of Herbert street of his green enamelled bicycle. Anderson dismounted at a house to serve a customer. When he came out of the house his cycle had disappeared.

The police have had sent to them a bicycle which was found abandoned in Separation street. It is enamelled mauve, and is constructed of B.S.A. parts. They are seeking the owner.

James Anderson, of Armadale street, has reported that a lawn mower has been stolen from a shed at the rear of his house.

Thefts are occurring all too frequently in Northcote. Lately a valuable motor cycle was taken from the rear of a residence in Cunningham street. It was stripped of everything removable and abandoned on the street. A boy's bicycle which had been left for a few minutes in Jenkin street was appropriated by some unauthorised person. A case of burglary is reported from 15 Harper street, where a quantity of jewellery and money of the combined value of £30 were obtained by the burglar, who gained access by forcing a window.

Northcote Team Successful.

In connection with the indoor sport competition consisting of quoits, draughts and ping pong, which operates amongst the girls' clubs of the Churches of Christ in the metrop

GOWERVILLE THEATRE
"THE BEST SHOW IN TOWN."
PLENTY ROAD, PRESTON. JW 1469.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 & 25.
THE BENSON MURDER CASE
With WM. POWELL in his famous Philo Vance character.
Children not admitted.
NOISY NEIGHBORS
With THEODORE ROBERTS, ALBERTA VAUGHAN and THE QUILLAN FAMILY.

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PHYLLIS HAVER in
OFFICE SCANDAL OFFICE SCANDAL
And WM. POWELL in
STREET OF CHANCE

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 31, NOV. 1.
SQUARE SHOULDERS
ALSO
SARAH & SON SARAH & SON
With RUTH CHATTERTON, JUNIOR COGHLAN and LOUIS WOLHEIM.
He lived a lie to give his only son happiness.

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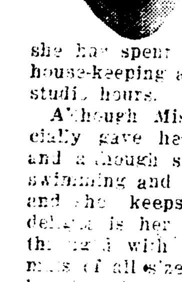
Exclusive to "THE LEADER."



JOAN CRAWFORD

Probably no motion picture star represents better the spirit of modern youth than does Joan Crawford. And, fittingly enough, her immediate step to stardom was the featured role in "Our Dancing Daughters," an ultra-modern film of the dancing age.

Miss Crawford, who has been called the "Venus of the screen," was born with the double gifts of beauty and personality, in San Antonio, Texas. She never knew her father, whose name was LeSueur, but she loved her stepfather, Henry Cassin, who owned a theatre in Lawton, Kansas. Her earliest recollections of Lawton, where she stood in the wings with her stepfather, so fascinated by the dancers that she was hardly conscious of imitating their movements with her feet, which often were bare.

All through her early girlhood her favorite game was playing stage in the barn, where scenery was stored. She always was the premiere dancer.

Miss Crawford was eighteen when she went into pictures. She is 5ft. 4in. tall, weighs 110 pounds, and has dark hair with a reddish glint. No mere statistics, however, can give the sense of poise, of charm and loveliness that observers feel on seeing her. She has been recognised from the first as the best dancer in the film colony, but of late she has spent more time at home, house-keeping and at study outside of studio hours.

Although Miss Crawford once officially gave her hobby as dancing, and although she is very fond of swimming and reading and motoring, and she keeps a dog, her greatest delight is her playroom, which is filled with dolls and stuffed animals of all sizes and kinds. That is her favorite retreat.

"Our Blushing Brides" is Miss Crawford's latest starring vehicle for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Anita Page, Dorothy Sebastian and Robert Montgomery are in the cast.

WIDE VARIETY IN SUMMER STYLES.

There is no necessity in this day of varied fashion styles to have to choose a certain fad if it isn't becoming to one's style of beauty.

If check patterns aren't suitable to one's figure there are the equally popular polka dots, the innumerable prints, the mixed materials or the plain colored fabrics to choose from.

As these patterns come in all types of materials and in every conceivable color one is certain to be able to choose an up-to-date and at the same time becoming style.

A number of these different patterns are noticed in the summer wardrobe of Lila Lee, the well known actress, who appears in Lon Chaney's first audible Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "The Unholy Three."

Being slender, she can choose any type of check, or polka dot or print, which she has in a variety of styles. The popular spring check, in a black and white color combination, was her choice for a knockabout suit. Combined with one of the new "convict" stripe sweaters and a close fitting beret, with black and white Oxfords, this type of costume is appropriate for any out-of-door occasion.

Equally as attractive, but made in a more tailored fashion, the mixed tweed suit she wears is suitably chosen for downtown needs. Then for tennis, a neutral blue jersey was chosen, made in sweater and plain skirt pattern.

The combination of black and pink was selected for an afternoon ensemble, large flowered patterns being used. Either a black or pink straw hat is effective with this costume.

CHANEY THROWS VOICE WITH AID OF DERBY.

Here's a new use for a derby hat. You can throw your voice with it.

This, according to no less an authority than Lon Chaney, who asserts that one of the favorite tricks of a ventriloquist is to use the derby as a sort of sounding board to push sound in a certain direction. He does this in his role of ventriloquist in "The Unholy Three," his first all-talking picture for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

The acoustics of a derby make it useful to hang over trombones in a jazz orchestra for the same reason, declares Chaney, and adds that the derby on such an occasion is gilded to make it more ornamental rather than for musical reasons.

Appearing with Chaney in the cast of "The Unholy Three" are Lila Lee, Elliott Nugent, Harry Earles, John Miljan, Ivan Linow, Clarence Burton and Crawford Kent.

ACTORS' INDIVIDUALITIES EXPRESSED BY WORK CLOTHES.

Screen players have two sets of working clothes. One set, consisting of various costumes used in the productions, become familiar to the audience as soon as the picture is exhibited. The other is probably never seen anywhere but on the studio lot. At the Paramount New York studios, where "Laughter," an all-talking dramatic production starring Nancy Carroll was filmed, the individuality of the players was expressed by their working clothes.

Frederic March, who has the male lead, rehearsed his sequences attired in gray trousers, a grey-blue finely knitted sweater worn over a white shirt opened at the throat. A maroon, black and tan plaid dressing gown served as Frank Morgan's working garment. When she wasn't wearing March's camel's hair coat, Miss Carroll pulled a smock over her costume which, for camera purposes, had to look as though it had been freshly donned.

PRESTON'S METAL CARTAGE

TENDER NOT GIVEN TO LOWEST TENDERER.

LOCAL PREFERENCE GIVEN

On Monday evening the Preston Council let a tender for pitcher and metal cartage to D. J. Grogan. This was not the lowest tender by something between £50 and £90, but from the tone of the discussion it could be seen that the tender was awarded because all the money would be retained in Preston.

Cr. J. W. Adams, as chairman of the committee of the council, recommended to the council that the tender of D. J. Grogan be accepted, and that a letter from Mr. Grogan be accepted as part of the tender.

Letters Received

Letters were received from the Preston branch A.L.P. and the East Preston Progress Association, protesting against the council accepting a tender which was not the lowest.

A further letter was received from Price and Chamberlain, solicitors, on behalf of J. A. Cingili, of Patterson street, Preston, stating that from their instructions the procedure adopted seemed to be irregular, and they desired the opportunity of obtaining certain evidence before considering the legality or otherwise of the council's proposed action. The letter concluded: "We trust the request will be acceded to, and as a result of giving the matter further consideration the council will so act as to avoid a claim against the municipality or any members of the council for damages."

Cr. Newton seconded the motion for the adoption of the recommendation.

"Letter Seems Threatening"

Cr. Maynard: One of the letters seems to be threatening, and in the light of the further information I have received I think the committee of the council should again consider the tenders before coming to a decision. I move an amendment that the matter of Grogan's tender be again referred to the committee of the council.

There was a pause, then Cr. Robeson seconded the amendment and asked that Grogan's letter referred to be produced.

The town clerk (Mr. L. W. Williams) read the letter, which expressed regret at not setting out the boundaries more clearly but it explained that the figures quoted covered all the areas for which quotations had been invited.

Cr. Robeson said if the tender were accepted the council might not be acting legally. The tenders had been received and dealt with in the usual way, and it was actually whilst the tenders were under discussion that an omission was found in Grogan's tender. Then Grogan had sent a letter covering that omission, and the committee was recommending that the letter be accepted as part of the tender.

"Thinks the Tender is Out of Order"

Continuing, Cr. Robeson said:—For this reason I think the tender is out of order. This year the specifications were altered by omitting mechanical hoists. I should think that the use of mechanical hoists would greatly assist in metal spreading and cut down the cost.

A Voice: And save labor.

Difference of About £90

Cr. Robeson: Save expense to people having private streets constructed. There is a great difference between this and the lowest tender—about £90 on cartage from Strongman's quarry, and I don't know how much on the pitchers.

"More In It Than Meets the Eye"

There seems to be more in it than meets the eye.

Cr. Jones: We'll have to have a royal commission on it, then. (Laughter.)

"Seems to Be a Quid Pro Quo"

Cr. Robeson: I think there is more in it than there seems, from the actions of certain people ever since the tender was first mentioned. It seems to be a quid pro quo.

A Voice: What's that? A "quid?" (Laughter).

Cr. Jones: I object. It is a direct reflection on the engineer, who is the council's executive officer.

The Mayor: Cr. Jones is right. There is a reflection.

"Influences at Work"

Cr. Robeson: I am not reflecting on the engineer. I am not going to withdraw the statement that there are other influences at work.

Having "Six Councillors in This Chamber."

There were gentlemen in this chamber at last meeting talking about "having six councillors in this chamber."

A Voice: You can't take much notice of statements like that.

Cr. Robeson: This is the first time in 12 months that a local man has been given preference, and the last time preference was given it was also to this firm. I think the matter should go back to the committee, as I would like to know if the tender is in order.

The Mayor: It seems to me to be in order. There has been no alteration in the price.

Cr. Robeson: I bow to your decision, but in view of the representations made to the council in the letters, I would like the matter to go back to the committee. The original tender has been altered.

The Mayor: It was not. It only required explanation.

Cr. Robeson: The tender was incomplete. Whilst the council might be acting within the provisions of the Act, I think the tender is out of order. There were two other tenders ruled out of order as they were not complete. I have fought all along for local preference as far as the labor employed by the council is concerned, and many of the people who were behind that movement are also behind this, as the other contractor, Bennett, is also a ratepayer of Preston.

Cr. Zwar Speaks

Cr. Zwar said that when Cr. Robeson was speaking it was Cr. Robeson orating with the voice of the A.L.P. (Laughter). That body had sent out circulars to many public bodies on this matter, and the only one which responded was the East Preston Progress Association—and this is the same as the A.L.P.

Cr. Maynard: I won't stand for that. It is not.

Cr. Robeson: I couldn't be a member of the East Ward Association—Cr. Newton knows that. (Laughter.)

Cr. Zwar: There are a number of men who are prominent members of both bodies.

Local Preference

If Grogan got the tender about £4000 would stay in Preston, where it would be spent in wages, repairs and goods, whereas if the other man got the job the money would go outside Preston. The other man employed no local men.

A Point of Order

Cr. Robeson: I raise a point of order. I understand Bennett has six or eight local men.

Cr. Zwar: I accept the point, but I also have made inquiries.

When the Government unemployed relief grant was being applied for Cr. Robeson urged this council to spend £1500 to get a £1500 grant! Is it not just as good business now to give preference to the extent of £90 to retain work to the extent of £4000 in the district?

Certain people when standing for election at the last elections had urged in circulars 100 per cent. local preference," and on the foot of the circular was "Printed in Carlton." (Laughter.)

Council Should Run Its Own Business

Cr. Hemburrow: I think no notice should be taken of the letters received. Does the council run its own business or is it run from outside? It would appear that someone has "an axe to grind." Grogan's tender is about 2½ per cent. above Bennett's but there are certain factors which, considered with plain common sense, should also weigh. Last year £854 was spent in unemployment relief and £213 as a charity vote. In the light of Cr. Zwar's remarks is it not better to pay 2½ per cent. more under the circumstances than to foot another large bill for unemployment?

Sound Common Sense

It might be said that it was poor policy not to always accept the lowest tender, but in this case to accept the tender recommended would be sound common sense public policy. Cr. Robeson has said that this seemed to be a quid pro quo—or something for something. I do not think that that was a fair statement to make.

Work Better Than Sustenance

It will be far better to give a little preference to spend the money locally and give local men employment than give them sustenance.

Cr. Spratling Out to Save Every Time

Cr. Spratling said the tenders should have been dealt with by the committee of the council. He had always advocated the acceptance of the lowest tender.

Cr. Hemburrow: And if you can gain more by giving a little preference?

The Mayor: Order!

Cr. Spratling: At first it was stated the extra cost would be £50, and now it is £90. I know Grogan and don't have to compare him to a bar of soap (Laughter.) I want to save this £90 and I'll vote in that direction. Two councillors had come into the council to practice economy, and I have yet to see them do it.

Cr. Hemburow: Your education is incomplete. (Laughter.)

Cr. Spratling: I hope to see it by the end of the year.

Cr. Maynard: As the mover of the amendment can I speak?

The Mayor: No; but you can ask a question.

Cr. Maynard and "The Gag"

Cr. Maynard: Are you going to apply "the gag"?

The Mayor: I know you don't mean that or I would not stand it.

Cr. Newton's Views

Cr. Newton said:—Certain innuendoes have been made about local manufacturing firms, and I will say that my firm has given more employment to local men than Cr. Robeson will ever give—even if he lives to be 100. (Laughter.) When the fire occurred at our factory all the men employed in re-building were local.

A Voice: If there was a fire at Zwar's there would be preference to local men.

Cr. Newton: I asked the engineer what would be the difference between the two tenders, and the engineer said between £50 and £70. I understand that Bennett employs only one or two local men, and I consider to take the cartage contract from a local man and give it to an outsider would be a foolish act.

"Not Going To Sit On a Rail"

Cr. Jones: Looking at the figures, I don't think there will be any quibble about the explanation in the letter. I am not going to sit on a rail, but after hearing the "bluffing letter" received to-night I will state where I stand.

A Voice: You've got a few bob.

Cr. Jones: Yes, but if anyone is going to get their costs out of me they'll go broke doing it. (Laughter.) I only want to do the best thing for the municipality, and will vote for the recommendation.

The amendment was lost, only Crs. Robeson, Maynard and Spratling voting for it and the recommendation was then adopted.

C.Y.M.S. REUNION DINNER

SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION AT TOWN HALL

MR. CAIN, M.L.A., ON OUR PROBLEMS.

Reminiscences were exchanged and old friends renewed their associations when the Northcote Catholic Young Men's Society held its third annual reunion dinner at the Northcote Town Hall on Tuesday, October 21.

Nearly 100 past and present members attended the function, which was the most successful of its kind yet held, the guests of honor being the parish priest (Rev. F. J. Gallivan), the Spiritual Director (Rev. Fr. T. Fitzpatrick), the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. J. Green), the Minister for Railways (the Hon. J. Cain, M.L.A.), the general president of the C.Y.M.S. (Mr. A. C. Hodgkinson), Mr. J. F. Foley (Board of Management), and the hon. branch auditors (Messrs. W. E. McDonald and J. Hewitt).

In proposing the toast of "The C.Y.M.S. and the Northcote Branch," Mr. G. W. Beeden said that the aspirations and objectives of the society were best expressed in its motto: "Pro Fide et Patria." Inculcating in its members the highest attributes of citizenship, it was moulding men physically and intellectually fit to take their places in the world of affairs with credit to themselves and the society. The Northcote branch was doing its share in this work, and was recognised as one of the premier units of the organisation.

Responding to the toast on behalf of the Board of Management, Mr. Hodgkinson congratulated the branch on its record of achievement, and eloquently surveyed the means by which the board sought to further the ideals of the organisation. He paid a tribute to Frs. Gallivan and Fitzpatrick for their initial work in establishing the branch and the assistance they had consistently given since.

The president, Mr. T. Howard, replying for the branch, acknowledged the laudatory references that had been made to it and stressed the need for the co-operation of members with the officers to maintain its present sound position. The Northcote branch, he said, had not departed from the highest traditions of the society. He welcomed those past members who had in some cases come considerable distances to renew their associations with present members.

Valuable assistance rendered by Frs. Gallivan and Fitzpatrick was also acknowledged by Mr. H. Mithen, in sponsoring the toast of "The Visitors." He congratulated Mr. Cain on his record in the State Ministry, and welcomed the Mayor on his first official visit to a branch function. Cr. Green and his councillors were carrying out most beneficial work in alleviating distress in the district.

In a happy speech Fr. Gallivan expressed pride at his successful efforts to establish the C.Y.M.S., and gave the society credit for its co-operation in parish activities. His assistance, he said, would be forthcoming at all times.

Complimenting the society on its most successful work the Mayor said that any organisation having for its object the building up of a virile Australian manhood would have his support without discrimination or favor. He emphasised the importance the Northcote Council had given to sport locally by the provision made for sports arenas in the city, and urged the members to be Australian in spirit and continue their interest in public affairs.

Mr. Cain, M.L.A., in an interesting address, touched on current topics, exhorting those present to maintain an interest in social and economic questions. Not sufficient public interest in these matters had been shown over the last 20 years. Before that time there were numerous organisations actively concerned with such questions, and they had educated many men who later took a prominent part in State and national affairs.

The problems confronting us today, he said, were not peculiar to Australia. They were being faced the world over, and no country had yet found a satisfactory solution of them. That solution would have to be found, for we could not continue indefinitely with an unemployment roll mounting up to 15, 20 and even 25 per cent. of the population. Low costs, involving low wages and a reduced standard of living was not the solution. If it were, the unemployment problem would have been solved in Great Britain half a century ago. Other low wage countries would also have overcome the present difficulty, but they, too, were sharing in the depression following the world drop in prices.

PRESTON COUNCIL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20.

usual meeting of the Preston was held on Monday. Present: The Mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson), and Crs. A. E. Newton, H. , J. W. Adams, W. J. Hemburrow, W Spratling, L. Jones, W. T. Zwar, and R. H. E. Maynard.

Commissioner.—Preston Council decided to again support the nation of Cr. A. F. Showers, of don, its present representative, election to the Fire Brigades'

lic Telephone Refused.—The 's Department has, on account financial stringency, decided accede to the request of the Council for a telephone cabinet corner of Plenty road and St. The letter stated that were two public telephones ble close by.

way Services.—The secretary Victorian Railways replied to est of the council that the present chedule on the Reservoir line ably met existing requirements. ain between 6 p.m. and 6.30 ad been eliminated, two being tead of three. It was felt that partment would not be justified making a further rearrangement.—Received.

al Services.—Re request for services to Miranda road, on, al Park estate, advising that tension could not be granted of the extra expenditure that e incurred, and advising that e residing outside the present area could arrange boxes on ndary of the delivery area, could deposit mail therein. ewton said it was unfortunate e service could not be extended ople living on the Balmoral at present had to come right on to get their mail. s decided to make a further ion at a later date.

hone Exchange.—The P.M.G.'s ent has advised the Preston that owing to the serious stringency the proposal to a telephone exchange at has been deferred for the As soon as conditions were e the matter would be re at once. It was regretted e standard tariff charged to ers could not be waived to subscribers.

ones said it was most unsatis The department spoke of rious financial position," but rtment should consider the people also. For his one e he had to pay £6/5/- a year, n the country, 250 miles from , the ground rent of a tele as £3/10/-. The country got tial treatment.

Mayor said that instead of redress after many years of , Preston subscribers had cund rents increased. The should be brought forcibly to ce of the representative for trict to make a strenuous secure the exchange. etter was received.

ent of Cricket Pitches.— Society, re allotment of cricket ches.

aynard said this society's d spent a lot of money putting pitch last year, and it had ken away from them, and re given a pitch in No Man's

own clerk said this team had otted a pitch in Gower Park. ones said it was not a fair ion to give a club a wicket, spend money on it, and then e'll take the pitch away from b next year. A club which interest in its pitch should consideration.

ngineer said when the pitches otted the H.A.C.B.S. did not application in for a pitch.

aynard—There was no favor

ngineer—No. The applica ere dealt with as they came

aynard (ironically)—Of course as no favoritism.

matter was referred to the mmittee, and to hear a deputation rom the cricket club con

GENERAL.

Preston Progress Association, or (1) attention to drains in , from pitched r.o.w. east to St., on south side; (2) attention drains in Watson St., west attention to drains in Jack west side; (4) that toppings d on footpaths in Gower St., enty road to Diamond St., side.—Items 1, 2 and 3 were he engineer for attention, and ed to P.W. Committee.

Preston Progress Association king for attention to foot Nyowee St.; (2) that Tram ard be asked to make altera shelter shed at corner of Oak d and Gilbert road. obeson was told the plans for struction of Nyowee St. and streets in the vicinity were completed. eferred to P.W. Committee, committee of the council. , Beckett, Stillman & Gray, s for H. W. Booth, again asking council to make request to ways Board for the removal of shelter shed erected in Gilbert opposite their client's land (extending from Bell St. to Oakover road.—Received.

W. H. Roberts, secretary Reservoir branch A.L.P., asking that a copy of report of the investigation committee and other reports be sent to their branch.—Copies may be seen at the town hall.

E. E. Price and 14 others, asking that footpaths in Birch St. be completed by contract if same is cheaper than by day labor.—Work already being done by day labor.

J. C. Brough, re condition of Wood St. roadway, footpaths and right-of-way of north side.—P.W. Committee.

Mrs. S. Teague, asking that screenings be placed along Cuthbert road footpath.—P.W. Committee, on motion of Cr. Zwar.

M. Lindsay, re lodgment of water in houses in Broadway, Reservoir.—P.W. Committee, on motion of Cr. Zwar.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Cr. Hemburrow moved that accounts £2,247/4/3 be passed.—Carried.

Meat Supervision.—Two meat inspectors only to be employed to attend to meat supervision as required.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Newton moved that accounts £5,386/1/8 be paid.—Carried.

West Preston Progress Association, asking for a bridge over culvert in Frank St., at right-of-way form Bond St.—Work to be done (cost £5).

Tarring of Gower St.—Referred to estimates for year 1930-31 (cost approx. £145).

Tar painting footpaths, Preston St.—Left in engineer's hands (cost £5).

Sand and Cement.—Tenders to be called for supplies.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Jones moved that accounts £11,271/2/- be paid.—Carried.

Lighting approaches to Regent station.—Lamps to be erected—1 cnr. Regent St. and path; 1 cnr. Stewart St. and railway; 1 cnr. Verdun Gr. and railway.

West Preston Progress Association, re light corner Bell and Bischoff Sts.—Lamp to be erected.

Extensions.—Extensions granted in Beatty St., Inverlock St. and Steane St.

Leon Yick, re street lamp, Miller St.—To be erected.

Finance—Collected in fortnight, £1,948/10/3; bank overdraft, dr. £17,800/17/7 (including meeting's payments, £21,617/19/7). Private street construction account, cr. £1,938 12/- E.L. account, cr. £1,212/17/5.

Meat Inspections.—Carcases branded—1,814 pigs, 195 cattle, and 2,871 sheep.

Health Inspector.—Inspector Iles reported seven cases of scarlet fever and five of diphtheria. Of milk samples taken two were found to be adulterated.

New Buildings.—Permits for the erection of 12 new buildings of an approx. value of £845 were issued in the fortnight. Included in this were five garages, three additions and two sheds. This is the lowest for five years.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Street Lighting.—Cr. Zwar moved that street lamps of a higher candle power be used in street lamps than at present.—E.L. Committee.

Motor Mower.—The question of purchasing a motor mower for lawns was referred to the Parks Committee.

Cr. Newton drew attention to overturned seat in Bell Park.—Engineer to attend.

Seats in High St.—Cr. Spratling asked when seats provided for near the memorial hall would be erected.—The engineer said he would get them put up at an early date.

Gravedigging.—Cr. Newton moved that special attention be given to grave digging at Strathallan cemetery. Recently on a wet day earth was scattered all round and people had to walk ankle deep in the mud.—Engineer to attend.

Bad Channel.—Cr. Hemburrow spoke of Leamington St., and said the channel on the south side was in a bad condition, being a fever bed.—Referred to engineer for report.

Cr. Hemburrow said that the crossing at Leamington and Harbury Sts was bad and water lay there.—Engineer to report.

Creek Crossing.—Cr. Hemburrow said when the creek was flushed the water flooded over a pipe culvert, and the other night a man fell into the creek in trying to cross.

The engineer said that the pipe was never intended to carry all the water when the creek was in flood.—The engineer was instructed to report on what could be done.

Edwardes Park.—Cr. Hemburrow said Edwardes Lake Park was fairly badly neglected, and asked if it was given any supervision. Conveniences there required attention, and the general appearance of the park was one of neglect. The park would repay development, and a man if transferred there would make a great deal of difference to it.—Parks Committee to consider the question of supervision of Edwardes Park, the curator to report.

Landing Stage at Edwardes Lake.—Cr. Spratling moved that the engineer inspect the landing stage at Edwardes Lake.

Cr. Newton said the council had little or no money to spend.

The Mayor—It is a pity some of the councillors didn't realise that.

Cr. Zwar—We do recognise it, but it won't hurt to get the estimates.

Cr. Hemburrow said if the timber were provided the rowing club would put up a new landing.

Motion carried.

Cr. Maynard asked questions concerning the cleansing of council offices and baby health centre, and asked for a report.

Men Dismissed at Quarry.—Cr. Zwar asked why a number of men had been dismissed at the quarry.

The engineer—Because there is no money to keep them going.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON–NORTHCOTE CLUB

Party Dance

Organised by the social committee of the above club, a return party dance was held at the Preston city hall and the old town hall on Tuesday evening. About 300 were present. Lucky caps in the club's colors lent a gay note to the evening. Competitions and euchre were indulged in by non-dancers. The trophies won by members were presented by the mayor (president of the club), as follows:—Five mile club championship, W. Weightman; three mile club championship, W. Weightman; four mile road race, D. McEachern; aggregate cross-country points competition, D. McEachern; five mile handicap, W. Goller; three mile handicap, G. Blackman; four mile road race, second place, F. Ratz; one mile handicap, T. Wise (presented by Preston F.C.); 10,000 metre handicap, W. Goller (presented by Mr. G. Williams, vice-president). Among those present were the mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson) and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. W. Howe, Miss M. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Williams, Mrs. H. P. Zwar, Mr. Aub. Robinson, Miss Shirley Chessell, Messrs. Arch Mason, Harold Lang, Les Murton, Harry Howe and W. Howell, Misses Venda Stenborg, Connie Rogers, Violet Radcliffe, Mavis Roach, Lily Powell, Elva Paddell, Elsie McPherson, Flo Morsham. As a result of the evening about £16 will be handed to the club funds.

Club Notes

Last Saturday the Victorian A. A. Association conducted trial events to assist clubs in selecting teams. Results:—100 Yards: H. Hankin 1, E. Berry 2, A. Angus 3. 220 Yards: J. Speedy 1, E. Berry 2, A. Mason 3. Hop, Step and Jump: A. Angus, 41ft. 10in. 120 Hurdles: Hankin 1, McNabb 2; time, 19 4/5 sec. 440 Yards Hurdles: A. Galagher 1, D. McEachern 2. In the mile walk a combined event, our representative, R. Lewis, finished fourth, but was ahead of all other D and E grade walkers. It will be necessary for members seeking selection to run in the following trials during the next two weeks:—Tuesday, 21st, 220 yards (heats), discus; Thursday, 23rd, 440 yards (heats), javelin; Saturday, 25th, high jump, pole vault, 120 yards hurdles, 100 yards; Tuesday, 28th, one mile, 220 yards final; Thursday, 30th, 880 yards, 1 mile walk.

POINTED PROVERBS.

A Bountiful Harvest.

It is said that a missionary took some peanuts to China and gave some to two Chinamen. One ate his and that was the end of them. The other planted his and from that simple act there has grown the tremendous peanut crop of China. As the proverb says, "One soweth and another reapeth".

We to-day are reaping a bountiful harvest because of the seed sown by Robert Raikes 150 years ago when he established the first Sunday School. Little did he think that his influence would spread so wonderfully. It is a historical fact that the first Sunday school in Australia was started at Botany Bay by a released convict. This man was visited by Raikes while in prison in England, awaiting transportation for what to-day would be called a trivial offence. Raikes spoke kindly to him, told him of his work among the children, and then they parted, never to meet again on earth. But the seed sown by Raikes did not die. It lay dormant for a long while until in this distant land it bore fruit in the first Australian Sunday School. From that trivial beginning the movement spread until to-day in Australia there are 8,283 schools, 20,920 teachers and 565,994 scholars.

FAIRFIELD NOTES

An enjoyable afternoon was spent in the Alphington Bowling Club's pavilion on the 15th inst., when Mrs. A. T. Thompson, the new president of the ladies' club, together with members of the Croquet Club, entertained members of her club at afternoon tea. The billiard table (beautifully decorated in the club's colors) was laden with dainty refreshments. Mesdames Flanagan and Prime (vice presidents) moved and seconded a vote of thanks to the president, Mrs. Thompson responded. Mrs. D. A. Ross, president croquet club, suitably responded.

Alphington Football Club had a record attendance at a social evening and presentation of trophies on October 18. Mrs. Ricardo was responsible for the humorous part of the programme, while Mr. Ming also gave pleasure with vocal numbers. The president, Mr. E. G. Mason, Cr. Phillips, Messrs. B. Alexander and K. Duffy presented trophies to the following—Best and fairest player, Mr. B. Skewes (silver cup); most consistent player, vice-captain W. Barker (cup). Best placed players, C. Ellis, J. Rowe (cups). Most improved player (cup), R. Renn. Best first year player, W. Dwagun (gold medal). Most attentive to training, J. Harris (gold medal). An illuminated address presented by club members was awarded to Mr. Alexander for sterling services. A beautiful basket of roses (gift of committee) was handed to Mrs. Nolan for valuable services. Refreshments were served by the ladies' committee.

Back to Childhood.—A happy throng gathered at St. Jude's hall on October 18 for a "Back to Childhood" evening in aid of stall at forthcoming fair. There was a fair attendance and the children entered into the spirit of the old time dances, music being supplied by Miss Coles' orchestra. Great amusement was caused by several of the boys engaging in a game of marbles, and retaliating in the true schoolboy fashion. Amongst the costumes noticed the following stood out—Mr. Spencer Vaughan (Red Riding Hood); Mr. Sanson (Sailor Lad); Mr. Knaus (Rompers); Mrs. Knaus (Baby); Mrs. Strefens (child); Mr. Franklin (sailor boy). Rev. W. P. Bainbridge thanked all present for their interest and especially the organisers of the function.

Alphington Footballers' Trip.—Alphington footballers journeyed to Healesville for the week-end, where players and officials gathered together to finish the winter season. On Saturday afternoon at Healesville Alphington played Northcote seconds. On Sunday the party journeyed to Maroondah reservoir along the Blacks Spur to Narbethong.

American Tea.—The newly formed Fairfield auxiliary of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind (Mrs. J. Coate president) held an American Tea on Wednesday, there being a large attendance. The institute sent out the orchestra, singers and dancing pupils. Mr. Sutherland thanked the ladies, Cr. J. Coate (shire president), and the chairman (Rev. W. Pay) for their assistance. The afternoon resulted in £14 being raised.

Relief Organisation.—The Alphington Committee met at the end of the week and appointed the following collectors—Mrs. Whitcher, Mrs. Harless, Mrs. Coate, Mrs. Leach, Messrs. Griffiths, J. Hamilton, T. Trevena, Pellard, Greens and Swale.

Many friends in the Alphington-Fairfield district learned with regret of the death of Mrs. Hill, wife of Mr Ben Hill, of Fairfield, which occurred last Sunday. She was a very old resident. Many clubs in the district have lost a staunch friend, and sympathy is expressed to members of her family—Dorrie, Elvie (Mrs. Dutton), Bert and Gloria. The remains were interred at Heidelberg cemetery.

A pleasant evening was spent at the Alphair Harmony Club's fortnightly social on Saturday. There was a good attendance. Vocal and dance numbers were contributed by the Misses Bower. Mrs. Harris' orchestra supplied the music. An enjoyable house party was held by Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell to assist the Alphair Harmony Cricket Club. Vocal items were given by Messrs. Solomons, Kent and Beckman, with Mrs. Smith as accompaniste.

Gaily colored stalls were a feature of the floral fete opened by the mayor and mayoress of Collingwood in St. Andrew's Hall, Clifton Hill, on Saturday afternoon. In the afternoon and night £60 was taken.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the C.Y.M.S. dance in St. Anthony's hall. There was a good attendance.

An attendance of over 100 was recorded at the wind-up social of the season by the Batman Lodge, Clifton Hill, on Saturday. Little Miss Eunice Waight contributed a song.

Unemployed.

At a meeting of Fairfield branch Shire of Heidelberg Relief Organisation, the extreme need for immediate relief was stressed. The meeting comprised Cr. Daly (president), Cr. Phillips, Rev. Apted, Rev. Pay, Mr. Horton (secretary) and representatives from nearly every organisation in Fairfield. An organised canvass of the whole district was arranged. There are 262 reported cases of unemployment in the Fairfield Riding, and it is expected to raise £30 weekly. The Rev. Apted, Messrs. Somerville, Lupton, Smith, Jolly, Mahoney and Evans will collect from certain sections, and the remainder will be allotted by a sub-committee. An offer from Heidelberg District Band to give an entertainment was accepted. Contributors are asked only to give to the authorised collectors.

On Monday 20th Fairfield P.A.F.S. held an enjoyable social after the fortnightly meeting. There was an attendance of 170.

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Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
11 a.m.—Holy Communion and Sermon.
7 p.m.—Service for Young Womanhood.
Preacher at all services, Rev. A. H. Constable.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, NORTHCOTE

OCTOBER 26—19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
Collections for the Hospitals.
Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Matins 11
Evensong 7
Ven. Archdeacon Hancock.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon. The Vicar.
3 p.m.—Children's Service. Rev. W. Backholer.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon. Rev. J. S. Briggs.
Collections for Hospital.

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11 a.m.—Matins
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7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings
CROXTON
11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney
7 p.m.—Rev. T. J. Duggleby, M.M.

SOUTH PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

SOUTH PRESTON
11 a.m.—Rev. H. Williams
7 p.m.—Mr. R. Crocker, M.A.
OFFENDER'S GROVE
11 a.m.—Mr. E. O. Risstrom
7 pm.—Rev. H Williams
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11 a.m.—Mr. C R. Burvill
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WALTER B. HOUSE.
Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons.
Melbourne, 15th October, 1930.

UNEMPLOYMENT

FUNDS URGENTLY NEEDED AT PRESTON

Things have reached a somewhat critical stage in connection with unemployment in and around Preston. Last week 473 families were afforded relief, and Mr. Osborne states that a larger number still is expected.

Various Functions

Quite a number of functions are being arranged with a view of adding to the finances.

No Paid Officials

It is considered advisable to authoritatively contradict sundry rumors to the effect that money is disbursed weekly in the payment of officials for carrying on the work in connection with the distribution of relief funds.

"Wonderful Body of Helpers"

Cr. H. P. Zwar, chairman of the distributing committee, expressed the opinion on Wednesday that he was surrounded and supported by a "wonderful and willing band of helpers," both ladies and gentlemen.

Mining Party at Blackwood

The four men sent to Blackwood to do a bit of gold prospecting have had their labors retarded by tempestuous weather.

LORD MAYOR'S APPEAL

PRESTON'S EFFORT

A ball was held in the Preston town hall on Wednesday night, when about 250 were present. The proceeds will go towards Preston's quota for the Lord Mayor's October appeal for charities. The organisers (Cr. G. E. Robinson, president and treasurer, and Mrs. R. Broadhurst, Miss E. Robinson and Mr. G. Stevens, joint secretaries) are well satisfied with the £60 gained from this effort. During the evening dancing was indulged in to the entrancing strains of Stubley's orchestra, whose services were given gratis. A euchre tournament resulted in prizes being won by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Jackson and Miss Hoffman, which prizes were handed back to swell the funds. A lady's hand bag, donated by Cr. H. P. Zwar, was won by Mrs. Steele, and a set of cutlery, donated by Mr. R. Broadhurst, was won by Miss Mott. Supper was provided and served by the ladies, who were assisted by the younger set.

BELL CRICKET CLUB'S EFFORT

At the Preston town hall on Wednesday night a euchre party and dance was held under the auspices of Bell C.C. to raise funds in aid of the mayor's appeal. The attendance was very disappointing. The music was supplied gratuitously by the Misses Breeze, Crowe and Stender, and the thanks of the committee are due to these ladies. Mr. T. Hughes was an efficient M.C.

SUNDAY CONCERT AT NORTHCOTE

A concert will be held at the Northcote town hall on Sunday, November 2, at 8.30 p.m., to raise funds for the relief of distress in Northcote caused by unemployment. A splendid programme has been arranged in which the Epiphany Church Choir and leading artists will take part. As no charge can be made for admission citizens are requested to give the concert their patronage, and contribute a donation at the door. All such donations will be welcomed, as the need for help, be it large or small, is great.

RESERVOIR A.L.P.

At the last meeting correspondence was received from secretary of Preston branch re council's acceptance of tender for metal carting; from Cr. Adams, re report of building erected on council property. One new member was proposed.

The report of the municipal campaign expenditure was received, and it was moved that the branch protest against amount of expense incurred by the Central ward and the apparent lack of control of the M.C.C. for allowing same. The motion was agreed to.

The president reported on the economic position of the council and its intention of rationing labor, whereby it will save a large mount of money. It was moved that the secretary write to the council asking for the reports of the investigation committee and all further reports.—Carried.

David Newell, handsome juvenile screen actor, is an oluminus of the University of Missouri.

Fredric March gave up a banking career for the stage and screen. For a short time after graduation from the University of Wisconsin he held a position with the National City Bank of New York. He left the company to accept an offer to join the Belasco Theatre stock company.

Jeanette MacDonald's favorite sport is swimming, with horseback riding coming a close second.

Paul Lukas, noted character actor of the screen, was born in Hungary, and was graduated from the Actors' Academy, the national school of the theatre in that country.

Walter Huston, popular screen player, once held a city engineer's license in St. Louis, Mo.

WHITTLESEA.

Representatives of Epping, Yan Yean, Eden Park, Whittlesea and Glenvale met at Whittlesea [illegible] day to discuss arrangements [illegible] posed district picnic to M[illegible]. The balance sheet was adopted [illegible] praise was given to the secretary and organiser, Mr. R. C. Dettman, who did so much to make the venture last year such a success.

The district tennis association matches commenced on Saturday in ideal weather. Whittlesea defeated Mernda by 10 games; Epping defeated Thomastown by 4 games; Yan Yean defeated Wollert by 11 games; Donnybrook defeated Reservoir by 17 games.

The shire cricket association opened the season on Saturday. Results: —Epping, 64 (H. Beney 7/31) and three for 53 (H. Ziebell 31; H. Beney 3/23), v Whittlesea, 36 (H. Ziebell 6/14, T. Dea 4/19).

Doreen, 147, v Humevale, seven for 37.

The Presbyterian Church committee at Glenvale found it difficult to meet their obligations, so it was decided to discontinue services. The church folk are joining with Whittlesea.

Miss H. Duffy, in charge of the band of "Heralds of the King," is working hard training the little ones for a concert. The annual parcel for the mission station in Papua will arrive in time for Christmas.

On Thursday night the independent tribunal of the Bourke-Evelyn Football Association ordered that H. Hyland, of Whittlesea Football Club, stand down for three playing Saturdays for impugning the goal umpire. The protest entered by Whittlesea on the grant final between Epping and Whittlesea was postponed until Wednesday.

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Vicissitudes of a Young Wife

ALLEGES HUSBAND BEAT HER.

OBTAINS MAINTENANCE ORDER.

Though only married for two years, the Lyndes, man and wife, have parted, Mrs. Lynde securing a maintenance order against her husband at the Preston court on Thursday.

George William Lynde, of Salisbury Gr., Northcote, was charged by his wife, Ruby May Lynde, of O'Connor St., Reservoir, with deserting her and leaving her without means of support.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for Mrs. Lynde and Mr. E. F. Norris for the husband.

Mr. Cahir said that the parties were married in December, 1928, the wife being 23 and the husband 24. Their married life had not been happy.

Face Cut.

Mrs. Lynde said—When we were first married we boarded with relatives of my husband at Collingwood. I asked my husband to get me a home and then his cousin got "nasty," and we had some words. My husband smacked my face, cutting my eye open. I wanted to go to a doctor, but he stripped me and put me to bed, so I couldn't.

Went Home.

Early next morning I went home to my people. A week later I returned, as I was in delicate health. My husband said he didn't want any children, and made suggestions on which I refused to act. He became very angry and threatened to "kick my guts out."

Rows Over Money.

After a time we shifted to Budd St., Collingwood, and there were frequent rows over money. He accused me of squandering it, and I told him I was paying off money-lending debts he had contracted before we were married. About this time my husband lost his position, and shortly afterwards we shifted to Rupert St., Collingwood.

No Privacy.

I was the only woman in the house, and there was no privacy at all. The bedroom had no door, and a boy aged about 11 years shared our bed. After about three weeks of this I found I could not bear it any longer, and suggested that I go back to my people until he could provide a decent home. We agreed and I went. I called to see him twice a week for three weeks, and on the last occasion I heard him say to the boy: "Shut the ——door in her face."

Continuing, Mrs. Lynde said—I didn't see him for seven months up till about a month ago, when he came to my mother's place and suggested that we come together again. He offered to provide money to get a home together, but has failed to do so. About a fortnight ago I went to see my husband where he was boarding, and saw him walking along arm in arm with another girl.

Mr. Norris (for the husband)—Up to the time you last visited your husband you were prepared to go back to him?—Yes.

You were quite prepared to go back to him if he provided a home, despite beatings?—Yes. He said he would turn over a new leaf.

And because you saw him walking along the street with a girl you won't go back to him?—I made inquiries, and from what I learned I decided not to go back to him.

Did he offer a home at Eltham?—Yes, and afterwards withdrew it. I would not go because of his vile treatment.

Your mother didn't want you to go back to him?—She talked me into going back.

No Question of Desertion.

Mr. Norris said that the parties had separated amicably and there was no question of desertion. They had simply agreed to separate until the husband could provide a suitable home. He argued that the case had not been proved, and should be dismissed. The question of cruelty did not enter into the matter, as the wife had lived with the husband for quite a long time after the alleged acts of cruelty.

Lynde said—When my wife went back to her mother, it was because she was not satisfied with the place where we were living.

Mr. Walker, J.P.—And she had every reason to be dissatisfied.

Only Beat Wife Once.

Lynde—I have only beaten my wife once, and that was when I found her with another man in an empty house. The man asked me not to tell his wife about it. I saw my wife a month ago in the presence of her whole family and was insulted.

I offered to provide a home at Eltham, and her mother said: "I won't let my daughter go there to be ill-treated." I am willing to make a home.

Mr. Cahir—Have you anything with which to make a home?—No.

Didn't you tell your wife you were making £10 a week?—No.

You told her you had a few pounds saved?—Yes.

How long have you been saving up?—For about four months.

Order Made.

An order was made that Lynde pay his wife £1/5/- a week for her maintenance, that he find a surety of £30 to comply with the order, and that he pay £2/8/6 costs.

FOOD PROSECUTIONS AT PRESTON.

SEVERAL BUTCHERS FINED.

At Preston court on Thursday, G. Seldon, Gilbert road, Preston, was charged with having sold adulterated meat. Mr. Wilkinson (Home and Wilkinson) prosecuted for the Preston Council.

Inspector Iles said that he purchased a sample of tripe from Seddon and upon analysis it was found to contain formalin, a prohibited addition. Fined £3, with £1/13/6 costs.

Other Cases.

William Wilson, Plenty road, who sold meat containing sulphur dioxide at the rate of 2 grains per lb., was fined £5, with £1/15/6 costs.

Two other butchers were fined smaller amounts.

THORNBURY RED CROSS AUXILIARY

EUCHRE PARTY AND DANCE

A very enjoyable evening was spent in Normanby Hall, Thornbury, on Tuesday night, when the Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary held a euchre party and dance to augment their funds. Splendid music was supplied by Mrs. Ballantyne and Mr. Dexter, and Mr. H. C. Dyte was M.C. The euchre was in the capable hands of Messrs. Banks and Willis. A splendid supper was provided by the ladies. Mrs. Mott, in presenting the prizes won during the evening thanked all present for their help in making the evening both pleasant and successful, also Mrs. Warlimont for her donation for the music, Miss Thomas and her helpers for making the sandwiches, Mrs. Thayer for milk, Messrs. Dyte, Willis, Banks, Scott and Page for their valuable assistance, and the donors of the prizes, Mesdames Eastwood, Page and Black. Winners of the lucky spot dance were Miss K. Brewer and Mr. Risstrom. Winners of the ladies' euchre, Mrs. Crow; booby, Mrs. Cohen; winner of gents' euchre, Mr. Conway; booby, Mr. Blessley.

A card afternoon will be held at George's, Collins street, Melbourne, on Monday, November 10, at 2.30 p.m. Tables can be arranged by ringing JW1850, Mrs. H. C. Se[illegible], secretary.

[illegible] in the Dispensary Hall, Gooch Street, Thornbury, on Wednesday, November 19, at 2.30 p.m.

TOWN CLERK IMPOSED ON.

UNEMPLOYED MAN WHO WANTED MONEY FOR FARES.

Many business people and householders have acceded to requests for help from persons representing themsvlees as unemployed, but, seeking money for fares to go to a job. In a big percentage of the cases the person approached has given the help asked and the practice has led to a lot of imposition.

That the practice is a punishable offence is realised by at least one person, the case being one in which a man named Jack Jones, unemployed, was charged that on October 20 he attempted by false pretences to obtain from John Albert Thomson the sum of 5/-, with intent to defraud.

J. A. Thomson, town clerk of Northcote, said—On October 20, at about 9 p.m., I was approached by Jones at the Presbyterian Church, Northcote. He said he wanted to see the minister about getting help to go to a job at Ballarat, and produced a letter signed "T. Sheers," which offered the bearer a job as a motor driver. Jones asked for 5/-, which I gave him. Thomas McD. Molloy gave him 2/6. Jones said: "I will refund the money later." On October 20 Jones came to the town hall and asked for 5/- towards a pair of boots, so that he could go to a job at Ballarat, and produced the letter signed "T. Sheers" as evidence in support of his request. I detained him and rang the police.

Const. Buchan said—When I interviewed Jones at the town hall he admitted that he could not drive a motor truck, and also that the letter signed "T. Sheers" had been written by a man named White. He said he had spent the 5/- he obtained from the town clerk on food.

After hearing the evidence, the bench adjourned the case for 12 weeks, and Jones was advised to go away and behave himself.

UNEMPLOYED SEEK LOCAL PREFERENCE ON DAY LABOR.

NORTHCOTE COUNCIL HEARS DEPUTATION.

A deputation from the Northcote unemployed committee waited on the Northcote Council on Monday. Mr. A. Chaster urged the council to undertake works by day labor instead of contract, and failing that, that the clause be inserted in all contracts specifying that 75 per cent. of the local labor be used.

Mr. L. Edwards said if the day [illegible] instead of [illegible] would [illegible] Northcote residents.

Mr. Green said that local preference was given in other municipalities, and this militated against Northcote residents, who, however, were not protected in the same way in their own municipality.

Cr. Sutch moved that the requests be referred to the committee of the council, and stated that the engineer (Mr. V. J. Bradley) had informed him that with the exception of one contract let recently, local men up to 90 per cent. had been employed.

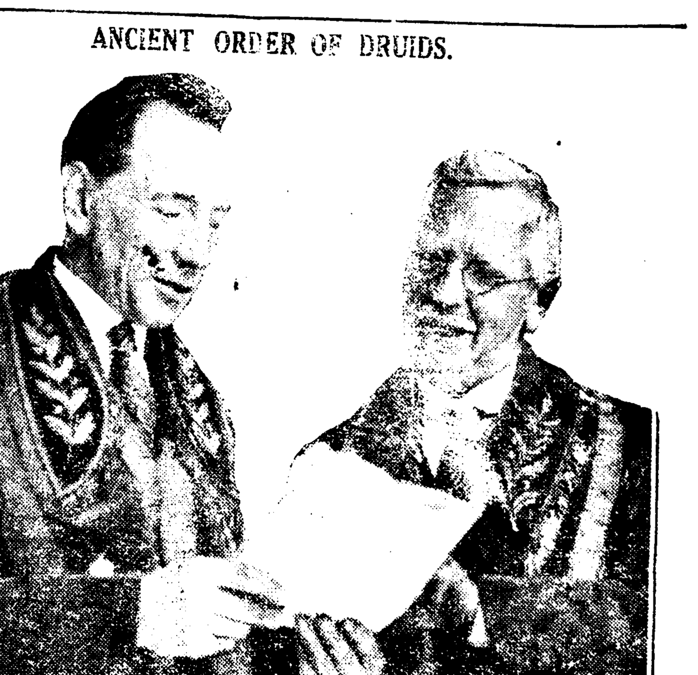
There were cries of "Rats" from the gallery, which was packed.

Cr. Turner, seconding the motion, said the council had previously tried the day labor system and had found it a success. With proper supervision there was no reason why day labor should not prove less costly than contract. He went on to say that the council did not desire to insert a clause in the contract specifications providing that a certain percentage of local labor must be employed, as this might lead to reprisals by other municipalities against Northcote men who were already in employment.

Cr. Dennis said Northcote Council used considerably more day labor than almost any other council. The only works not done by day labor were private streets, and even then if it was the desire of the people that the street for which they had to pay should be made by day labor, then the council would do it by that method. [illegible] had made arrangements [illegible] to give local preference [illegible] engaging labor, and in many cases all Northcote labor had been employed.

The requests were referred to the committee of the council.

ANCIENT ORDER OF DRUIDS.



The Grand President (Mr. H. McGill) and Grand Vice-President (Mr. A. H. Randall, of Thornbury), who were elected at the annual meeting of the United Ancient Order of Druids' Grand Lodge of Victoria.

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FAIRFIELD.

Birthday Dance.—A number of guests assembled at the rifle club hall, Fairfield, on October 25, at the invitation of Mrs. Russell, to do honor to Miss P. Blake on attaining her 16th birthday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blake, of Fairfield, and wore a lovely ankle length frock of lemon crepe de chine.

C.Y.M.S. Dance.—A successful dance was held on October 25 at St. Anthony's hall by the C.Y.M.S. There was a large attendance, and among some smart frocks were noted the following—Miss E. Mahony, black georgette, ankle length; Miss K. Linley, floral mousselene, long skirt; Miss M. Johnson, floral georgette, ankle length. Monte Carlo dance was won by Miss E. Rogan and N. Hazel. High Jinks Orchestra was in attendance.

St. Joseph's Convent.—The musical examination was held recently and several young ladies, residents of Fairfield, were successful. Dr. Price was the examiner.

Good passes were gained by Doris Howard, Rita Linley, Barbara Coutts, Carmel and Winnie Kellett, Frank Roden and Mari Humphries in the pianoforte sections, and Shiela Charters, Vera Hanlon (gold medallist) and Joe Rafter in the violin sections.

Victory Club held their usual fortnightly social on Saturday.

There was a good attendance at St. Anthony's for the weekly social of Fairfield C.Y.M.S.

An enjoyable evening was spent on Saturday by a party of young people from the Australian Paper Mills, Alphington. Songs and recitations were contributed by Messrs. Alfred, Ross, Wills, Laver, Pollock, Miss K. Thompson and Mrs. Cook.

Northcote Young People's Club held their fortnightly meeting at the home of Miss Beryl Farr, Clifton Hill, on October 22. There was a good attendance.

First Tram on New Route.—Leaving Thornbury depot at 1.9 on Sunday last, the first tram to use the new route to the city reached St. George's road railway gates at 1.20. Here a cheering crowd awaited at the spot where the last touches were being done to the line. An escort of cyclists accompanied the tram almost to the city. The popularity of the conversion was evident right along Brunswick St. The tram arrived at Spencer St. at 1.41. The pioneer was in charge of Driver Esnorf, conductor Hann, the District Traffic Superintendant (Mr. Simpson) and Inspector Foley.

ATHLETICS

PRESTON–NORTHCOTE CLUB

Further track trials were conducted on Saturday. Owing to the condition of the track runners found it hard to settle down, and under the supervision of the captain, Hughie Hankin, concentrated on "breaks." The outstanding performance was the running broad jump of 21ft. 9in. by A. Angus. His performances in the javelin throw was also excellent—129 feet on Saturday and 133 feet on Tuesday. Harold James has shown marked improvement in throwing the discus and recorded a throw of 93 feet. "Wal" Perry performed creditably in the trial sprints. The final trial for the 100 yards resulted as follows:—E. Berry 1, M. Perry 2, J. Speedy 3. The mile resulted as follows:—W. Weightman 1, D. McEachern 2, K. Kirkland 3. Time, 4.44.

The club will make its debut on the amateur sports ground on November 1, when the track team will be opposed by Coburg. The team will be weak in the sprints owing to injuries, but in all other departments should more than hold its own. The following will represent the club at the Motordrome on November 1:—100 yards, E. Berry, W. Perry, J. Speedy (emergencies, A. Angus, C. Owen); pole vault, R. Lewis; high jump, A. Angus (J. Speedy, emergency); one mile, Weightman, McEachern, Kirkland (emergencies, F. Bates, E. Edwardes); 120 yards hurdles, H. Hankin, B. McNabb (emergency, A. Masson). The team will travel by the 1.20 p.m. train from Preston, and on reaching the 'Drome are asked to report to the captain. Members not in the teams are especially asked to attend and support the club and bring along their friends.

Vaulting Pole.—Through the generosity of Mr. R. Broadhurst the club now possesses a vaulting pole.

Juniors.—It has been found necessary to re-organise the junior club. Their training night will now be Wednesday, in charge of Messrs. Gardener, Hankin and Orr.

Results of handicaps held on lake arena:—14 to 16.—100 yards: V. Kurklen (scr.), 1; J. Woods (4yds.), 2; L. Tassie (9yds.), 3; E. Bransgrove (6yds.), 4. 13 to 14—75 yards: A. Kearnden (scr.), 1; L. Kieghtling (6 yds.), 2; H. Powell (2yds.) and Flemming (2yds.), and McKenna (3yds.), equal, 3. As many minors as possible are asked to attend the 'Drome next Saturday.

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Preston Football Club Picnic

NEXT Sunday, members of the Preston Football Club and their friends will join in an outing to Christmas Hills, when a good sports programme will be provided. Motor cars and other vehicles will leave Preston town hall at 10 a.m.

False Alarm

THE only note of interest picked up at Preston fire station was the fact that on Wednesday, October 22 the men turned out to a false fire alarm on the corner of High and Oliver streets.

Preston Swimming Baths

PRESTON swimming baths will be opened on Saturday next for the summer season. The mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson) and a number of councillors are expected to attend at about 2 p.m.

West Preston State School

THIRTY boys and girls from the above school are entering for the University High School scholarships. The examination is fixed for Friday, November 7.

Preston Police Quarters

THE successful tenderer for the erection of police quarters alongside Preston courthouse in Roseberry Avenue has thrown up his contract as he found it was impossible to carry on at the price he sent in. Mr. O. Walker, J.P. visited the Public Works Department on Wednesday with a view of ascertaining the intentions of the authorities.

Larceny of Bicycle

ALLAN McPhee, registrar, Princes street, Preston has reported that between 6 p.m. on October 27 and 9 a.m. on the following day, a bicycle valued at £8 was stolen from the washhouse at the rear of the house.

Fowl Yard Raided

GEO. F. W. Greenwood, storeman, Gloucester road, Preston North had six and a half pairs of pullets in his possession on the evening of October 24. At 8 o'clock next morning when the owner visited the poultry pen he found the birds, which he valued at £4 had been stolen during the night.

Gas Meter Stolen

A GAS meter valued at £6/5/- the property of the Metropolitan Gas Co. was stolen from a house in Austral avenue, Preston. The meter was connected on the outside of the premises.

Raid on Building

AT a house in course of erection by Chas. G. Edwards, builder, in Inverlock street, East Preston, a lavatory basin, fittings, pick and plumber's tools valued at £10 were stolen from the place between 1 p.m. on October 25 and 8 a.m. on October 27.

Alleged False Pretences.—At 7.30 p.m. of October 17, a man entered the grocer's shop carried on by H. G. Ferris in High St., Preston, and ordered groceries to the value of 9/4. The man, who said his wife was a customer at the shop, tendered a cheque for £4/5/8, and was handed over the groceries and the change. When presented at the bank, the cheque was returned with the notification "No Account."

Settee Taken From Verandah.—A cane settee, valued at £1, was placed on the verandah of the house of Mrs. Major Sawkins, S.A. officer, Gregory Gve., Preston, at 9 o'clock on the evening of October 23. Half an hour later the settee was carried off.

Another Bicycle Stolen.—A bicycle, valued at £6, belonging to Wm. Baden Powell Alexander, carpenter, Martin St., Thornbury, was stolen from outside Cook's timber yard, Mary St., Preston, on the morning of October 24.

Hairdresser's Shop Entered.—Between 10 and 11 p.m. on Thursday of last week, a quantity of cigarettes were stolen from the shop of Lionel Bortriacki, Bell St., Preston. The value of the cigarettes is given as £3/13/-. A stone had been thrown through the glass in the front door of the shop and the Yale lock operated on.

Boys' Bands.— Cr. H. P. Zwar presided over a meeting on October 24 to discuss the question of schoolboys playing in two bands, a rule governing the school bands being averse to such a proceeding. It was decided to communicate with the Education Department with a request that the rule referred to be deleted from the list.

Tramways Horticultural Society.—At the Tramways Horticultural Society's show on Saturday last, Mr. Eagles, curator of Preston City Council, had a fine collection of choice blooms. The exhibits were favorably commented on.

Poultry Thieves Active.—Fowls to the value of £3 were taken from the yard of E. W. Harrington, electrical shopkeeper, Compton road, West Preston, during the night of Oct. 22.

Theft of Hose.—On October 24, a hose valued at £1 was stolen from a shed at the rear of a house occupied by Robert Young, Edith St., Preston.

Garage Breaking and Stealing.—A grey sports coat, canvas tent 12 x 10, suitcase, and a tyre tube and rim were stolen from a garage at the rear of a house occupied by Hugh Patrick Crowe, tobacconist, Gilbert road, Preston, between 6.30 p.m. on October 25 and 9 o'clock the following morning. The value of the stolen property was £12.

Assault and Robbery.—Ethel Britten, housewife, Beauchamp St., Preston, had an unpleasant experience at about 10 o'clock last Friday evening. The lady was about to enter the front gate of her house when a young man, who was walking towards her, struck Mrs. Britten on the head with his fist, and ran off with a handbag, which contained property to the value of 10/-. A good description of the assailant has been furnished to the police.

White Leghorns Disappear.—Mrs. Patterson, McNamara St., Preston, reports the loss of nine white Leghorn fowls, valued at £2, from a pen in the yard of her house on Oct. 23.

Band Performance.—Next Sunday afternoon Preston District Band will render selections of music in Bell Park in aid of charity.

Sale of "State Coach."—Tenders close at noon on Saturday, November 8, for the purchase of what is now generally known as Preston's "State Coach."

RESERVOIR NOTES

A sucessful Australian Tea organised by the St. George's Church of England Ladies' Guild was held on October 22. The vicar, Rev. Cuthbert Powell received the Mayoress (Mrs. G. Robinson) who declared the fair opened. The stalls were in charge of Messrs. Rose, Day, McKenzie and Miss Blundell. Mesdames Thrower and Baker judged the cakes competition. At night the Reservoir Minstrel Troupe gave a concert. The items were well received, the new addition to the troupe, Mr. Rees, giving his items exellently. Messrs McKenzie and Lewis gave a clever acrobatic turn. The items of the circle Messrs Lusk, Bennett, S. Gerard Stevens, Rae, Rees, Smith and Jenkins, were well received, while the corner men Messrs Counsel and McKenzie were in excellent form. It is expected the funds will benefit to the extent of £10.

The Reservoir District Band played a programme at the Edwardes Lake on Hospital Sunday. A collection of £2/18/6 was taken up. Mrs Wolf collected £1/13/9. The thanks of the committee are extened to her and the other workers, Mrs. Bennett and Misses Osmond and Filgate.

At the West Reservoir Progress Association's meeting twenty-five new members were nominated. It was decided to ask the council for attention to the neglected, partly enclosed area at the top of Edwardes street and to ask for the council's attitude towards the lax service given by the buses on the Reservoir-Dundas street run.

Quarry Staff Decreased.—Owing to the financial stringency and the consequent shortage of funds, the services of many of the employes of the Preston quarry have been dispensed with.

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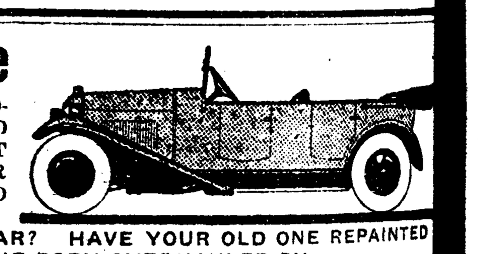
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CYCLING.

Preston Amateur Club.—The P.A.C.C. were well represented in the sports meeting at the showgrounds last Saturday, prior to the finish of the Sydney to Melbourne road race. Amateur cycling, including handicap scratch tandem, mixed tandem, ladies' handicap, tradesmen's turnout and high bike races. The racing was fast and competition keen. Preston was again knocking at the door, V. Wood securing second place in both scratch and handicap events; G. Harris was also second in tandem race.

To-morrow the senior and junior road championships will be decided on Plenty road, in conjunction with a sealed handicap. The senior distance is 20 miles and the junior 10.

The Wednesday night amateur carnivals will be resumed at the Motordrome next Wednesday, under the control of the V.A.C.U. To-morrow the Saturday night carnivals by the Melbourne Carnivals will be resumed with a varied programme.

Arrangements are well in hand for a monster sports carnival in the Preston Park in November in aid of the unemployed relief, under the auspices of the mayor and councillors of Preston. The programme will include foot racing by Preston Harriers, cycling events by Carlton, Northcote, St. Kilda and Preston amateur cycling clubs; also Preston and Collingwood Professional C.C. Amateur events include club races and a combined scratch race and handicap. Mr. C. J. Grey, the V.A.C.U. handicapper, will handicap this event.

The schools in the district have been asked to send a representative team of 5 boys and 5 girls from each school for events for the following ages:—Under 10, 11, 12, 13 and over 13. The Preston Harriers will have control of running events. The head teachers are asked to endorse entry forms, so as to ensure correct ages.

It is also proposed to establish a one mile juvenile record (male), grass track, under 12 years. Further particulars will be forwarded at a later date.

Mr. R. C. Harris, hon. sec. P.A.C.C., is hon. organiser. The Preston Citizens', West Preston and Preston Junior Bands have been asked to render selections during the afternoon.

PRESTON CYCLIST'S GREAT RIDE

A feature of the recent Sydney to Melbourne road race held in five stages of a total distance of 709 miles, was the sterling performance of the popular Preston professional wheelman, Frankie Thomas. In the first stage, Sydney to Goulburn, Thomas had the misfortune to puncture three times, and fall twice. Despite this, our champion finished in tenth position. Several more punctures, then a bad crash, wrecking his machine, necessitating a delay of 35 minutes, in the second stage were enough to break anyone's spirit, but not so this rider, who dauntlessly continued on. His pluck was rewarded by winning the third stage after having punctured three times, from Fatty Lamb, the Australian road champion. In the fourth stage, Frank was runner up to O. Nicholson, after a strenuous ride, which finished in the dark. The fifth and final stage, from Shepparton to Melbourne, via Bendigo, a distance of 183 miles, found Frankie Thomas riding at his best, with four other riders, J. Harrington, H. Opperman (Victoria) J. Bidot and J. Mauclair (France) he got a break on the field at Gisborne, and doing the lion's share of work, managed to hold them off to the finish where he was beaten in the dash for the line by Opperman. By finishing fifth in the aggregate times for all the stages, Frank put up a wonderful performance, also teamed up with A. Angus and R. W. (Fatty) Lamb, was second to the Frenchmen in the team's section. Frank is a quiet unassuming young man, modest to the last degree, and being a resident of Northcote, and a member of the Preston Cycling Club, his future will be looked upon with special interest.

MOTOR CYCLING.

East Preston Club went to Hanging Rock on Sunday. The run was incorporated with a sealed time run between Keilor and Gisborne, Les. Martin being the winner. For the inter-club competitions for side cars at the Exhibition Speedway, the club has selected H. Bennett (Norton and side car). All members are asked to come along and see our boys do their bit. Our next official run will be to Watson's Creek, leaving Durrant's garage at 10 a.m. sharp.

The run next Sunday will be the start of the runs for the president's cup, to be run on the points system.

Preston Free Library.—A great deal of interest was centred in the election of office-bearers at the annual meeting of Preston Free Library, held on Tuesday evening. The results were as follows—President, Mr. C. T. Crispe; vice-president, Mr. E. Garrott; secretary, Mr. Stephens; treasurer, Mr. McIntyre; committee, Miss Gedds, Mrs. Thompson, and Messrs. Brown, McCormick and Castles.

Appeal for Gramaphone Records

SOME time ago an appeal was made through the columns of the "Leader" by Mr. W. N. Bunker, secretary and organiser of the Digger Concert Party for gramaphone records for the use of soldiers at the T.B. Sanatorium at Macleod. The response was most gratifying and resulted in 250 records being donated by different people. A further appeal is now being made and those having spare records for which they have no further use are asked to send them along to Mr. Bunker at 31 Bruce street, Preston. Mrs. W. B. Howe has kindly donated an album and a number of records.

Novelty Night.—The fancy dress and novelty night run by the Mothers' Club connected with West Preston State school in Preston town hall on Thursday evening, October 23, was a great success.

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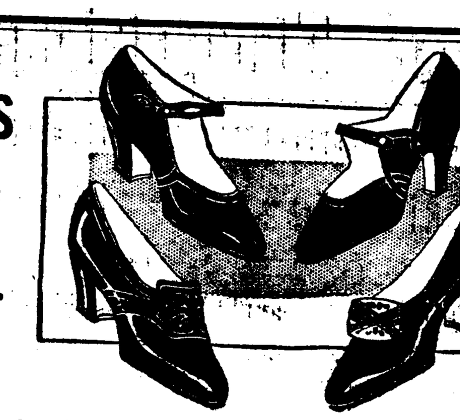
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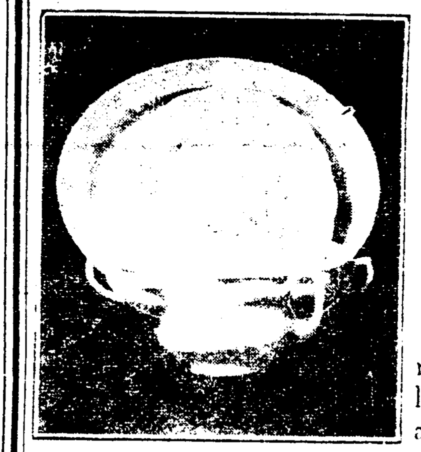
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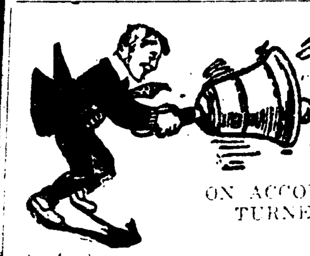
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JUSTICE TO ALL

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1930.

Held Over.—Several items are held over.

The A.W.A. held their meeting in the town hall lodge room on October 27, there being a large attendance. The evening was in the hands of one of the officers, and a pleasant evening followed. Members are invited to the next meeting on November 10, at which nominations for new officers will be taken.

Bro. F. Preston, of the Westgarth Grand United Order of Oddfellows, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of that order.

Constable J. J. Hoare, of the motor patrol service, Russell street, city, is doing duty in Preston during the absence on holiday leave of Plain-clothes Constable Seager.

To a Correspondent.—"Woke Up In Time": You have omitted to enclose your name and address.

NORTHCOTE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

The second concert of the series to be held at the Town Hall on November 11 is to be given in the presence of the Mayor (Cr. J. H. Green). The programme is the best yet presented and includes the overtures "Rosamunde" (Schubert); "The Marriage of Figaro" (Mozart); symphony in B minor "The Unfinished" (Schubert); "Henry VIII." dances (German); "Mock Morris" and "Shepherds Fiy" (Grainger), and also in response to numerous requests the symphonic poem "Finlandia" (Sibelius) will again be presented. The solo items, with orchestral accompaniment, are the Max Bruch "Romance," in which Ethel Wordsworth will be the solo violiniste; owing to its extreme difficulty this work has not been performed in Australia with orchestra during the past 20 years. The last performance was given with the famous Marshall Hall Orchestra in 1910. Eric Jones will sing "Air" from Act I. of Mozart's opera "Seraglio," and Charles Hobby will play "Berceuse" (Godard). This number has been arranged for cello and orchestra by Basil Farrell, the orchestra's capable conductor. Vocal items by Olive Batten and elocutionary items by Eileen Watt will complete a very interesting programme.

REGENT TALKIES.

On Monday music, flowers, sweethearts, a fiesta of beauty and light and love are all found in "The Three Sisters." A night of glorious starlit skies, the glamor and romance, drama and charm that paint the colors of the land of Italy, throbbing notes of the violin, human voices vibrating to the warm tones of a love song, form the setting. And then come the ominous thunderbeats of world conflict, the hand of tragedy casts long shadows. Yet hope and love win through. Louise Dresser, Joyce Compton, Addie McPhail and June Collyer are starred.

Talkies of Kingsford Smith's arrival in Brisbane will be shown.

The most dashing cabanero in all Spain—love was his pastime—and then he met a senorita who would not fall for his wiles; his golden songs of love touched her, and then he risked his very life to win her heart! He was a scion of Madrid and she a demure Santiago senorita. Ramon Novarro sings as never before and Dorothy Jordan plays opposite him.

On Thursday "King of Jazz" has eight separate musical numbers, lavishly staged with uproarious comedy sequences interspersed between them. They are the "Bridal Veil" number—beauty immortalised; the "Bench in the Park"—a miniature musical comedy; "Happy Feet"—perfect line and tap dance; "Rhapsody in Blue"—the famous jazz symphony; "Monterey"—romantic old Mexico; "My Ragamuffin Romeo," novelty number, the "Melting Pot," which caps them all. Paul Whiteman, John Boles, Laura La Plante and Jeanette Loff are a few of the many stars.

The support, "Crazy That Way," has a splendidly chosen cast headed by Joan Bennett, Kenneth MacKenna, Regis Toomey and Jason Robards. The story deals with the younger "400" and their peculiar ideas of courtship, love and marriage. Miss Bennett is the queen bee of the social colony, with admirers a-plenty, and how she cajoles, misleads and makes them understand her forms the basic theme of a sparkling little comedy, finely enacted and superbly staged.

Talkies of Don Bradman will also be shown.

TURF NOTES.

(By "Watchful.")

SELECTIONS

Victoria Derby
VEILMOND

Cantala Stakes
WISE FORCE or PENTHEUS

Melbourne Cup
PHAR LAP 1, TREGILLA 2, CARRADALE 3.

Although several horses well in the limelight for the classics and the important handicaps to be decided at Flemington and Williamstown failed to get into the money at Moonee Valley on Saturday, it would be unwise to discard them in their immediate engagements. Owing to his partiality for big courses, Taisho was not greatly fancied by his connections in the Moonee Valley Gold Cup. The Eastern Monarch gelding is a long strider who will be better suited by the roomy stretches at Flemington. Taisho is engaged in the Williamstown Cup with 8.3, or 9lbs. more than he carried into third place in the big seaside event last year behind Cimbrian and Lineage.

Since the inception in 1920 of the Cantala Stakes, five Sydney-owned horses have carried off the richly-endowed Flemington miler. It is rather significant that each of them carried over 9.0. and Amounis, who twice won the event, scored a brilliant win last year with the steadier of 9.12. On Saturday the Sydney horses engaged are Pantheus, Killarney and Panola, while First Arrow, who is Sydney owned but locally trained, is also a likely runner. Pentheus started one of the favorites in the A.J.C. Epsom Handicap, but did not begin with his customary smartness and was never in the picture. He sustained a minor injury to one of his heels, and, making a wonderful recovery, registered a sterling performance in the City Tattersall's Flying Handicap at Randwick, in which he came from behind and defeated that classy sprinter, High Disdain, and King's Arms. Other smart ones who finished behind him were Gay Ballerina, Credence, Casque d'Or and Waugoola. Since arriving from Sydney Pentheus has sprinted in excellent style on the Flemington tracks, and whatever beats the Rossendale horse will need to be running all the way. His trainer, Frank Marsden, is very sanguine of success with Pentheus, who will be ridden by W. Johnstone. Killarney finished third to Cathmar and Holdfast in the Epsom Handicap, but the Kenilworth gelding may find the distance a trifle beyond him. Recent form points to Panola as one likely to fully extend her compatriot Pentheus. This handsome daughter of Rossendale has a nice handy weight, and if she can reproduce her Sydney sprinting form she should take a hand in the finish.

Of the Victorian horses engaged in the Cantala Stakes our main hope is Wise Force, who was narrowly beaten at Moonee Valley on Saturday, when he was obviously in need of a run following the enforced spell as a result of the dope some miscreant administered the fine-looking Queensland-owned sprinter prior to his October Stakes failure. Wise Force is a brilliant galloper, and he promises to hold his own with his formidable Sydney rivals. The Gay Mutineer won the Toorak and Moonga Handicaps in a manner which augurs well for his prospects in the Flemington event, and with only 7.10 he should give a good account of himself.

Only on very rare occasions have New Zealand owners had their colors carried in the Maribyrnong Plate. On Saturday we will see Mr. H. Stanbridge's speedy youngster, Movie Star, in opposition to the best two-year-olds in training. Movie Star brought off a sensational betting coup in the A.J.C. Breeders' Plate on the second day of the A.J.C. spring meeting and showed tremendous pace. He is by Lord Quex, a noted sire of sprinters in New Zealand. His most dangerous opponent may be High Brae, who won the colts' and geldings' division of the Maribyrnong Trial Stakes in impressive style, and greatly resembles that wonderful galloper High Syce. He is bred on similar lines to last year's Caulfield Cup winner. Trainer J. Holt entertains an exalted opinion of High Brae, who finished as straight as a gun barrel when he scored at his initial public appearance. Spearfelt's trainer, V. O'Neill, invariably has a good two-year-old to represent him. This year he has two very nice colts in Greenland and the stylish Great Star colt Glideaway, who was very unlucky to lose at Moonee Valley on Saturday. Greenland is a fine looking colt by Greenwave's sire, Greenstead, and after meeting with an impeded run at Moonee Valley he finished resolutely behind the winner, Va Vite. He will benefit from the outing, and seems almost certain to win beore the big meetings end.

Many hot favorites have won the Victoria Derby. The last six Derby results were not appreciated by the books, five winners starting at odds on, and the other at even money. After seeing Veilmond meet with more than his share of interference in the A.J.C. Derby and then run Tregilla to a head, it would take a superoptimist to look for his defeat on Saturday in the Flemington classic, in which his most formidable opponent may be Balloon King, who finished third at Randwick and who seems to stay well. Rigadoon hurt himself while running in the Caulfield Guineas, otherwise he would have been accorded an excellent chance of beating the Sydney-owned colts. Rigadoon possesses stamina, and, patiently handled in the early part, may run better than generally expected. Many staying colts have failed in the Guineas and yet gained the much-coveted honors at Flemington, including Prince Foote, Strephon and Spearfelt, who turned out first-class stayers.

Supreme among present day racehorses is Phar Lap, one of the greatest gallopers that has ever graced the Australian turf. It is questionable whether in any previous year the books had greater justification for treating the Melbourne Cup as a "one horse race." Phar Lap has won most of his races as he liked, and, although it is not unusual to hear the remark, "Anything can happen in racing," it will take an accident to bring about Phar Lap's defeat. Phar Lap will practically kill speculation on the Cup. Backers may not care to accept the odds on offer, and they will not support anything else. Since the weights were issued Carradale has been a strongly fancied candidate, but taking a line through his Herbert Power Stakes performance, in which he went under to Second Wind and Glare, his chance of beating Phar Lap appears remote. Tregilla has plenty of admirers for the Cup and is expected to prove a great stayer. The A.J.C. Derby winner is a soldily-built colt, showing plenty of quality and resembling in color and style of galloping that fine Cyklon horse Trivalve. Phar Lap will need to be a super horse to beat the Sydney three-year-old at a difference of 34lb.

Rigadoon has been withdrawn from the Derby and Cup by his trainer, Price, as he has deve'oped internal trouble.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Mary Isabella McGillivray, of Lower Heidelberg road, Ivanhoe, widow, who died on August 8, left by will dated May 24, 1917, real estate of a gross value of £2,673 and personal property of a gross value of £811 to her children, subject to gifts to Presbyterian Church institutions.

Mr. Matthews, secretary, and Mr. W. L. McDonald, senior vice-president of the Preston Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. have gone to Sydney on holidays. During Mr. Matthews absence Mr. W. F. McDonald, 194 Raglan street Preston, will carry out the duties of secretary.

Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., Minister for Railways, was a visitor to the Northcote Council meeting on Monday. "Jack," as he is universally known, represented the South Ward for about 12 years, and only resigned from the council when Parliamentary and Cabinet duties took up a large proportion of his time.

Mr. J. Cahill, of Spencer St., Northcote, has been appointed an honorary park ranger by Northcote City Council, with authority to act in regard to Batman Park and the pipe track beautification scheme.

On Monday evening at the meeting of the Northcote Council a presentation of an illuminated address was made to ex-Cr. A. D. McDonald as a mark of recognition of his 4½ years' service as a councillor, during which time he represented the North Ward. The presentation was made by the Mayor (Cr. J. H. Green) on behalf of the council, and ex-Cr. McDonald suitably responded.

On 23rd inst. a social was tendered in St. George's Road Methodist school hall to Miss Florence Risstrom, prior to her marriage. Miss Risstrom, who has always taken an active interest in the church, and for some time past has been directress of the kindergarten, was presented with a handsome clock on behalf of the congregation, and a beautiful crystal vase from the teachers and scholars.

Owing to an announcement appearing in the Northcote "Leader" referring to a family bereavement, two old school friends (who by the way had not met since leaving school) were brought together, in the person of "Emily Broadley" (Mrs. E. Brown, E. St. Kilda) and "Emily Lancaster" (Mrs. A. E. Stott, Ivanhoe). The two were inseparable at school (Helen St, Northcote), and the mutual delight at meeting again can be imagined. Over a cup of tea at the residence of Mrs. Stott, various "pranks," etc., were recalled to mind, and fellow old scholars mentioned were Tom Harris, late of "Leader" staff), Charlie Harris, Annie Smith (Mrs. E. Bailey), which gave rise to the thought of a "Back to Helen St. school" for a further reunion of old girls and boys.

Mr. Hall (superintendent of the Northcote Congregational Sunday school), who recently underwent an operation, has returned home, and is progressing favorably, though still confined to his bed.

Mr. E. Rabey, president of the Preston High street Shoppers' Association, has been spending a few days recuperating at Daylesford, and hopes to preside at the next meeting of the association on Monday night.

MAYOR AND MAYORESS ENTERTAIN

ENJOYABLE "AT HOME" AT NORTHCOTE.

Even the weather smiled on Tuesday afternoon when the Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. J. H. Green) tendered their mayoral reception to about 500 guests. Poppy shades of orange and deep lemon, toned with nut brown, formed the decorative colors of the Northcote Town Hall. Ornamental centrepieces on which flowers profusely climbed sent out streamers to the swathed walls, and tangerine and golden blooms were entwined in the lattices of greenery which decked the door arches and walls. The stage was a bank of pot plants, above which taller

CR. J. H. GREEN

MRS. GREEN

white Watsonias and yellow iris showed to advantage, while the tables were aglow with crystal vases of brilliant orange-hued Iceland poppies. Japanese maples were placed about the hall and the foyer, and at the main entrance were the Mayor and Mayoress and their daughter, Miss Olwyn Green, to welcome their guests. A colorful setting in the shape of an arbor covered with ferns and flowers, formed a fitting background for the mayoral party. Burma tan georgette styled with a bolero and lace gowned the Mayoress, and her hat—a wide-brimmed hemp straw with a fancy lace-straw edge—was swathed with a deeper shade of ribbon. A beautiful bouquet of Duchess of York pansies and sunburn roses and fern were her flowers. A charming autumn tinted floral georgette frocked Miss Olwyn Green, and her hat was of shady beige straw, with satin ribbon trimming. Miss Leslie Green wore a jade pink spot crepe de chene frock, with a ficelle straw hat to tone, and Mrs. J. A. Thomson, wife of the town clerk, was frocked in wine crepe de chene, with a white collar and black ficelle hat. A delightful programme was given during the afternoon, and Hoffman's orchestra played the incidental music. The items were—Violin Solo, "Tarantelle," (Moszkowski), Miss Margery Gray; song, (a) "O listen to the voice of love" (Hooke), (b) "Under the Greenwood Tree" (Arne), Miss Muriel Cheek; song, (a) "Passing By" (Purcell), (b) "Sylvia" (Oley Speaks), Mr Frank Thomas; selections by Hoffman's Orchestra; duet, "The Day is Done" (Lohr), Miss Muriel Cheek and Mr. Frank Thomas; violin solo "Serenade" (d'Ambrosio), Miss Margery Gray; song, "Daybreak" (Mallinson), Miss Muriel Cheek; song, "The Sergeant Major on Parade" (Longstaffe), Mr. Frank Thomas; pianiste Miss Emilie Davies.

Afternoon tea was daintily served by fresh white-clad maids under the supervision of Mrs. Olorenshaw, of Normanby Hall. The catering was, as usual, of such a high order that it left nothing to be desired.

THE GUESTS.

Those present were as follows:—

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MAINTENANCE ARREARS.

HUSBAND'S UNFORTUNATE POSITION.

A STAY GRANTED.

The circumstances under which William Owens, of Charles St., Northcote, and previously of Whittlesea, got into arrears with maintenance payments to his wife were, to say the least of it, unusual. The evidence given in a case at Northcote court on Tuesday, when the wife made a claim for £4/10/- arrears, was that the husband's finances had been depleted as the result of a lawsuit brought against him by his wife, and which she lost.

Mrs. Alma Victoria Owens, Cecil St., South Melbourne, said—The arrears of maintenance owing to me up to October 21 are £4/10/-.

Mr. Ridgway (for defendant)—You want your "hubby" to go to gaol?—No.

You sued him in the Supreme Court about the ownership of a house?—Yes.

And you lost the action?—Yes.

It was a costly proceeding?—Yes.

How much did it cost you?—I don't know. I haven't got the bill yet.

You were ordered to pay certain costs?—I think so.

Prior to this action your husband kept up his payments well?—Yes.

And he often paid in advance?—If he did, I didn't receive it.

The order was obeyed up till a few weeks ago?—Yes.

And his money would all be tied up on account of the litigation in the Supreme Court?—It might be. He had plenty of property not long ago, and he gave two houses away to two sons for love and affection.

These are your sons too?—Yes.

And you want to gaol your husband?—No. His sons can come to his assistance.

Owens said—I had a little money saved and was using that to meet these maintenance payments. That money has been spent on litigation brought on me by my wife and in undergoing an operation. I have been ill and am unable to work, and I have no property. If given a stay I will see what I can do to meet the payments.

The bench ordered by majority decision a stay for eight weeks.

A pair of pals, strong and true, are George Bancroft and Harry Green.

NEWS OF THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

EAST PRESTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

The acceptance of Grogan's tender by the council was discussed. A report compiled by a committee of the association was received. It was decided a copy should be forwarded to the "Leader." A motion expressing disapproval of the council's decision to accept the higher tender was carried unanimously. This opinion will be forwarded to the council. It was further decided the matter should be referred to the Central Council.

A motion protesting against the comparison made by Cr. Zwar in reference to the A.L.P. and East Preston Progress Association was carried unanimously. The president remarked that he had been a member since the inception and never had he heard politics discussed

Members of the deputation which presented plans for the construction of Bell Park before the committee of the council stated the council requried the association to give a guarantee a working bee would construct the arena. Resolved that necessary written guarantee should be forwarded.

Report to East Preston Progress Association re metal contract recently let by Preston City Council:—

Despite strenuous protests by this body and other associations of Preston, the City Council by a majority of six to three, accepted the tender of D. J. Grogan for the cartage of metal and pitchers from the municipal quarries to various parts of Preston.

Four tenders were received, two of which were classed informal. D. J. Grogan's tender has, in our opinion, been given absolute preference, although incomplete, and in a number of items from 12½% to 33 1/3% higher than the other tenderer, Messrs. J. Bennett & Sons, who have previously carried out a two year's contract with every satisfaction, and against whom not a complaint has been made. Both are local ratepayers and employ Preston residents. Cr. Zwar stated that if Grogan obtained the contract £1000 would be spent in Preston. On what authority has Cr. Zwar made such a statement? According to the economy committee, £87 000 less will be spent this year by comparison with last year, and very little street construction will take place. As a smaller amount (£3,540) was spent last year on cartage, and represented a maximum of street construction, does Cr. Zwar infer that, although street construction will be at a minimum, and consequently less metal carted, more money will be required for lesser cartage? Much has been said by councillors in reference to local preference, although members know we have stressed local preference on numerous occasions, and have rarely received satisfaction. We cite Goldsmith Av. as an example. Although there were local tenderers an outsider was successful, when but a few pounds separated the respective tenders. Shakespeare Av. is another case in point.

We question Cr. Zwar's sincerity when he talks of preference to local earning and spending, for when the construction of footpaths in situ was under consideration, he wished to give the job to contractors outside the municipality, knowing that the total cost of making those footpaths by local labor was in the vicinity of 6/9 per square yard, which covers excavation, etc. He wished to give 6/10 per yard to an outside contractor after excavations had been completed.

Had his idea been successful, ratepayers in private streets would have been loaded with further costs. It is significant that after the previous elections the successful tenderer of to-day was given a decided preference in the garbage contract, when the tender of D. J. Grogan at 2/9 per hour was accepted. There were 11 tenderers on this occasion, and all but one were local residents; Grogan's tender was the highest. During the current year £148/16/4 would have been saved with horse driven vehicles, and £122/9/6 with motor vehicles had the council accepted either of the lower tenders. Can any reasonable explanation be given for this unnatural preference for Grogan. "Wise public expenditure" might be summed up in "Quid Pro Quo." In passing one might reasonably ask how Cr. Hemburrow reconciles his vvote and voice with his economy ticket. His 2½% estimation displays faulty arithmetic. The cap "Quid Pro Quo" appeared to fit him, as he alone apparently noted the remark. The 2½% statement will appear ridiculous when at the end of the year the ratepayers, and especially those living in private streets, have had an additional cost of £1000 on account of the preference shown to Grogan. One knowing the position as we do can readily understand Cr. Newton's attitude. A division on this matter was recorded as follows—(For) Crs. Adams, Newton, Zwar, Hemburrow, Jones, Robinson. Against—Crs. Spratling, Maynard and Robson.

On behalf of the committee appointed 1?/1?/30.

J. A. CLINGIN, S...

T. ANDREWS, Ass... Sec.

NORTH WEST WARD.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on 23rd inst. President (Mr. Thomas) in the chair.

Chief interest centred round a discussion raised by the delegate to the Central Council of Progress Associations, who asked for a direction how to vote on a motion which was introduced to the Central Council by a delegate from a Williamstown Progress Association. The motion, which will be decided at the November meeting of the central body is—"That the Government or electoral authorities be approached with a view to having the system of numbering ballot papers at State and municipal elections cut out." Opinions were evenly divided, it being pointed out that mistakes are likely to happen under any system, and so as to allow members time to consider the proposals, it was decided to take a vote on the matter at the next meeting.

Among the correspondence from the town clerk was a letter intimating that the council had agreed to plant trees in the Smith St. reserve as requested; also balance-sheet of the 1929-30 unemployed relief appeal. Members considered the result very satisfactory, and the secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. Thomson and the ex-Mayor (Cr. Hayes) the appreciation of members.

Cr. Bird, who was present, consented to investigate certain complaints, and these were left in his hands.

A suggestion was forwarded to the council that the pipes supplying water to the drinking fountains along the pipe track should be tapped direct off the underground mains, as the present system of supply from the pipe forming the rail round the plantation would be most unsatisfactory during the hot weather.

Complaints were received relating to the growing practice of cyclists riding along St. George's road at night without lights. This is considered a most dangerous practice, and the police have been requested to take steps to stop it.

Another matter which was sent to the council was that of preventing children from playing in the covered portion of Bullen's drain. It is realised that the placing of a grill over the entrance would have its disadvantages, but some means of keeping persons out should be devised as a grave menace to the health of children exists if this place is left accessible to them.

The next meeting will be held on November 6, and the syllabus item is an old time dance night.

Sunday Concert.

The first Sunday concert organised by the Northcote unemployed committee will take place on Sunday next at Northcote Town Hall at 8.30 p.m. The Epiphany choir and leading artists are assisting. As this is the first concert of its kind in the city, it is hoped that it will be well patronised, and at the same time a goodly sum will be raised for relief work.

Northcote's Valuation.

£185,705 is the amount of the valuation placed on rateable property in the city of Northcote by the valuer (Mr. W. Membrey). A rate of 2/9 in the pound will produce £66,784/8/9.

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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27.

The usual meeting was held on Monday. Present were the Mayor (Cr. J. H. Green, J.P.), and Crs. J. Sutch, H. F. Mitchell, A. J. Cornish, W. Olver, M. I. Jones, S. Dennis, A. H. Oldis, W. Glanfield, A. Bird, W. Hayes, E. Johnson, S. Pinkney, W. Turner. An apology was received from Cr. Hughes.

Unemployed Relief.—The Government invited co-operation in the provision of money for relief works, and offered £2000, the council to contribute £ for £ and provide materials. This grant to be in lieu of sustenance money for three months.—Referred to Finance Committee for consideration.

Officers' Salaries.—Municipal Association advised that on cost of living figures officers receiving less than £365 per annum are subject to a reduction of £16 per annum over the award rate.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Employes' Wages.—The Municipal Association advised that the quarterly adjustment provided a reduction of wages by 5d per day to 14/-.—Received.

Victorian Football Association Finals.—Port Melbourne Council advised of another meeting of conference on November 6.—Crs. Dennis and the Mayor to attend.

Cr. Dennis indicated that the Association had decided that in future Association finals would be played on Association grounds, unless the Melbourne cricket ground was available.

Valuations.—Arthurton Road and District Association asked that in consequence of falling property valuations, an early re-valuation of city property be made.—To be advised that the valuation had just been completed, it being made annually.

West Ward Progress Association, suggesting that water for drinking purposes from pipe track be drawn from underground mains instead of at present from the pipe rail fence, the suggestion being that during the summer the water will be too hot for drinking purposes; (2) re footpath, Clapham St.; (3) suggesting that entrance to covered section of Bullen's drain, probably near Normanby Ave., be protected to prevent children entering same.

Items referred to P.W. Committee.

Northcote Baths.—Northcote Life Saving Club asked that action be taken to provide more pure water at the baths than was in use last year.—The Mayor said the club was anxious to have something done, and he understood a cheap pumping plant was available at a cost inside £150.—Referred to Parks Committee.

The club also asked the council to receive a deputation relative to the baths.—Parks Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

General accounts £2,743/5/11 and street construction accounts £146/3/4 were passed for payment.

St. George's road.—The engineer was authorised to repair with hot mix the eastern section between Gordon Gr. to 400 feet south.

Plans for Leinster Gr. construction, between Woolton Av. and Beaconsfield Pde.

Cr. Johnson protested against the council going on with this work, as only six or seven owners were affected, and their apportionments would be from £1200 downward. The council was not justified in forcing this work on in these times of depression.

Cr. Turner said the fact that only about six people were affected was to him a good argument, as all were wealthy. It was desired to make a second through thoroughfare, which would prevent the necessity of all traffic using St. George's road. In winter the street was impassable, and in summer it was nearly so, and was at the same time a menace to health. The racecourse would be subdivided some day, and it would be far better for the council to deal with six owners than say fifty.

The plans were approved.

Objections to the work from people interested will be heard by the council on November 24.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Accounts £3,322/16/7 were ordered to be paid.

PARKS COMMITTEE.

Accounts £238/7/5 were passed.

Band Recitals.—Permission was granted to the Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band to hold recitals in Batman Park on October 26, November 16 and 25, and December 23.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Additional accounts £826/9/7 were paid.

Rebate.—St. Vincent's Red Cross Auxiliary was granted a rebate in hall rent, £1/15/-.

Sales Tax.—The town clerk was instructed to protest against the Government's proposal to charge sales tax on metal crushed at council's quarry.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Clarke St.—Attention was drawn by Cr. Oldis to the state of this street east of Mason St.—Engineer to report.

At the request of Cr. Mitchell the engineer was instructed to attend to a leaking pipe cut in Arthurton road.

"Smellful" Tip.—Cr. Olver said the Clarendon St. tip was in a very "smellful" state.—Inspector to report.

Cr. Olver spoke of necessary repairs to St. David St., between Wales and Mansfield Sts.—P.W. Committee.

One Man One Dray.—Cr. Turner drew attention to a case reported where a contractor was allowing one man to drive two drays, contrary to by-law.—Traffic inspector to investigate.

Neglected Cemetery.—Cr. Cornish drew attention to the deplorably neglected state of the Northcote cemetery. The back fence was almost missing and the place bore evidence of great lack of care. Whilst there he saw several fowls.

Cr. Turner—Dead or alive (Laughter).

Cr. Cornish—It is no laughing matter. If the council won't look after the cemetery a committee should be given authority to do so.

Matter referred to Finance Committee.

Cr. Bird spoke of footpath, Kemp St., near Stott St.; also state of kerbing in Johnston St.—P.W. Committee.

Merry-go-rounds, etc.—Cr. Bird spoke of an accident which occurred in connection with one of these, and asked if the council could control their erection.—Referred to Finance Committee to ascertain the council's powers of inspection.

Long Grass.—Cr. Bird suggested that long grass at McDonell Park, near the cricket pitches, be mowed.

The Mayor—How do you know the grass is long?

Cr. Bird—I was there on Sunday.

Cr. Turner (to the Mayor)—Where did you go in your young days? To the cemetery (Laughter).

Matter referred to P.W. Committee.

Wards Apportionment.—Cr. Turner moved that ward members submit lists for wards apportionment works.—Carried.

Uneven Slabs.—Cr. Pinkney complained of uneven slabs in Clarke St., east of High St.—P.W. Committee.

Shelter Obscures View.—Cr. Mitchell said the tram shelter in Arthurton road often obscured a view of trams when vehicles were approaching the intersection. He suggested the shelter might be shifted.—Finance Committee.

A Doggy Business

The Lost Dogs' Home advised the Northcote council of the date of its annual meeting on November 8.

Cr. Turner: I move the letter be referred to the lost dogs. (Laughter).

The Mayor: See you've all got your collars on then. (Laughter).

IN THE GARDEN

VEGETABLE CULTURE.

(By "Syringa.")

Root Crops Should be Sown Now.

The principal sowings of all root crops are made now, and by doing so, a sufficient quantity may be grown to ensure supplies throughout the year. Carrots and parsnips are always required, and full use should be made of this seasonable month by making large sowings.

Sow the long varieties of beetroot, as they are such splendid keepers, and good beet may be had for use right through next winter. The turnip-rooted varieties must be used when they reach maturity, as they are not good keepers. They can be sown now, but when sown later, will practically only make tops, and therefore the long varieties are a better proposition for the amateur gardener to sow now if he aims for a constant supply.

Sow turnips in an open spot for a summer crop. As quick growth is essential, keep the ground well cultivated, manured and watered.

Radishes grow quickly and do not take up much space. Make successive sowings once a fortnight and thin out when large enough to two inches apart. If kept free from weeds and cultivated, they can be had ready for use in three to four weeks from sowing.

Make Open Ground Sowings of Melons, Pumpkins, Marrows, etc.

This class of vegetable can be safely grown in the open ground this month. Pumpkins and squashes especially should be sown early, as the longer growing period they have the better they will fruit, and also keep. The custard squash is a most desirable variety. It does not take up much room in the ground, it bears well, and the fruits are a nice size, just enough for a meal for a small family. The flavor is delicate and delicious.

The varieties of watermelons most suitable for the amateur, especially around Melbourne, are black Spanish, Hungarian honey, which is small, and early Russian.

Sure croppers of rock melons are rocky ford and early hackensack, both green-fleshed varieties.

With cucumbers, it is certainly worth while including a few of the apple-shaped variety. It comes on very quickly and is most prolific. It is very tender and sweet, and much more digestible than the ordinary sorts. The essentials for good cucumber growing are heat, moisture and ample manure.

Recommendable marrows to sow are long white or green bush in metropolitan area, and long white or green trailing in country districts.

Other Sowings.

Make large sowings of beans, including the runner varieties, the best of which are epicure and empire. The sowing of scarlet runners should not be commenced until the end of next month.

Hanson lettuce is a most satisfactory variety for present sowing, as it stands the heat well.

A sowing may be made of early all-head cabbage, and towards the end of the month make a first sowing of celery.

Spring onions, also white pearl onions for bulbs for pickling, leeks, spinach, and dwarf varieties of peas can also be sown largely now.

Tomato Plants.

When planting out, see that the young tomato plants are stocky and sturdy. They should be planted firmly, and tread the soil well around each plant. Although it is not advisable to make the ground too rich before planting, tomatoes can stand a lot of feeding after the first fruits are set and are about half-grown. At intervals of two weeks sprinkle just a pinch of sulphate of ammonia or nitrate of soda around each plant, touching it into the soil (which should be moist) by the merest surface stirring with the hoe, then followed by water.

Assisting Top-growth on Vegetables.

Many of the vegetable crops can be materially assisted by the application of quick acting plant foods during the growing season.

Such crops as cabbage, cauliflower, onions, melons, cucumbers, etc., are greatly benefited by small dressings of sulphate of ammonia or nitrate of soda, applied at intervals of two weeks. It is best applied in quite small quantities, just the merest sprinkling along the sides of the plants, but not touching the stems as the pure crystals are liable to scald them.

Previous to applying, the larger lumps should be crushed and made fine, as this will allow for a more even distribution of the fertiliser.

It will act immediately if applied during showery weather, as it dissolves quickly, the rain carrying it in liquid form to the feeding roots.

When given while the soil is comparatively dry, it should be touched into the surface with the hoe, but moisture is necessary to make it quickly available.—"Garden Lover."

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 21.

Present.—Crs. Coate, (president) Phillips, Daley Bryant, Hannah, (Mrs.) Ibbot, Service, Pitcher, Clinton, Leach, Santon, Jessop.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Alphington Progress Association, stating that association was supporting an extension of Mr. Pritchard's bus route from Grange road to Bennett street, via Separation street.—Approved, and suggest further application be made to Bus Advisory Board by Mr. Pritchard.

City of Kew, acknowleding suggestion that the road approaches to the Outer Circle Bridge be named Chandler Highway, and asking if council is in agreement with the bridge being called Chandler Bridge.—Council not in favor of Chandler Bridge.

J. Graham, acting secretary, Alphintgon Footballers' Cricket Club, stating they are unable to form a team and will not require use of ground in Pitcher's Park.—Letter to be sent to Alphair Harmony Cricket Club giving them the use of ground should they desire it under usual conditions.

E. Carrick, asking that a refund of £2/19/3 be made for connecting gas to property, Hall street, Alphington.—Referred to Gasworks Committee.

Yarra Bend National Park Committee, forwarding dates fixed for Sunday Band Recitals by various bands during coming summer.—Advise Heidelberg Band of dates set apart and ask if they are acceptable.

Alphington Progress Association asking for bi-weekly garbage collection.—To be informed that funds are not available for more than weekly service.

Same asking council to improve condition of the road between Grange road and Fulham road running parallel to the railway line.—To be considered later.

H. Coombe asking for crossing to be constructed in front of his premises.—Work to be done.

Application for ashes to be spread on footpath in front of property, 76 Heidelberg road Fairfield—Approved

Secretary of Public Works Dept. forwarding an account received from the Railway Department for the removal of railway material from the Fairfield Bridge and approaches.—Secretary to write to the Railway Department re this account.

City of Camberwell and City of Kew re the lighting of approaches of the Outer Circle Bridge. —To be considered by the Public Works Committee after reply has been received from the Railway Department about account for removal of material.

A. E. Sayce asking council to consider the installation of a seat near the bus stop at the corner of Station street and Heidelberg road Fairfield.—Engineer to inspect and report.

George Hodgson re his lease of Alphington Park for grazing purposes.—Secretary to reply.

C. B. Irvine re renewal of lease for grazing rights at Chelsworth Park. Tenders to be called.

A. S. Ardley applying for permission to sell confectionery at the Fairfield Park gates on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and also on holidays.—Permission not to be granted as it would interfere with the sale rights of boat house lessee.

J. I. Crane applying for permission to erect a galvanised iron garage at 258 Heidelberg road, Alphington, in a brick area, where he has already an outbuilding up to the limit permitted under the by-law, though area of allotment provides ample space.—Permission to be granted.

Hon. Secretary Alphington Progress Association, drawing attention to the vandalism in the Alphington Park.—To be asked to nominate honorary inspectors.

Secretary Alphington Cricket Club, protesting against proposal to allow a mid-week club to occupy the pavilion.—Separate lockers to be provided for each club's materials.

Secretary Alphington Swimming Club asking permission to run kiosk at the Basin, and expressing their willingness to bring it into conformity with the Health Act, and also to refrain from Sunday trading.—Agreed to; to be reviewed annually.

GENERAL.

Cr. Bryant moved and Cr. Hannah seconded that £20 a month be granted to shire relief for six months. Three lower ridings to receive 30 per cent. and Greensborough 10 per cent.

Cr. Pitcher said that as it was decided at last meeting not to contribute anything, it was necessary to have a notice of motion rescinding the previous motion.—Agreed to, the notice of motion was given by Cr. Bryant.

I was decided to grant £25 to the Heidelberg Municipal Brass Band for the coming year.

Requisitions were received from Fairfield and Heidelberg ridings for striking of extra rates of 3d., also from Greensborough riding for striking an extra rate of 6d. (River avenue)

The following tenders were accepted.—Fairfield (horse and dray) T. Hogan, 16/8 per day; Ivanhoe (horse and dray) E. Blackburn 19/- per day; Heidelberg (motor truck) D. Sullivan, £1/10/-; Greensborough (sanitary) W. C. Lierse 19/6 per pan; Carting to Macleod, T. James 1/8; Greensborough (cartage)) J. Godber, 19/-; Heidelberg (cartage), D. Sullivan, 17/-; Painting MacLeod Pavilion, J. N. Nuttall, £5.

Cr. Bryant said a meeting had been held with reference to salaries reductions, but nothing definite can be done until after the Munnicipal Conference and Employees' Association meet.

Tenders are to be called for cartage of metal from quarry for two years (with and without a load limit) supply of sand for concrete, and garbage collection at Fairfield.

A motion by Cr. Hannah that the council's distilled tar be used for footpaths in place of bitumen was lost by seven to four on the ground that experts favor bitumen for prolonging the life of the footpaths.

On Cr. Pitcher's motion it was decided that purchases for new works must be referred to the Public Works Committee, and that two members of a riding must not give instructions to the engineer without consulting the third member.

On the motion of Cr. Ibbott it was decided to write to the Railways Department for improvements to the Darebin station.

The Gasworks report said there are 4,449 consumers; total for the month, 27. Receipts for the month, £3,935/7/8, and disbursements, £2467/3/6. Four prices were received for pulling down and re-erecting No. 4 bed of retorts, and T. Cracker's tender for £76 is recommended for acceptance.

The Electric Light Committee reported there are 5,959 consumers; total for the month, 8. Street lights 753. Receipts for the month, £4,188/3/9, and Disbursements, £2,416/1/. Street lights, corner of Jellicoe street and Iffley road, Carfax road, cnr. Banksia street and Magnolia road, cnr. Ford and Donaldson streets. The State Electricity Commission has advised the council in response to its enquiry regarding the abolition of meter rents that it does not approve of such a course as it will only serve to prolong the flat rate tariff which it is anxious to supersede by the two part tariff. Cr. Phillips objected to meter rents being continued.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

It was recommended that J. T. Good's premises off Yarana road North Alphington, be registered as a factory, provided no outside labor is employed. (wood turning)

That A. E. Clarke's premises 63 Wingrove street, Fairfield be registered as a factory, for the manufacture of boots.

That the erection of a swimming pavilion in the Fairfield Park in accordance with the plan submitted, be deferred for twelve months.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

In addition to the usual sweeping and cleansing of channels the following work has been done.—

Road maintenance repairs have been made in Fulham road south, Grange road south of railway line, Station street, Heidelberg road and Railway avenue between Yarana road and Yarra street.

Footpath maintenance has been carried out in Rushall street, Darling street, Mercil road, Naroon road, Plimsoll grove, Hall street Arthur street, Gillies street, Toolangi road, Kelvin road and Railway place south, on the south side between Station and Rathmines street and on the north side between Station street and Railway Station approach.

At Fairfield Park, excavation 70ft. x16ft. x 6ins. has been made and turf cricket pitch laid and sown. Gravel for cricket pitches has been supplied at Fairfield park and north Alphington Park.

Swimming Pool at Fairfield Park has had two coats of paint applied to walls of pool and backs of steps.

Men employed on relief work have trimmed up side tables and nature strips in Edwards street, Jeffrey street, Broomfield avenue, Hanslope avenue, Tuckett street, Palm street, east of Perry street, Clive street, and r.o.w. from Clive street to Lowther street.

Noxious weeds have been cut in Palm street, Rathmines street and Gillies street north of Separation street and McGregor street. Side tables and footpaths have been cleaned up in Yarana road, Kelvin road, Naroon road, Toolangi road and Parklands road.

Alphington.—Road maintenance repairs have been carried out in Yarra street between Heidelberg road and railway gates, repairs to footpaths have been made in Lucerne crescent between Old Heidelberg road and Constance street both sides.

Channels have been grassed in St. Bernard's road, Chamouni street, Constance street and Riverview grove.

THE A.N.A.

The annual rose show of the Preston South branch A.N.A. will be held on November 6, in the Rechabite Hall. Cash prizes are to be given for the following—Rose, three roses (dis.), bunch roses, 7 to 10 stems (at least three varieties), bunch flowers, mixed or distinct (roses excluded). There is also a competition for school children for special prizes. Members and their friends are invited to stage exhibits. After the show is over, all the flowers are to be given to local hospitals. On the same evening nominations of officers will be taken.

PRESTON BRANCH.

The Preston branch held its usual fortnightly meeting on 11th inst., the president (Mr. W. J. Ross) in the chair, who received a warm welcome after his illness. One new member was elected and two proposed. There was a good attendance and some keen debates took place. Messrs. J. Kerwood and E. Bennett reported on the metropolitan committee, and stated that the way the young members debated the Greater Melbourne Scheme was a credit to them, and points out that the A.N.A. has not lost its punch. Mr. F. Aitken reported on the Preston dispensary, and traced its history from when in 1921 it opened its doors with 434 members. Now it has over 3000. He also reported on the unveiling of the ex-president's honor board, which Mr. R. Douglass as president of the dispensary performed. Member J. Meehan again took up the discussion on the way the English language is spoken and printed, and moved the following motion—"That this branch forward its emphatic protest to the Board of Directors and urge them to take action against the publication of ungrammatical and misspelt articles, as it would lead outsiders to think that our standard of education was lamentably low, and that the intelligence of the country dweller was remarkably weak." This motion was seconded by Mr. F. Aitken, and was discussed at some length. Mr. H. Mills moved that the question stand over till next meeting and be made an order of the day, which was carried.

Next meeting November 5. Nomination of officers for ensuing six months.

RE-NAMING PRESTON STREETS

Mrs. Edna Harris and 49 others, of Oakover road and Whitwell St., wrote to Preston Council on Monday asking that Oakover road, from High St. to Whitwell St., be changed to Whitwell St., and Oakover road from Bell to Miller Sts., remain Oakover road. This would obviate a change of addresses in two streets.

Cr. Hemburrow said a number of people were interested, and on his motion the matter was referred to the committee of the council.

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II.

That noon, watching the empty chair where the laughing twinkling-eyed Tommy Larkin usually sat at dinner, Miss Nancy listened to the sound of steady, never-ending steps overhead. Doctor Flaven received no inquiries concerning his inevitable cabbage; the telephone, with its every-day claimants for the ear of Byron Williams, jangled without answer. Miss Nancy was unknowing of all save that the letter of the morning must have come from Manchester, and that the news of Tommy's business in London had been received as too many such messages are received. After the boarders had gone she filled a large tray with the tenderest and sweetest bits of the table's delicacies, and, tiptoeing up the long, creaky stairs, placed it outside Mr. Larkin's door; then, knocking gently, she crept silently away. She tiptoed up again in the evening time, and when she returned to the kitchen Phœbe noticed a strange expression on her face, an expression of more age and of a strange, silent sorrow.

There was no need for a tray the next morning, for Tommy was at breakfast, a smile on his face, artificial, but struggling and manful. He even laughed in a choked little way at some of the age-worn jokes of Doctor Flaven, but Miss Nancy did not need to search beneath the veneer at all. Three times in the night she had risen in the hope that perhaps he had merely forgotten to turn out the light before he went to sleep; but the steady, pacing footfalls had told her that he was still awake, still grieving, still suffering. Deserting her usual place in the dining-room, she took her stand by the old screen door that she might not miss him when he left the table. As he came to her she saw that his face was drawn, that there was a pinched expression about his lips which she had never seen there before She started to speak, but was checked by the interrupting voice of Tommy.

"I think I'll go out in the woods to-day. Terry says he's going to let me have that run-about of his. I'll——"

"It isn't the woods you're needing," Miss Nancy was suddenly commanding. "It's——"

"Not the woods?" Young Mr. Larkin's laugh was almost the genuine one of the past. "And me under the doctor's orders to breathe deep every fifteen minutes, and say 'Oh, joy!' like that? Why, that's just what I need."

Miss Nancy's jaws snapped. "Not on a cold, drizzly day like this; and you running round in a motor car that you don't know nothing about."

"Right-o; but I'm going just the same. Doctor's orders, you know." And the door closed behind him.

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Miss Nancy remained silent in the hall, staring out until Percy Wrightman, bumping against her in his efforts to reach the door, brought her thoughts back to the dining-room and the ten remaining seekers of food. After breakfast she walked slowly to the window. What for she did not know. Long she remained there, now staring ahead, now looking far down the street to where the rough paving ended and the dark surface of a country road, fast blackening in the muddying drizzle, began.

Once or twice Phœbe came from the kitchen and stood beside her, her arms akimbo, while she asked some question about the morning's work. Miss Nancy answered without turning. But at last she whirled and left her chair to hurry towards the jangling telephone. A strange fear was in her heart.

"This is Doctor Foster, Miss Nancy," came the voice over the wire. "Get ready Mr. Larkin's bed for him, will you? I've got him under an anæsthetic down here at the surgery now. The car turned over and——"

The rest was jumbled and lost. There came a click at the other end of the wire, and Miss Nancy, leaving the receiver dangling, turned towards the kitchen.

"Give me some dry firewood," she ordered; and Phœbe started at the strange crispness of her voice. "That grate cleaned out in Mr. Larkin's room?"

"Yessum," Phœbe answered as she hurried to obey the command. "'Tis gittin' cold, ain't it?"

"Mr Larkin's hurt," broke in the strange, crisp voice again. "Hurry up with that coal."

A minute later, Miss Nancy, bending over the fireplace in Tommy Larkin's big room allowed her coal to fall clattering to the floor and her hands to stretch forward. Near the blackened ashes of what had once been a letter lay the torn pieces of a picture, a picture of a girl—charred a bit at the edges, but still intact. With a quick motion she gathered up the four torn pieces and pushed them into the pocket of her apron. Then she turned to the making of the fire, to kneel there until the flames had sprung into heat-giving power; to hasten to the turning down of the bed, then to stand with a grim-faced regard as a bandaged form was carried into the room and placed upon the bed. She turned her eyes to the doctor. He seemed to understand.

"Don't think it's dangerous—unless there are internal injuries. I looked him over pretty carefully. He's got some broken bones, but I think that's all. Young fool was going forty miles an hour on a muddy road; he might have known he'd turn over."

He stopped suddenly at the snapping sound of Miss Nancy's voice. "I don't suppose he turned over because he wanted to. That's the way with you, doctor, always laying down the law about something or other. I didn't notice you calling yourself names when you turned over about a year ago. How long before he'll come round?"

"Pretty soon. I'll stay here till then."

Miss Nancy turned for one more look at the blazing fire. Then she left the room.

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A minute later, when the chromos glared and the mottoes seemed to speak in the loudness of their colors, a huddled form bent over in the old rocking chair as Miss Nancy Stokes took the four pieces of the torn photograph from her apron pocket, and, smoothing her lap, began placing them in their respective positions. Soon the complete photograph lay in place, and the laughing face of a girl looked up into hers.

Miss Nancy bent to look closer at the straying hair which, even in the photograph showed soft and wavy, and her eyes narrowed a bit. "Isn't she sweet?" she said softly. "But she's spoiled, that's it, spoiled.

Miss Nancy pressed the torn edges together so that not a chance of identity might be lost, and her head was bent lower than ever as she studied the features. Her lips grew firmer then grim. Then with a sudden motion she straightened up and looked into the far-away.

"Just like her," she mused at last, "just exactly like her—except for the eyes, and they're her father's"

She gathered the pieces of the photograph once more into her apron pocket and reached for the old scrap-book. Hurriedly she turned the pages until one fell heavily downward and daguerreotypes, held in their place by bits of pasted ribbons, stood revealed in their faded violet coloring. Again the photograph was brought out, pieced together and compared. Miss Nancy nodded.

"Just like her," she said again; and there came an expression of sympathy and longing into her face.

Her hands trembled a bit as she closed the old book and returned it to its place in the cabinet. And, as she turned once more to look at the dark view of the sodden, drizzled road in the distance, there was again that something on her cheek which old Phœbe had once seen; there was a quiver about her lips and her hands were pressed together.

"I wish I knew she murmured; "I wish I——"

The sound of a voice roused her. It was someone calling, someone whose tones were wild, yet weak. Miss Nancy rose sharply. A moment more and she was bending over the bed, while Doctor Foster eyed professionally the uneasy, talking, bandaged figure before him. At first the words were jumbled. Then suddenly Miss Nancy started. There had come a name—and an expression of surety had sprung into the elderly woman's eyes.

She hurried out. Once more in her room she dragged an old valise from the closet and placed within it the scanty necessities for a journey.

(To be Continued)

Croxton Methodist Tennis Social.

On October 25 the Croxton Methodist Tennis Club held a social in the school hall, to commemorate the completion of the new tennis court. Pastor Perkins, who presided, stated that the whole of the work (excepting the asphalting) was done by Mr. Smith (president), Mr. Brown (vice-president), Mr. Whittaker (vice-president), Mr. Warner (secretary) and Mr. Ripper (treasurer), who toiled laboriously every Saturday afternoon for months. A notable feature of the working bee was the kindness and interest shown by Mrs. Smith (wife of the president), who every Saturday brought along afternoon tea, for which she received very great appreciation. During the evening various items were rendered, and at the conclusion supper was served, which terminated a very happy social evening.

TENNIS.

COOMA CLUB.

Both teams on Saturday completed the postponed matches of 11th inst. and emerged victorious. The No. 1 visited St. Andrews at Clifton Hill and, after losing the first set 8—9, ran out the victors by 29 games, having lost only the one set. Two new players in Miss M. Stevenson and Mr. G. Crawley performed splendidly, Miss M. Stevenson winning 6—1, 6—2, 9—2, and G. Crawley 9—5, 9—6, 9—2.

No. 2 team continued their game against Baptists 2, and although two sets and 4 games down at the commencement ran through the Baptists without further loss of sets, winning by 18 games. Again the ladies were in excellent touch, winning their sets 6—1, 6—3, 6—2. Cooma No. 2 is fortunate in possessing a quartette of such consistent ladies as the Misses K. Hollowood, N. Lewis, P. Lewis and N. Tuppen. So far these players have not experienced defeat either in the ladies' or the mixed doubles—really a wonderfully meritorious performance. Scores:—

Cooma No. 1 v St. Andrews.

C. Burgess and I. Jackson lost to F. Bell and C. Nobbs 8—9.

C. Burgess and G. Crawley d E. Anderson and C. Nobbs 9—6

G. Jackson and G. Crawley d E. Anderson and F. Bell 9—5.

T. Jenyns and N. Capper d R. Simmonds and E. Phillips 6—3.

T. Jenyns and M. Stevenson d R. Simmonds and A. Blank 6—1.

N. Capper and M. Stevenson d E. Phillips and A. Blank 6—2.

T. Jenyns and G. Jackson d R. Simmonds and F. Bell 9—6.

N. Capper and C. Burgess d E. Phillips and C. Nobbs 9—8.

M. Stevenson and G. Crawley d A. Blank and E. Anderson 9—2.

Total—Cooma, 8 sets 71 games; St. Andrews, 1 set 42 games.

Cooma 2 v Baptists 2.

R. Miller and E. Jones lost to A. Wilde and L. Burton 6—9.

R. Miller and R. Jackson lost to A. Wilde and A. Blackwell 4—9.

E. Jones and R. Jackson d L. Burton and A. Blackwell 9—2.

K. Hollowood and P. Lewis d L. Williams and F. Collett 6—2.

K. Hollowood and N. Tuppen d L. Williams and G. Edwardes 6—0.

P. Lewis and N. Tuppen d F. Collett and G. Edwardes 6—4.

K. Hollowood and R. Miller d L. Williams and L. Burton 9—8.

N. Tuppen and E. Jones d F. Collett and A. Wilde 9—6.

P. Lewis and R. Jackson d G. Edwardes and A. Blackwell 9—6.

Total—Cooma, 7 sets 64 games; Baptists, 2 sets 46 games.

Teams selected for Saturday, November 1, are:—

Cooma 1—Messrs. C. Burgess, G. Jackson, D. Sykes, Misses T. Jenyn, N. Capper, M. Stevenson. Cooma No. 2—Messrs. A. Schier, E. Jones, R. Jackson, Misses K. Hollowood, N. Lewis, P. Lewis.

PRESTON ASSOCIATION.

Match results 18/10/30:—

A. Grade.—Hill 69 d Oakover 42; All Saints 63 d East Preston 49; Cranross 57 d Rothsay 49.

B Grade.—Oakover 61 d Murray 37; East Preston 66 d Danella 41; Reservoir 72 d Regent Baptists 21; Cranross 65 d Sth. Preston Methodists 37; Regent Methodists 58 d All Saints 53.

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Desired New Police Station

In replying to a request by the Northcote council for adequate police protection in the West Ward, Mr. J. Cain M.L.A. has advised that the secretary is obtaining a report.

Cr. Turner said that on a previous occasion, General Blamcy inspected the ward and said there was no doubt that a new police station was needed. Later, however, his opinion somersaulted and he said the station was not needed. This was a shameful change of front. Cr. Turner urged Mr. Cain, who was present at the meeting, to use his best endeavours to secure the utility desired.

Cr. Hayes said that the establishment of a new police station would help to check the vandalism that has been so rife in the area mentioned.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—Have you all forgotten about the Word Building Competition? I have very few entries in so far, so we have decided to extend it for another week so that your entries will arrive in time. Don't forget, Cobbers, and send yours along as soon as possible. There is a new girl Cobber this week, so Fluffy is very happy, even though the days have not been as nice as usual. On Tuesday the Pets wanted to go to the mayoress' reception, but, of course, they couldn't, so they decided to have a private one of their own, with Fluffy as hostess. Cook made some jellies, cakes, biscuits and scones, and served them with tea, so they had a royal time in the playroom entertaining ten dolls and three teddy bears. Torty poured out the tea while Fluffy and Jacko gave the programme, and there were some rather decent items on it. Of course, Fluffy sang, and her voice is rather sweet, so an encore was demanded. Jacko mystified everyone with several conjuring tricks, and then some acrobatics followed, in which both took part. Then the Pets discovered we were present and promptly turned us out. However, judging from the laughter they had a happy time, and none of them wanted any tea. Remember the Word Competition and the Trias. The Pets join in sending heaps of love,

UNCLE PHIL.

NEW COMPETITION

WORD BUILDING

as many words as you can from the ENGAGE," using only the letters which in the word. Send your entries in by er 7, and the prize-winner will be an- on November 14.

BIRTHDAYS

he Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets he heartiest and happiest of Birthday gs to Edna Southam, Jack Powell and Mahony (Oct. 31), Annie Gilbert (Nov. nley Pike (Nov. 2), Daphne King (Nov. n Shiels, Daphne Elms and Ron Stone), Phyllis Murray (Nov. 5) and Harry n (Nov. 6).

OUR MAIL BAG

Rodakis.—Welcome to the Cobbers' rthday Clubs, Marie. We hope to have ntributions from you soon. Will you a snap of yourself for our Cobbers' The Pets send love and greetings.

TRIA COMPETITION

s are a class of their own, and constitute a prize. Trias can- included in your ordinary 100 Each entry must be marked e top "Tria Entry," so I will they are for this competition. bjects chosen give a wide range gs of interest—holidays, sports, g, motoring, about the beach ntry, anything about hobbies, to play, about your gardens ings that can be made by Cob- The best each week will re- a special mark, a "tria," while er entries just get the ordinary When you have three "trias" he same as 100 marks, and a will be given for them. So, s, go ahead and send in your . If you are taking the work book, do not just copy it out. t over two or three times, and rite it out in your own words, your meaning clear. Start way now, and let me see who in the first prize—a boy or a Trias, if original, should be d "original" in one corner

THE KING OF BEASTS

the sun sets and night descends upon s of Africa many animals, great and at have been resting during the heat day rouse themselves and go forth in of food. They come in large numbers drinking places by the sides of rivers ls to quench their thirst And then ce of the night is broken by a loud at echoes from rock to rock, and o roll like thunder through the still to shake the very ground. It is the the lion, roused from his slumbers, everyone within hearing that the beasts is about to start his night One and all know the sound of his nd try to get away from it. As they lion, crouched close to the ground, to the patter of their feet, and learns ection they have taken. Then, quickly etly, he starts off in pursuit. Like a at he steals away into the darkness, sently another roar tells that he has is spring and probably captured some animal of the wilds that will satisfy ger until next mealtime.

Bessie Goldstein

FORTUNES OUT OF SOOT

once lived in a little village in a little chimney sweep boy. His was too poor to let him do anything very night he would come home and other would say, "You know, Cliff, ere is always a fortune in soot." The lied, "Yes, I know, mother, but it is easy matter.' Now in this village g lived. He had plenty of money lock- n a strongroom. Every night a bag of as stolen from the room. The king would give anything to the one who the thief. Now the king had a Lord ller, who was very cruel. Cliff, the eep, thought he would like to see if he nd the thief, so he went to the palace. rd Chancellor, when he heard, said, You find the thief!" The boy coolly d, "Yes, me." At this the cruel man the boy down the flight of stairs. here that the princess found him. He ken to the king, who was glad to re- im. The boy went to the strongroom inkled soot all over the floor. In the g they saw the result. Someone's foot- ed to the wall. Following, they finger- wall, and a door flew open, and they own a narrow passage and saw a dim They crept along and saw the cruel lor counting the stolen gold. The king Cliff what he wanted as a reward, but r answered. Anyhow, the princess did. princess and Cliff were married. ER)

Jean Wallace.

A NIGHT AT THE PICTURES

Thursday night my great aunt and cou- nt with mother and me to the State Theatre. We saw "Ladies of Lei- "Splinters" and "Not So Quiet on the Front." Then the State stage band the Stars," with Mr. Hamilton Web- tage band, State beauty ballet, and Mr. eaton and Edna Pritchard singing and . And they were very good, also we Mr. Arnold Colman at the Wurlitzer in Cameo. It was a stage presenta- Love in Spain." Micky Mouse cartoon, Fireman," was so funny we just laughed and laughed. They have a fine orchestra, and the theatre itself is wonderful, with the beautiful decorations and statues. We had an enjoyable evening. We took auntie and Dorothy to the station, and then ran to catch our tram home.

(GOOD) Lily Craig

MY SISTER

Of an evening when mother gets my little sister ready for bed she says "Vatch!" and she tosses head over heels on the dining-room mat. Then she goes marching round with her arms level with the back of her head. She starts counting up to ten till mother says, "Mary must go to bed," then again she tosses over. She is a funny little being.

(GOOD) Tommy Craig

SELFISH NORA

"Let's all go down to the garden and have a swing," said Joyce, as she and all her friends were trooping home from school one afternoon. "Well, I'm going first, anyway, and I intend to stop on as long as I like," said Joyce's sister Nora. "Nora!" Joyce's voice was full of reproach. "You can't do that. That would be selfish and all the girls will go home." "Well, I don't care," said Nora. That night Nora had a dream. She dreamt it was Saturday night (her birthday party night), and all was ready for the visitors, but alas! no visitors came. Instead they sent cards bearing these words, "Selfish Nora." In despair she rushed outside and there the stars seemed to mock her, and the moon looked down and sneered at her. Poor Nora! How she hated it all. At last she could bear it no longer and she cried out, "Joyce! Joyce!" and then she awoke with a start. "Oh, Joyce, I've had a horrible dream," and she told her all about it. "I'll never be selfish again." And what is more, she never was, and her party turned out to be a great success.

(BETTER) Chrissie King.

A POSTMAN'S PALACE

You would naturally suppose that a postman, after he had done his day's work, would be too tired to do anything else. But somewhere in France there is a wonderful postman named Ferdinand Chevel, who has a hobby for building. He has actually built a palace. It took him 34 years to build it. He did every bit of work himself, and we might think it rather a jumble, for almost every style of architecture is represented. Among other curiosities is a Swiss chalet, made entirely of small sea shells. What a very energetic person this French postman must be!

(GOOD) A. Anthonsen

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE CITY OF AIR

In the City of Air there's a blacksmith there,
His bellows the four winds blow;
When the reservoir leaks, as it does for weeks,
Then it's raining on earth below.
By the butchers, I'm told, are meteors sold,
There are planets for plants, they say;
And that City of Air has a milkman there,
Whose round is the Milky Way.
The jeweller sings making Saturn's rings,
While the stars are the lamps by night;
Then the fine-spun trails of the comet's tail
Are the stories the authors write.
With snow cotton wool are the big shops full,
You can buy it with sunset gold;
Then the fleecy clouds form into blankets warm
For the sky when it's blue with cold.

(GOOD) Richard Tweeney

SWIMMING TOYS

I wonder if you take some of those celluloid ducks and fishes with you when you go to have your bath? If you do, it is quite easy to make them swim about by themselves. Ask daddy to glue a little piece of camphor to each one. Then when you put your toys in the bath you will find they will move along by themselves.

(GOOD) Alec Murphy

A CHRISTMAS BOX

A nice Christmas present to send to a friend in England is very easily made. Buy a nature study book for threepence and one penny book of blotting paper. Gather as many different kinds of wild flowers as you can, and after pressing them in the blotting paper paste them on the blank pages of the book and write about each one on the opposite page. Paste a picture of Santa Claus, with some sprigs of holly, in the corners of the cover, and you have a very nice Christmas gift for your friend.

(GOOD) Dorothy Harris

MY HOLIDAY

Last week I told you about my trip, so this week I will tell you of what I saw. My uncle is a baker, and has a round up at Koondrock. He also has a shop at Koondrook and Barham. At one of the places there were two kangaroos, and they drink out of a bottle. The lady picked one up and let us pat him. The sheep let me pat them. Their wool is like silk. My uncle goes 15 miles a day, and the road is very rough.

(GOOD) Bert Moylan

A WEDDING IN BIRDLAND

The Bride.—Polly Parrot.
The Bridegroom. Jack Daw.
The Best Man. Albert Ross (albatross).
The Chief Bridesmaid.—Jenny Wren.
The Parson.—The Cardinal.

What did everyone do at the wedding breakfast?—Swallow.

What did the bridegroom call the bride?—Duck.

What did the bride call the bridegroom? Goose.

Who did the bride's hair? The Curlew.

What failed when the motor broke down?—Petrel.

Where did the happy pair spend their honeymoon? Turkey.

Who put their luggage on the ship? Crane.

What were they ever after? Love birds.

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas

THE WRONG END

Two Irishmen were crossing a bog when one of them fell in. His companion, running to the nearest farmhouse, asked for the loan of a spade. "What do you want it for?" asked the farmer. "Shure, Mike is stuck in the bog, and I want to dig him out," was the answer. "How far is he sunk?" questioned the farmer. "Up to the ankles." "Begorra, then he can easily walk out." "Begorra, he can't!" exclaimed Pat, "he's in the wrong end up."

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy

COCOANUT ICE

Two cups sugar, ¼ cup milk, ½ cup desiccated cocoanut, 1 teaspoon gelatine. Boil the sugar and milk together for 15 minutes, then add the gelatine, and when dissolved allow to cool. Whisk until the mixture is white and thick, and then add the cocoanut and whisk again. Color half pink and pour into a greased tin, then pour on the remaining white half and allow to become firm before turning out.

(GOOD) Eileen Harris

STORYETTES

Very Unlucky.—"You are a very bad boy, Tony," said his father. "Just look how good Teddy Green is. Wouldn't you like to be like him?" "Oh, no, father!" cried Tony. "His birthday comes on Christmas Day, and he only gets one lot of presents."

(GOOD) N. Maidstone.

Safety First.—"Is the train ever on time?" exclaimed the passenger angrily. "Well, sir, we don't worry about it being on time," replied the porter, "so long as it is on the track!"

(GOOD) Willie Birmingham

Injured Pride.—Old Lady: "Are you lost?" Small Boy (in tears): "No, but I've found a street I don't know."

(GOOD) Winnie Birmingham

Charlie: "You look tired, mother." Mother: "So tired that I cannot move a hand." Charlie: "Then I want to tell you that I've eaten all the raspberry jam."

(GOOD) Joyce Membrey

One day a teacher gave her class a lesson on America, and after the lesson she asked all those to put up their hands who would like to go to America. All the children put up their hands except one little boy. "And why don't you want to go, Willie?" asked the teacher. "Please, miss, my mother said I must hurry home from school," said Willie.

(GOOD) Graham Harris

Teacher: "What is wasted energy?" Boy: "Telling hair-raising stories to a bald-headed man."

(GOOD) Alan Gray.

Poor Chap.—Bertie: That poor sailor over there is nearly always on the rocks!" Maisie: "How dreadful! How is that?" Bertie: "Well, he is the lighthouse keeper!"

(GOOD) Roy Murphy

Kind Man: "What's the matter, little boy? Are you lost?" Little Boy: "No, I am not lost: I'm here. But, kind man, I would like to know where Pa and Ma have wandered off to."

(GOOD) Jean Grenfell

Sporting.—Dear Old Lady: "Will you two boys stop fighting and make friends if I give you sixpence each?" The Boys (together): "Make it a couple of bob for the winner, mum!"

(GOOD) Clyde Birmingham

Mother (sobbing): "Oh, little Jimmy has swallowed one of your marbles. Run for the doctor, Frank.' Frank: "It doesn't matter I've plenty more."

(GOOD) Dorothy King.

Unbelieving.—"The fish was so big," lied the angler, "that the others would not let me haul it into the boat for fear it should swamp us." "The same thing happened to me once," said his friend, "in the Mauretania."

(GOOD) Roy Hubble.

Jim: "My father can lift up one hundredweight." Eddie: "That's nothing! My father can lift up about twenty people at once." Jim: "I don't believe you. What does you father do?" Eddie: "He's a lift driver."

(GOOD) Wilma Kruger.

Mother: "Listen, Bobby, this rich cake is very unhealthy, and I ——" Bobby: "Well, mother, suppose we put it out of its misery."

(GOOD) Frank Power.

Judge: "How can you have hit the plaintiff like this?" Prisoner: "Come below and I'll show you."

(GOOD) Myra Whipp

Tommy: "What are the names of the two fish you walk on?" Jimmy: "I give in." Tommy: "Soles and (h)eels."

(GOOD) A. Love.

Sandy was doing his homework, and his father was watching him. On writing the word "Italy" Sandy, of course, put a capital I. His father got very angry on seeing this. "You wasteful boy," he said, "you should put a small I, as a capital letter takes up too much ink."

(GOOD) Inez Williamson

First Scout: "Have you heard the story of the two stags?" Second Scout: "No." First Scout: "Dear, dear!" Second Scout: "But have you heard the story of the two deep holes?' First Scout: "No." Second Scout: "Well, well!"

(GOOD) Enid Love

The teacher asked little Ruth what her father's name was. "Daddy," she answered. "Yes, dear," said the teacher, "but what does your mother call him?" "She don't call him nothin'," Ruth answered earnestly, "she likes him."

(GOOD) Leslie Craig

Room for More.—Englishman: "Look at that big building there. It's got five hundred rooms in it." American: "That's nothing. We've got thousands of buildings like that in the States. That would be too small for us." Englishman: "Yes, I thought so. That's a lunatic asylum."

(GOOD) Edward Grenfell

American: "Why, I was once at a boat race and it was such a close thing that the winning boat only won by the thickness of the paint on its bows." Englishman: "Well, I myself was once at a horse race, and just before the finish a wasp stung the favorite on the nose, and he won by the swelling."

(GOOD) A. Sellers.

RIDDLES

Little Nan Etticote wears a white petticoat;
and a red nose:
The longer she stands the shorter she grows.
Answer: A candle alight.

(GOOD) Beatrice Toohey

Old Mother Twitchett had but one eye,
And a long tail which she let fly;
And every time she went over a gap
She left a bit of her tail in a trap.
A needle and thread.

(GOOD) Fred Gordon

Why should tailors' children be boiled?—Because their pa snips (parsnips).

(GOOD) Kevin Power

When is a clock dangerous? When it strikes one.

What is the difference between a policeman and an old coat? One is sworn in and the other is worn out.

What always weighs the same, whether large or small? A hole.

(GOOD) R. Goldstein

As I went through the garden gap
Who should I meet but Dick Redcap!
A stick in his hand, a stone in his throat—
If you tell me this riddle I'll give you a groat.
A cherry.

(GOOD) Leslie Gordon

Which are the three quickest ways to send a message? Telephone, telegram and tell a woman.

(GOOD) Theo Sweet

Two legs sat upon three legs,
With four legs standing by;
Four then were drawn by ten;
Read my riddle, ye can't
However much ye try.
Answer: A lady milking a cow.

(GOOD) George Gordon

COMPETITION CORNER

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31/10/30

Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week.

GREETING "SMITHY."

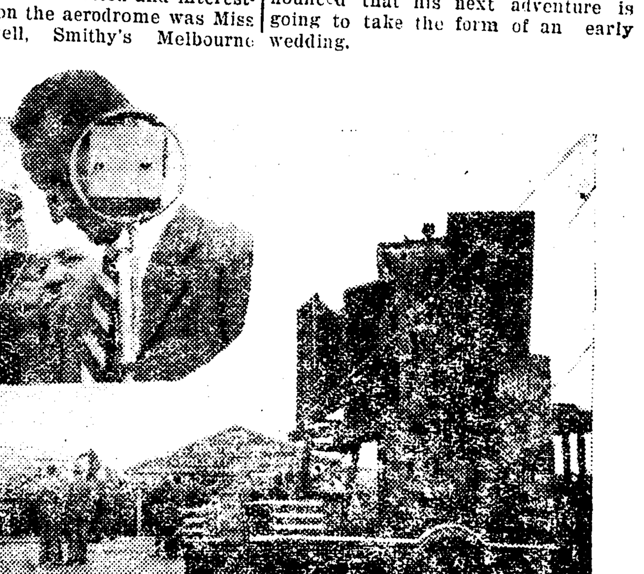
WONDERFUL WELCOME FOR AUSTRALIA'S SUPER BIRDMAN.

As was to be expected, Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith received a tumultuous welcome on arrival at Sydney, which he reached thirteen days after leaving Croydon Aerodrome, near London. Although the flier was not scheduled to arrive until 3.15, a crowd numbering over 20,000 had assembled at the aerodrome long before noon on the day of his arrival. Their long wait was brightened by musical items, and a descriptive commentary on what was going on all around from "Big Bill," the famous Philips Mobile Amplifier. Bill is equipped with microphones, a double turn-table electric gramaphone, and radio, so that he provides complete entertainment wherever he i installed. Altogether 16 planes left the Mascot Aerodrome to escort Smith in. They met him just over the Sydney harbor bridge and made an impressive showing as they flew in low formation over the city.

Not the least interested and interesting person on the aerodrome was Miss Mary Powell, Smithy's Melbourne fiancee. A charming little lady, Miss Powell was the first to greet "Chilla," as she has nicknamed him, when his green and silver plane alighted. The hugs which they exchanged were "held" in approved movie style while the camera men chased around in pursuit of pictures. Had there been no camera men there, however, the hugs would undoubtedly have been quite as prolonged and realistic.

Mr. Charlie Ulm, a co-director with Smith of Australian National Airways, was, of course, on the spot to meet him, although he had greeted him the previous night in Brisbane. Having a fleet of luxurious air liners, to say nothing of half a dozen or so smaller planes at his disposal, Mr. Ulm thinks nothing of a mere jaunt from Sydney to Melbourne or Brisbane.

Smithy proved to be as genial and unspoiled as ever. His merry grin and happy-go-lucky attitude rendered him if possible more popular than ever. After he had greeted his fiancee and his mother he listened, shy and embarrassed, to the speeches of welcome made to him through "Big Bill," and then modestly replied. He announced that his next adventure is going to take the form of an early wedding.



Smithy (in background) driving around Mascot Aerodrome. (Inset) Speaking to the crowds.

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

The fifth annual sports meeting was held on October 22 at Northcote oval, when the four "Houses" met to contest the championship pennant. Diamond, 97½ points, defeated Plenty 94½, Darebin 92 and Merri 68. Individual champions were—Senior, C. Bodycoat; intermediate, J. Cairns; junior, D. Day.

Abbreviations—Da : Darebin; Di : Diamond; M : Merri; P : Plenty.

Champion House—Diamond 1. Plenty 2, Dareb i3n.

Junior Championship.

75 yds.—Maxwell (Di), 1; Day (M), 2; Heck (Di), 3; Hosking (M), 4. 9 secs.

100 yds.—Maxwell (Di), 1; Day (M), 2; Ray (P), 3; Gill (Da), 4. 11 4-5 secs.

220 yds.—Maxwell (Di), 1; Day (M) 2; Hosking (M), 3; Heck (Di), 4. 28 2-5 secs.

High Jump—Day (M), 1; Roy (P), 2; Coillet (Da), 3; White (Da), 4. 4ft. 6in.

Long Jump—Day (M), 1; Kelley (Di), 2; Brendle (P), 3; Heck (Di), 4. 14ft. 5½in.

Flag Race—Darebin 1, Plenty 2, Merri 3, Diamond 4. 47 2-5th secs.

Intermediate Championship.

100 yds.—Cairns (Da), 1; Anderson (Da) and Frawley (Di), 2; D. Geddes (Da), 4. 11 secs.

22 yds.—Cairns (Da), 1; Frawley (Di), 2; D. Geddes (Di), 3; Gill (Da), 4. 25 2-5 secs.

440 yds.—Cairns (Da), 1; Frawley (Di), 2; Geddes (Di), 3; Peers (Da), 4. 58 4-5 secs.

Hurdles—Frawley (Di), 1; Cairns (Da), 2; Marshall (Da), 3; Duffy (Da), 4. 19 2-5 secs.

High Jump—Dougherty (Da), 1; Cairns (Da), 2; Frawley (Di), 3; Gleeson (M), 4. 4ft. 11in.

Long Jump—Cairns (Da), 1; Peers (Da), 2; Frawley (Di), 3; Geddes (Di), 4. 18ft. 3in.

Flag Race—Plenty 1, Diamond 2, Merri 3, Darebin 4. 42 secs.

Senior Championship.

11 yds.—Gugg (M), 1; G. Bodycoat (P), 2; C. Bodycoat (P), 3; Bold (Di), 4. 10 4-5 secs.

22 yds.—C. Bodycoat (P), 1; Grigg (M), 2; Bold (Di), 3; Geddes (Di), 4. 25 1-5 secs.

440 yds.—C. Bodycoat (P), 1; G. Bodycoat (P) and Dougherty (Da), 2; (Di), 4. 56 2-5 secs.

Hurdles—G. Bodycoat (P), 1; Cullen (P), 2; Whyte (Da), 3; Dougherty (Da), 4. 17 4-5 secs.

High Jump—C. Bodycoat (P), 1; G. Bodycoat (P) and Dougherty (Da), 2; Carns (Da), 4. 5ft. 1½in.

Long Jump—Cairns (Da), 1; Frawley (Di), 2; Bodycoat (P), 3; Leo (M), 4. 20 2-5 secs.

880 yds.—C. Bodycoat (P), 1; Bold (Di), 2; Whyte (Da), 3; Geddes (Di), 4. 2 min. 29 2-5 secs.

Flag Race—Plenty 1, Merri 2, Diamond 3, Darebin 4. 40 secs.

Total points Diamond, 97½ 1; Plenty, 94½, 2; Darebin, 92, 3; Merri 68, 4.

Junior Handicaps.

75 yds.—Allan (M), 1; Ray (P), 2; Heck (Di), 3. 8 4-5 secs.

100 yds.—Maxwell (Di), 1; Heck (Di), 2; Denton (Di), 3. 12 secs.

220 yds.—Denton (Di), 1; Maxwell (Di), 2; Telfer (M), 3. 28 4-5 secs.

Intermediate Handicaps.

100 yds.—Anderson (Da), 1; Gill (Da), 2; Dickson (M), 3. 11 2-5 secs.

220 yds.—Press (Di), 1; Dickson (M), 2; Miller (Da), 3. 27 secs.

440 yds.—Joyce (P), 1; Ord (P), 2; Dickson (M), 3. 60 1-5 secs.

Senior Handicaps.

100 yds.—Cohen (M), 1; Bold (Di), 2; C. Bodycoat (P), 3. 11 secs.

220 yds.—Holford (Da), 1; Cullen (P), 2; Sharkie (Da), 3. 26 2-5 secs.

440 yds.—Suggett (Da), 1; Cullen (P), 2; Halford (Da), 3. 58 secs.

880 yds.—Oke, 1; Bold, 2; Bodycoat 3.

Mile Walk—Day (M), 1; Oke (P), 2; Buchanan (P), 3; Price (P), 4.

Novelty Events.

Slow Bicycle Race—Junior—McAlpine, 1; White, 2. Senior—Stobie, 1; Holroyd, 2.

Siamese Race—Junior—Maher and Dyke. Senior—Stobie and Brooke.

Egg and Spoon Race—Junior—McAlpine, 1; Dyke, 2. Senior—Whittaker, 1; G. Lee, 2.

Sack Race—Junior—Denton, 1; Maher, 2. Senior—Stobie, 1; Miller, 2

NORTHCOTE BANKRUPTCIES.

William Thomas Baker, of Jackson street, Northcote, and Frank Carlton White, of Union street Northcote, trading as Northcote Motors, formerly trading as Merri Motors, High street, Northcote, motor garage proprietors. Causes of bankruptcy—Falling off in trade owing to general depression, and illness of W. T. Baker, who was unable to take any part in the conduct of the business. Liabilities, £1,273/18/; assets, £361 19/3; deficiency, £911 19/9. Neither partner shows any separte liabilities or assets apart from the partnership.

CRICKET

DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v COLLINGWOOD

In the presence of a large attendance, Baring won the toss, and, with Heron, commenced to bat on a perfect wicket. The opening bowlers were Stewart and Makin. The batting was rather dull at the start, and Baring, after being at the wickets for 13 minutes, snicked one of Stewart's fast deliveries and was caught at the wicket. The board read 1—6—14. Heron, in Makin's next over, was also caught behind by Bird, Collingwood's keeper, 2—10—16. Ellis was the next batsman, and was rather slow for a start, the next three overs only adding 3 runs. Ogden, who had been at the wicket for 16 minutes, opened his score with a nice 4 off Makin. Runs came slowly, and after being at the wicket for 34 minutes Ogden was easily caught by Cosgrave, 3—12—42. Dickens was the next batsman, but was cut first ball to Makin, 4—0—42. Vernon came in next to stop the rot, and 50 runs were scored in 61 minutes. Ellis now started to attack the bowling, and with a nice 6 off Oakman reached his 50 in 82 minutes, and a nice shot to leg next ball brought up his side's 100 in 104 minutes. Thirteen runs later Ellis was out l b w to Oakman. His score included seven 4's and a 6, and the partnership had added 71 runs. The board at the adjournment read: 5—63—118. Powell was the next batsman, but after a poor display was out l b w to Cosgrave, 6—4—128. Baggott filled the vacant crease, and a few overs later he lost Vernon, who had played a great knock for his side, having been at the wicket for 74 minutes, 7—29—131. When Morgan went in things did not look too bright, but he and Baggott gave the spectators some batting which they would like to see more often, and soon reached 150 in 141 minutes. The next 50 appeared on the board in 37 minutes, bringing up 200 runs in 181 minutes. Several bowling changes made no difference to the batsmen, who seemed to be well set until Baggott played over one from Stewart and his merry innings was brought to a close. The partnership added 103 in 50 minutes, and included in Baggott's score of 59 were seven 4's. Chivers joined Morgan, but after making 1 was clean bowled by Makin. Woods was the last man, and the innings closed shortly after, Morgan being caught in the slips by McMahon for a well-made 60, which included seven 4's. The total was 255.

Collingwood, with three minutes left to bat, opened with Makin and McMahon, but after four balls had been bowled an appeal against the light was successful.

The scores:—

NORTHCOTE

F. Baring, c Bird, b Stewart	6
G. Heron, c Bird, b Makin	10
G. Ogden, c Cosgrave, b Makin	12
A. Dickens, b Makin	0
P. Ellis, lbw, b Oakman	63
C. Powell, lbw, b Cosgrave	4
E. Vernon, c Bird, b Stewart	29
J. Baggott, b Stewart	59
P. Chivers, b Makin	1
C. Morgan, c McMahon, b Stewart	60
J. Woods, not out	5
Sundries	6
Total	255

Bowling.—Stewart, 4 for 39; Makin, 4 for 14; Naismith, 0 for 56; Oakman, 1 for 53; Cosgrave, 1 for 27; Monohan, 0 for 10.

SECOND ELEVENS.

NORTHCOTE v COLLINGWOOD

(By "Longun")

After their two brilliant victories Northcote met Collingwood on Saturday full of confidence. Northcote won the toss and batted, Warren and Millar opening to Vining and Ludlow. The Magpies gained an early success when Vining, in his second over, bowled Warren for 1, the first wicket falling for 2 runs. Garrett followed and turned the third ball to leg for 3, followed by a forcing stroke to the on for 4. With the score at 20 Lambert relieved Vining, who does not bowl as fast as he previously did. Garrett, hitting a no ball from Lambert for 4 brought up 30, and Millar reached double figures by forcing Ludlow to the on for 4. Newton relieved Ludlow, and 9 came from his first over, bringing the score to 50. Garrett reached the thirties with a pull to leg for 3 off Lambert, and Millar, driving the same bowler for 2, reached the twenties. Vining relieved Lambert at 79. Millar turned Ludlow for 3, but after adding 2 more he was clean bowled by Vining for a well-made 36—two for 94. I. Fleming partnered Garrett, who was giving a fine exhibition, and a smashing drive to the fence off Lambert brought up the century. Five minutes before the tea adjournment Garrett, in going for a big hit, was clean bowled for 68, after a splendid exhibition. The score was three for 132 at the adjournment. K. Fleming joined his brother, and both were content to play themselves in, meanwhile picking up a few runs. I. Fleming reached 30 by pulling Vining for 3, and K. Fleming, sweeping Newton for 4, ran to 20. Both batsmen began to force the pace, several smart singles being run. The brothers have a fine understanding between the wickets. K. Fleming brought up 200 by scoring 4 off Newton. The batting was enterprising and the score mounted steadily until 246 runs were on the board, when I. Fleming was run out for 75—a fine innings. The partnership put on 146. McSperrin came in next and immediately got busy. The score quickly mounted and at stumps stood at four for 297. K. Fleming played a fine spirited knock for 76 not out, and McSperrin hit up a breezy 22 not out. It was a splendid afternoon's batting and places Northcote in a strong position. Scores:—

NORTHCOTE

I. Millar, b Vining	36
S. Warren, b Vining	1
T. Garrett, b Vining	68
I. Fleming, run out	75
K. Fleming, not out	76
McSperrin, not out	22
Sundries	19
Four wickets for	297

CLUB ELEVENS

Brunswick, nine (closed) for 254 (Roy 33, Telfer 59, Kinnear 79, F. Anderson 48 n.o.), v Northcote.

PRESTON v BRUNSWICK

On Saturday Preston met Brunswick at Brunswick. Grant and Allison opened for Brunswick, and after making 109 Allison was caught by H. Mildren off G. Bott for 31. Philpott was struck by a rising ball and had to retire. McMahon and Grant took the score to 175 when the former, after making 21, gave Mildren another catch. Philpott returned but before he scored he snicked a ball from J. Clinnick into the hands of B. Brown, who held it. Spicer was the next to give Mildren a catch after making 1. Dowling, hitting hard and taking chances, ran to 40, when F. Rooney took a good catch on the boundary off H. Gordon. Grant and Gunson played out time, the score being five for 265. While treating the bowling with respect, Grant hit anything loose, and finished the day with a fine hand of 157 not out. The weakness of Preston's attack was apparent, and all they can hope for is to play for a draw. G. Bott, 3 for 81, J. Clinnick, 1 for 56, and H. Gordon, 1 for 29, shared the wickets.

IVANHOE v WILLIAMSTOWN

At Williamstown Ivanhoe batted all the afternoon for 236. Jerrems, the former Richmond player, is having a good season, and was top scorer with 83. Foulter made 45, Holt 30, Bowell 16, and Gill 11. The early batsmen failed against the bowling of Allison, who took three for 26. Smith took one for 50, and Bliss one wicket.

SECOND ELEVENS

Brunswick, 235 (Warnecke 67, Leach 63, Malcolm 45, Brown 25; Westcott 4/47, Mason 3/43, Spargo 2/41, Pike 1/58), v Preston.

Williamstown, 153 (Turner 50, Evans 26 n.o.; Brooks 6/36, Ford 2/43), v Ivanhoe, none for 6.

THE JUNIORS

FAIRFIELD v RICHMOND CITY

An exciting game was played between Fairfield and Richmond City at Fairfield. The home team made 56, and Richmond City responded with 54. The only double-figure scorers for Fairfield were Boyle (16) and McInnes (11), while for Richmond City McDonald made 12 and the Donohue brothers 10 each. Hargood, four for 17 off 80 balls, and "Jim" Donohue, three for 13 off 32 balls, were the City's best bowlers, while Ingleman was in fine form for Fairfield, taking seven for 14 off 96 balls.

Third Grade

Northcote Socials v East Brunswick.—In the first innings Socials made 133, Crawford batting well for 45, while Wettenhal made 29, and Greenwood 17. H. Copping took 4 for 25 for East Brunswick. The latter have lost four for 27, of which K. Cook made 16 not out. Wood bowled well for Socials, taking 3 for 12, all clean bowled. The Socials are developing into a strong combination, and hope for success in their first season in the competition.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

FIRST GRADE

Thornbury, 159 (Lane 71, Black 29, Lovelace 21 n.o.; Louis 4/30), v Collingwood City, two for 23 (Campbell 21).

Northcote Footballers, 119 (Reilly 37, Jacobson 5/60), v Youlden's, four for 41.

THIRD GRADE

Alphair Harmony, 62 and four for 37 (J. Doyle 25 n.o., Hastings 4/29), v Croxton, 17 (L. Doyle 9/5).

Fairfield Free Gardeners, 87 (Booth 31 n.o., Harrison 2?), v Wardrop House, one for 64 (Lee 26 n.o., Chandler 28 n.o.).

Gibsonia, 49 (Neil 23, McDonald 4/23, Selkirk 5/15), v Westgarth, 150 (McDonald 48, Austin 23, D. Sharp 21 n.o., Jackson 5/32).

Alpha, 145 (Thompson 75, Maskell 34; A. Hogg, 6/30), v Northcote G.U.O.O.F., five for 25 (Maskell 5/6).

Regent Club

Regent Firsts met Prince of Wales, and, batting first, scored 143 for nine wickets at stumps. Cameron (57 n.o.) gave a good display, and was ably supported by Milne 19, McGrath 19, and Ritchie 12 n.o. Maude took six for 28.

Regent Seconds were at home to Northcote Free Gardeners, who were all out for 82 (Taylor 42, G. Davis 5/26, Scott 3/23). Regent lost nine for 87 (G. Davis 27, Dean 1/32, Whittaker 4/24).

On November 5 the club will hold a dance at the West Preston Progress Hall, and will be pleased to see all old friends and new.

JIKA ASSOCIATION

Secretaries of clubs in the Jika Association are requested to leave scoring books at 360 High street, Preston, on or before Mondays, otherwise insertion of scores cannot be arranged.

The Jika Association will play Preston C.C. on Cup Day commencing at 1 p.m. Players selected for this match (under 25 years) are expected to bring their own bats. The Jika team is as follows:—O. Forde, captain (Reservoir), H. Bradford, vice-captain (Broadhurst's), S. Dineen (Reservoir), K. Lugton, W. Luckman, J. Marotte, F. Hargreaves (Preston United), G. Smith (Preston Footballers), H. Jarvis (Prestonite), H. Gordon (Victory), A. Gracie (Croxton United), Bevis, A. Fuller (Broadhurst's); reserve, R. Frawley (East Northcote). Players are requested to be at Preston Park at 12.45 p.m. sharp.

The commencement of the third round of matches last Saturday resulted in heavy scoring by several teams. The best individual batting display was that of A. Hughes (Bell), who scored his second consecutive century. He is developing into one of the most prolific scorers in the association, having scored 320 runs in three innings this season. Another performance of merit was that of A. Tivey (Reservoir), who scored 84. Several remarkable bowling performances were also registered.

MELROSE v WEST PRESTON PROGRESS

Opening for Melrose, the Downs brothers gave the team a fair start, the first wicket falling for 19, but the later batsmen could not play T. Johnson, who, coming on late, took four for 4. F. Ridd, jun., and F. Downs were the only batsmen to reach double figures.

A good opening hand by R. Clements, who has been batting consistently, put West Preston in a fair position at stumps. Scores:—

MELROSE—First Innings:—P. Downs, c F. Clements, b Delaney, 11; A. Downs, b Delaney, 4; J. Smith, b Lancaster, 7; W. Ridd, b Johnson, 7; B. Downs, c Phillips, b Delaney, 1; F. Ridd, jun., b Johnson, 13; P. Ridd, c O'Brien, b Johnson, 0; F. Ridd, thrown out, 3; C. Johnson, not out, 4; C. Patterson, lbw, b Johnson, 3; J. Crawford, c and b Lancaster, 2; sundries, 10; total, 65. Bowling.—J. Johnson, 4/4; R. Delaney 3/20; A. Lancaster 2/19; J. Christie, 0/5; A. Towers, 0/7.

WEST PRESTON—First Innings.—R. Clements, c Crawford, b Johnson, 20; J. Johnson, b Smith, 2; G. Trenewath, b Crawford, 2; J. O'Brien, stpd, b Johnson, 10; A. Towers, not out, 6; H. Lancaster, c Smith, b F. Ridd, 1; J. Collins, not out, 0; sundries, 5; five wickets for 46. Bowling.—Crawford 1/10, Smith 1/8, Johnson 2/10, F. Ridd 1/12.

Next Saturday a motor bus will leave the corner of Rona and Spring streets at 2.15 p.m. and Murray and Gilbert roads at 2.30 p.m. sharp, picking up supporters en route.

EAST NORTHCOTE v RESERVOIR

Batting all day, Reservoir are in a very sound position, their score of 253 being made in a forceful manner. Eight 6's were hit during the day, three by Stafford. Opening up, A. Tivey gave a delightful exhibition, his score including 48 singles. From 9 overs J. Frawley took four for 71. Scores:—

RESERVOIR—First Innings.—J. Forde, b Shields, 22; A. Tivey, c Murcutt, b Frawley, 84; J. Lockhead, c Frawley, b Colson, 0; S. Dineen, c and b Shields, 11; R. Smith, b Frawley, 4; O. Forde, stpd, b Colson, 42; T. Roberts, c Bassett, b Frawley, 9; F. Couch, b Frawley, 26; R. Stafford, c Shields, b Bassett, 35; G. Lockhead, not out, 10; J. Hall, lbw, b Colson, 0; sundries, 10; total, 253. Bowling.—Frawley 4/71, Shields 2/21, J. Murcutt 0/23, L. Rowe 0/35, Colson 3/64, Bassett 1/4, G. Armstrong 0/25.

EAST PRESTON v PRESTON FOOTBALLERS

Footballers made a disastrous start, losing two wickets for 7, but a good partnership by Hannah and Monohan yielded 54 runs. Both scored a sixer. Bowling well, P. Spargo took five for 50 off 16 overs. Scores:—

FOOTBALLERS—First Innings.—Monohan, c, b Huxley, 29; Skipper, c, b White, 0; G. Smith, c, b Spargo, 3; E. Hannah, lbw, b Spargo, 48; Doncaster, b Spargo, 16; Trevivian, c, b Spargo, 2; H. Moffat, b White, 1; Henshall run out, 3; W. Punch, not out, 17; Weston, stpd, b Spargo, 2; Dennis, b White, 12; sundries, 7; total, 140. Bowling.—Spargo 5/50, Huxley 1/21, Kelleher 0/17, White 3/29, Rundle 0/15.

EAST PRESTON—First Innings.—H. Fennell, b Hannah, 0; R. Pierce, not out, 0; J. Kelleher, not out, 1; sundries, 1; one wicket for 2. Bowling.—Hannah 1/0, Moffatt 0/1.

GOWERVILLE v NORTHCOTE JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS

The bowling of L. Barklem and Clayton was too good for the Junior Footballers, who were all out for 25. H. Propsch, who had the misfortune to be run out, was the only batsman to reach double figures. The opening partnership for Gowerville by H. Clarkson and P. Marsland yielded 38, thus passing their opponents' score without loss. Scores:

NORTHCOTE JUNIORS—First Innings.—H. Propsch, run out, 10; Aken, c Gleeson, b Barklem, 2; Martin, b Barklem, 1; Harris, stpd, b Clayton, 4; A. Propsch, c Clarkson, b Clayton, 0; Jowett, b Barklem, 0; W. Propsch, b Barklem, 0; Lee, c Clarkson, b Clayton, 0; Rennie, b Bahen, 0; Elsall, not out, 2; sundries, 2; total, 25. Bowling.—Barklem 4/8, Clayton 3/3, C. Bahen 1/1, J. Bahen 0/0, Flanagan 0/11.

GOWERVILLE—First Innings.—H. Clarkson, b Jowett, 16; P. Marsland, not out, 25; J. Bahen, c Rennie, b Jowett, 0; C. Bahen, b Weate, 2; E. Barklem, b Weate, 0; Flanagan, not out, 1; sundries, 5; four wickets for 49. Bowling.—Jowett 2/11, Weate 2/6, A. Propsch 0/11, Martin 0/13.

BROADHURST'S v PRESTON UNITED

After having lost three for 38 Preston United failed to keep going against the bowling of Bevis and Hollowood. Marotte batted nicely for United, but the long grass prevented many shots from securing full value. At stumps Broadhurst's had passed United's score, Bradford making a chanceless 27. Scores:—

PRESTON UNITED—First Innings.—J. Marotte, b Bevis, 21; P. Morrett, b Fuller, 2; K. Lugton, c Bradford, b Hollowood, 3; F. Hargreaves, c Bradford, b Hollowood, 13; J. Harding, b Bevis, 0; W. Luckman, b Bevis, 1; L. McClaren, b Hollowood, 0; F. Chatley, c and b Bevis, 2; K. Chatley, c Tuohy, b Bevis, 1; H. Elder, not out, 4; A. McClaren, b Hollowood; sundries, 3; total, 51. Bowling.—Bevis 5/12, Hollowood 4/14, A. Fuller 1/6, Howard 0/13.

BROADHURST'S—First Innings.—H. Bradford, not out, 27; W. Tuohy, b Luckman, 3; B. Bevis, c and b Luckman, 3; B. White, c Harding b A. McClaren, 15; P. Raphel, b Luckman, 4; J. Digby, b Hargreaves, 0; J. Skidmore, c L. McClaren, b Hargreaves, 0; A. Fuller, c Lugton, b Hargreaves, 0; sundries, 5; seven wickets for 57. Bowling.—Hargreaves 3/11, Luckman 3/15, McClaren 1/14, Elder 0/12.

BELL v CROXTON UNITED

A feature of this match was the batting of A. Hughes, who again scored a century. His innings was a splendid one, and included eight 4's. Gracie and De Grande bowled well for Croxton. Going in late, Croxton could do nothing against the bowling of Angleton, whose first three overs were maidens. Scores:—

BELL—First Innings.—A. Thomas, c Martyn, b Gracie, 4; C. Goodluck, b De Grande, 11; A. Hughes, b De Grande, 100; R. Kendall, lbw, b Gracie, 10; A. Bassett, b De Grande, 0; G. Smith, b Gracie, 0; K. Hadrick, lbw, b Gracie, 0; R. Goodluck, b Crawshaw, 25; W. Burns, not out, 12; sundries, 10; eight wickets (declared) for 182. Bowling.—Gracie 4/89, De Grande 3/38, Crawshaw 1/5, Newton 0/32, Martyn 0/28, Pangbourne 0/17.

CROXTON UNITED—First Innings.—De Grande, stpd, b Maher, 1; Schboel, b Angleton, 1; Gracie, b Angleton 0; Newton, lbw, b Angleton, 7; Pangbourne, c Kendall, b Angleton, 5; Ryan, b Angleton, 0; Crawshaw, b Angleton, 4; Hughan, not out, 2; sundries, 7; seven wickets for 27. Bowling.—D. Angleton 6/10, F. Maher 1/9, G. Smith 0/2.

PENDER'S GROVE v VICTORY SOCIALS

With the exception of Gibaud and Kidd, Victory's batsmen failed to get going, the bowling of W Birchall and Wise accounting for their failure. At stumps Pender's Grove had the game well in hand. Ryan batted well for an unfinished 44. Scores:—

VICTORY—First Innings.—J. Creighton, b W. Birchall, 0; J. Smith, b W. Birchall, 0; A. Gibaud, c F. Birchall, b Wise, 24; A. James, b W. Birchall, 10; G. Kidd, b Kenny, 13; S. Gordon, b F. Birchall, 2; H. Gordon, run out, 5; P. Roberts, run out, 1; A. Walker, c Mathews, b Wise, 2; L. Worle, stpd, b W. Birchall, 0; E. Gordon, not out, 1; sundries, 10; total, 68. Bowling.—W. Birchall 4/9, Wise 2/2, Kenny 1/11, F. Birchall 1/0, Mathews 0/30, Leak 0/10.

PENDER'S GROVE—First Innings.—F. Birchall, lbw, b Worle, 3; S. Alexander, c J. Smith, b Creighton, 17; R. Withams, c Creighton, b James, 5; S. Ryan, not out, 41; Leake, not out, 14; sundries, 9; three wickets for 92. Bowling.—James 1/19, Worle 1/39, Creighton 1/10, Gibaud 0/10, Roberts 0/5.

HEIDELBERG DISTRICT

FIRST GRADE

Heidelberg, 187 (Cooney 42, Murphy 40, Stott 24, Proctor 4/16), v Rosanna.

North Alphington, 110 (Lancaster 36, Pitcher 4/10), v Ivanhoe, five for 67 (A. Little 21).

North Ivanhoe, 62, v Greensborough, six for 118 (Jessop 45 n.o., Carse 23).

Fairfield, 40 (Whitcher 8/30), v Alphington, eight for 89 (White 37, Knowles 4/10).

Ivanhoe Footballers, 83 (C. Hutton 9/33), v West Heidelberg, seven for 63 (Blackburn 20 n.o.).

SECOND GRADE

Eaglemont, 42 and two for 1 (Durant 5/9, Bain 4/7), v Claremont, 24.

North Ivanhoe, 127 (Palmer 28, Reece 23 n.o., May 20), v Greensborough, five for 27.

Fairfield Diggers, four (closed) for 210 (Joyce 64, Day 63, Ford 39 n.o., Blackaby 29 n.o.), v Macleod, three for 36.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Caulfield, 138 (H. Parsons 36, W. P. Scott 32), v Heidelberg, six for 47 (Sheen 21, Purvis 5/44).

Northcote, 190 (Rowe 84), v Box Hill.

CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON

FIRST GRADE

Croxton Methodists, 37, v St. James Church of England, six for 150 (C. Woods 56, A. Pink 56, D. Osmond 22, Pink 4/9, Harper 6/20).

Thornbury Church of Christ, 114 (Steer 30), v West Preston Methodists, 12 and two for 25 (Gall 5/5).

Prince of Wales Park Methodists, four for 58 (H. Power 24, R. Risk 4/37), v St. George's Road Footballers, 153 (A. Berry 23, F. Hewish 37).

Thornbury Presbyterians, two for 25 (H. Jones 24 n.o. and 3/22, A. Gray 4/20, G. Duncan 1/18), v South Preston Methodists, 96 (W. Baker 10, R. Smith 34; H. McDonald 2/12).

SECOND GRADE

Northcote Crusaders, 87 (L. Smith 27, G. Hill 30; Tait 4/32), v St. Mary's Church of England, 84 (Tait 22, P. Bruce 44, L. Emmerson 5/20, G. Hill 5/32).

Northcote Presbyterians, 170 (D. Carruthers 66 n.o., Williams 40, D. Stewart 20; Patterson 5/80), v Thornbury Presbyterians, four for 56 (Boyd 30, Milne 22).

Northcote Methodists, 80 (Scaddan 19, Dunn 18, Hales 15; Matthews 5/18, Alford 4/16), v St. George's Church of England, 45 (Lefferts 4/9, Tresidder 4/45).

Epiphany Church of England, 170 (R. Decking 40, W. Emmins 32, C. Boyce 28), v Ivanhoe Presbyterians, none for 20.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Thornbury Presbyterians, 73 (E. Douglas 19, F. Fenwick 17; W. Frawley 2/17, M. Gillies 2/20), v St. Aidan's Church of England, five for 66.

St. George's Road Methodists, 122 (Payne 42, Hopkins 29, Linton 9, Watson 7 n.o.), v North Preston Methodists, three for 31 (Robinson 10 n.o.; Payne 2/15, Hammett 1/14).

CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIRST GRADE

North Fitzroy, 168 (Prosser 51, Munro 43, B. Talbot 24 n.o.), v Preston, none for 25 (Clack 4/21).

SECOND GRADE

Fairfield, 67 and 58, v Thornbury, 61 and one for 18.

West Preston, 41 (Gear 5/17, Crowhurst 4/10), v Mutucher, two for 48 (R. Johnston 22 n.o.).

Fairfield, 90 and two for 8 (Teal 6/7, Wright 5/16), v Chetwynd, 110 (R. Wright 28).

BAPTIST CHURCH

A GRADE

North Preston, 114 (Campbell 8, Talor 13, Bassiere 11, Naunton 15, E. McLaren 35, McLennan 18 n.o.; A. Anderson 1/15, H. Hardiess 3/17, Curwood 1/13, Barber 2/19, C. Anderson 1/21, Semple 1/26), v Footscray, seven for 77 (Curwood 23, A. Anderson 15, C. Anderson 9, Prentice 8; Naunton 5/25, Bassiere 1/9).

Heddle Street, 182 (Crute 29, Bird 28, Farr 24), v Northcote, two for 09 (Claydon 54 n.o.).

B GRADE

Albert Park, 143 (J. Price 12, Wyatt 25, Sinclair 17, G. Price 10, Parker 32, Payne 25 n.o., C. Sheppard 14; Forden 4/43, Ebdon 4/30), v North Preston, five for 60 (Forden 24, Roy O'Brien 17, E. O'Brien 9 n.o.; W. Price 2/22, Morley 1/4, J. Sheppard 1/2, Sinclair 1/2).

Preston West, one for 67 (Iddles 35 n.o., Snook 21 n.o.), v Fairfield, 87 (Morse 5/28).

Band of Hope.—Croxton Juniors, 56, v West Port Juniors, six for 127 (Haines 39, Potter 20, Allbright 22).

Church of England.—St. Alban's B, 87 (Nobbs 6/6), v Holy Trinity, Thornbury, seven for 116 (Fox 21, Boyle 36, Nobbs 36 n.o.).

C.E.B.S.—Christ Church, Newport, 96 (J. Fairchild 26, F. Coggins 25, Tasker 5/25), v St. Mary's, Preston, three for 23.

C.Y.M.S.

Northcote B won the toss against Clifton Hill and sent their opponents in. The bowlers quickly gained the upper hand and Clifton Hill were all out for 61. J. Smark (3/14), A. Smark (3/17), N. McLennan (2/17) and J. Buckley (2/1) shared the wickets. Northcote commenced badly, six wickets falling for 46, but a stand by Murphy and Clancy improved matters and the side was dismissed for 68, giving them a lead of 7 runs on the first innings.

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SENIORS

Sunshine, 48 (Scott 4/20), v Northcote, eight for 81 (King 37).

Fairfield, 160 (Bettles 54, Shoebridge 26), v Clifton Hill, three for 15.

JUNIORS

Clifton Hill, 69 and four for 9 (Henry 23, Jenkins 6/18, Newson 8/16), v Samuel Mauger, 84 (Henry 7/12).

John Vale, 23 and five for 21 (Foxcroft 8/18, Omant 6/12), v Dennis, 90 (Omant 29, Robinson 5/19; Spinks 5/46).

P.A.F.S.—Northcote, 76 (C. Rowe 48; Cousins 4/29, Haymes 4/17), v North Melbourne, 40. Preston, one (closed) for 98 (Sebeck 48, N. Burge 46 n.o.), v Fairfield, 21 and four for 44 (Hastings 5/5, N. Burge 5/15).

H.A.C.B.S.—Thornbury, two for 154 (Coghlan 65 n.o., Hansen 52 n.o., McEntee 6/21), v North Brunswick, 93 (Gray 59). Preston, 67 (Monagle 21 n.o., Koster 4/24), v West Melbourne, three for 68 (Roberts 25 n.o.).

A.O.F.—Court Pride of Northcote, 31, v Court Camberwell, 66 and one for 26.

M.U.I.O.O.F.—Loyal Britannia, 99 (Simpson 29; Tweedie 3/8, Penhall 4/24), v Loyal Langridge, none for 50 (E. Hacking 33 n.o., P. Webb 15 n.o.)

OTHER MATCHES

Returned Soldiers, Northcote, 163 (Emmerson 30 and 2/19, Groves 23; McShane 3/53, McKenzie 3/43), v Williamstown, four for 65 (Straughan 30 n.o.).

Regent Central Progress Association, 41 (B. Foster 11, E. Westwood; Salter 6/12, Fitzgerald 2/25), v "Sun Pictorial," 64 (Salter 17 n.o., Fitzgerald 13; Cameron 3/8, Naggs 3/27, Smythe 2/17, Henderson 1/4). On November 1 Regent Central will begin a two-day match against Northcote Lodge on Darge's pitch.

DISAPPEARANCE OF 10/-

TRAVELLER CHARGED WITH THEFT.

The disappearance of a marked 10/- note led to the appearance at Northcote court on Tuesday of a traveller, Henry Gage, of Ersom road, Ascot Vale, on a charge of theft.

Charles Roland Didier, of R. Macks and Co., High St., Northcote, said:—On October 24 I marked a 10/- note and placed it with some silver in the till drawer at the shop. I "rigged" the till so that from outside of the office I would know if it was being interfered with. At about 3.30 p.m., Gage, whom I have known for about three years, came to the shop and suggested a game of draughts. He went into the office to get a chair, and I saw the contrivance attached to the till operate. When I examined the till the 10/- note was missing.

Const. Swain, of Collingwood, said:—I was present when Const. Newton took the marked 10/- note from Gage's glove. After being questioned for some time Gage admitted that he saw the note protruding from the drawer and that he took it.

The bench imposed a sentence of a month's imprisonment, which was suspended on a bond of £50 to be of good behavior for 12 months.

WOMEN'S CRICKET

Preston Girls scored two wins on Saturday, when the first eleven met Raymonds at Brunswick, and the second eleven met Two Blues at Bell Park. Scores:—

Preston, 73 (I. Webster 13, N. Lewis 13, H. Hills 18 n.o.; G. Moorehead 2/11, I. Bone 3/18, J. McDonald 4/26); Raymonds, 27 and 45 (L. Bone 20 n.o., R. Roos 9; H. McKeon 5/16, D. Ward 8/12, I. Martin 3/3, E. Burkett 1/1). Preston won by an innings and one run.

Preston Seconds, 55 and two for 17 (M. Green 16, J. Brownlaw 9; J. Hawkins 2/18, M. Trezise 3/22); Two Blues, 28 and 40 (N. Asling 14, A. Gray 12; M. Hills 3/18, M. Green 5/28). Preston won outright by eight wickets and 4 runs.

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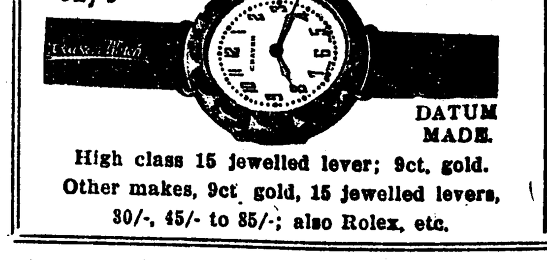

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BRIGHTER BEDS.

Beds have been getting brighter year by year now. The white bedspread, though it cannot be beaten for a look of freshness and cleanliness, so long as it is kept scrupulously spotless, is not often seen nowadays. It has given place to colored artificial silks, to taffetas, to velvets even, or, on simpler lines, to printed cretonne.

The colored blankets with a turn back of matching silk or satin have been exceedingly popular, partly because as a top covering they give the bed an attractive finish, even when the bedspreads have been turned back at night.

Colored sheets have taken longer to come into favor. People are conventional here, and the spotless fragrant linen is not readily ousted. Still, there was a time when only underclothing could be considered. Colors next to the skin simply were not done. So with sheets. The colors are winning their way slowly but surely.

Some colors are naturally more popular than others. Lemon and pale green sheets easily look as fresh and clean-looking as white. Pinks, mauves and blues, particularly in deeper tones, are not so appealing for sleep between. If cotton is being used for sheets and certainly it is for summer, and linen is not always possible for everyday use, colored cotton often looks more attractive than white cotton. Bear this in mind when you are tempted to deery colored sheets.

HELPFUL HINTS.

Dandruff Trouble.

Rinse your hair thoroughly after washing. If the hair is in good condition but too "scurfy" after the wash, rinse three times in tepid water, and add a tablespoon of vinegar or juice of half a lemon to the last rinsing water, the latter ensures that no particles of soap get left behind. Use vinegar for brunettes, lemon for blondes.

Bay Rum and cantharides for toning up the hair (½ oz. of cantharides to 6 ozs. of bay rum). Massage into the roots of the hair at bedtime. If the hair is inclined to natural dryness, get the chemist to add a trace of castor oil to the above ingredients.

Carrots for Complexion

In addition to mud pack and face creams, see to your general health and diet. If the latter is not plain and wholesome, all the artificial aids will be without avail. Carrots are rich in mineral salts, iron etc, and do clear the skin; but this does not mean that a sudden diet of raw carrot will immediately give you a clear skin, it might instead, give you a violent attack of indigestion. Do not eat more than one a day (and a small one for a start). Grate up your carrot finely, and sprinkle it over your potatoes at dinner, or make brown bread sandwiches of it for lunch. Carrot and cheese sandwiches are very nice.

Treatment of Corns.

The advertised corn-cures are "much of a muchness," and you may have to try two or three before getting one to suit you. A chemist friend explains that the whole trouble lies in the fact that people only think of applying a corn cure when the foot is painful, often aggravating the condition, whereas the proper time to apply corn silks and plaster is when the corn is not in the least troublesome. For a "natural" remedy take a slice of lemon, bind it over the corn, allow to remain all night, and wash the foot in the morning. Continue this process for a week, at the end of which the foot should be soaked in strong soda-water, as hot as can be borne. The corn can then be picked out. It will leave a little hole, which should then be massaged with glycerine until it is healed, and this will prevent the formation of any further corn.

RECIPES.

Grated Carrot.

Carrots are not so palatable, but the famous Fanny Ward herself sets great store by the virtues of a finely grated carrot folded into a crisp lettuce leaf. Cold cooked carrots cut into dice and used with other cold vegetables make an excellent Russian salad which is good with cold meat or hors d'oeuvres.

Macedoine Salad.

This salad, largely composed of carrots and potatoes, turns a cold meat meal into something more interesting. One cupful of cooked diced potatoes, one cupful of cooked diced carrots, half a cupful of diced beetroot, half a cupful of bottled peas or baked beans. Mix with half a cupful of French dressing. Garnish with parsley and serve on a bed of crisp lettuce.

Cream of Carrot Soup.

Carrots are not often used in soup, save perhaps as a decoration in clear soups. Thick soups usually have more flavour, and the following will prove popular. Two cupfuls of finely chopped carrots, one quart of boiling water, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of sugar, three cups of milk, one slice of onion, a quarter of a cupful of flour mixed with a quarter of a cupful of water. Boil carrots in water until tender and then force through a sieve. Scald the milk with the onion in it, then remove onion and thicken milk by adding flour and water mixture and cooking for twenty minutes in a double saucepan. Add carrot pulp with the water in which carrots were cooked, then add seasoning. Serve piping hot with a sprinkling of chopped parsley.

Musical Afternoon.

A musical afternoon was held in the Epiphany Parish hall on October 22. It was well attended and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. The artists were: Mrs. Colin Gardiner, Miss E. Johnston, Miss Trixie Warren, and Miss E. Franzi. Mrs. Cohen played the accompaniments.

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PRESTON MAYORESS' GUILD

The monthly meeting of the guild was held on October 21 at 3 p.m. The mayoress (Mrs. Robinson) presided. There was a fair attendance and it was decided to hold a novelty party in aid of the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society. As their funds are at a very low ebb, the ladies were all most anxious to help so good a cause. There are to be special attractions in the way of balloon races, competitions, etc, also the attraction of the night will be "The Lady with a thousand (1,000) pockets." Each pocket contains a pleasant suprise for every one interested. The secretary, Mrs. Tom Shaw "Ballara" Cooper street, will be pleased to receive small gifts from her friends to help to fill the pockets of the "Mystery Lady". The great event will be held on November 12 in the Town Hall Preston.

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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL'S ESTIMATES

LABOR COUNCILLORS TALK OF HYPOCRISY AND CANT.

14 MEN TO BE DISMISSED.

In presenting the estimates to the council, Cr. Olver said that never before in its history had the Northcote Council faced such a grave financial problem. This was due in a large measure to the financial crisis which had necessitated a curtailment of expenditure in all directions. The city had been expanding, and as new streets were made provision had to be made for extra maintenance. Expanding residential areas had brought extensions in garbage systems, etc., Yearly increases in rates had in the past helped to meet these expenses, but this year the increase had been very small, as building was at a standstill. The estimated increase from rates and all sources would be £106,576. Of this £70,000 was earmarked before anything was done—for interest, administration, essential services, etc. Estimated receipts were down £13,500, leaving £36,748 for other works. Last year the council spent in this direction approx. £14,000, plus £7000 loan moneys, a total of approx. £51,000. Since last July the council had rationed work to its employes, so as to spread it as far as possible, and about 159 men were now employed. If works were to be done as last year, £51,000 would be required, but only £36,700 was available—a drop of £13,200. The utmost the council could do was to employ the present staff less 20, and ration the others one week in five. The problem had been reviewed from all angles, with the object of trying to avoid increasing unemployment. It had been suggested that more of the electric light profits be included in the estimated receipts, and £5000 had been already included from this source. It had been suggested that another £5000 should be taken, but he did not think the council should do that, as the state of finance generally was so uncertain no one knew if the same profit would be made by the electric light department as in last year, and in all probability the profit would only be on paper in the form of book debts.

As far as private street construction was concerned, said Cr. Olver, the council was committed to £20,000 a year, and if the owners of property in the streets made did not pay, then the council would have to meet the debenitures out of revenue. In the estimates no provision was made for any money on unemployment relief, and he was not going to be so super optimistic as to say that it would not be necessary to provide for unemployment relief next year. Under the circumstances he felt it would be suicidal to pledge the probable electric light profits further than had been done at present, as the profits, if any, would be urgently required later.

Cr. Johnson seconded the motion for the adoption of the estimates, and he also urged that further profits of the electric light department be not included in the estimates, as they would probably be needed as a reserve to meet incidentals.

An Amendment.

Cr. Turner moved an amendment that the matter be referred to the committee of the council, with instructions to complete the item "transfer of electric light profits." He said that the Government had urged councils, public bodies, and companies and private employers to do everything to prevent an increase of unemployment. Depression meant the lowering of the spending power of the masses through unemployment, and it would be criminal for the council to further accentuate the position by more dismissals. Last year the electric light profits were £13,000, and users were increasing. If the profits were £13,000 last year, it would not be too much to say that the profit would be at least £10,000 next year. It had been said it was unwise to use the money for other purposes, but it was better for the council to keep the men employed now than to add them to the ranks of the unemployed, and then have to find a fund to feed them. Up to last year the accumulated profits from the electric light fund were £19,000, of which £2,500 had since been spent, plus £5000 transferred to balance last year's accounts. That left about £12,000 "as a nest egg," which the council evidently did not propose to touch until it had some "pet schemes." The whole of the city's assets should be pooled to meet the wants of the community. The estimates of receipts and expenditure were the "biggest bit of hypocrisy he had ever seen." Lots of things were put on the receipts which were never received. Year after year the item had appeared "receipts from sale of land in Arthurton road"—and never a block had been sold yet. (Laughter.)

Continuing, Cr. Turner said the council had no right to dismiss 14 men. The Government had offered £5000 to the council to give employment, and the council replied by "sacking" 14 men to get the £5000 to match the Government's offer in order to give work to more than 14 men on the "scrapheap," an extra £5000 should be transferred from the electric light profits.

Cr. Bird seconded the amendment, and protested against the "paralysing attitude of the council in dismissing 14 men." The situation, he said, was Gilbertian. There was ample work, and it was the duty of every public body to provide work in times of stress. The council had the money, hoarding it away for a rainy day, and to put off the men and keep the board would be the height of hypocrisy and cant, when the council spoke of how it helped the unemployed. The rainy day had arrived, and the "nest egg" should be brought out and utilised. Too long had councillors tried to conceal the enormous profits of the electric light undertaking.

Cr. Dennis—Every year the council issues a balance-sheet showing its profits. I ask Cr. Bird to withdraw that statement.

Cr. Bird—I will. The A.L.P. some time ago asked the council to devote all its electric light profits to provide work for the unemployed, and the council turned the proposal down. This is an opportunity to prove that the council's sympathy is not spurious.

Cr. Hayes said that Crs. Turner and Bird claimed they were the only ones in the council who had any sympathy with the unemployed, but at the same time both these councillors had not stated the position fairly. The council had a deficit of £12,000 in its private street construction account, and it was £3000 down in rate collections, and it was budgeting to be £4000 further down next year—a total of £19,000. The council was quite right to budget in such a way as to protect the interests of its ratepayers. Did Crs. Turner and Bird want the council to utilise every penny it had and then harass its ratepayers to find the rates? The electric light undertaking was making big profits, and the council would have reduced the price of current long ago only the Electricity Commission would not allow it. The Finance Committee did its best for the council, and the placing aside of this money would make it available when most required.

Cr. Dennis said in August the council had rationed its employes rather than dismiss them altogether. In October the employes ranged from 99 to 117. Provision had been made for 75 men the coming year. What was the council doing for the unemployed? There were some 1,500 unemployed in Northcote, and the council was committed to spend £1,200 on relief works already, and the Government was now offering £2000 to the council, on condition the council found £2000 and materials. This would probably cost the council £6000 altogether. It was not the duty of the council to tax its ratepayers more than 2/9 in the pound, and the council should watch the interests of its other ratepayers, as well as those who were unemployed. It was costing £50 weekly for sustenance for unemployed. The funds available would soon be gone and money would have to be found to keep that scheme going.

Cr. Olver said the soundest advice of business men and even philanthropists these days was to balance the ledger, and the council was trying to do that. He emphasised that no attempt had ever been made to hide the profits of the electric light account. The assets of that undertaking were mostly book debts—which were not liquid—and this was likely to be the case next year. A lot had been said about the farce of estimates, but a glance over the estimates for previous years would show that they were not far out when everything was balanced at the end of the year. The council owed a greater duty to its thousands of ratepayers than to some 14 men.

The amendment was lost, only Crs. Turner and Bird and the Mayor voting for it. The estimates were then adopted as presented.

BOXING.

(By Fred Hilman)

I have just returned from Myrtleford, and have been invited to visit that town again to give a display of physical culture, boxing and feats of strength, together with music, especially Mickey Byrnes, the bantam weight champion of Victoria, and Billy Smith, lightweight champion of Australia at weight lifting. After hearing about these two athletes, the locals are keen to see them. Mickey Byrnes' record will appear in next week's "Leader."

Billy Turnbull had his first fight at the Fitzroy Stadium last Tuesday night, and won on points after a very exciting contest.

Boys who are showing wonderful form and improvement: are Freddie Trotter and Arthur Goldsworthy. Trotter will be sparring with Dick Osmond, the featherweight champion, next week.

Junior Class.—Mr. Harry Marlow, who had charge of the gymnasium last Wednesday, during my absence, reports that the following boys had rounds with the gloves: [illegible] count of [illegible] Willie Bi[illegible] and Ken [illegible]. Others in training are William Smith, from Reservoir, and his brother Mark.

Weight Lifting.—H. Mayor lifted 170 lbs. in a jerky hands clean jerk. M. Eadson also performed some work [illegible] Billy Smith has failed [illegible] Hid [illegible]

HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS.

NORTHCOTE.			
Church of the Epiphany	£32	10	4
Presbyterian Church, Thornbury	23	6	1
St. Joseph's R.C.	22	13	6
Church of Christ, Thornbury	20	15	0
Presbyterian, James St.	26	9	0
Methodist, Prince of Wales Park	17	2	6
St. Mary's R.C., Thornbury	16	2	1
Holy Trinity Church and S.S., Thornbury	15	16	0
Methodist, High St.	15	2	9
Church of Christ, High St.	7	0	0
Methodist, St. George's Rd., Croxton	6	19	7
Congregational and S.S.	6	14	9
Church for All, Thornbury	5	0	0
Methodist, St. George's Rd., Northcote	4	0	11
Baptist, Northcote	3	14	2
Seventh Day Adventists, Thornbury	2	0	4
Mabel Murray's, Spiritual Assembly, Northcote	1	0	0
Salvation Army, Thornbury	0	12	10
Total for 1930	£220	11	10
Total for 1929	210	6	9
PRESTON.			
Preston Methodist Church and Sunday School	£12	17	0
St. Mary's Church of England, Preston	8	15	9
Methodist, West Preston	8	5	0
Presbyterian, Preston	7	17	9
Presbyterian, Regent	7	8	9
South Preston Methodist	4	11	1
Church of Christ and Bible School	3	16	8
Fender's Grove Methodist	3	9	3
Methodist, Reservoir	2	12	9
St. Peter's R.C., Epping	2	0	0
Baptist, Regent	2	0	0
Oakover Rd. Methodist	1	16	9
Presbyterian, Reservoir	1	13	0
Church of Christ, West Preston	1	9	6
East Preston Congregational	0	18	6
Salvation Army, West Preston	0	3	6
Total for 1930	£69	15	0
Total for 1929	93	9	8
HEIDELBERG AND DISTRICT.			
Presbyterian, Ivanhoe	£56	5	11
Ivanhoe C. of E. (St. James and St. Stephen's)	27	1	9
Ivanhoe Methodist and S.S.	23	5	0
Heidelberg Presbyterian and S.S.	17	0	0
St. John's C. of E., Heidelberg	15	13	0
Fairfield-Alphington Presbyterian and S.S.	14	15	0
St. Paul's C. of E., Fairfield	13	5	0
R.C., Heidelberg	12	13	0
Baptist, Ivanhoe	12	2	1
Alphington Methodist and S.S.	9	10	0
Methodist Church and S.S., Heidelberg	8	18	3
R.C., Ivanhoe	8	9	0
Fairfield Church of Christ	6	14	7
St. Margaret's C. of E., Eltham	5	12	3
Presbyterian, Templestowe	5	5	0
Rosanna C. of E. and S.S.	4	5	0
Fairfield Methodist & S.S.	3	14	10
Fairfield Salvation Army	3	11	8
All Saints' C. of E., Greensborough	3	9	3
Montmorency C. of E., St. Faith's	2	10	0
Greensborough Methodist	2	8	2
Church of Christ, Ivanhoe	2	7	0
Fairfield Baptist	2	2	3
St. Katherine's C. of E., St. Helena	2	2	3
Methodist, Eltham	0	11	2
Research C. of E.	0	5	9
C of E., Yallambie	0	5	0
Total for 1930	£264	2	8
Total for 1929	261	19	2

BANDS.

Masonic Choral Service, Regent Theatre ... 125 0 0

Northcote Citizens and Soldiers' Band ... 4 0 0

Preston City and Ladies' Band ... 3 13 6

Reservoir District ... 2 18 6

Salvation Army, Thornbury ... 1 15 6

Heidelberg Memorial Band ... 6 11 3

Hospital Sunday Services.—Offertors this year at the Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church show a distinct advance upon last year's total, in spite of the financial depression. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Duggleby, who pointed out that in spite of John the Baptist's prediction the royal road of God was not crowded by military processions, but by sick men made whole, blind men who could see, lame men who could walk again. The spirit of Jesus Christ helps men in their diseases—in their difficulties. The evening service was conducted by Dr. Douglas Thomas, who spoke of the work done at the Methodist Babies' Home. He had associated with him in the pulpit, two local enthusiasts, Mr. Ronald Maibee and Mr. Norman Walker. Next Sunday's services will be conducted by Rev. J. T. Duggleby and Rev. F. J. Jennings.

The collections at the Rosanna Presbyterian Church on Sunday in aid of the hospital established a record, when the highest previous total was exceeded by £56.

EPPING HOSPITAL COLLECTIONS.

The following are the Hospital Sunday collections in the Epping district:

Northcote Notes

Complimentary Social at Croxton.

On October 23 the Croxton Methodist Sunday school tendered a complimentary social to Miss Lila Daniel and Mr. Phil. Book, who were married on October 25, and also to Miss Elsie Durham, who is to be married early in November. The school hall was prettily decorated. The gathering was presided over by Pastor Perkins, and a fine programme was given. During the evening the guests received a number of handsome and useful presents from the various organisations connected with the church and Sunday school. Various speakers, representative of different organisations, spoke in high terms of the long, faithful and valuable service they had rendered. The guests were accorded every good wish for their future happiness. At the conclusion supper was served and terminated a most successful and enjoyable evening.

Council Brevities

The Northcote council is considering a scheme propounded by the Public Health Department for the expect of examination of infants under the children's Welfare Department by Infant Welfare nurses in the city.

A grant of £1419 made available to the Northcote council by the Government under the Highways and Vehicles Act has already been expended.

Community Singing.

The orchestra, under Mr. Winter, opened with selections from Gilbert and Sullivan. Mrs. Bean encored for her song "Roses," sang "Coming Home," and the orchestral number "Armena" pleased. The Livingstone Reel Party (4) excelled in a Scotch Reel, and were recalled. They were accompanied by the bagpipes. An orchestral number "The Stein Song" assisted by Mr. Nicholl, whistling was encored. The Reel Party gave a National Reel showing different steps for England, Scotland, Ireland and Australia.

Police Items

During the week three bicycles were reported stolen. In each instance they had been left temporarily on thoroughfares. The locations from which they were removed were Dennis street, Croxton Hotel, High street, and the intersection of High and Clarke streets.

A garage at the rear of a residence in Dennis street was entered at night by an unlocked door, and a 12-volt battery and spare motor wheel taken. A head lamp and a dash lamp were also removed from a motor car in Green street. Another car standing in Westgarth street had a head lamp removed, and a dash lamp was also removed from another unattended car. A motor car previously reported stolen from Baslings street has been recovered, as also have two bicycles which were stolen. On Tuesday a burglary was reported from Westgarth street, where a residence occupied by Mr. Farmer was entered and 6/ in silver and some jewellery were stolen.

Northcote Branch A.N.A.

There was a good attendance at the meeting on October 29, Mr. Turnbull presiding. Mr. Berry outlined the scheme now under discussion in connection with the Greater Melbourne Council Bill. The association has taken an active interest in this matter, and has now a definite scheme which is causing a lot of interest. After business a bowls match was played, the opposing team being North Fitzroy I.O.R. The home team won by 4 points. At next Thursday's meeting nominations will be received, and a bowls match played against North Fitzroy I.O.R.

Concert by Young People

On the 21st inst., a most enjoyable performance was given in the Parish Hall of the Epiphany Church to a capacity house. The chair was occupied by Rev. T. Cole. The following items were contributed. Piano duet, Misses Taylor and Boatwright; display by 15 kindergarten children, "Paddling in the Ocean"; Floral Song by Sunday school scholars; song, Miss Beryl Sutch; "Puck and the Fairy" Miss Mavis Kruger, (recitation); "Floral Dance," scholars of Westleigh College; part song, "In a Little Aborigine," by Sunday school boys (in character); recitation, Miss Knowles; "Dame Crump," scholars of Westleigh College; "Peter Pan," by Misses Mavis Kruger and Jean McLennan; sketch "Freckles," by Misses Riches, Stott, Daly and Franzi; duet for piano and violin, the Misses Head; "Slumber Dolly" by the kindergarten; "Five Little Pussy Cats," Miss Myra Tomlinson; recitation, "Bob up and Smile," Miss Jessie Bohrne; Nursery Rhymes" by the Sunday school scholars "Rainbow," Misses Head and Brewer; "Second Minuet," Misses Alrace Taylor; "Three Old Maids of Lee," Sunday school boys; Dutch character duet by Misses M. Kruger and McLennan; "Three Little Quakeresses" by Misses Taylor, Boatwright and Coulson; a comic sketch "An Early Start" enacted by Misse Brewer, Johnson, Dunstan (2), Irvine and Scott; song, Miss Gwen Hattam. The Rev J. O. Hughes moved a comprehensive vote of thanks, and Rev. T. Cole thanked the audience for its patronage.

Northcote Rate.

On account of the stringent state of its finances, the Northcote rate will remain at 2/9 in the pound this year—the same as last year. When the rate was increased by 3d in the pound last year, it was hoped that the increase would only be temporary, but from present indications there appears to be little likelihood of any reductions for some years to come. On the present valuation every 3d of the rate means a sum of about £6000.

Myrl Social Club

The Myrl Social Club held their first annual tea on Saturday in the Rechabite Hall. Mr. Bean, of the Myrl Shoe Co., and Mrs. Bean were the guests of honor. The club has now a membership of 64. Mr. R. Williamson, the president, proposed the toast of Mr. and Mrs. Bean, to which Mr. Bean suitably responded. Mr. Bean then presented a beautiful bronze jardiniere to the secretary, Mr. W. Duggin, and his wife in recognition of their valuable services. Mr. Duggin expressed the wish to see the membership trebled. Presentations were also made to Mr. G. Hoggett and Mr. G. Aarons. The tea was followed by dancing. Items were rendered by Miss N. Finnan (solo), Mr. L. Plowman (recitation), Miss P. McKinley (singing and tumbling), Mr. A. Plowman (solo) Mr. C. Rainbow (pianoforte solo). The evening ended with a streamer and confetti dance. The catering was well carried out by Mr. J. Ferrie and his staff. Thornbury, and a flashlight was taken by Mr. Cyril Stevens.

Fire in Northcote.—On Wednesday afternoon the fire brigade was called to a fire in a detached shed at the rear of 16 Wardrop grove, owned and occupied by Mr. G. P. Burge. The motor cycle which it contained backfired. Two hose carriages and nine firemen extinguished the fire are it commenced with the main building, and in 25 minutes from the call being given the fire had been subdued but not before the shed, along with the motor cycle and other contents, and a couple of panels of fencing had been destroyed. The main building was insured in the State Savings Bank for £750, and the shed and contents for £200.

NORTHCOTE THEATRE.

"THE BIG POND."

A whole week commencing of "The Big Pond" commences on Monday night. This feature presents Maurice Chevalier in a role entirely different from anything he has yet attempted on the audible screen. For in this latest Paramount picture, Chevalier is cast as an immoral French nobleman who goes to America bent on becoming a bootlegging business success. And, strange to say, he succeeds, far and beyond his wildest expectations. But success is one difficulty. The girl he loves fails to appreciate his newly acquired accomplishments. She wants him to be romantic and gallant, while he makes the surprising discovery that it is almost impossible to make a lot of money and be romantic all at the same time. Mr. Chevalier releases in this comedy, one of the gayest, most delightful, romantic comedies

There are two new songs featured in this picture, which Maurice Chevalier sings, and both of them, "You brought a new kind of love to me" and "Livin' in the Sunlight, Lovin' in the Moonlight" are already popular with audiences everywhere.

As the Frenchman who mixes business with love, Chevalier plays one of the gayest roles of his career. And Claudette Colbert, who is the reason for his fast beating heart, is also ideally cast. Others in the cast are George Barbier, Marion Balfin, Frank Lyan and Elaine Koch, a talented child actress.

On Monday Kingsford Smith's arrival in Brisbane and Sydney will be shown, and on Thursday Don Bradman's first entry into talkies is on the programme.

Scottish Society

Northcote and Preston Scottish Society direct attention to the Scottish concert on November 20 in Northcote town hall. The benefits of joining the society are set out elsewhere.

ABOLITION OF LATE SHOPPING NIGHT

SUBURBAN SHOPKEEPERS ALARMED.

A PROTEST LODGED.

At the meeting of the Northcote Traders' Association on Wednesday, the projected amendments mooted by the State Ministry came up for discussion. It was felt that should the late Friday shopping night be abolished suburban traders would be practically forced out of business. The difficulties of making ends meet, with heavy duty and primage charges, unfavorable exchange, sales tax and crushing legislation, together with acneial depression, had already forced many traders out of business. The abolition of the late shopping night would be the final blow which would ruin the week-end trade on which the suburban shopkeeper now relied to endeavor to make ends meet.

The following resolutions were carried unanimously:—

(a) That this Association of suburban shopkeepers view with alarm the proposed legislation to abolish the weekly late night for trading, as we consider it would be detrimental to the welfare of every class of suburban business, and also will increase unemployment in certain retail stores.

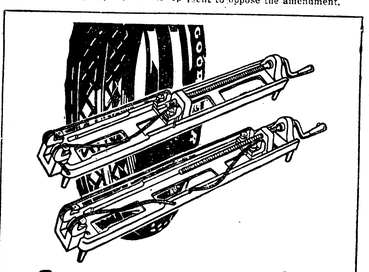
(b) That we respectfully request the Hon. John Cain, M.L.A., to consider the interests of suburban shopkeepers, and to oppose the suggested amendment of the Shops and Factories' Act in relation to abolishing Friday night trading.

(c) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Northcote Council, requesting them to take such action as they consider wise to maintain the present Friday night for shopping.

It was pointed out that in the event of Friday late night being abolished, several traders and drapers would be forced to curtail their staffs by 50 per cent., representing employes who were kept on all the week, so they would be on hand for the week-end trade which it is now proposed to abolish.

Preston High Street Shoppers' Association

The committee will consider on Monday night the proposed amendment of Shops and Factories Act as introduced by our local representative, Mr. Gordon Webber. An indignation meeting will be held in the town hall at an early date of all shopkeepers of Preston. Look for the advertisement. The Plenty road Association's representatives will be present to oppose the amendment.



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THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 7, 8.

DON BRADMAN in his First Talkie.

WESTGARTH TALKIES.

"SALLY."

One of the strangest programmes ever presented at this popular theatre is being screened this week-end. "Sally," Marilyn Miller's first motion picture, is made entirely in technicolor, showing the natural colors of costumes, settings and other spectacular effects. The picture has been adapted from Miss Miller's greatest stage success, and is an all dialogue production, with singing and dancing on the most lavish scale. An all star supporting cast includes Alexander Gray, Joe E. Brown, Ford Sterling and T. Roy Barnes. "Sally" will be seen also at the Saturday matinee. "Hot For Paris" is a comedy drama featuring Victor McLaglen and the inimitable comedian El. Brendel.

On Monday next Ramon Novarro will be seen to advantage in "Gay Madrid," an all-talking and singing adaptation of an old Spanish classic. The story concerns the love of a Madrid scion for a demure Santiago senorita. His infatuation for a dancer, however, endangers the romance, and leads to a duel with the brother of the girl he loves. Realism, in the sense of a strict adherence to thoroughly lifelike treatment, is the keynote of "The Three Sisters." The picture is convincing, dramatic and extremely well done. Louise Dressler gives an outstanding performance as the mother, and the "sisters," Joyce Compton, June Collyer and Addie McPhail, are all distinctive.

On Thursday next, Al. Jolson's new picture, "Say It With Songs," is the story of a man who, by a trick of fate, loses loved ones, liberty and opportunity, and finds peace through his devotion to a child—and the child is played by Davey Lee. Joan Bennett and Kenneth MacKenzie head a strong cast in "Crazy That Way." It's the story of a girl loved by many, but loving none. When she finally decides to fall in love it is, womanlike, with the one man who is not in the least interested in her. Pictures on Don Bradman, in which he demonstrates and explains strokes, which helped to win the ashes, will also be shown.

"CIMARRON"

Radio Pictures Commence Production.

"Cimarron," Edna Ferber's latest novel, which is being converted into an all-talking picture for Radio Pictures, starring Richard Dix, is now on the march towards realisation.

The production, according to Radio Pictures officials, will realise the full scope and powers of modern technical and artistic resources available at an up-to-date talking picture studio.

The story calls for a large number of original covered wagons, hordes of Indians, cowboys, Mexicans and Spaniards figuring largely in this story which depicts the rise of Oklahoma and presents a colorful pageant of the early pioneers who converted the great West from a trackless waste to its present flourishing state.

Doran H. Cox, assistant director to Wesley Ruggles, journeyed with his technical staff, to Oklahoma to film an authentic Osage Indina Wedding ceremony described in Miss Ferber's novel. When he returns he will bring with him a large number of Indian braves to appear in the big scenes depicting the great land rush.

It is estimated that "Cimarron" cannot be brought to completion before the beginning of next year in view of its magnitude and production problems.

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Playing Piano is no Routine Duty for Norma Shearer.

Norma Shearer again plays the piano in "Let Us Be Gay," her new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talkie. Sidney Franklin discovered Norma's musical ability between scenes in the screening of "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," and since that time every director has included a piano scene in her pictures. In Franklin's picture, she played for Herbert Bunston's singing. In "Their Own Desire," she played for Robert Montgomery. In the "Divorcee," she played for Chester Morris, and now, in her new picture, she has to play for a whole ensemble made of Rod La Rocque, Raymond Hackett, Tyrrell Davis and Gilbert Emery.

"I can also whistle with two fingers, but I hope they don't discover that too!" observed Miss Shearer, when she found the new piano scene in her script.

Marie Dressler plays the part of the eccentric dowager in the picturisation of the Rachel Crowthers play. Sally Eilers and Hodda Hopper are included in the supporting cast.

William Haines had Narrow Escape During Filming of New Comedy.

Comedy almost turned to tragedy during the filming of an important scene for "Way Out West," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's all-talking farce starring William Haines.

The sequence called for a lynching posse to capture Haines after a desperate chase over the desert. After they catch him, he is supposed to be placed on a horse and then strung up by the usual Western method of making the horse run while the victim is left swinging from the limb of a tree. The script, however, called for an interruption of the ceremonies at the last minute, in a comedy burlesque of the typical Western thriller.

All went well until the horse refused to be deprived of his fun and shot ahead despite all directions to the contrary in the script, leaving Haines hanging in mid-air. The comedian claims his neck stretched about six inches before he was rescued.

The plot concerns the hilarious complications which result when a carnival swindler turns cowboy. In the supporting cast are Leila Hyams, Polly Moran and Cliff Edwards.

Robert Montgomery Aims at Stardom.

Robert Montgomery, dramatic jack-of-all-trades.

That might well be the designation of the youthful screen actor, who in just a few pictures, has not only become one of the best known juveniles of the industry, but who in his brief span in pictures, since he came from the stage, has played the most varied types of roles.

He came from the footlights to play the college hero in "So This is College." It's a far cry from that to the convict in "The Big House," M-G-M's forthcoming picture of prison life, but the same Bob Montgomery played that too. Then there was the gilded youth opposite Norma Sheared in "The Divorcee."

Montgomery's latest picture is "The Richest Man in the World."

Montgomery was born in New York appeared there in "Dawn," "Arlene O' Darc," and other plays. He was hailed as a "discovery" as the result of his work in "So This is College," which was directed, incidentally, by Sam Wood, who directed the present picture. After he had played in two pictures he was cast for the part of a movie star in "Free and Easy" and did it so well that Buster Keaton predicts that some day he'll probably be a real star.

"The richest Man in the World," is an intimate drama of family life with Louis Mann in the principal character role as the father. Leila Hyams plays the heroine opposite Montgomery.

"Toby The Pup" is the title of the series of Radio's comedy sound cartoons. Charles B. Mintz, producer of this cartoon series, is undoubtedly the leader in the cartoon field. He has produced all of the more popular animated cartoons. His latest development, "Toby The Pup," surpasses, it is claimed, his previous efforts. Among the prominent cartoonists who have been developed under Mintz are such well known names as Walt Disney, Max Fleisher, Pat Sullivan and many others.

RKO TECHNICAL PROGRESS.

Within the last month or so, Radio Pictures has developed two important cogs in the ultimate perfection of the talkies. One is a microphone which is able to register the voice at a distance of thirty-five feet. Heretofore 'mikes' have been strung on running wires and carried overhead. Besides proving very unsatisfactory the running mikes also distracted the actors themselves.

The second accomplishment has been the regulation of volume. The loudest voice can be registered moderately and in proportion, and in turn the necessity of operators regulating the reproduction of the sound has been practically eliminated, according to RKO technicians.

ALASKAN "SOURDOUGH."

How the Name Was Obtained.

The thousands of miners who joined in the gold rush to Alaska in the summer of 1901 won the title of "sourdoughs" from their inventive genius as bakers, according to Robert Harris one of the members of the original clan who served as technical director during the filming of Paramount's talking screen version of "The Spoilers."

"We mixed dough in large batches for reasons of economy," Harris recalls. "Using only flour and water we kneaded up a big ball of it, which we wrapped in a cloth and carried in our packs. Of course the stuff soured. We wanted it to. For, by pulling off a wad of it, mixing it with soda and setting it by the fire overnight, we had a fine, fluffy batter for hot cakes or scones in the morning. And that's how the 'sourdough' got his name."

Harris' assistance on the construction of settings and selection of miner characters for "The Spoilers" greatly enhanced the authenticity with which Rex Beach's famous novel has been brought to the talking screen.

Gary Cooper plays the leading role in "The Spoilers," supported by a notable cast including Betty Compson, Kay Johnson, William Boyd, Harry Green Slim Summerville and James Kirkwood. Edwine Carewe had charge of the direction.

Winnie Lightner, featured in Warner First National's "Gold Diggers of Broadway," "Hell Everything," and other productions, dares to be herself whether her audience consists of a few intimate friends making an informal call at her home or a few thousand people sitting in a theatre for the purpose of being amused. Watching her comical facial expressions and listening to her fast line of comedy and amusing songs the impression is gathered that she is just naturally a madcap in private life.

She likes dogs. As many of them as she can conveniently house on her grounds are welcome. And she likes big dogs. Recently a friend presented her with one that almost resembled a prehistoric monster. Winnie was delighted. She managed to get him into the back seat of her roadster and started home with her treasure. Her story is that while she was driving along she felt the rear of the car bumping. Looking back she discovered that the unever motion was caused by the panting of the dog. Believe it or not—it's Winnie's story.

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Fifty of Broadway's most beautiful chorus girls were recruited for the cast of "Heads Up," a Paramount musical comedy in which Charles Rogers is starred. Most of them worked in New York stage shows at night and reported at the studio in the daytime. They had to snatch their sleep where they found it, and the fairy tale about Sleeping Beauty was enacted each day during the filming of the picture.

No matter how much noise was made by carpenters, scene shifters and electricians on the set, a large number of girls were to be found between sequences curled up in chairs and window seats in sound slumber.

"Heads Up," recently completed at the New York studios, is the talking screen version of Aarons and Freedley's Broadway success of the same name. Appearing in support of the star are Margaret Breen, Victor Moore, Helen Kane, Helen Carrington, Gene Gowing and Harry Shannon, all prominent stage artists.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Before Mr. T. B. Wade, P.M., and Messrs. W. Hayes, E. J. Jones, W. Jones, B. E. Johnson, H. Evans and Mrs. Wood, J's.P.

Shop Open After Hours.

Mrs. Ford, Separation St., Northcote, charged with having had her shop open for the sale of fruit after the appointed hour, was fined 10/-, with 7/6 costs. In a letter Mrs. Ford stated that times were bad and she had to keep her son, who was out of work, and his family.

Unregistered Car.

H. Benning, charged with having driven an unregistered motor car on September 18, was fined £3. Traffic Const. Gower said that when interviewed defendant said he had just purchased the truck, and he understood the registration had three months to run.

Car With Garage Number.

Henry C. Pannach, charged with having on September 28 driven a motor car bearing a garage number on a Sunday, was fined £2.

Consent to Maintenance Order.

Marie Gladys Bains sued her husband, Percy Bains, for the support of herself and one child.

Mrs. Bains, Northcote, said she married defendant in 1922. He was a Frenchpolisher and earned at least £4 a week.

By consent an order was made for 30/- weekly for the wife and 10/- weekly for the child. It was also ordered that a surety of £35 be found by defendant to comply with the order and that he pay £2/7/- costs.

Surety Not Found.

Norman Arthur Norton was called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for failing to find a surety of £30 to comply with an order for the maintenance of his wife. Defendant did not appear and it was ordered he be imprisoned until such time as the surety be found.

Ejectment Order.

Kenneth John Clements, of Elsternwick, as agent for the owner, obtained an ejectment order against Mrs. E. G. Johnston. The property in question, it was stated in evidence, was being purchased subject to mortgage, on which the interest had been paid for two years.

Claim For Rent Fails.

A. W. Matthew, orchardist, of Wandin, made a claim for £11/5/- against Burns and Duggan, of High St., Northcote, for rent of a vacant block of land.

Matthew said that Burns and Duggan, who were blacksmiths, had agreed to pay rent for the block of land at the rate of 5/- weekly as from December 1 last.

John S. Burns, Vauxhall road, Northcote, and his partner both gave evidence that they had never agreed to rent the block, and that it was not used by them.

The case was dismissed with £1 10/6 costs against Matthew.

Unregistered Car in Accident.

Frank H. Looney, Raleigh St., Northcote, was charged with having driven an unregistered car in October 7.

The evidence showed that an accident occurred at the corner of High and Candy Sts., in which Herbert Jolly, of Candy St., who was riding a bicycle, was knocked down. He was picked up by Looney and taken to a doctor and given attention. Subsequently it was found that the registration of the car Looney was driving had expired.

Fined £2, with 7/6 costs.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Preston v Diamond Valley

Last Saturday Preston Club fired a teams match over 600 yards against Diamond Valley on the latter's range among the picturesque hills of Diamond Creek. The weather was ideal, the light being even and the wind on its best behavior, as only one degree right was needed all through. The young blood of Preston made a splendid beginning, which was well backed up by the older shots. The match resulted in a win for Preston, the individual scores being:—

Preston.—A. French 46, E. Featherston 45, A. Perrett 42, F. Ames 40, G. Bignell 45, F. Featherston 47, T. Griffiths 48, S. Chynoweth 44.

Diamond Valley.—R. M. Greenwood 44, C. Limner 41, A. Brock 41, W. Tucker 41, E. Pill 41, O. Lacey 40, J. Cox 38, E. Garsed 37.

A trophy presented by Preston Club to the highest scorer of the opposing team was won by R. M. Greenwood.

As it was the annual social and presentation of trophies on Saturday night for Diamond Valley Club, Preston members were invited, after having been well catered for during the afternoon and tea adjournments. The captain of Preston Club (H. Court) was given the honor of presenting the trophies to winning members. The day's shooting and the evening's entertainment were thoroughly appreciated.

THANKS RETURNED FOR HELP.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I wish to thank the ladies and gentlemen who sent cash, clothes, food and furniture to Cr. Wm. Hayes' appeal to help my family in my recent trouble. I sincerely thank Mrs. Fletcher for her kindness to my wife; also Mr. Ulm and Cr. William Hayes; also thanking the charities organisation for their great help.—Yours, etc.,

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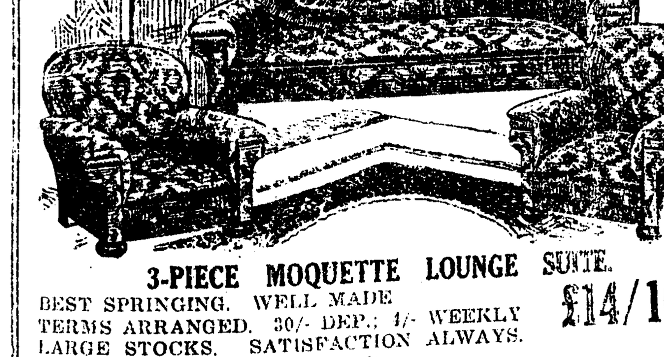

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Congregational Church.—Another little fox was let loose last Sunday, when the Rev. Duncan Reeves addressed the children on the fox of "Boldness." The morning service was devoted to "Ministry of Healing," and was in keeping with Hospital Sunday observance. The annual collection was slightly above that of past years. The evening address was "Bankruptcy of Statesmanship in the Gambling Parliament." Mr. Reeves delivered a strong and vigorous protest against measures contemplated during the present session of Parliament, dealing with totalisators, golden caskets, and other questionable methods of raising revenue. The school teachers last Sunday inaugurated a monthly tea at the school, which they hope will make for greater social and spiritual understanding.

Prince of Wales Methodist Church.—An interesting social was held in the Sunday school on Monday evening last. Items were rendered by Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Couper and Mrs. Hounslow, and they were well received by a large audience. A novel feature was a dressmaking competition for men. Six men made paper dresses for six ladies, using newspaper as material. Mrs. Duggleby, president of the Ladies' Aid, handed in a cheque for £55. Mrs. Thomas, on behalf of the choir, presented an amount which made the total contributed by the choir £27 15/-. The chairman then announced that 13/7 was required in order to bring the total from special efforts up to £250, and so claim £50 offered by an anonymous donor. More than the 13/7 was quickly subscribed, and then Pastor Perkins, representing the unknown friend of the church, presented the treasurer with £50. This will enable the trustees to improve their position by £300 in thirteen months.

W.C.T.U.—On Monday afternoon the monthly meeting of the Northcote branch was held, Mrs. Johnson (president) occupying the chair. There was a fair attendance. It was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Bell, who at last meeting had been elected vice-president, and whose husband had died suddenly the following day. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Chesterfield, Camberwell, who based her remarks on the words "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." Solos were rendered by Misses Collins and Drakeford. A vote of thanks to the speakers and the singers was moved by Mrs. Cornish, seconded by Mrs. Hazeldine, and carried by acclamation. One new member was enrolled. Afternoon tea was served.

Memorial Service, Mrs. Hing.—On Sunday evening in the Church of Christ, High St., a large congregation assembled at the service in memory of the late Mrs. Hing. The service was conducted by Pastor A. E. Illingworth and Mr. E. McClean. Mrs. Hing's family and other relatives were present. Mr. McClean said he had, over 40 years ago, with the help of Mr. W. Hing, founded the Church of Christ Mission School in Melbourne. Mr. Hing was then a young man, and married Miss Matilda Ket, a talented young Chinese lady, who did all she could to help in the work of converting her fellow countrymen, and as she spoke the same dialect as most of the men attending the schools, she was able to address them in their own language. Through her influence many had embraced Christianity. During the service the deceased lady's favorite hymns were sung, and Mr. Ben Moy Ling rendered two beautiful solos "Consolation" and "In My Father's House are Many Mansions."

Presentation at Croxton.—At the Croxton Methodist school hall on 23rd inst. a complimentary social was tendered to three members of the church and school, viz., Miss Elsie Durham, Miss Lila Daniel and Mr. P. Bock, who are shortly to be married, and will be making their homes in adjoining suburbs. Presentations were made by various sections of church life, and best wishes for their future happiness and prosperity were expressed. Miss Durham, in a pleasing speech, expressed her appreciation, and remarked that she would always remember the happy times spent at Croxton. Mr. P. Bock responded on behalf of Miss Daniel and himself, and thanked the Croxton folk for their gifts and good wishes, and said they would never forget the pleasant associations formed at Croxton.

Church of Epiphany.—On Sunday morning a confirmation service was held, which was attended by all those who had lately been confirmed. On Sunday evening the service was conducted by Archdeacon Hancock, who based his remarks on the words: "Remember Thy Creator." A beautiful anthem was rendered by the choir.

All Saints' South Northcote.—During the next fortnight the 17th anniversary will be celebrated. On Sunday the 11 o'clock service will be in the hands of the Ven. Archdeacon Herring, and in the evening Rev. C. H. Nash will preach. Throughout the week there will be meetings every evening except Tuesday and Saturday.

High Street Methodist.—Next Sunday morning special reference will be made by the preacher (Rev. F. J. Jennings) to the late Mr. C. J. Bell, who was one of the circuit stewards and also the envelope secretary at the time of his death. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the service.

All Saints' 70th Anniversary.—All Saints Church of England, Northcote, will celebrate its 70th anniversary on Sunday next, when special services will be held. The Mayor of Northcote and councillors will attend the morning service.

Preston Ministers' Fraternal.—The monthly meeting was held on October 28, there being a good attendance of the local ministers. Rev. F. Parsons presided. Satisfactory reports were received of successful Robert Raikes' celebrations, and of the pulpit exchanges arranged for Hospital Sunday. Means for helping the mayor's unemployed relief committee were also dealt with. After the business session, Rev. F. Parsons addressed the fraternal upon the question of "The Corporate Communion of the Church," his treatment of this subject proving both interesting and helpful.

Preston Church of Christ.—A successful social evening was held last Saturday night in aid of the senior cricket club. Mr. A. J. Fisher presided while the secretary of the club Mr. A. Scaife, acted as M.C. During the evening Mr. A. Fordham, secretary of the Churches of Christ Cricket Association, presented the trophies won last season. On October 23, in the absence of the minister, the members of the Young Men's Training Class conducted the prayer service. The meeting was presided over by R. Reid, the scripture lesson being read by D. Hemburrow. An essay was written by F. Sharman, while short devotional addresses were given by F. Chipperfield, K. Chatley and R. Fisher. Those present expressed pleasure at the way the service was conducted.

Salvation Army.—Major and Mrs. Blaskett, who have been home to England to see their friends and relatives, returned to Melbourne on Monday by the "Barabool," having spent two weeks in West Australia with their son on the way home. Major and Mrs. Blaskett will be welcomed home at the corps during the weekend. On Saturday evening at 6 p.m., the corps anniversary public tea will be held. Colonel Sutton, the Chief Secretary, will preside at the tea and welcome will be extended to Major and Mrs. Blasket.

V.J.A. DISQUALIFICATIONS

(To the Editor)

Sir,—At the last meeting of the committee of the Northcote Junior Football Club it was decided to uphold the statements by our press correspondent, Mr. E. Watkins in connection with the recent disqualifications of three prominent players. Both Mr. Fawcett and Mr. Waycott have gone to some length in replying and certainly have made it appear that our club was responsible for the whole affair. In reply to Mr. Waycott we would like to remind him that it was the suggestion of the Association secretary, Mr. Fawcett that the police should intervene if the same tactics were exhibited, and furthermore we as a club do agree with our writer that the police did accompany the umpire and that the reported statement made by the umpire was correct. We would like to ask Mr. Waycott if he was in the room, what was the reply the umpire received from our team and also our coach, R. Skilton. Much has been said by both writers that it takes more than one to make a fight. Who was the aggressor and still continued after all the threats made by the umpires and police? We would suggest that both writers and also the members of the tribunal interview any of the police on duty at the match and get their version of the whole affair. When they heard the verdict they were astounded. Mr. Waycott stated further that only two of the members of the tribunal after hearing the charges and evidence of the umpires and players came to a decision, and with the remainder of that committee fully agreed with them, and that the statements given by the players were not considered, and they were treated with contempt and branded as untruthful.

On behalf of our club we would like to state that we hold no brief for any club who continually "puts in the dirt," and that every statement given by our players was the absolute truth and by doing so received their reward by disqualification. What encouragement is this to young players who are out to play the game as it should be played?

Agreeing with both writers that it would be to the association's detriment to allow the creeping in of what they term "Rafferty's Rules." We would also like to ask those gentlemen why they did not see that the players who were mixed up in a free fight during the final match between Coburg and Preston were not reported?

It was their duty to see that the umpires do their duty and if they are so anxious to keep the game clean, why allow the incident to pass without comment from the management considering it was reported in the evening papers?

In Mr. Fawcett's letter he states that they do not want he opinion of a bush lawyer to mislead them with faked evidence. Now we ask Mr. Fawcett if this is fair criticism. At these inquiries both parties are requested to have a representative to defend their case. Now why should our side receive this insult when our representative is out to do his best for his club and players? We challenged Mr. Fawcett or any member of the tribunal that the evidence given by our players was in every respect the truth. Let them come into the open and have an independant inquiry and we have no fear of the result.

The club has always been with the Association and helped them in every respect by paying their fees and all other payments as required, so we cannot be a bad asset after all. As we have previously stated, the committee still maintain that they have been unjusty treated and that the statements made were correct.

On their behalf we have simply and truthfully done what any other football body would do—"appeal for justice." Yours etc.,

W. R. MORRISON President.
C. WINTER, Hon. Sec.

(This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.)

ANOTHER GROWL.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—May I crave a small space to ask are the Preston City Councillors still sleeping? To think there is no main road from Plenty Road right into Reservoir railway station. We are not living in the year 1850 when people had to drive through paddocks. The rocky road to Dublin is not in it, when driving up Broadway (a supposed to be road) to say nothing of being nearly swallowed up when it is muddy. I might also draw their attention to the dangerous state of High street from Penders street to Reservoir railway station. Some of the pot holes are inches deep. Where does all the rate money go?

Mr. Clapp might well be interested in this road, as it would be a boon to the people to be able to get to the Reservoir railway station. Then perhaps a bus route would start from Janefield to this station. Seeing it only takes 25 minutes to get to the city whereas it takes 40 minutes by the train.—yours etc.,

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,
At 3 o'clock on the Premises,
214 TYLER STREET, PRESTON.
Under instructions from the Mortgagee

Two-Storied Shop and Dwelling.

On land 20ft x 120 ft., being Lot 2 on Plan of Subdivision No. 9184, lodged in the Office of Titles and part of Crown Portion 146 at Preston, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke, Certificate of Title Volume 5161, Folio 1020120.

TERMS AT SALE.
The land is under the Transfer of Land Act and the Certificate of Title may be inspected at the office of Messrs. O'Donohue and Brew, Solicitors, Capitol House, Swanston St., Melbourne, F 5110, from whom particulars may be obtained.

J. & H. BURGESS,
Estate Agents, 899 HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE (JW 1947), in conjunction with
S. L. WILLMOTT & CO.,
Estate Agents, 563 HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE (JW 1350). S. L. WILLMOTT, Auctioneer.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1.
Mortgagees' Sale.
Lot 1, at 3 p.m.,
16 ARMADALE ST., CROXTON
(Off Martin St.).

NEAT S.F W.B. VILLA

Four nice rooms and all convs. in good order; returning £58 year in rental. Land 26 x 107ft. 9in.
Title, Certificate.
Lot 2 at 3.45—
10 SPEIGHT ST., NORTHCOTE
(Opp. State School).

MODERN D.F. W.B. VILLA

Tiled roof, 5 large rooms, sep. B.R. and W.H., kitchenette, vestibule, perfect order throughout. Land 40 x 120. Laid out in lawns, cement paths, large woodshed; side drive; an ideal home. Highly recommended. Title Certificate. Orders to inspect from the Auctioneer—

JAMES & HOBSON,
NORTHCOTE.

AUCTION.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8,
At 3 p.m.
ANGUS McDONALD PTY. LTD.,
(GEO. HENDERSON, Auctioneer), of 642 HIGH ST., THORNBURY (JW 1235), will submit

MODERN W.B. VILLA

Five rooms, in excellent order throughout, with all convs., double garage, sewer, gas and electric light, street made, high position, one from tram and shops. Close to school.
IMMEDIATE POSSESSION. LONG EASY TERMS.
[illegible]
Full particulars and orders to view from Auctioneers.

For Private Sale.

A MODERN AND BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED

BRICK VILLA

Built 2 years, 7 rooms & bathroom, por. bath & basin, linen press built in wardrobe and cupboards; front and back lawns, concrete paths, high position, with an easterly slope and outlook. Made street. This is an exceptional opportunity to acquire a residence in Oakhill Avenue, the Toorak of Preston, at an attractive figure.

Finance could be arranged on about £300 deposit. Bedrock price for quick sale £1,250.

Inspection by appointment. For appointment, write "Seller," c/o "Leader" Office.

EUCHRE will be held in Anglers' Hall, Murray road, Preston, every Saturday night. Prizes valued £2 allotted. Admission 1/6.

FRIENDS at a Distance. Send them XMAS CARDS with your Name printed from 7/- dozen upwards. "LEADER" OFFICE. Best stock.

Amusements

FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS

A GRAND CONCERT

Will be held at
NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL
On
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2,
At 8.30 p.m.

The Church of the Epiphany Choir, supported by leading artists, will participate.

An invitation is extended to everyone to support this and subsequent Concerts.

The whole of the proceeds will go towards Relieving the Distress so prevalent in this City.

ADMISSION BY DONATION AT DOOR.
J. H. GREEN,
Mayor of Northcote.

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EPPING ROAD
One Minute from Bus or Train.

OLD TIME BALL

Cup Eve, Monday, November 3,
From 8 till 2.
CONFETTI BATTLE
STREAMER DANCE.
COME AND JOIN THIS HAPPY THRONG.
Price 1/6.
Free Parking for Vehicles and Cars. Refreshments obtainable at Cafe.

SELECT OLD TIME DANCE

EVERY WEDNESDAY.
PRICE 1/-
GOOD MUSIC. GOOD FLOOR.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON SCOTTISH SOCIETY

Meets every FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH in NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL, At 8 p.m.

MEMBERS.—Do not forget the 5TH NOVEMBER—A GRAND GALA HALLOWEEN NIGHT for the Kiddies, Free Sweets, Oranges, Balloons, Tea and Cakes, Games, Catching the Apples, etc. Prizes for the Best Fancy Dress and Best Sustained Character.

So dress your Kiddies up and come along and let them enjoy a real good Treat. Also our QUARTERLY CONCERT, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, one of the finest ever arranged by this Society. As the Membership of this Society is about to close, anyone desirous of becoming a member should do so now by sending in their application to the Secretary on or before NOVEMBER 5, 1930. Fees for Joining—Initiation 2/6, Subscription 1/- per month, admitting Member and Wife and Children up to 15 years free. Lady Members—Initiation 1/- and 1/6 per Quarter; Honorary Members 5/6 per half year. The above fees admit to all our Concerts and Harmony Socials.

CUP EVE DANCE.

NORTHCOTE PAVILION.
CAP AND STREAMER NIGHT.
TWO SUPPERS.
FREE BUSES AFTER DANCE TO PRESTON AND IVANHOE.

19 George V., No. 3632, Sec. 106.
19 George V., No. 3632, Sec. 124.

NOTICE.

A RULE to administer the Estate of George Joseph, late an inmate of the Hospital for Insane, Royal Park, formerly of 2 Francis Grove, Northcote, [illegible], deceased, intestate, [illegible] 11th August, 1930, has been granted to me, and Creditors and all others having claims against the estate are required to send in particulars of their claims to the Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, No. 267 Queen St., Melbourne, on or before the 29th November 1930, or they may be excluded from the distribution of the Estate when the assets are being distributed.

WALTER B. HOUSE,
Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons.
Melbourne, 15th October, 1930.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

HEALTH ACTS.

PAN ANNUAL CHARGE.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the Council of the City of Northcote, at a meeting thereof to be held in the Municipal Offices, Northcote, ON THE 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1930, at 7.30 p.m., TO MAKE AND LEVY A PAN ANNUAL CHARGE OF FORTY-TWO SHILLINGS PER PAN FOR A WEEKLY SERVICE AND EIGHTY-FOUR SHILLINGS PER PAN FOR A BI-WEEKLY SERVICE on all occupiers or owners of tenements within the city not connected with the sewerage systems of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, for the collection, removal and disposal of all nightsoil for the year commencing on the 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1930, and ending on the 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1931.

THE SAID CHARGE TO BE MADE DUE AND PAYABLE ON THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1930.

Particulars of the Charge made may be inspected at the Town Hall, High Street, Northcote, during office hours.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1930.

By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote N.16.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

GENERAL RATE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the City of Northcote intends at a Meeting of the Council to be held at the Municipal Offices, High Street, Northcote, at 7.30 p.m., on MONDAY, the 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1930, to MAKE AND LEVY A GENERAL RATE OF TWO SHILLINGS AND NINE PENCE IN THE POUND ON THE NET ANNUAL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY ASSESSABLE IN THE CITY OF NORTHCOTE.

It is intended that the said Rate shall be made for the period commencing on the 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1930, and ending on the 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1931, and shall be due and payable on the 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1930.

The Estimate prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1928, is deposited for inspection by any person interested or rated, at the Municipal Offices, High Street, Northcote, during office hours.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1930.

By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote N.16.

CITY OF PRESTON.

THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING BATHS will be OPEN TO THE PUBLIC on SATURDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1930.

L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk

CITY OF PRESTON.

TENDERS will be received up till 12 Noon on SATURDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1930, for the PURCHASE by Public Tender of ONE BUICK STANDARD SIX COACH, 1927 model; perfect order; two spare Tyres and Rims.

Inspection 8 a.m. to 12 noon daily at the Town Hall, Preston.

Deposit of £10 to be lodged with tender.

L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk.

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

MONSTER SELECT MODERN DANCE,

PRESTON CITY HALL,
CP EVE (MONDAY NEXT).
Dancing 8 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. Monte Carlos, Lucky Spots, etc. Stubley's Orchestra. Admission 2/6.
Don't forget Hamper Picnic to Christmas Hills next Sunday. Cars leave Town Hall at 10 a.m. Fare 2/6
E. J. HANNAH, Secretary.

Under the Patronage of His Worship the Mayor (CR. J. H. GREEN) and Councillors.

Northcote Symphony Orchestra (60 Performers).
Conductor—BASIL S. FARRELL, Mus. Dip., Melb. Univ.
Leader—ETHEL WORDSWORTH.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL, TUESDAY, NOV. 7, 1930, at 8 o'clock.

Assisting Artists—MISS OLIVE BATTEN (Contralto), MISS ETHEL WORDSWORTH (Violiniste), MISS EILEEN WATT (Elocutionist), MR. ERIC JONES (Baritone), and MR. CHARLES HOBBY (Cellist).

Programme will include:—Overtures—"Rosamunde", (Schubert); "Figaro" (Mozart); Symphony in B Minor, "The Unfinished" (Schubert); "Henry VIII" Suite (German); "Mock Morris" and "Shepherd's Hey" (Grainger), and the Symphonic Poem, "Finlandia" (Sibelius). The Vocal and Instrumental Items with Orchestra will be [illegible] from Act I "Seraglio" (Mozart); "Romance" (Max Bruch); and [illegible] (Gounod).
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POPULAR PRICES [illegible] (Reserved); 1/- (Unreserved).

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