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...ce to the premises was ... by breaking a side window ... or 10 feet from the ground ... Arthurton road.

...lothes Const. Batt, of Northcote, ... making inquiries ascer... that on New Year's morning, ... 5.30 o'clock, the broken window ... first noticed, and men were ... leave the premises shortly ... with bags of goods. ... his investigations, Plain-clothes Const. Batt was joined by ... McGuffie and Seager ... searching a house some boxes were found.

Four Men Run.

...st examining these the police ... men walking along. Appar... recognising the police they ... and ran.

Seager drew his revolver and ... up" two of the men, whilst ... Const. Batt gave chase ... other two, catching them near ... line at the Beaver's road.

Goods Recovered.

...later stage an empty house ... and in it was found a ... an empty box.

... further inquiry on the same ... large proportion of the goods ... to have been stolen were ... stacked behind a storeroom in ... road near a quarry.

... police are of opinion that they ... from the shop.

...er at the Northcote watch-house ... Edward John Reynolds, 18, laborer; Frederick John Hib... 24 years, laborer, and Vernon ... Setches, 19 years, laborer, ... charged with shop-breaking and ... The fourth man detained ... police was released.

...bert and Setches appeared be... the Northcote court on Tuesday ... were remanded for a week on ... application of the police. ... holds is on bail.

POINTED PROVERBS

SETTING YOUR COURSE

...ve you any objective for this year of 1931? Some folks never ... in life because they never set ... efforts on any worth-while ob... Opportunities come but they ... not progress by them. To them ... proverb applies—"No wind can do ... good who steers for no port."

... abundance and danger such ... less folk are!" Bishop Paget says, ... ship that steers for no port can ... little but send other ships to the ... The flotsam and jetsam, ... derelicts of life, all are in danger. ... your own life. Have you ... or an ambition? Are you just ... aimlessly along? Is your ob... of the highest and noblest ... Paul, the great apostle, once ... "I press toward the mark," and ... life became one long ... to ... saving power of Christ. Shall not ... individually and collectively, make ... year one of progress toward the ... objectives of life and perse... till we reach our aim in the pre... of God.

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PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

Before Messrs. O. A. Walker, J. T. McMahon, C. W. Hooper and E. Flanders, J.P.

Case Remanded

George Sprague, 36 years, was charged with having at Stratford on November 9, 1928, deserted his wife and five children.

A remand was granted to Stratford on January 16, bail being fixed at £100.

A Serious Charge

George Ian Darcy Maher was charged with having, at Wollert on January 1, assaulted a woman with intent to commit a serious offence.

On the application of the police an adjournment for a fortnight was granted, bail being fixed at £150.

Offensive Language

Brian Wilson, 20, Powlett street, East Melbourne, was charged with having on December 20 used indecent language at the Preston railway station. There was a second charge of offensive behaviour.

George Robert Chappie, assistant stationmaster at Preston, said:—At 7.40 p.m. on December 20 I was called by the motorman and interviewed Wilson, about whom I received a complaint. Wilson was intoxicated.

Constable Hopkins said:—When I got to the railway station I asked Wilson for his name and address, and he made use of very offensive language. I arrested him. The man had had drink.

Defendant's Counsel: Was he in a fit state to drive a motor car?

Mr. Walker: Surely he didn't have a motor car in the train? (Laughter).

Witness: No.

Mr. Walker: Drink is no excuse for crime.

Sergt. Lang intimated that as two witnesses did not appear to give evidence as to the offensive behaviour charge he would withdraw it.

A fine of £5 was imposed for the language.

Licensing Cases Adjourned

Ewart H. Hill, Bell street, West Preston, was charged with having sold liquor on December 17 without being licensed. There was a second charge of a similar nature respecting December 19.

The cases were adjourned for a week so that they could be dealt with by a police magistrate.

Car Obstructs Road

Alan Bruce McColl, Wales street, Footscray, who on December 13 left a motor car in Gower street in such a position as to obstruct other vehicles, was fined 10/.

Constable Geake said that McColl's car was six paces from the kerb, and the traffic was heavy, there being entertainments at the town hall. The car was in such a position as to obstruct traffic.

Sergt. Lang gave similar evidence, and said the car was almost in the centre of the road, and a right-of-way was completely blocked.

McColl said:—On the previous night I had lost a spare wheel, and on this occasion I left the car close handy. I arrived about 11 p.m. to pick up my wife and children, and the car was not blocking the right-of-way when I left it.

Debt

A. B. McLaren obtained an order against the Suburban Timber Supply for £15/18/, with 6/ costs.

Claim for Wages

Mrs. E. Williams made a claim for wages against Mrs. M. Gillies.

Elsie Williams said:—In July last I entered into Mrs. Gillies' employ at a wage of £1 a week. That was paid for two weeks, and after that I was only paid 15/ a week.

Mr. Walker: What day did you leave?

Witness: I can't say, but it was the day of the grand final of the football matches. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hooper, J.P.: Sport plays a great part in some people's lives. Some people fix dates by horse racing and others by football. (Laughter.)

Witness said that an amount of £5 10/ was now owing to her.

Mr. Norris (for defendant): Whilst working for Mrs. Gillies you received board and lodging there?

Witness: Yes.

And your husband stayed with you every week end?—Yes, at Mrs. Gillies' suggestion.

Marthina Gillies, Charles street, West Preston, said:—I employed Mrs. Williams in July at £1 a week. I paid the money weekly until a Mrs. King arrived, when Mrs. Williams and Mrs. King decided to split the £1 weekly between them. After that I paid her 10/ weekly until the last two weeks, when I gave her £1 in one sum. In addition I had bought her stockings and aprons, for which she said she would pay me, but did not do so.

Cross-examined: The clothing I bought for Mrs. Williams cost about 15/.

By majority decision an order was made for £5/10/, with £2/7/ costs.

Housebreaking Charge

James Ferguson, 18 years, was charged with having on December 27 at Regent broken and entered the house of James Setches and stolen clothing, etc., valued at £20.

Mrs. Eleanor Setches, Rona street, Preston, said:—On December 27 entry was effected into my husband's house by someone who broke the leadlight in the front door. Two rooms were ransacked and clothing and goods valued at £20 were stolen. A coat and hat which did not belong to either my husband or myself were found in the house.

Detective W. ... Davis said:—About 2 a.m. on December 28 I saw accused in bed at Gordon House, Little Bourke street, Melbourne. He said his name was Collins. In his possession were found a hat, coat, trousers, shirt, wristlet watch, and a ... case. ... detective office ... these goods were identified by Mrs. Setches as her husband's property. When questioned about the rest of the articles stolen accused said he sold them to men in the other dormitories.

Ferguson pleaded guilty and was committed for trial at the General Sessions on February 2.

MAINTENANCE ARREARS.

WIFE SECURES AN ORDER

At the Northcote court on Dec. 23 Alma Victoria Owens proceeded against her husband, William Owens, of Whittlesea, for arrears of maintenance.

Mr. Stephen (for the husband) said that two claims for arrears had been set down pending an appeal to the Court of General Sessions. The case had not been reached this year by that court and would not be heard until February. He asked that the two summonses already adjourned be again adjourned and the fresh summons also held over pending the result of that appeal.

Mrs. Rosanove (for the wife) opposed the application, and said the wife had nothing on which to live, and she would have to starve.

Mr. Johnson, J.P. (chairman) said the bench would not grant an adjournment unless some provision was made for the support of the wife.

J. Maloney, clerk of courts, said in the first case the arrears at October 21 were £4/10/. At November 18 a further sum of £6 had accrued, and there was another sum of £6 due since that date. The total arrears now owing were £16/10/.

Owens said:—I am 63 years of age and was formerly a laborer. I am in ill-health and cannot work. I came out of Caulfield hospital last March and have not worked since. I have no money—only about 1/9. (Laughter). I had property at one time, but sold it about two years ago. I have been living on the proceeds of these sales and with my son. I have kept up the payments to my wife to October 21 last, and my son James is keeping me. In October my wife brought an action against me in the Supreme Court and she lost. She now owes me taxed costs amounting to £176, of which she has not paid one shilling.

Mrs. Rosanove: How many children did your wife have?

Defendant: I believe nine. (Laughter).

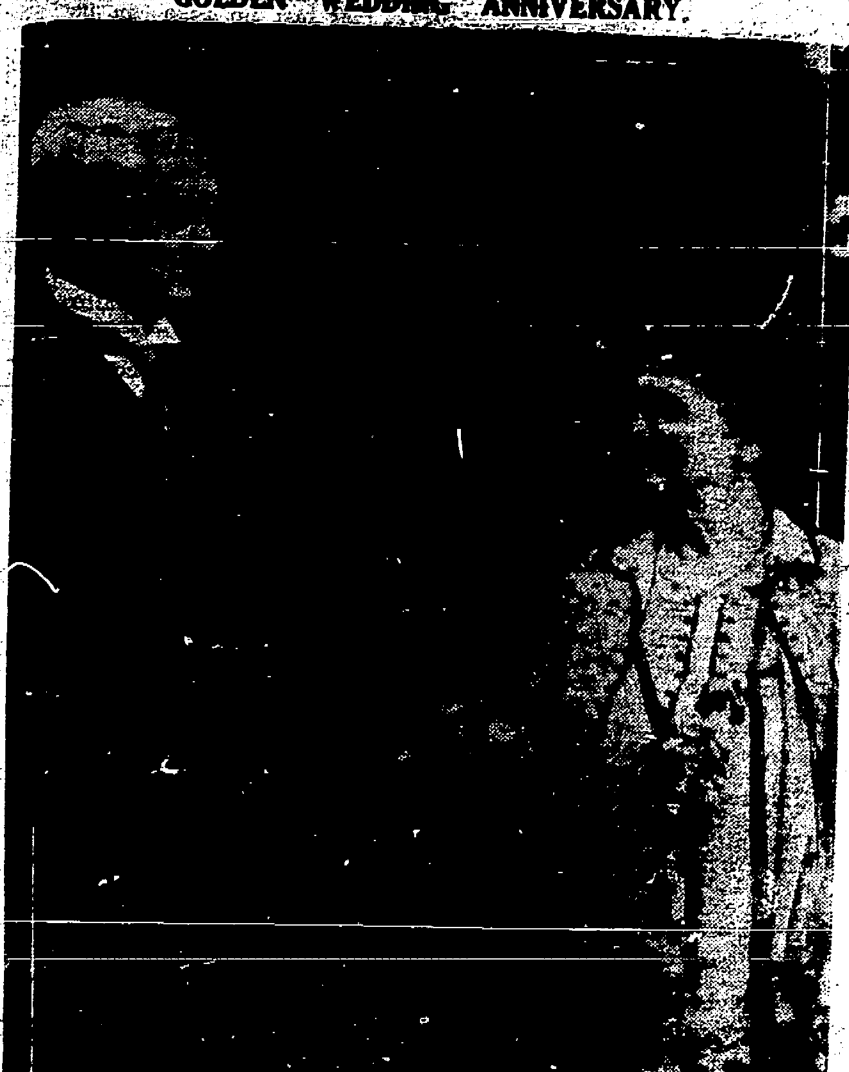
Mrs. Rosanove: You only believe! Aren't you sure?

Defendant: I could count them up. (Laughter).

There were frequent clashes between counsel as to questions put to the witness concerning transactions with property going back to three years ago.

After a good deal of argument an order was made that Owens pay the total amount of the arrears, £16/10/, at the rate of 10/ per week, in default that he be imprisoned until the order is complied with, and that he pay £2/2/ costs.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Short, of Upper Hawthorn, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently. For nearly 42 years Mr. Short was associated with State schools in Hawthorn, and he was also head teacher at Creswick, Clunes, Ballarat, Preston and Fitzroy between 1891 and 1897.

Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

NORTHCOTE FIREMEN ENTERTAIN.

All dressed up, and no fire to go to—which was just as well! Two of the 50 children of unemployed parents at Northcote Fire Station, where the firemen gave them a New Year party.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From the "Leader" of January 10, 1891.

An Extraordinary Theft.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Tharratt, who were recently married, have been made the victims of an unusual theft. Following the good old custom the wedding cake had been divided, and pieces encased in the usual caskets in readiness to be sent to friends. On the evening this pleasant task was completed, Mr. and Mrs. Tharratt had occasion to leave the house for a few minutes. They were much annoyed on returning to find that the basket containing the cake had been removed, but thought it was a practical joke, and it would be returned. However, nothing has since been seen or heard of the cake.

MERNDA

There was some liveliness at the meeting of the committee of the Mechanics' Institute on Monday, when it was shown that there were no trustees of the hall except the sole surviving member of the original trustees (Cr. W. Thomas). No other trustees have been registered with the Chief Secretary as required. The bank, which held documents of the hall, had no knowledge of trustees other than the original members. There was also some difficulty over the Government grant of £20. The secretary (Cr. W. Thomas) said the treasurer (Mr. J. Whitten) had received the money, but the treasurer denied it. The secretary was instructed to write to the Chief Secretary for detailed information showing who were trustees and to call a meeting within a week of receiving a reply.

The breaking-up of the State school was celebrated on Friday with a picnic and an evening with Father Christmas, who distributed presents to every scholar. Myrtle Keeble passed the merit examination.

Let Your New Year Resolution be "Shop in Preston for Better Value and Service"

IN AND ABOUT PRESTON

by The Rouseabout

East Preston Motor Cycle Club

EAST Preston will hold its first run for the new year to Seaford on Sunday, leaving Durrant's Garage, Plenty road, Preston, at 10 a.m. sharp. The club's next general meeting will be held on January 12.

East Preston Social Club

THE annual meeting of the above will be held at 10 Erval avenue on January 19. The business of the meeting will be to elect office-bearers for the ensuing yar and to receive the report and balance sheet. Nominations close with the secretary, Mr. Paton, on the 12th inst. See advertisement in another part of this paper.

Special Order

A SPECIAL order is being placed before the Preston council to allow £3000 provided in a loan to be used for other purposes.

Fire at Preston

ON December 30 at 8.32 p.m. a fire broke out at a timber villa owned and occupied by Mr. A. P. Callaway at Butler street, Preston. A street alarm brought the fire brigade quickly to the scene and the blaze was extinguished, a good save being made. A bathroom at the rear, a linen press and portion of the ceiling was severely damaged. There was an insurance of £630 with the State Savings Bank on the building, but none on the contents.

Preston Red Cross Auxiliary

AN Australian tea was held in the town hall in aid of the unemployed Christmas cheer fund, when £6/8/9 in cash and seven parcels of groceries to the value of 15/ was handed in. A very enjoyable programme was given by Mesdames Allardice, Larsen, Howse, Misses Mason, D. Cheesley and Lexie Bain, and Mr. J. Cheesley (violin solo). The mayoress (Mrs. G. E. Robinson) desires to thank the artists and lady helpers and the donors of gifts who helped to make the afternoon a success.

Euchre at Preston

EAST Preston Social Club will hold euchre parties every Saturday evening in the old Preston town hall, when good prizes will be played for. There is also an aggregate prize to be won by Easter. The proceeds are for the unemployed.

Loyal Preston Lodge, P.A.F.S.

THE above lodge held the first meeting for the new year on Monday, January 5, in the scout hall. Owing to many members still being away on holidays the attendance was not as good as usual, there being only about 30 present. Reports were received of the Christmas party on December 22, when about 80 children of members of the lodge were entertained and given ttoys. At the conclusion of the lodge meeting holiday experiences were exchanged and many good fish and similar yarns were hard. Of course, they were supposed to be true. The next meeting will be held on January 19.

Voluntary Collections to Cease

AT the meeting of the Regent Central Progress Association on Tuesday it was decided in view of the increased unemployment tax to stop voluntary collections in the section covered by the association.

Mr. Eagles as Judge.

THE Tramways Horticultural Society has asked Mr. Eagles to act as judge at its lunch hour show, to be held at Preston tramway workshops on January 23. Mr. Eagles is curator in charge of Preston parks and gardens.

Constable Transferred.

CONST. KEARNEY, of Preston, has been transferred to Wonthaggi. He is unfortunately at present an inmate of the police hospital, St. Kilda road.

Schoolmaster's Transfer.

MR. FRANCIS, head master of South Preston State school, who has one of the most beautiful and well appointed home and grounds in Gower St., is about to leave our midst in order to take charge of the State school in McArthur St., Ballarat.

Angling.

QUITE a number of local anglers tried their luck in various fishing quarters during the holidays, but the "catches" were few and far between, owing to the heavy rains which had fallen, causing rivers and streams generally to rise beyond the customary level.

Preston Baths.

BUSINESS is looking up somewhat at the local baths. On a recent occasion there was an attendance of 1000 bathers. On December 29 the receipts amounted to £11/2/6, and on December 30 they rose to £15/8/6.

New Salvation Army Barracks.

A SITE has been purchased in Youngman St., Preston, on which it is intended to erect barracks for the use of the Salvation Army.

New Year's Eve Joke.

A WELL known citizen of Preston tells this little joke against himself. At about half past 11 on New Year's eve he was motoring homewards from the Wandin district, when his eyes sighted a somewhat bulky and attractive parcel on the roadway. Reckoning that a prize packet had fallen his way, the motorist lost no time in pulling up and alighting from the car, stooped to pick the prize packet up. Alas, in the twinkling of an eye the parcel disappeared into the adjacent scrub, and the citizen of Preston was immediately surrounded by a howling, screeching mob, composed of about 30 persons, each of whom carried a tin can, whistle, bucket or some other alleged musical instrument, the din created being something to remember. This was the way in which some Wandinites ushered in the new year. A cord was attached to the parcel, and as each motorist pulled up, the parcel was drawn into the scrub by the merrymakers. It is reckoned that at least a hundred car drivers were hoaxed, but they all took the joke in good part, and more than one handed over a bottle of good cheer for the benefit of the New Year eve jokists at Wandin.

Watchhouse Whispers.

WM. Isaac Downer, carpenter, Stone St., Preston, left his bicycle outside Preston town hall on the morning of January 1, and upon returning after an hour's absence found it had been stolen.

Between 10 and 11 on the evening of January 6 a pair of trousers, three table cloths, pillow slips, and other articles, valued at £12, were stolen from the home of Archibald J. Saunders, laborer, May St., Preston. Entrance to the house was effected by forcing a window.

Preston police require an owner for a fibrolite suit case, containing a quantity of clothes, razor and shaving brush, found by Ernest Dale, night watchman, in Plenty road, Preston, on December 5.

A grease gun, radiator cap and a quantity of firewood, valued at £2/10/- were stolen from the premises of Wm. F. Blanchard, Pender St., Preston, on January 7.

A child's money box, containing about £2, lady's navy blue crepe de chene frock, jewel case and other articles to the value of £30 were stolen from the house of Alex. Ludeman, motor engineer, Goldsmith Av., Preston, on New Year's eve.

A gold watch, chain and medal, suit case, and a quantity of lady's clothing, to the value of £70, were stolen on New Year's eve from the home of Eric B. Gibaud, brush manufacturer, Horne St., Reservoir.

Beryl Cull, Brighton Ave., Preston, had a wristlet watch, valued at £1/10/- stolen while she was enjoying a swim at Preston baths on December 29.

A second robbery at the baths is reported by May McIntosh, domestic servant, Nyowee St., Preston, who, upon returning to the dressing shed after enjoying a swim, found that a blue cotton dress, with lemon trimmings, had been stolen.

Margaret Ryan, a Fitzroy resident, appeared before Mr. O. Walker, J.P., in Preston court during the holidays, on a charge of drunkenness and was sent to gaol for a month. Margaret's favorite beverage was a drink known as "pinkie."

Building at a Standstill.

INFORMATION gained from the local municipal authorities goes to show that building operations in and around Preston are practically at a standstill. The only sign in this particular line is the erection of the police station in Roseberry avenue.

The "Seldom Feds."

A BAND of Preston jovial boys, known as the "Seldom Feds," enjoy an annual outing at the close of each year, and the gathering held during the recent holidays was reckoned to be one of the most enjoyable on record. East Murchison was the rendezvous on this occasion, and the "Seldom Feds" had a right royal time. Among the party were Dick Smithwick, B. Chown, W. Smith, E. Meighan, A. Pullinger, H. Moffatt, W. Punch, Les. Punch, and Percy Owens. Fishing, shooting and swimming were indulged in and the "Seldom Feds" returned to Preston looking all the better and feeling much happier for their few days' sojourn at East Murchison.

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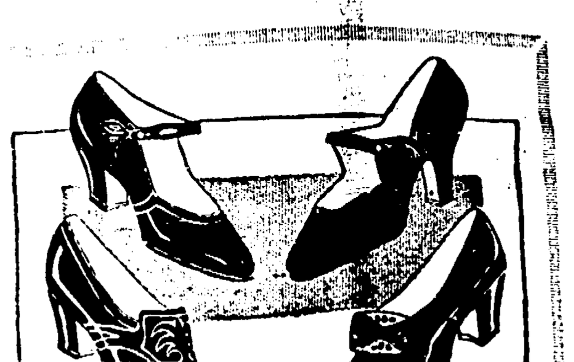

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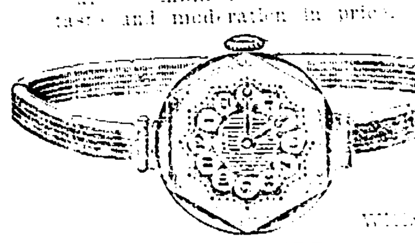

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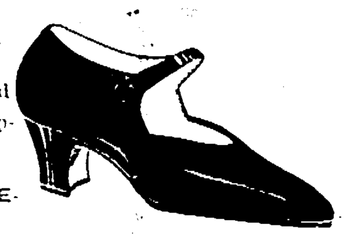

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UNEMPLOYMENT

POSITION STILL ACUTE.

There is no abatement in the position so far as Preston is concerned in unemployed circles. The principal Christmas box received by one man, who had been in the employ of the State Electricity Commission for a considerable time, was a notice to quit the house in which he was living, owing to arrears of rent. The unfortunate man had tried his level best to obtain work, but his efforts were futile, and the outlook in his case is gloomy indeed.

It is asserted that a Preston Council employe has, after 21 years' faithful service, been put off, while others are being retained on full time. The man referred to would have been only too pleased to receive part time.

During the holidays Mr. O. Walker, J.P., signed close on 500 declarations for sustenance.

Cr. H. P. Zwar signed over 3000 orders on local tradespeople for groceries, meat, etc. Included in the orders were a number for medicines.

Mr. Osborne, secretary to the relief committee, states that the need for contributions in money and kind is as great as ever, and the public is requested to continue to help those who find it impossible to help themselves.

East Preston Social Club is organising a series of dances and euchre parties in aid of the unemployed.

Leather for Unemployed

Mr. Robt. Broadhurst, Preston, has handed to Cr. H. P. Zwar five sides of sole leather for distribution amongst the unemployed of Preston. These will be utilised and distributed to those sequiring it for the purpose of boot mending.

PROMPT ACTION BY PRESTON POLICE.

BUSINESS MAN'S NARROW ESCAPE.

A peculiar case, and one where great promptitude was displayed by the Preston police occurred on Boxing Day. Mr. Smith, of Messrs. Newbegin and Smith, newsagents, was away on holidays. During his absence Mr. Newbegin went to the East Preston branch of the agency, and on arrival discovered he had left the key at home. Knowing there was a key in the back yard, he scaled the fence and must have been seen doing so by one of the neighbors, who promptly rang the police. He entered the shop and as he did so the police burst in the front door. The space of only a few minutes must have elapsed between the phone message reaching the police and their arrival on the scene.

Several of the shops in the vicinity have been troubled with shop breakers, and after the scare had died down it was disclosed that Mr. Newbegin had been the target of a gun, which, fortunately for him, did not go off.

FATAL FALL.

PRESTON MAN'S DEATH.

On December 27 Edward William Byrne, wharf laborer, 44, of Malpas street, Preston, sustained fatal injuries when he fell down the hold of the motor vessel "Manunda." An inquest was held by the city coroner (Mr. D. Grant) on Monday and a verdict of accidental death was returned.

The evidence showed that Byrne was descending into the hold of the ship and as he stepped on to a ladder he grasped a hardwood chafing batten to steady himself. This batten is designed to prevent winch ropes from chafing the iron work. The batten gave way and Byrne lost his balance and fell into the hold of the ship.

EAST PRESTON SOCIAL CLUB

A great muster of members of the club met at Mr. F. A. Paton's home on New Year's eve. The evening was packed in with every kind of fun, and thorough enjoyment was the order of the night. As the old year was tolled out everybody met outside on the lawns and joined in "Auld Lang Syne." Dancing was then engaged in until an early hour.

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CENTRAL PRESTON.

On New Year's eve a social organised by the Preston Boys' Band was held in the Bradford Hall, a large attendance enjoying a pleasant evening. The new year was greeted in boisterous fashion.

The operations on High street, near Wood street, are considerably hampering traffic, it being necessary to deviate via West street. The work seems to be occupying an unduly long time.

Work on the new police station is proceeding apace, the walls having nearly reached their full height.

At Preston Church of Christ Mr. G. Newell preached in the evening, Mr. Fisher being on holidays. Next Saturday night a social will be tendered by the K.S.P. and P.B.P. clubs to Mr. Newell and Miss L. Gale, who are to be married on the following Monday. Mr. C. Lang, of the Ararat church, will be the speaker next Sunday evening. On January 22 he will deliver a lantern lecture on "Victoria's Wonderland."

TREATMENT OF SNAKEBITE.

In many of the cases in which a person has been bitten by a venomous snake serious consequences may be avoided if the victim is treated promptly. The St. John Ambulance Association gives this advice.—

Immediately tie a ligature, consisting of a length of tape, a tie, a handkerchief, or of some other suitable article around the limb between the wound and the heart to prevent the blood from carrying the poison through tthe body. This ligature should be placed as near to the trunk as possible. Next tie one or more ligatures between the first ligature and the wound, and endeavour to keep the wound in a low position.

If it is impossible to obtain the services of a doctor immediately, scratch the skin around the wound and rub in permanganate of potash, or apply iodine freely. Then loosen the ligatures for a few seconds and tighten them again. Ligatures should not be removed until a doctor has been consulted, but it is not advisable to leave them on for more than 20 minutes. Hot coffee or alcoholic stimulants are beneficial to the patient.

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WRIT FOR £2000 DAMAGES

Writ for £2000 Damages.—On behalf of Manuel Royal Leigh Alberry, of Willowbank road, North Fitzroy, builder, Mr. W. J. Fullerton, solicitor, has issued a writ out of the Supreme Court against David Henshaw, timber merchant, of Gilbert road, Preston, claiming £2,000 damages for alleged malicious prosecution. It is asked that the action be heard by a judge and a jury of six.

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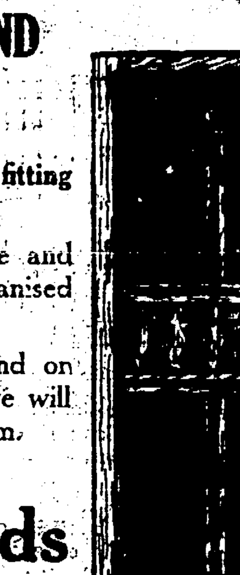

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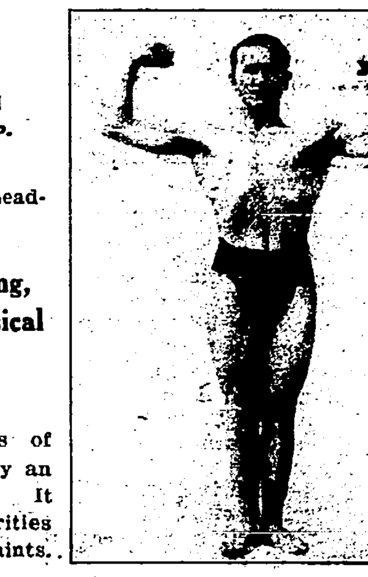

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HOW TO SET THINGS RIGHT.

The need in the turmoil of confusion in which we find ourselves to-day is for clear thinking, starting with as little influence as possible from without. All the problems that confront us and affect us fundamentally—the question of money, the question of credit, the question of unemployment—all these questions have their root in us as individuals. They are not outside us. They emerge from us. Money is created by the individual. So is credit. They are our offspring. Without the individual there could not be any credit, any money, any employment or unemployment. They would be non-existent without us.

It follows from that if we want to change the system of money, of the system of credit, or any other system for that matter, or make any alterations in these apparently outer things, while perhaps we may work upon these as surfaces, the real change must be made in the individual, because only as the individual changes will those things that animate the individual change. If the system of money, or taxation, or any other system outside us is wrong, it can only be made right by self-change. Hence we are not going to make effective changes in our system of living until we change the education of the children.

Unless the individual is right, life cannot be right, the world cannot be right. So our proposition must be to find out what are, for the average individual, the fundamentals of truly right living. And if we can set individuals to live rightly, each according to his own standard of rightness and each deliberately, then we are beginning to affect the outer system. Things may be wrong, but one wrong thing that we take away will yield to another wrong thing unless the individual is right. No substantial good is being done by lopping off the branches unless we clean up the roots.

The political world is a dead world because it is dealing with surfaces and not depths. Politicians do not get down to themselves and therefore are not able to inspire other people to get down into themselves. We are always juggling, like the juggler throwing balls on the stage. If it is not one set of wrong things it is another set of wrong things which take their place. Take unemployment. How are we to get out of that muddle? Only as the individual lives rightly will he be outside these perplexities and troubles which are the fruit of wrong living. We should be more concerned with foundations and the superstructures will take care of themselves.

QUARTERLY PAYMENTS IN REGISTRATION OF AUTOMOBILES

The financial stringency throughout the Commonwealth is responsible for many automobiles being laid up, because their owners are unable to pay in advance the necessary 12 month registration fees, which in most instances amount to a considerable sum. This means that owners of cars desire to use their vehicles, say for three summer months—and there are thousands in that position—must pay the full 12 months registration fees for two or three months use, or leave their vehicles locked up in their garage indefinitely until times get better.

As many are now reluctantly compelled to take this step, the Commonwealth States sustain a considerable loss in revenue, whilst the car owner is faced with an economic waste, as his capital outlay for a car is laying idle. Again the automobile industry suffers, for petrol, tyres, garage service etc. are not needed; thereby intensifying unemployment.

Many country motor truck owners are in the same position. During the wet season it is impossible to use their motor trucks for months at a time—other owners again use only their motor trucks for seasonable transport of produce. These vehicles pay heavy annual registration fees, and in most of the Commonwealth States the full fee must be paid in advance before registration is granted. Even if a vehicle is only used on the road for four weeks out of 52 no refund is obtainable. Then again many proprietors of motor buses and public service automobiles have only a limited season for catering for the transportation needs of the people, and for the balance of the year many of these vehicles, representing a heavy financial outlay, are idle and earn no income. Under existing conditions in most States the full annual registration fee must be paid in ad- be spread, as they are now in England where under the new Road Traffic act quarterly payments, may, if so desired, be made. Surely it would be more equitable and a better business proposition if a similar system became operative throughout the Commonwealth. Would it not be possible—says the Dunlop Perdriau Co.—for the authorities in the respective States to adopt a system of registration covering the issue of a small transparent plaque to be attached to the windscreen of each motor vehicle, and in which a registration card would be displayed? On payment for 12 months registration, the owner to receive four colored cards for display in plaque in their respective order—each for a period of 13 weeks. Those owners who desired to register for, say, only one quarter, would pay accordingly and their colored card would only permit them on the roads for 13 weeks. For a six months registration two cards would be issued. A nominal surcharge could be added by the authorities to meet extra clerical work entailed by such a system. By this arrangement all automobiles on the roads of any State would be displaying the same colored card in their registration plaque during the same term. It would thus be an easy matter at any time or place, for the police or authorities to check up, simply by a glance at the displayed colored card, whether a car or motor truck is entitled to be in use on the road. Some such scheme is certainly needed and if introduced would not only be welcomed by motorists, but result in many thousands of motor vehicles being put into operation that will otherwise be laid up; thus rendering neither service to their owners nor revenue to the State or automobile industry.

The Northcote A.W.A. held their fortnightly meeting on Monday evening, January 5. The business was dealt with and a pleasant evening given by Miss Kershaw was indulged in. Members are invited to the next meeting on Monday, January 19.

Special afternoon tea is provided at Miss Morgan's tea rooms, 711 High St., Thornbury, where Mrs. Arthur reads cups on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Reservoir Palais (Epping road) will hold a select old time dance every Wednesday night, and on Saturday nights there will be dancing old and new.

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Applications for the supply of an orchestra of from three to eight instruments close with Mr. F. A. Paton, 4 Collier street, Preston, at 6 p.m. on January 12.

The East Preston Social Club have arranged a series of dances which will take place in the Preston town hall every Saturday. Dancing will be from 8 till 11, and a series of competitions are being arranged. Proceeds are in aid of unemployment in the city, and the price of admittance is 1/6. See announcement under amusements.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Mr. A. E. Illingworth, after three years of service with the Northcote Church of Christ will conclude his ministry there on February 22.

A carnival held at Preston in aid of the Roman Catholic parish realised £1376. The winners, Miss N. Long and L. O'Neill, who raised £566, were crowned by Rev. Father Cahir, assisted by Rev. Father J. H. O'Grady.

Carol Service

The Epiphany Church annual carol service was held on December 21, when a series of carols was beautifully rendered by the choir under Mr. Emery. Among the large congregation were the mayor and mayoress and several city councillors. Special mention must be made of the carol "Come to the Manger," which was a real musical gem, the solos being taken by Master Frank Marriner.

Church of the Epiphany

The Christmas services were well attended. The vicar took three services on Christmas Day, Rev. G. Thomas those on the 28th, Rev. T. H. Justice the watch night service on December 31, and on January 4 the vicar, Rev. E. Frewin, M.A., and Cr. W. Olver officiated.

All Saints', South Northcote

There were good attendances at All Saints' during the Christmas holidays. The vicar (Rev. A. H. Constable) officiated at all services. On Christmas night a very interesting pictorial service was held.

Band of Hope

St. George's Road Methodist Band of Hope held their Christmas social on December 16, when 45 members were present, also members from the church and Band of Hope executive. Prizes donated by Mrs. Mortimer for girl and boy securing the largest number of members for the year were won by Patsy Goad and Charlie Arthur. A musical programme, games, supper and the repetition of the pledge and motto brought the meeting to a close. Activities for 1931 will start on February 3, when it is hoped to have a visit from the Australian President (Mr. Keeling, of Adelaide).

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TURF NOTES.

(By "Watchful.")

Although he started at 15/1 Binna was strongly fancied by his connections for the Standish Handicap. He had been showing some attractive trials at Mentone, and he confirmed his track efforts by finishing a good second to Umbertana. Binna is in better form now than at any other stage of his career, and it should not be long before he is again seen in winning brackets.

David Garrick, a stable mate of Binna, apparently thrives on hard work. After finishing a close third in a mile race at Caulfield on Boxing Day, he was produced next day in the Aspendale Cup won by Last Court, and finished a close fourth. Two days later he was put with Binna in a six furlong gallop, and his time was just a tick under 1.15 for the journey. It is not generally known that in the run home of the Aspendale Cup David Garrick was accidentally struck over the head with the whip of the rider of another horse. This incident contributed largely to his defeat. The aged Comedy King gelding is due for a winning turn any day.

I.O.U. finished a long way back in the Standish Handicap, but he should not be discarded from future considerations. The Paper Money gelding is likely to be seen to a greater advantage in a smaller field in a race run round the turn.

Dresden Lady created a good impression when she won at Epsom on December 24, therefore her moderate showing in the Criterion Handicap at Flemington on New Year's Day was a big disappointment. The reason for the failure, it transpires, was that she was galloped on during the race and had a piece knocked off her heel. She will have to be spelled.

As much as 33/1 was bet against Coolac for the Two-year-old at Mentone on January 2, but he started at 15/1. The Dunottar colt came from behind to win in good style, and will be heard of again in better company.

Patrolman, a son of The Night Patrol, was backed like a certainty for the Mentone Two-year-old on January 2. W. Duncan gave him every chance, but he weakened in the last furlong, and was beaten into third place. It was only the colt's fifth outing, therefore he is susceptible to improvement.

In Patrolman's race Brown Nut was inclined to be easy in the betting. Brown Nut did not begin too well, and never was in a winning position. That form, however, was too bad to be true, and backers should forget it. His previous good effort, second to Dresden Lady at Epsom, is a sample of what he can do.

The Abbot was the medium of a big plunge in the first division of the Mentone Novice last Friday. The imported gelded son of Abbot's Trace won, but he had no easy task, and had to be ridden right out to defeat Jackdaw, who has plenty of pace, but little stamina. The Abbot has been in Australia about two years, and this win was his first. There was nothing outstanding in The Abbot's success, but it serves to indicate that he has become acclimatised and is sure to improve with racing, and L. Roberts is sure to place him to advantage. In First Arrow Robertson has another good galloper. First Arrow failed in the Standish, but it was his first run since winning up the straight six on Melbourne Cup day. He looks an improved horse, and promises to be in fine form in the autumn. His next mission probably will be the Newmarket Handicap.

There was nothing in the previous performances of Larrabee to encourage the belief that he was near winning street. But evidently he had satisfied his connections, for they threw in for a good win on him in the second division of the Mentone Novice on Friday. Ridden a waiting race by Frank Dempsey, Larrabee smothered the opposition in the concluding furlong to score an easy win from the favorite Canberra, who had looked all over a winner at the distance. Larrabee, a four-year-old gelding by Bernard from Sunny Jane, and is capable of better things. His owner, Mr. M. Crossey, knows how to place his horses.

The best has yet to be seen of Distant, who finished second to Prince Dayton in the Mentone Purse last week. The veteran, Bob Lewis, had him last for half the journey, and then moved him quickly through the field. Had Lewis allowed Distant to make up his ground gradually, as did Duncan with Prince Dayton, the three-year-old Poitrel-Visibility gelding may have won.

Prince Dayton is in rare form at present, and may be equal to winning a handicap or two. He is engaged in the Hobart Cup on January 28 with 8.9, and in the Launceston Cup on February 11 with 9.0.

In his last three races Elarby has been prominent to the turn and then faded out. Horses from Jack Holt's stable usually are fit enough to be backed "first up," but Elarby the "Mordialloc Wizard" is being content to race into form. He looks well and his outings will have improved him considerably, and backers should be prepared for a move in his favor.

Wakerife went under to old Romeo in the Aspendale Hurdle on Saturday, because he lost ground at several obstacles—the second last hurdle in particular. The reason that the Sea Prince gelding lost ground at his hurdles was not because he was actually jumping badly, but rather that he was jumping too big, and he will be seen to greater advantage over the bigger battens at Caulfield and Flemington.

Truslock's third in the Aspendale Hurdle on Saturday was a fair effort. He is likely to improve with racing, and should win a hurdle when the opposition is not too strong.

Having his first race for some time Lith Beau was accorded good support in the Aspendale Three-year-old on Saturday. The reason for him being backed first up was that he had recorded a good gallop. It was reported that the Beau Fils gelding had shown 1.28 for 7 furlongs. Lith Beau ran a good race to finish third, but was in need of the race, and is likely to prove hard to beat next time he is produced.

Golden Arrow, who is by Whittier, a winner of two Caulfield Cups, followed up his placed performance at Flemington by winning the Aspendale Three-year-old. Golden Arrow ran out the latter race in good style, and will be heard of again before long. Influence, who finished ahead of Golden Arrow at headquarters, was unplaced at Aspendale but there is excuse for that failure, for she was badly interfered with at the turn for home. Comic Prince was another sufferer in the Aspendale race. He began well, but before the end of two furlongs was so badly interfered with that it put him right out of the race.

Lady Yarborough was unlucky in the Aspendale Plate on Saturday. She had a poor run in the early stages, but was moving up fast and looked a possibility when she ran very wide entering the straight, and this completely settled her chance.

Ideal Prince made a bold showing to finish third in the Aspendale Plate, and he should show something better in the near future.

In winning the Aspendale Purse on Saturday, Walter Scott registered 2.61, which is good time for a mile and a quarter, and exceptionally good for a Purse event. The Kenilworth gelding promises to be a very useful performer over a journey.

Taras put in a well sustained run to make a dead heat with Donalbain in the Aspendale Welter last Saturday. By Sea Prince from Kyaree, Taras is bred on sound staying lines, and his showing on Saturday suggests that he will live up to his breeding.

The Graphic apparently was not fancied for the Aspendale Welter on Saturday, and she made only a moderate showing. When J. Holt, however, admits a galloper to his stable, it has to be one who can win races, and rarely is his judgment astray, and it is a safe bet that The Graphic will uphold his judgment in the next two or three weeks.

WHITTLESEA.

Snakes!

During stacking operations at Messrs. W. and T. Andrews' farm at Glenvale on Saturday a snake caused a deal of confusion and excitement for a while. Don Bayliss had just pulled alongside the stack when Bill Butler, from the top of the stack, saw a large snake glide off the load near Bayliss. Butler called out "Look out for the snake!" Bayliss jumped off (or fell off) the load over the horse and scrambled to safety, while Bill Butler took a flying leap at great risk from the top of the twenty-foot stack to the ground, landed safely and killed the reptile, which was 5 feet long and of the brown species.

Personal

Mr. John Kelly, licensee of the Royal Mail Hotel, is in a private hospital very ill.

Mr. F. J. Pearce, of Kinglake West, an old resident and pioneer of the Kinglake district, died after a short illness.

Mrs. Goldbloom, of Glenvale, took suddenly ill on Monday night and collapsed and died before the doctor could reach her residence. The Goldbloom family are new residents of the district, having recently purchased the farm known as "Alton Vale."

Cricket

Whittlesea, 131 (T. Parker 37, J. Perrins 28, W. Sutherland 8/25), defeated Arthur's Creek, 29 and 40 (H. Green, sen, 20, E. Blair 6/22, H. Beney 2/8, T. Parker 2/15).

Humevale, 72 (G. Parker 15, J. Crawford 11; H. Ziebell 1/18, T. Dea 7/24), v Epping, 79 (T. Dea 34, N. Wuchatsch 11; J. Wallis 2/16, G. Parker 2/8, W. Watkins 3/9).

The Humevale Cricket Club conducted another successful dance on New Year's night, the takings amounting to about £15.

"It's strange that a strong man like you cannot get work," said the lady at the door. "Well, yer see, mum," explained the tramp, "people wants references from me last employer, an' he's been dead nigh on twenty years."

"Are you a friend of William Bliggins?" "That loafer? I should think not, indeed!" "Then you'll hardly be interested to hear that he has inherited a hundred thousand pounds." "What? Dear old Bill!"

MERNDA.

Progress Association

An open meeting of the Mernda and District Progress Association was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday, there being a large attendance. Questions were framed to be asked at the Morang Riding public meeting to be called by the Whittlesea shire council. They covered some very severe criticism of the shire council and scathing comments were made on the general inefficiency of council organisation and the waste of public money involved. It was stated that attempts had been made to obscure the facts concerning shire finance. It was decided to appoint a sub-committee to study the balance sheet when it was published on the 14th of this month so that detailed questions could be asked at the public meeting.

Resolution Forwarded to Premier

The following motion was passed unanimously:—"In order to avoid the possibility of unconstitutional action on the part of irresponsible persons, the Mernda and District Progress Association strongly urges the Hon. the Premier of Victoria to seriously consider the absolute surrender of all the sovereign rights of the Victorian State Parliament to the Federal Parliament of the Commonwealth in return for a constitution framed by the Victorian State Parliament setting up in the place of the Victorian State Parliament a Federal municipality with extended powers to enable it to govern all matters in the State of Victoria." This motion is passed and forwarded because it is felt that the people of the Commonwealth of Australia, particularly those of the State of Victoria, are not numerous enough to bear the burden of Parliamentary organisation as at present constituted.

Holidays

The past few days have been full of festive occasions. Tennis, cricket and other Christmas and New Year parties and balls have helped to create a cheery atmosphere, while church and watch night services have given tone to the merriment. The usual splashing of whitewash has given amusement to irresponsible jokers and considerable irritation to those victimised.

YAN YEAN SPORTS.

The annual New Year's Day picnic and sports at Yan Yean reservoir reserve were held in fine weather. The attendance was smaller than usual. Results:—Junior Girls: A. Collins 1, C. Sexton 2. Girls, under 15: D. Arnold 1, A. Kerr 2. Junior Boys: B. Winward 1, L. Hoyle 2. Boys under 15: P. Bourke 1, C. Howse 2. 100 Yds. Scratch Race: E. S. Blair 1, G. Hayes 2. 120 Yds. Handicap: Frank Bourke 1, L. Thompson 2. Married Men's Race: E. L. Blair and H. Mason, dead-heat. Single Ladies: D. Arnold 1, J. Tighe 2. Married Ladies: Mrs. G. Berndt 1, Mrs. H. Mason 2. Old Buffers' Race: T. Donovan (71 years) 1, W. Rowe 2. Putting the Weight: G. H. Watkins 1, E. Blair 2. Throwing at Wicket: J. Murphy. No dancing competitions were held this year, but several dancers were engaged for the day and some very good exhibitions were given. The Northcote School Boys' Band played during the day.

Britain's Economic Crisis.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FORMED.

NON-PARTY POLITICAL ACTION.

At a meeting of the National Council of Industry and Commerce in London in October, it was resolved on the motion of Sir William Morris: "That the time has now arrived when it is essential that Great Britain should adopt a fiscal policy capable of meeting the crying needs of the times, and especially of opening and preserving Empire markets for Empire products. That immediate steps should be taken to protect home industries by the imposition of appropriate tariffs against imports from foreign nations which injuriously affect our trade and employment, or limit the development of our Imperial resources or hinder the co-operation of the component parts of the Empire. That the earliest possible action should be taken in consultation with our Dominions to design a fiscal system for the mutual advantage of the nations of the British Commonwealth. And that a National Council of Industry and Commerce be and hereby is formed to promote in every way the aforesaid objects irrespective of party politics."

Mr. Gibson Jarvie, in a statement of how, in a general way, the National Council hoped to achieve its object, said that while they were non-party, the achievement of their economic aims must necessarily be by political means.

TRAM REVENUE DOWN £22,468 FOR FOUR WEEKS.

For the four weeks ended December 27 the traffic revenue of the Metropolitan Tramways Board was £164,913 as compared with £187,381 for the corresponding four weeks of 1929.

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The valuable assistance rendered the Regent Central Progress Association, and the residents of Oakhill avenue, Mason street and Queen street by the "Leader" during the recent controversy with the Preston council was referred to on Tuesday evening at the meeting of the association.

"It is a matter for congratulation that the association was able to convince the special investigation committee that the measurements, charges and methods adopted by the council staff was very much astray," said Mr. Barling. "The council has now a proper business method of doing the work. This association has been well backed up by the 'Leader,' which aroused the public and focussed attention on the slipshop methods then in existence. So satisfactory was the agitation that the council reduced the charges, which meant a saving of about £60 to the residents."

Mr. Dunbar, representing the Mason street section, also referred to the assistance given by the "Leader" in the matter.

Mr. Green supported, and said the "Leader" had the interests of the residents at heart.

Members of the Regent Central Progress Association want to know the name of the fisherman who caught "Gregory the Goldfish" in the Edwards River at Mathoura (N.S.W.)!

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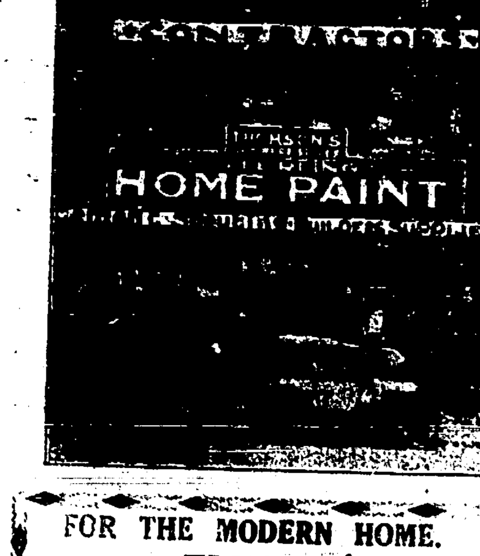

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PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

REGENT CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of the above was held at the Tyler street State school on Tuesday evening, Mr. A. F. Deacon (chairman) presiding.

A letter was received from the East Preston Social Club soliciting support for the special effort to raise £5000. After discussion the letter was referred to the Central Council of Affiliated Progress Associations so that the matter, which affects the whole of Preston, can be dealt with in a broader light.

Finance

The financial report disclosed a credit balance of £35 7/3, £11/19/7 of which represented a profit from funds collected for the Christmas tree.

Christmas Tree

Mr. L. Painter referred to the Christmas tree held during December, and said great credit reflected on the social committee for the manner in which the event had been organised. At the sports at Edwardes Lake a profit of £5/5/1 was shown.

Annual Picnic

The annual picnic will be held at Warrandyte on Foundation Day (January 26). The price of admittance, including bus fare and hot water, will be children 1/, adults 2/6, and those travelling in private cars, 1/ per head.

Award Wage

Reference was made to the fact that many of the municipal employes in Preston were receiving 11/- per week in excess of the prescribed wage. This applied not only to the outdoor staff, but also to some of the indoor staff.

General

Mr. Green referred to the state of the unmade footpath in Kingwilliam street, south side. He moved and Mr. Gray seconded that the matter be referred to the council.

Mr. Manuel drew attention to the unsatisfactory drainage in Oakhill avenue, which had been carried on to a vacant allotment in McIvor street.—Vigilance officers to inspect.

Mr. Perkins moved that attention be directed to Tyler street, from Oakhill avenue to Queen street.

Mr. Veall asked re a finishing coat of bitumen in Arlington, Mason, Allchin and Edgar streets.—Vigilance committee to investigate.

The unsatisfactory state of the scavenging service in the shopping area in Tyler street was referred to by Mr. Deacon. As Friday, the usual clearing day, was a holiday, there was no certainty when a clearance would be made. He moved that a bi-weekly service be applied for in the shopping area.

EAST PRESTON ASSOCIATION

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Monday last.

The East Preston Social Club wrote asking for co-operation in their effort to raise £5000 on behalf of the unemployed relief fund. It was resolved that Messrs. Stafford and Andrews represent the association at the meeting on January 8.

A report in reference to what had been done to date to have the Gowerville Theatre re-opened was submitted. It was intimated that a further meeting of this committee would take place on Monday evening next.

Rene street drainage was left in the hands of Cr. Maynard and the secretary.

A committee meeting of the association will recommend certain alterations to the constitution of the Central Council.

As the next meeting will be the annual meeting of the association, the district representatives will be asked to attend to install the incoming office-bearers. The following nominations for the ensuing year were submitted:—President, Mr W. A. Houghton; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Stafford, Kirby, F. Block; secretary, Mr. J. A. Clingin; assistant secretary, Mr. I. Andrews; treasurer, Mr. R. Rogerson; committee, Messrs. J. Bennett, R. H. E. Maynard, P. Swanson; trustees, Cr. Maynard; Messrs. P. Swanson and F. Davis.

FAIRFIELD.

The Merrymakers, a recently formed social club, held a very enjoyable dance in Hammet's Hall on Saturday evening.

Four couples contested a fox trot competition at Ivanhoe Hall, the judge's decision being in favor of Mr. Kelcey and Miss Cook, of Northcote. Popular vote favored Mr. O'Keefe and Miss Tourney.

Xmas Treat for Unemployed.—Organised by Fairfield and Alphington branches of the Heidelberg Shire Relief Organisation, a Christmas treat was given to children of unemployed on December 22. An excellent concert programme was arranged. Among the artists were Mr. and Mrs. G. Greig, Misses Alexander and Male, and Messrs. Bert Howell, Henderson and Mrs. Penry. Every child was given a toy, ice cream, drinks, and a good time. A similar treat was given to children from the remainder of the shire on December 23 at Ivanhoe Hall. On Xmas Eve a special free matinee and treat were given at Hoyt's Ivanhoe Theatre. Sweets were donated by local tradespeople.

YOUR SHOP WINDOW.

POWER OF ATTRACTION.

A very great increase in the attracting power of shop windows has been made possible of late years by the development of the gas-filled electric lamp. Progressive shopkeepers are, of course, taking advantage of this knowledge, but for the best results the lighting of a window must be carefully planned. Lighting can make or mar a display.

According to a well known electrical firm, a 10ft. square window space can be adequately lighted at a negligible cost per hour, and the added attractiveness more than compensates for the slight initial outlay. The gas-filled lamp is of high intrinsic brightness, and this necessitates its being shielded from the direct line of vision. Otherwise, the glare experienced by onlookers neutralises its power to reveal the details of the display. The old system, with pendants often having bare lamps, is extremely wasteful; only one-third of the light illumines the goods, the remaining two-thirds being sent out of the window to afflict the eyes of the observer with glare. Shopkeepers are recommended to avoid dressing the window close to the glass, as this greatly detracts from the general effect of the display.

A shop window adequately lighted will act as a silent salesman for any number of hours, and up-to-date shopkeepers are taking advantage of this knowledge. The lamps can be switched off by hand, or by means of a time-switch they can be extinguished at a predetermined hour.

Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act, 1930, Amended Act 1930.

The attention of readers is directed to an advertisement appearing in this issue inserted by the Comptroller of Stamps (Mr. H. A. Amos) relative to the provisions of the above Act as amended in December, 1930. The amending Act comes into operation on January 13, 1931, and considerably increases the existing tax. The stamp tax will be charged at the rates specified on all receipts for salary or wages of not less than £1 or more than £6 earned in any one week (excepting as otherwise provided).

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IN THE GARDEN

ROCK GARDENS.

(By B. Begg and M. Shannon).

Most garden lovers find a fascinating pastime in the formation of a rock garden. Such a garden is the most appropriate setting for the tiny alpine plants whose natural home is in the high mountain regions, where the spring from the fissures in the rocks, their long roots penetrating the flaky strata.

A rock garden is a direct imitation of nature and should never be attempted unless the site lends itself to such treatment. Many so-called rock gardens are merely mounds of stones, and are not only unsightly, but do not allow for the deep rooting tendency of the alpine plants.

In building a rock garden it is of first importance to choose large stones, as these not only look better than small, scrappy ones, but also provide a firm foothold for stepping amongst the plants without injuring them. The stones should be placed broadside downwards, and made perfectly firm, after which they should be permanent fixtures. Wherever natural stone occurs in the district this should be used, but if it must be imported limestone is perhaps the best, but the important point is to avoid all soft and slatey rocks.

The majority of alpine plants thrive best in deep soil, so that the ground should first be trenched as deeply as possible. The best soil is a rich loam and leaf mould or thoroughly rotted manure are very beneficial. As perfect drainage is necessary, a good porous soil is the most suitable.

When it comes to planting the rock garden not a chink of the surface should be left bare, and the scheme should be simple and bold, as large masses of one species look far more effective than a miscellaneous collection. On the other hand, we must have variety and interest, and for this purpose it is advisable to plant a few upright growths amongst the prostrate forms. Felicia augusti folia, a tiny shrub with masses of mauve daisy flowers, gives a little height.

For the shadier parts violets, ferns and forget-me-nots do well, while for a good rampant grower nothing can surpass cerastium tomentosum, with its tiny white flowers and silvery woolly foliage that give it its name of "Snow in summer." Gypsophilla gives a delightful feathery effect with its delicate blossoms of pink or white, and a contrasting note can be given by a bold clump of the broad leaved saxifraga, the soft mauve and pink flowers of which make it one of the most decorative of rock plants.

Among the blue trailers, surely the most brilliant is the lithospermum prostratum, a most arresting shrub, the sunny surface of a rock-night on the sunny surface of a rock-ery is covered with rich blue flowers. The common little pink and white daisy, bellis perennis, grows in the smallest of crevasses and is useful for bordering paths.

No path in the rock garden should have neat bare edges, but on the contrary the margins should be broken and rocky and tiny creeping plants encouraged to grow on them.

For the background planting only shrubs of a wild, picturesque appearance, such as junipers, berberis and Japanese maples should be used, and they should on no account be placed too closely, as their roots will rob the alpines of their soil nourishment. One or two low-growing shrubs, however, can be included with advantage in the rock garden itself. Care-fully placed they break up the low growths, and by preventing one from seeing the whole garden at a glance, give an air of unexpectedness and hidden charm. Ericas, spireas and azaleas are excellent shrubs for this purpose.

Alpine plants find another use in covering retaining walls. They may be grown in a bed at the top of the wall and trail down over it, or, in the case of a dry wall, they may be planted in the crevices as the wall is in progress. The wall when finished should be slightly off the perpendicular, the base being more forward than the top. In addition to this, each stone must tilt slightly downwards to the soil behind. The soil behind the wall should be rich, as the deep rooting alpines penetrate right back into it. For this reason only enough soil to give root hold is needed between the rocks.

Almost all alpines will do well grown on a wall. The pretty little mauve aubretia is a quick grower and easily raised from seed. A misty effect can be given by the glaucous foliage and mauve flowers of catmint, while for brilliance of color nothing can equal mesembryanthemum, the common "pig-face" used on embankments.

Steps in the rock garlen should never be formal or regular. They should be rough in construction, with small plants jutting from every crevice, giving that rugged and picturesque appearance which is such an essential feature of the rock garden.—"Garden Lover."

RAILWAY CROSSING SMASH.

VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

In the City Morgue on December 29 an inquest was held into the level crossing fatality at Reservoir on 20th inst., when a motor cyclist, Theodore Pomaroff, 38 years, jeweller, High St., Preston, was struck and killed by an electric train.

The driver of the train, William Edwin Rayner, said the accident happened at 7.13 p.m. Some distance from the High St. crossing at the north end of Reservoir station he sounded a long whistle blast. When 50 yards from the crossing, when the train was travelling between 30 and 35 miles an hour, he saw a motor cyclist approaching the crossing and looking back over his shoulder. He sounded the whistle again, applied the emergency brakes and let go the pilot valve. The cyclist continued to look back, and he collided with the train in the middle of the crossing.

Other witnesses gave corroborative evidence, and the coroner (Mr. D. Grant) returned a finding of accidental death, with no culpability on the part of the train driver.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE, I.O.R.

On December 20 about 200 members and friends of the above attended the annual Christmas social in the Northcote town hall. Proceedings were opened by the C.R., Bro. T. McWilliams, who extended a hearty welcome to all, after which a fine programme of dances, interspersed by vocal items by Miss V. Ross and Mr. G. Goble, was carried out. Bro. W. Walker was a capable M.C., while splendid music was supplied by Miss Townsend. Prior to the interval for refreshments Bro. W. E. Findlay (secretary) explained the benefits to be derived from being a member of the tent, and appealed to non-members present to join up with either of the adult tents, and to enroll their children with any one of the six junior tents in Northcote. I.O.R. calendars for 1931 were distributed to the members. A small charge for admission to the function was made, and as a result the cent benevolent fund profited by a tidy sum, which will be used to assist distressed members. Those present spent a most enjoyable time, quite in keeping with the fetive season, and a happy evening terminated close on midnight with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

AUSTRALIAN TIMBER TREE IN FLORIDA.

The success of the Australian native tree—melaleuca leucadendron—is creating much attention in Florida, U.S.A. This tree is known as the "cajeput tree," and is described as follows:—Most prolific, the seed capsules being borne in clusters along the smaller branches. The seeds are exceedingly fine, like tobacco dust, and a great many in each capsule, and when mature, they shatter out in quantities, and are carried far by the wind. Fortunately the tree does not seed itself in the high, dry land, seeking only the low wet country, and therefore is unlikely to become a pest to the former and citrus grower.

A writer in the "American Eagle" states that he was recently presented with a piece of cajeput wood that had been seasoned for four years. Contrary to what might be expected with a wood of so rapid growth it is as hard as bone, of beautiful color and grain when polished, and somewhat resembles walnut. That it would be wonderful for furniture and other polished wood work is at once evident.

A sample of the cork-like bark has been submitted to a northern linoleum manufacturer to determine if it could be substituted for shredded cork in the manufacture of linoleum. If not available for this purpose a use will be found for it as insulating material, or possibly as paper.

Correspondence has been recently published in the American press as to who had the honor of introducing this valuable tree in Florida.

—"Garden Lover"

R.S.S.I.L.A.

NORTHCOTE SUB-BRANCH.

The annual Christmas treat for children of members and for the war orphans of the district was held on Saturday, 20th inst., in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, from 2 p.m. and sat down to an excellent tea, and with the seasonable decorations and the happy faces of the children, it made a very pleasing picture. At 7 p.m. Father Xmas arrived and each child was given a toy from the Christmas tree, to their great joy. Liberal quantities of ice cream were distributed, and with good and very well rendered, and great praise is due to Miss Miller and her class and to Miss Hyde. The ladies of the social committee are to be congratulated on their efforts, for it is due to their untiring energy and to those who assisted them that the evening was such a success.

WESTGARTH TALKIES.

"Song o' My Heart."

The picturesque color of a French seaport, the decks of a great ocean-going tramp steamer, a Spanish cafe, a desert fort of the Foreign Legion—these are the romantic backgrounds against which "Song o' My Heart," the Movietone musical romance, unfolds itself. Featured players are J. Harold Murray, as a devil-may-care sea captain, and Fifi Dorsay as Lili, the charming dancer of the "Squinting Cat" Cafe. Eight songs are heard during the showing of the picture, which is being screened this week-end.

Mary Nolan is featured in "Young Desire," in which many of the scenes are laid in the bizarre setting of a carnival.

From the opening scenes of "Song of My Heart" to the final notes of the voice of its star, John McCormack, at its close, the audience who will hear and see it at its first performance on Monday next, will treasure, every moment of it. In this skill with which the voice of the great tenor has been recorded in Fox movietone and in the fine human elements of the story itself this release is an exceptional picture and splendid entertainment.

Monte Blue and Lupe Velez are co-featured in "Tiger Rose," the scenes of which are mostly outdoor, amidst magnificent lake scenery. On Thursday next, "The Sea Bat," featuring Charles Bickford and Raquel Torres, will be screened. Fights above the ocean but principally under water are features in this story. The novelty of the "menace" involved in the plot is one of its greatest charms. When two sponge divers fight under water their differences are made unimportant by the appearance of a monster sea bat, one of the two ton giant rays which infest tropical waters. More deadly than sharks, they crush divers in their immense blanket wings. Rod La Rocque also appears in "The Delightful Rogue."

Northcote A.W.A.

The Northcote A.W.A. held their last meeting on December 22 in the town hall lodge room. The business was quickly dealt with, supper indulged in, and then a pleasant evening was given by the secretary (Mrs. Rayment). Good wishes were exchanged by the members, and the meeting broke up for the Christmas holidays with a good feeling on all sides.

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During December two cricket bats, the property of the Regent Central Progress Association, were removed from a locker on the grounds.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

Before Mr. E. R. Stafford, P.M., and Messrs. W. Hayes, B. E. Johnson, P. Carney and Mesdames M. Wood and O. Davery, J.'sP.

Bicycle Without Light

Lawrence Peake, charged with having ridden a bicycle without a light on December 11, pleaded guilty and was fined 10/.

Peake said:—I was going to a club and didn't put the lamp on as I have had two stolen.

The P.M.: It's an unusual sort of a club, isn't it?

Fraud Summons

L. Hauser, Pty. Ltd. v Herbert Mc. Donald, a fraud summons.

McDonald said:—I live at Arthur street, Fairfield, and am a driver. On February 25, 1930, an order was made against me for £27/18/3, with £4/9/ costs. I am married and have two children aged 16 and 14, one of which has just started work. When the order was made I was earning £4 16/ a week, and I was at that employment until May, when I got out of work. In October I obtained another position and have been earning £4/8/ a week. At one time I was in the employ of the Hausers. I pay 24/ rent, and when I was out of work I got into arrears. I now owe £16/8/ for rent.

An order was made that the amount together with £2/17/ costs, be paid at the rate of 5/ per week, in default imprisonment for one month.

Another Fraud Summons

Underwood and Paterson v F. L. Hastings, a fraud summons.

Frank L. Hastings, Walker street, Clifton Hill, said:—I am a driller employed by the Railways. In July, 1929, an order was made against me for £23/6/, with £1/8/6 costs. I earn £8/17/ a fortnight, and have a wife and two children. I am living apart from my wife and pay her £5 a fortnight. My board costs me £2/10/ a fortnight and I have other debts amounting to about £21 to pay.

An order was made that the amount with £2/18/6 costs be paid at the rate of 5/ weekly, in default imprisonment for one month.

Man Complains of Victimisation

Bogald Charles Bailey, Park street, St. Kilda, was charged that on November 17 at North Fitzroy, he was the driver of a car which was unregistered. There was a second charge of being unlicensed to drive.

Constable Hunter said:—On November 17 I was at the Fitzroy racecourse and saw Bailey's car drop some passengers. The police have records showed that both the registration of Bailey's car and his license had expired.

Bailey:—Was I driving the car?—

Witness: Yes.

Was I driving the car?—The first time you were driving, and in the second case you were not driving.

Is not this case the result of an argument outside the city court?—No.

Are you certain it was I who was driving the car on that date?—I know you so well.

Bailey said:—I am a motor salesman, and about six weeks ago I was given a car to sell. The car was unregistered then, and I sold the car on November 15 to a Mr. Hyland. I was not driving the car on November 17, but was driven out by another man.

By majority decision a conviction was recorded on each charge. For driving an unregistered car a fine of £4 was imposed, and £1 for not having a license.

Bailey: That means that at any time I can be charged with driving an unregistered car. I am being victimised.

The P.M.: You are making that charge and should be able to prove it.

Bailey: I can't—that's the trouble.

THORNBURY BOY DROWNED.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FATALITY.

A sad fatality occurred at Albert Park on New Year's Day when Harrold Victor McLaine, the 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Mc Laine, of Clarendon street Thornbury was drowned.

Apparently no one saw the boy get into difficulties, but about 4 p.m. a man was seen to carry the boy, who was then unconscious, from the water and take him to the patrolman who was on the beach. The life saver at once applied resuscitation methods and two doctors were called. Although efforts were continued for over two hours animation was not restored.

The remains were interred at the Coburg Cemetery on Saturday.

MAN STABBED.

WOMAN BEFORE THE COURT

After an altercation shortly after midnight on Boxing-Day at a house in High street, Northcote, John Henry Smith, 26, barman, was admitted to the Melbourne Hospital suffering from a deep stab in his back. An examination proved that the wound was not serious.

Later in the day Senior Constable Fowles arrested a woman.

At the Northcote court on December 30 Mollie Smith, 20 years, home duties, was charged with having unlawfully wounded John Henry Smith.

On the application of the police a remand for a week was granted. Bail was granted at £250, with a surety of a like amount.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BAND MATTERS AT PRESTON.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—In the last issue of the "Leader" under the above heading, and in the section referring to Preston matters, appears a paragraph in reference to a dodger calling attention to a recent massed band display, the inference given by your writer suggests that the information was faked, for the purpose of making the Wonthaggi school band appear as if they, in conjunction with the late West Preston school band, had been victimised through unjust treatment.

The statement was taken from the daily press, who not only reported upon the matter under that particular heading, but also published pictures of the Wonthaggi school band, so that the statement could not have been very far astray. Subsequent happenings however go to show that no matter how heated the head teacher at Wonthaggi may have been at the time, in the cool of the morning the decision of a reasonable and a commonsense attitude appealed to him, and as a result he at once rectified his obvious mistake. His wisdom in so doing is proven by the fact that, since then, the band (not a new creation), bandmaster and himself has progressed still further. Their next visit of Heath and Wonthaggi school band.

The latter portion of the paragraph referred to completely upholds the attitude adopted by parents and myself in taking control of our own children away from school hours. This is what we have maintained throughout the whole affair.

Undoubtedly the honor of the school has been sadly besmirched, and it is up to the head teacher at Preston West to make the amends honorable. Let him, as it were, take the lead from Wonthaggi, and right the wrong. If he does this, I feel sure that the mistakes of the past will be but the stepping stones to victories in the future.—Yours, etc.,

HY. HELLINGS,
Bandmaster (late Junior Band West Preston School Band).

PRESTON BATHS.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—What is wrong with Preston? With some friends I visited the local baths Sunday morning and were much surprised that the baths were closed at mid-day. If they can be opened Sunday morning why not in the afternoon?

Another thing we were very surprised at not being able to obtain any sweets or eatables at the kiosk. We were informed by the caretaker that they were not allowed to stock anything in opposition to the shops. Is this fair? Surely when we have such up-to-date baths in Preston the bathers should be catered for. There are no shops in the vicinity which would lose by it.—Yours etc.

PRESTONITE.

MUNICIPAL LAXITY.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—The proverb "A stitch in time saves nine" is applicable to the Northcote city's affairs. The revenue, having attained a peak altitude in our municipal history, shows unmistakable evidence of abruptly diminishing, carrying in its train inconvenience and discomfort to the residents. Pedestrianism to a number is imperative, and to the casual observer the deterioration of the footpaths is evident, and confirms the adage that a little expense would be wise economy in applying the essential repairs. After the collapse of the last land boom, the Preston Council decided on a scheme of drastic retrenchment by curtailing the annual expenditure incurred in the upkeep of the shire. It proved to be burning both ends of the candle. It is not in a spirit of captious criticism attention is directed to this aspect of municipal policy, and which neglect will tend to accelerate large expenditure to retrieve normal conditions.—Yours, etc.,

F. W. DONOVAN.
85 Clarendon St., Northcote. 5/1/31.

WESTLEIGH COLLEGE.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—In his speech at the 45th annual speech night of Westleigh College, the Mayor (Cr. J. H. Green) made one or two errors in regard to the college. The Misses Westgarth (not Westley) founded the college in 1886 in North Fitzroy. After many years they removed the college to Northcote. In 1917 they retired, after having sold the good will to the Misses Gresham. In 1919 Miss Ada Gresham retired and sold her share to the late Miss Elsie L. Rayment, who had been a student and teacher during the regime of the Misses Westgarth, and also with the Misses Gresham. The co-partnership then was Misses Gresham and Rayment until the death of the latter (omitted) on September 5, 1929, Miss Kate Gresham carrying on the work until the end of the year. Mrs. Flynn, who is now principal, was on the staff for nearly nine years with the last named principals.—Yours, etc.,

MAY E. RAYMENT,
James St., Northcote.

ALLEGED PLAN TO ROB BANK.

FIVE MEN ARRESTED.

Astounding allegations are made by the police concerning a proposal by five men to rob the E.S. and A. Bank at Clifton Hill.

Detectives McGuffie and Seager had been investigating cases of housebreaking in the Preston, Heidelberg and Ivanhoe suburbs, and a chance clue led to what is described as a daring scheme to rob the bank named. The police allege that one of the men arrested is a clerk employed at the bank, and that he had agreed to allow himself to be gagged and bound, whilst the others cut open the safe and stole the contents (about £2000), which was to be equally divided.

According to the detectives the five men had actually entered into negotiations with two tradesmen who could use an oxy-acetylene torch to cut open the bank safe, but at the last minute these men withdrew from the scheme. Before another plant could be obtained the bank manager returned from holidays and the plan could not then be carried through.

Five Men Before Court.

Later at the City Court, before Mr. Freeman, P.M., Richard Owen Davies, 19 years, bank clerk; John Anderson Irwin, 20 years, motor mechanic; George Henry Gardiner, 25 years, motor mechanic; Edward Broughton Harris, 26 years, carpenter, and James Ryan, 40 years, clerk, were charged with having between September 1 and October 30 conspired to rob the E.S. and A. Bank at Clifton Hill.

A remand for a week was granted, bail being fixed at £250, with a similar surety in each case.

SWIMMING.

PRESTON SWIMMERS AT WERRIBEE

At Werribee last Saturday N. Anders (Preston) won his heat in the 50 yards Junior Handicap, but was unplaced in the final. In the Open Handicap of 73 1/3 yards, G. Teunon (Preston) won his heat in 49 2/5 secs. and came second in the final.

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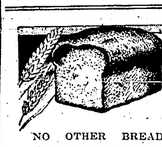

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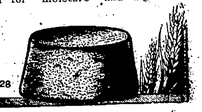

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

Annual Statement of Accounts

(ABSTRACT)

For the Year Ended September 30, 1930

STATEMENT OF RATE

A GENERAL RATE of Two Shillings and Ninepence in the £ to the 30th September, 1930, made by the Council on the 11th day of November, 1929.

MUNICIPAL FUND

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1930

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Current Rate	£63372	14	5
" Rates Arrears	1159	0	1
" Pan Charge—Current (See contra)	399	5	4
" Pan Charge—Arrears	79	5	10
" Licenses—Government	134	0	0
Hackney Carriage	7	8	0
Health Act	36	12	6
Petrol Pumps	50	8	0
" Dog Registration	495	12	6
" Hall Rent (See Contra)	578	5	6
" Building Fees (See Contra)	225	8	6
" Interest—Rates and Streets	394	6	6
" Interest on Fixed Deposits	212	10	0
" Paving Paths	188	6	7
" Rates Overpaid (See Contra)	145	14	5
" Meat Branding Fees	111	14	3
" Private Streets and Crossings Construction	423	1	6
" Summons Costs	18	14	0
" Rates Paid in Advance	11	8	3
" Cattle Seized and Sold	3	7	0
" Cattle Enclosure Expenses (See Contra)	21	18	3
" Fines	170	15	11
" House Numbers	17	6	0
" History of Northcote Sales	1	3	0
" Road and Footpath Opening Fees	574	5	0
" Road Permit Deposits (See Contra)	422	5	0
" Contractors' Securities (See Contra)	1121	14	2
" Forfeited Deposits	321	5	0
" Baths Receipts (See Contra)	344	12	2
" Contracts A/c.—Refunds re Metal Cartage	1045	3	0
" Contracts A/c.—Refunds	964	0	0
" Miscellaneous Receipts	24594	3	8
" Day Labor A/c.—Refunds	1113	5	5
" Cartage A/c.—Refunds	105	8	8
" Public Works A/c.—Refunds	10437	16	7
" Bitumen Account Refunds	2297	17	11
" Parks and Gardens Account	266	3	2
" Quarry A/c.—Sales of Metal, etc.	6899	13	9
" Hot Mix Manufacture A/c.—Sales	2937	12	9
" Concrete Products A/c.—Sales	4835	18	9
" Salaries A/c.—Refunds	1750	16	7
" Stationery Sales	1	17	11
" Petrol and Oil A/c.—Sales	430	9	0
" Motor Upkeep Account—Refund	0	10	0
" Audit Fee A/c.—Refund	120	0	0
" Insurances A/c.—Refunds	332	0	7
" Legal Expenses A/c.—Refunds	40	4	6
" Interest Account—Refunds	8265	15	1
" Debentures Redeemed A/c.—Refunds	6922	5	5
" Refund of Advance to Paymaster	30	0	0
" Refund of Advance to Bathkeeper	1	0	0
" Health Act Expenses A/c.—Refunds	4	12	6
" Incidental Expenses A/c.—Refunds	255	2	6
" Fixed Deposits Nos. 2 and 3 Matured	10000	0	0
" Suspense Account	4	3	4
" Dishonored Cheques Repaid	24	5	10
" Victoria Road Construction—Refund	711	17	10
" Paving Trust Account	112	0	0
" Rent of Property, 195 High St.	129	12	6
" Baby Health Centre A/c.—Government	250	0	0
" Cemetery Account	42	5	0
" Miller Street Construction—Refunds	1150	10	7
" Purchase of Old Court House—Refund	1000	0	0
" Unemployed Relief Account	450	13	3
" St. George's Road Beautification	9425	16	6
" Town Hall Alterations—Refund	15000	0	0
" Baby Health Centre and Creche Building	20	0	0
" Separation Street House Rent	36	0	0
" Land Sales	502	5	8
	£183553	14	5
" Bank Overdraft 30/9/30	10841	2	6
	£194,394	16	11

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Bank Overdraft 1/10/29	£1056	10	3
" Pan Charge Refunds	3	2	0
" Hall Rent Refunds	22	4	0
" Building Fees Refunds	2	19	6
" Overpaid Rates Refunds	145	14	5
" Private Streets Account—Refunds	26	7	2
" Summons Costs (See Contra)	16	0	0
" Cattle Enclosure Expenses (See Contra)	13	6	1
" House Numbers (See Contra)	22	1	2
" Road and Footpath Opening Fees	3	15	0
" Permit Deposits Refunds	665	18	11
" Contractors' Securities (See Contra)	3179	14	8
" Baths Maintenance (See Contra)	225	14	8
" Metal Cartage (See Contra)	3071	13	4
" Sanitary Service	475	11	6
" Purchase Road Grader	114	0	0
" Purchase Bitumen	4177	7	9
" Purchase Jelbart Roller (See Contra)	964	0	0
" Construction Crossing at Watt St.	201	16	3
" Day Labor (See Contra)	16170	14	2
" Cartage (See Contra)	6739	1	11
" Streets Lighting	2885	9	6
" Public Works Materials (See Contra)	5820	11	1
" Cement (See Contra)	8528	19	2
" Bitumen (See Contra)	2505	5	0
" Tar	19	1	11
" Parks and Gardens Maintenance	4911	6	3
" Quarry—Wages and Operation Costs	9197	7	8
" Hot Mix Manufacture A/c.—Wages, etc	6104	13	9
" Concrete Products Manufacture A/c.	2964	9	4
" Salaries (See Contra)	7556	5	3
" Advertising, Printing	790	17	11
" Petrol and Oil (See Contra)	1877	3	9
" Motors Upkeep (See Contra)	377	4	11
" Road Rollers Upkeep	125	17	10
" Charitable Vote	209	0	0
" Audit Fee (See Contra)	146	2	2
" Dog Fees Commission	35	8	9
" Election Expenses	190	19	9
" Hospital Expenses	977	19	11
" Metropolitan Fire Brigades' Board	1524	13	2
" Insurance Premiums (See Contra)	322	3	3
" Legal Expenses (See Contra)	45	7	6
" Interest (See Contra)	22121	12	9
" Redemption Fund	1654	4	10
" Debentures Redeemed	13141	8	6
" Mayoral Allowance	325	0	0
" Advance to Paymaster	30	0	0
" Advance to Bathkeeper	1	0	0
" Advance for Unemployed Relief Wages (See Contra)	200	0	0
" Health Act Expenses (See Contra)	169	14	0
" Incidental Expenses (See Contra)	357	14	7
" Dishonored Cheques	24	13	5
" Penders Park Purchase	58	4	0
" Amounts Placed on Fixed Deposit	15000	0	0
" Henderson Park Purchase	78	6	0
" Closer Settlement Board, Penders Gr. Sts.	380	0	2
" C.R.B.—Melbourne-Geelong Road	23	0	4
" Land Sales Account	22	17	0
" Library	389	4	2
" Stonebreakers' Wages	86	16	0
" Outer Circle Bridge	316	0	9
" Interest—Land, Separation Street	9	0	0
" Miscellaneous Expenditure	16186	2	3
" Victoria Road Construction Advance	711	17	10
" High School Contribution	177	0	0
" Property, Bastings Street	79	8	6
" Annual Payments and Contributions	557	10	8
" Contribution Spencer St. Bridge—Interest	95	17	9
" Purchase Old Post Office Building	300	0	0
" Property, 195 High St.—Maintenance	10	0	5
" Baby Health Centre	555	15	6
" Cemetery Expenses (See Contra)	38	14	3
" Purchase of Old Court House	1000	0	0
" Bank St. Drain Construction	146	15	9
" Advance for Construction of Miller St.	1985	6	0
" Unemployed Relief A/c. (See Contra)	2497	0	11
" St. George's Road Beautification	2934	0	0
" Baby Health Centre Buildings Main'ance	44	14	4
" Separation Street House—Maintenance	4	13	4
" Merri Parade Reconstruction	3173	12	6
" Land Sales—Expenses	79	15	3
" Construction of Jones Street	186	12	2
" Town Hall Alterations (See Contra)	14826	18	5
	£194,394	16	11

An amount of £3/1/9 paid for Councillors' medallions is disallowed, as not being authorised by Statute.

E. PYKE, Government Municipal Auditor. Nov. 6/1930

STATEMENT OF LOAN LIABILITY.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Total Amount of Loans	£482,881	15	0	By Redemptions	£75,523	13	4
				" Balance	£407,358	1	8
	£482,881	15	0		£482,881	15	0

STREETS CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended 30th Septem[ber, 1930]

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Repayments	£28319	18	2
" Proceeds Loan No. 20 (Balance)	12508	18	5
" Part Proceeds Loan No. 22	17743	16	0
" Interest	7277	6	10
" Refund by Municipal Fund	1016	12	9
	£66866	11	2
" Bank Overdraft 30/9/30	10027	1	7
	£76,893	12	9

EXPEN[DITURE].

	£	s.	d.
By Overdraft at Bank 30/9/[29]	£25173	17	0
" Loan No. 20 Repayment [illegible]	3911	18	8
" Loan No. 20A Repayment [illegible]	3911	18	8
" Loan No. 22 Repayment [illegible]	2500	0	0
" Interest on Overdraft [illegible]	[illegible]	0	6
" Interest on Loan No. 20 [illegible]	[illegible]	17	2
" Interest on Loan 20A [illegible]	[illegible]	17	2
" Interest on Loan 22 [illegible]	[illegible]	10	0
	7109	4	10
" Streets and Lanes Construction	33875	7	9
" Refunds of Cash Overpayments	411	5	10
	£76,893	12	9

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30th September 193[0]

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Overdraft at Bank at 30/9/1930				£10027	1	7
Loan No. 20	£50000	0	0			
Less Repayments	5784	11	7			
				44215	8	5
Loan No. 20A	£50000	0	0			
Less Repayments	5784	11	7			
				44215	8	5
Loan No. 22	£17743	16	0			
Less Repayments	2500	0	0			
				15243	16	0
Interest Outstanding				4239	15	1
Works Unlet or Incomplete				6532	9	0
				£124,473	18	6

ASS[ETS].

	£	s.	d.
Due by Owners	£124472	18	6
	£124,473	18	6

LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 20.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending 30th Septe[mber, 1930]

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Bank Balance 1/10/29	£6508	18	5	By Transfer to Private S[treets Acco]unt	£12508	18	5
" Balance of Proceeds of Loan	6000	0	0				
	£12,508	18	5		£12,508	18	5

LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 21.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended 30th Septe[mber, 1930]

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank 1/10/29	£5751	12	2	By Streets Construction, [illegible] and Drainage Works	£21600	12	1
" Balance of Proceeds of Loan	23000	0	0	" Purchase of Land for [illegible]nsion	41	16	6
" Refund of Overcharge re St. George's Road Reconstruction	82	17	6	" Purchase of Land for [illegible] Treatment of Refuse (Bo[illegible])	157	3	3
				" Electric Light Undertaking [illegible] Expenditure	3755	14	2
					£25555	6	0
				" Balance at Bank 30/9/[30]	3279	3	8
	£28,834	9	8		£28,834	9	8

LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 22.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended 30th Sept[ember, 1930]

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Part Proceeds of Loan	£20000	0	0	By Brokerage on Loan	£250	0	0
				" Transfer to Private S[treets Account]	17743	16	0
					£17993	16	0
				" Bank Balance 30/9/30	2006	4	0
	£20,000	0	0		£20,000	0	0

ELECTRIC LIGHT ACCOUNT.

Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.
To Consumers—Amount Written Off	£98	7	0
" Dishonored Cheque	3	10	0
" Miscellaneous Expenditure	1136	17	0
" Interest on Loans	3776	12	10
" Debentures Redeemed	2002	7	6
" Depreciation and Renewals	3810	0	0
" Motors Upkeep	200	10	6
" Petrol and Oil	117	5	8
" Current Supplied	19870	5	0
" Wages	2255	18	2
" Salaries	4587	1	11
" Advertising, Printing and Stationery	197	6	11
" Stores	1146	3	0
" Incidental Expenses	90	0	2
" Old Plant Written Off	200	0	0
	£39492	5	8
" Balance to Net Revenue Account	12756	13	9
	£52,248	19	5

	£	s.	d.
By Consumers' Accounts	£48,133	8	3
" Public Lighting	3752	15	6
" Miscellaneous Receipts	362	3	2
" Bad Debts Collected	0	12	6
	£52,248	19	5

Net Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Appropriation of Profits	£19000	0	0	By Balance 1/10/29	£6394	10	11
" Balance 30/9/30	151	4	8	" Balance from Revenue	12756	13	9
	£19,151	4	8		£19,151	4	8

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30th Septe[mber, 1930]

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Capital Expenditure	£97519	14	9
Dishonored Cheques	5	4	11
Consumers' Account	6635	8	4
Public Lighting	317	7	[illegible]
Advance for Change	15	0	0
Fixed Deposit	28	0	0
Cash in Bank	6439	19	[illegible]
	£110,960	14	10

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Loan Liability	£62346	5	2
Tenants' Deposits	1994	5	1
Extension Deposits	57	13	0
Contractors' Deposits	28	0	0
Interest Accrued Due	1323	9	9
Debentures Accrued D[ue]	703	18	4
Debentures Redemption [illegible]	14874	11	2
Provision for Depreciation	27724	12	0
Sundry Creditors	1756	15	8
	£110,809	10	2
Balance Net Revenue	151	4	8
	£110,960	14	10

THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—I expect a good number of you are still scattered about the sea and country enjoying yourselves on your holidays, while others are back at home. We had a most pleasant time by the sea, even if the first three days were wet, and we got properly burned up by the sun. The Pets took up tennis again, and played all day, and at night we went to the pictures or sat on the beach and talked. Santa came to the Pets and brought some really wonderful toys with him, and each pet was delighted with his gifts. Fluffy is the possessor of a small electric iron now which Grandpa gave her, and, oh! wasn't she pleased! Jacko has the cutest lawnmower to keep his lawn tidy, another of Grandpa's gifts; while Torty has a bowl of goldfish of which she is very proud. On New Year's eve we had a great time, and went to a fancy dress ball, afterwards parading the street as a jazz band. It was a dreadful din, but good fun, and no one seemed to mind. Altogether the holidays were most enjoyable, and we hope yours were, too. Two new Cobbers this week—a boy and a girl. A new competition begins next week.

Cheerio and heaps of love from THE PETS and UNCLE PHIL.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the heartiest and happiest of Birthday Wishes to Ines Williamson and John O'Connell (Jan. 11), Myra Halls (Jan. 12), and Doreen Kroud, Marie Connelly and Edward Smith (Jan. 13).

OUR MAIL BAG

17 Foster Avenue, Glen Huntly.

Dear Uncle Phil,—My Nana, who lives in Thornbury, sends us the "Leader" every week. I like the Cobbers' page and would like to join the Cobbers' Club. I will try and get some riddles and jokes and see if I can gain some marks. Love to all the Pets from

(GOOD) Marjorie Wood

(Welcome, Marjorie, to the Clubs. We hope to see some of your contributions in the Corner soon. Will you send us a snap of yourself for our album please? The Pets send heaps of love.—U.P.)

Leslie Kemp.—Welcome, Les, to the Birthday and Cobbers' Clubs. Will you send us something for the Corner, and also a snap of yourself for our Cobbers' album? How are the holidays going? Love and best wishes from the Pets and U.P.

Terence Jenner.—It's great to hear from you again, and any contributions will be welcome. We had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Are you enjoying your holidays? Lots of love.—U.P.

Mavis Madgwick.—The snap is quite a good one, Mavis, and looks quite nice in our album. Thank you so much for it. Did you enjoy your holiday? Love.—U.P.

Joy Leeming.—What a nice group for your snap. Thank you very much for it, and Fluffy is so thrilled to receive it. The Pets send love and greetings.—U.P.

Chrissie King.—Did Santa treat you well? We had a very happy Christmas and New Year and the Pets are sorry it is all over. However, they are settling down again now. Did you go away? Love.—U.P.

Dorothy King.—I have returned the clipping marked and hope it is satisfactory. Did you have a good Christmas? I am glad you liked the prize. The Pets send greetings.—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

Dear Fluffy,—I am sending you a snap of myself, my little sister, Verna, and our dog, Brownie. I will tell you about a motor ride I have had. From Wangaratta we were going to visit our friends twenty miles away in Stanley. As we were going by car we had to go along the road that led through the mountains. We saw a sawmill and looked at its works. It was made by a creek, surrounded by gums (blue and grey), wattles, box trees and shrubs. We continued our journey and saw, as far up on the road as we could get, a house made entirely of kerosene tins, the outline of Mount Buffalo, and a square of gums, wattles and pine trees, which looked very pretty against the blue of the sky. As we went down the mountains again we saw a big gorge, where the roads looked like pieces of ribbon. We entered Beechworth and had our dinner. As we ascended the mountains on the other side of Beechworth we saw orchards, raspberries and potatoes at nearly every ploughed field we came to. We also saw where gold mining had been carried on. Coming home in the evening we were much too tired to notice anything fresh. I shall never forget those beautiful panoramas I saw that day.

(TRIA) Joy Leeming

A WOODEN WHISTLE

Do you know that it is possible to make a wooden whistle from a twig? First you need a knife; a scout's knife is just the thing. Cut a slender piece of willow or sycamore, a nice smooth piece, fairly round, and five or six inches long. Having shaved it straight across at one end cut off a slanting portion at the other end for the mouth piece. Then with the knife make a notch on the top of the mouth piece and cut a ring at the other end. Soak the bark in water, and, using a small hammer, beat the wood gently all over, keeping it moist all the time. You will find that the bark can now be pulled right away in one piece from the ring you cut. Then enlarge the notch slightly further down the stick. Next shave off a thin strip of wood from the top of the whistle between the round notch and the notch at the top, and lastly, replace the piece or bark, and the whistle is complete. Blow into it and it should emit a shrill, clear note. If not, then one of the notches has not been made big enough. These defects can soon be remedied. This, of course, is a simple whistle, and the proper kind for the beginner, but having made it successfully, and should you feel more ambitious, it is possible to construct a whistle [c]able of playing a simple tune. It would then be necessary to cut several more round holes along the bark.

(BETTER) Cyril Maes.

SHELLS

Doreen and Lily were two little girls staying down at the seaside for their Christmas holidays. It was beautiful weather, and as they were staying quite close to the beach most of their time was spent down on the sand making sand castles or looking for pretty shells. One day they had both gathered a bucket of small white shells about the size of a threepence and were sitting on the beach sorting them out when a lady came along and told them she would show them how to make them into pretty necklaces. So they arranged to meet her the following day on the beach and have a lesson. It was quite interesting. Each little shell was pierced with a gimlet to make the hole, and then threaded on fine white string. They were really nice when they were finished, and when it was too hot to play it was nice to sit in the shade and thread the shells. They had so many shells they were able to make quite a lot of necklaces to send to the children's hospital for the little patients to play with. A few days after this they met their friend again, and she was so pleased to know they had sent the necklaces to the sick children, and she showed them how to decorate pretty boxes for handkerchiefs, while shells could be used for milk jug covers. So they gathered quite a lot of them and sent them out to the Austin Hospital, where the ladies could use them. It was surprising how quickly the time went and soon it was time to return to their home again, both feeling so well and happy because they had given someone else pleasure as well.

(BETTER) Dorothy Harris.

THE OLD LION

For a long time a lion lived alone in a cave, which was dark and deep. At last he became too old to go abroad and seek his food, so he lay down just inside the entrance of his cave and gave out that he was sick and would like the other animals to call on him. A kind cow went in, but she never came out again; the lion ate her up. A foolish ass went in, but he never came out again; the lion ate him also. A wolf, curious to see what a sick lion looked like, went in, but he never came out again. The lion was strong enough to seize him also. Now, a fox came that way, and the lion called to him, "Walk in, Mr. Fox." But the fox was too sly. He said, "How do you do, Mr. Lion?" and stood a good way off, looking at the path that led into the cave. "Please come in," said the lion, "I'm always glad to see my friends." "No, thank you, Mr. Lion," said the fox. "I see by the footprints that those who go into your cave never come out again. Good day!"

(GOOD) Thelma Maes.

THE HORSE COMPOSITION

A farmer going to his stable one day found his little son astride a horse with a pencil and note book in his hands. "Why, Harry," he exclaimed, "what are you doing?" "Writing a composition," was the reply. "Well, why don't you write it in the house?" "Because," answered the little fellow, "the master told me to write a composition on a horse."

(GOOD) Roy Murphy.

COSMOS

The cosmos is a very pretty flower, and the colors are pale and bright pink and white. They grow very tall and flower for quite a long time. Seeds should be planted in a seed box and transplanted when about four or five inches high. As they grow to a height of four to six feet, it is best to grow them near a fence. One year we put the seedlings in a very rich piece of ground, and the cosmos grew ten feet high and the flowers were very big.

(GOOD) Eileen Harris.

ALLIGATORS

Alligators are threatened with danger from birth. Probably that is why they are so unfriendly. The female finds some secluded sand bank exposed fully to the sun's rays, scoops out a hole two or three feet deep, lines it with grass and old rubbish, and lays from 25 to 200 eggs. These are carefully covered to a height of three or four feet with grass and small sticks to protect them from the scores of enemies who are lying in wait. The big sand cranes and eagles like a good meal of alligator's eggs, while bears, wild bats and foxes consider them a great delicacy. Then comes the naturalist and curiosity hunter, and hundreds of eggs are gathered by these seekers. The female is very fierce at this time and watches nearby, and will attack men in defence of her nest. The young are hatched by the sun's rays, and the nest is alive with what appear to be young snakes. The father alligator sometimes makes a meal of the young ones, so danger is always around them. But they are soon off on their own, and then become valuable to hunters for their skins. Their teeth are also made into jewellery. A full grown alligator measures from twelve to eighteen feet in length.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

THRUSHES

There are three thrushes that come to our house to be fed every day. They are all distinctly different. One has a black eye and a black beak, another has a striped breast with a white ring round his eye, and the other is just plain grey. The black-eyed one is very timid, but the other two come up and feed off my mother's finger.

(GOOD) Lily Scrimes

CONTRIBUTIONS

Everton Toffee.—1lb. sugar, 3 tablespoons water, a pinch of cream of tartar, 1 tablespoon vinegar, 1 tablespoon butter. Put ingredients into saucepan and boil till brown without stirring. Grease an enamel plate and pour toffee on to cool and set. Just before it is cool mark in squares with a knife, which makes it easier to break.

(GOOD) Eileen Harris

THEY WERE ALL SETTING

A farmer who was digging a potato patch thought he would have at least the help of some of his five sons. He called out loudly but not one appeared. At dinner, of course, all turned up. "Where were all you boys?" asked the father. "About two hours ago I shouted out for you, but not one of you answered." "I was in the shop setting a saw," said the first. "I was in the kitchen setting a clock," said the second. "I was in the fowlhouse setting a hen," said the third. "I was in the stable setting a rat trap," said the fourth. "You're a nice set," said the father, and, turning to the youngest, he said, "And where were you?" "Me! I was on the doorstep setting still."

(GOOD) Leslie Craig.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

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

Name..

Address..

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

9/1/1931

Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week.

MUNICIPAL FUND

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30th September, 1930.

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Rate Arrears	£4789	13	6
Pan Charge Arrears	230	7	5
Paving Paths	228	7	8
Private Streets and Crossings Construction	218	5	6
Technical School Site	61	0	0
Advance to Paymaster for Refunds	50	0	0
Advance for Unemployed Relief Wages	200	0	0
Fixed Deposits	5200	0	0
Dishonored Cheque	0	7	7
War Loan Bonds—Cemetery A/c., due 15/12/31	400	0	0
Due by Preston re Miller Street Construction	834	15	5
Due by Government re Unemployed Relief Works	814	5	4
Land Sale, Beaconsfield Pde.—A. J. Courier	170	0	0
Lane Sale, Bent Street—Y. Courier	125	0	0
Land Sale, Gladstone Ave.—E. Wynne	160	0	0
Land Sale, Beaver's Road—A. Cameron	144	0	0
Land Sale, Tanner Grove—A. Heaney	157	10	0
Land Sale, Bent Street—Coleman & Rennie	170	0	0
Land Sale, Elm Street—J. Bolger	130	0	0
	£14083	12	5
Balance Municipal Fund	8474	16	3
	£22,558	8	8

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Bank Overdraft	£10841	2	6
Rates Paid in Advance	11	18	3
St. George's Road Land Sale	1119	5	4
Permit Deposits	168	0	0
Contractors' Deposits	545	0	0
Hall Hiring Deposits	2	0	0
Suspense A/c.—Unclaimed Refund Account Street Construction	4	3	4
Penders' Park	393	10	5
Henderson Park	910	13	7
Closer Settlement Board—Pender's Grove Streets	3398	8	3
Country Roads Board—Melbourne-Geelong Road	312	18	0
Land Sales	355	3	9
Clarendon Street Paving Trust A/c.	175	0	0
Darebin Street Paving Trust Account	207	13	1
Woolhouse Street Paving Trust A/c.	126	17	6
Land Purchase, Merri Parade	145	0	0
Land Purchase, Separation Street	350	0	0
Normanby Ave. and Woolton Ave. Paving Trust Account	112	0	0
Old Post Office Building Purchase	2951	0	0
Cemetery Account	438	14	8
[illegible]			
	£22,558	8	8

Audited and allowed subject to report of even date.

E. PYKE, Government Municipal Auditor. Nov. 6/1930.

J. A. THOMSON, L.I.C.A., Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Finally settled, found just, true, and allowed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Northcote held on the 8th day of December, 1930.

J. H. GREEN, Mayor.

(A copy of the Statement of Accounts in detail is available at the office of the Council).

WHAT AM I?

Ere man first came my early days began;
I ape each creature and resemble man;
I gently creep o'er tops of tender grass,
Nor leave the least impression where I pass.
Touch me you may, but I ne'er can be felt,
Nor yet was e'er tasted, heard or smelt;
Yet seen each day; if not, be sure at night
You'll quickly find me out by candle light.

Answer: A shadow.

(GOOD) Florence Rogers

HINTS FOR THE COOK

To make an apple puff chase it around the garden for 30 minutes.

To make a currant roll place it on the top of the nearest hill and give it a push.

When short of butter hang your hat out in the rain and wait till it is dripping.

A cheap and easy meal for a picnic is a roll on the grass.

Doughnuts should be plucked from the pan tree when they are ripe.

To make pastry light dip it in petrol and apply a match to it.

To make an egg go a long way place it carefully on a rabbit's back.

Shortbread can be made long by stretching.

(GOOD) Wilma Kruger

STORYETTES

Friend: "To be frank, old chap, I don't like the picture, yet there is something remarkable about it." Artist: "It's old, anyhow." Friend: "Probably that's it."

(GOOD) Jack Fullerton

First Boy: "What is the difference between a pillar box and a cow?" Second Boy: "I don't know. What is it?" First Boy: "Then I wouldn't trust you to post a letter."

The train pulled up at the station and the porter sang out, "June! June!" An old gentleman put his head out of the window and said: "So it's June, is it? Well, it was April when we started."

Teacher: "Have you learnt any geography?" Bobby: "No, sir. Daddy said the world's changing every day, so I'm waiting till it settles down a bit."

Billy: "Where are you going?" Bobby: "Into town to get some of that traffic jam I hear so much about."

(GOOD) Enid Love

Doctor: "Have you ever tried gargling with salt water?" Sailor: "Yes, I've been torpedoed six times."

(GOOD) Kevin Power.

Lieutenant: "When is a man entitled to be buried with military honors?" Recruit: "When he is dead, sir."

(GOOD) A. Capper

Difficult.—"Now, then," said the Irish schoolmaster, "how many of yez are there in the class?" "Eleven, sir," answered the head boy. "Eleven, eh! Well, then, half of yez come over here."

(GOOD) C. Smithwick

Hole Both Ends.—Jones: "How are you getting along since your sister got married?" Brown: "Well, I couldn't get a housekeeper to take her place, but I'm getting along all right. In fact, I've reached the highest stage of efficiency. I can put my socks on from the other end now."

(GOOD) J. C. Lowery

"You say your father is out of town. Will he be away long?" "It all depends upon the jury."

(GOOD) Alec Murphy

James: "I am so hungry that I should like nothing better than a square meal." Jack: "I'd much rather a round one myself." James: "Well, what's the difference?" Jack: "A round one hasn't any end to it."

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy

John: "I think you father is awfully mean." Tim: "How do you know?" John: "He's a bootmaker, and he makes you wear these old boots." Tim: "That's nothing; yours is a dentist; and your baby brother has only got one tooth."

Mrs. Jenkins: "You look a smart lad. Tell me what is the difference between one yard and two yards?" New Pupil: "A fence."

(GOOD) A. Love

Master: "I will not punish you this time, for there seems no evidence that you were seen in the orchard." Scholar: "Thank you, sir. May I keep the apples?"

(GOOD) Frank Power

Old Gentleman: "What's your idea, my little man, of fishing with a cigar stump?" Angler: "I want to catch smoked fish, sir."

(GOOD) Terence Jenner

An Irishman's Advice to a Cyclist.—The best way to pass a cow on the road is to keep behind it."

Parentless.—Questioned as to the meaning of the word "cannibal" the youngster had perforce to acknowledge his ignorance on the matter. "Well," said the teacher, "supposing that you gobbled up your father and mother, what would you be then?" The Youngster: "Please, sir, an orphing."

(GOOD) Mavis Madgwick

What is a button?—A small event that is always coming off.

(GOOD) Edna Southam

Mike: "Why is thunder like an onion?" Pete: "Because it is peal after peal (peel)."

Tony: "Have you ever heard of a musical ship?" Sandy: "Yes, when it has got a band round the funnel." Tony: "No; when it is P. and O. (piano)."

(GOOD) Syd Grenfell

TONGUE TWISTERS

A crow flew over the river
With a lump of red raw liver.
Six thick thistle sticks.

(GOOD) Dorothy King.

Three grey geese in the green field grazing. Grey were the geese and green was the grazing.

Why is O the dirtiest letter in the alphabet? Because it is only once in oil and twice in soot.

(GOOD) Chrissie King

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.

CAR ILLEGALLY USED.

Captured by the police patrol on December 27 at St. Kilda, whilst in a car that had been stolen from East Brunswick, John Carlisle Wells, aged 20 years, clerk, of Andrew St., Northcote; Keith Baldock, aged 18 years, a timber worker, of Victoria St., Flemington; Clive Baldock, aged 17 years, also of Victoria St., Flemington, appeared at St. Kilda court on a charge of having illegally used a motor car. They were each sentenced to three months' imprisonment, the sentences being suspended on a bond of £20 to be of good behavior for two years. Another boy, aged 15 years, will be dealt with by the childrens' court.

On another charge of having broken into a confectionery shop at Greensborough the three youths were remanded to Heidelberg court.

The Swing of the Pendulum

By POWELL MILLINGTON.

Tara-Jong (the fort of Tara) stood at the level of fifteen thousand feet.

It had been built some centuries ago not only on top of, but also down into the depths of, an isolated mass of solid rock, which on one side overhung the Tara lake, and on the other was separated by but a few roods of sparse, ill-favored crops, from one of many parallel mountain-spurs that sweep upward into the unexplored eternity of Himalayan snow.

Within it was a maze of chambers —some built upon the surface of the rock, others hollowed out beneath it. One chamber had been a temple, the next a granary, the next maybe a larder or a kitchen, the next a lama's cell or a dungeon, and the next a powder magazine. The usual inmates of the jong had all fled, however, taking with them most of the contents of its chambers, and leaving little trace there except certain blended and for the most part noisome smells.

But nearer the summit there were still signs of life, for here, a few better ventilated chambers were occupied by two companies of the "Seventieth Punjabis," who held Tara-Jong as a post on the British line of communications between the Lhasa Mission and India.

Harroll, a subaltern of the Seventieth, commanded the post, occupying a low-roofed closet at the very top.

In a recess of the room were signs of the Buddhist faith; for here stood a miniature reredos, and on its shelves a few idols of clay and some small brazen altar-vessels.

Into this chamber—part cell, part shrine—Harroll had dumped one or two mule-loads of service kit, and so transformed it into a bedroom, living-room, and guest-house.

It grew dark; Harroll's servant brought in two wooden-wicked Chinese candles in candlesticks rough hewn from old butter-tins. The wind howled outside and the rain came down in torrents, while, two hundred feet below, the great half-salt lake, Tara, was churned into foam like the sea.

Harroll's thoughts turned to the matter nearest his heart.

That matter was a girl. He thought of her in this mental picture and it that, recalling days of happiness spent near her until his face grew wistful. Then he recalled the latter days of their intercourse; and his face grew hard at the vision of the woman of the world, this girl's mother, who, with the fierce maternal instinct of the British matron, had mounted guard over her offspring, and at length driven him forth with a woman's weapons—honey tipped but redoubtable.

And lastly came the vision of the other man, of Jack Somers. How he hated Jack Somers—with all that hatred born of jealousy that the younger and less well-equipped feels when a girl's heart is in question, toward the wealthy and accomplished man of the world.

Jack Somers was well favored—he had the brains, the enterprise, and the money to do everything worth doing and go everywhere worth going. And having done those things and gone to those places, he reflected unconsciously in his person the charm of his achievements.

Then the door was opened—not, however, by his servant bringing the dinner, but by a tall Sikh orderly, who, saluting solemnly, announced:—

"Protector of the poor, a sahib has come——"

"Show him up then, at once. He must be very wet—get him a fatigue party to carry his baggage up here, and tell the commissariat babu to see that his servant and his escort, and his horse and his mules, have their rations quickly. Let his horse have the clean dry stall next to my own animal."

Such was the spontaneous old-world hospitality of life in a post. The orderly disappeared, diving down again through the depths of the jong, and emerging later at its base, where stood the stranger and his retinue.

Men appeared quickly to take charge of horse and mules and baggage, while the orderly, with the aid of a lantern, directed the stranger upward through the jong, here warning him to beware of some low doorway, there guiding his footsteps past some perennial slough of mud, and so at last, up broken stone staircases and perpendicular ladders, to the commanding officer's presence.

"The sahib has come," announced the orderly, and withdrew.

II.

In the dim light of the Chinese candles the two men peered at each other, then both recoiled with a sudden start of recognition. For beneath the heavy helmet and from out the high turned-up collar of a dripping semi-military waterproof peered the clean-cut face of Jack Somers.

The two men recovered quickly and simultaneously from their surprise. They shook hands nonchalantly, however loudly their hearts might be beating, and by that very nonchalance tacitly communicated to each other the terms on which they were to meet.

It was clear that they would strive at no intimacy, but equally clear that being thrown together by an untoward chance, and both being English gentlemen, they would tolerate each other even to playing out their respective roles of host and guest.

Thus Somer's bedding was laid out on one of the low Tibetan couches, he washed his hands in Harroll's canvas basin, and sat down to Harroll's Himilayan trout and ovis ammon.

Harroll asked no questions, only gleaning in the course of official conversation that Somers was here as a war-correspondent with a permit to the front, and that he wished to push on as soon as possible.

This was like Somers—to be in the midst of the affair of the moment, whatever it was, and even to leave that lovely girl for the time being for the sake of an adventure.

In spite of himself, Harroll felt a little softened toward Somers when he noticed his thin face drawn with fatigue and the recent mountain sickness which had overtaken him during his rapid march from the plains of India to the level of fifteen thousand feet.

There was, too, a grimly humorous side to the situation, for not only was this meeting so incongruous, but the tables, for the time being seemed to be turned. Harroll was no longer the flouted youth making way for his elder and better, but within a certain area a military despot to whom now came the impotent civilian newspaper man, humbly begging transport and escort—nay, even craving a night's lodging. But Harroll set himself to an attitude of courtesy, to the study of his guest's comfort and his plans for the morrow.

The talk flagged, and it was time to invite Somers to that couch beside his own, though he rebelled at the thought of the long night to be spent in such close proximity. His head throbbed with his pent-up thoughts, and for some time he sat silent, ignoring Somers and longing irrationally for something to happen that would loosen the tension of this terrible meeting, praying for some miracle that would transform the scene.

III.

Ah! the scene was transformed, the miracle was wrought!

For at that moment, outside this quiet post which for months had been wrapped in peace, the air suddenly shook with Tibetan cannon and rang with Tibetan muskets. The long-expected raid had come.

Though on this dark night no trace could be seen of the enemy, yet from the noise of jingal, rifle, and musket it was clear that he had mustered by the hundreds, if not by the thousands.

Harroll rose to the occassion, all the latent mettle in him galvanised into action by the first shot.

He called his orderly—he had the alarm sounded—he conferred with his native officers. And in a few minutes the first arrangements were made for the defence of this large fort by two hundred men against an unnumbered foe.

The tables had indeed been turned! For here at his elbow stood Somers, meekly awaiting a chance to speak, and at last diffidently asking what he might be allowed to do.

"I don't quite know," said Harroll cooly.

(To be Continued.)

WHITTLESEA.

A fire occurred late on the night of December 30 at the Misses Mirrilees' confectionery shop at Yan Yean. Fortunately the blaze was noticed at an early stage, and was put out by Mr. J. Balharrie, of Whittlesea, who was returning from Melbourne. The police are inquiring, as incendiarism is suspected.

Torrential rainfall occurred during the holidays, 235 points being recorded, making the total for December over 10 inches.

Although crops are ready for cutting and stripping, the ground is too soft to hold the machines. Crops already cut, which were badly damaged by previous rain, are now ruined.

A public meeting recently elected a committee of management for Whittlesea Park for the triennial period. When the names were submitted to the Lands Department for approval the Department advised that the present committees' term did not expire till March.

Mr. Walter C. Duffy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Duffy, of Whittlesea, a student of St. Aidan's College, Ballarat, has been ordained a deacon. He is the third son to enter the ministry, his two brothers being in charge of parishes. One is the Rev. F. V. Duffy, of Minyip, and the other is Rev. J. H. Duffy, of Landsborough.

The Whittlesea school break-up picnic excursion to Williamstown beach was most successful.

Humevale school annual motor picnic outing was held at Elwood beach.

The Whittlesea branch of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary Committee, of which Mrs. R. Elliott is president, organised a gift day. A car load of Christmas cheer was taken by Mrs. McKendrick to the hospital.

A dance organised by Humevale Cricket Club at Whittlesea parish hall realised £16.

The fifth Kew group of Boy Scouts encamped at Bruces' Creek during the holidays, S.M. Townsend being in charge.

First Newport troop of Boy Scouts is camped at Humevale.

Whittlesea Ratepayers' League has approved of Cr. Fergusson's scheme to hold meetings at four centres in the shire to explain the shire's affairs to the ratepayers. The league has undertaken to arrange a meeting at Whittlesea, and it is felt that avenues for many economies can be suggested.

Mr. William Howell, an old resident of Whittlesea, died at his residence after a short illness at the age of 84 years.

Mr. Pozzi, of Pheasant Creek, Kinglake, died suddenly on Saturday whilst seated in a chair.

On January 2 the confectionery shop and telephone office conducted by Miss Draper at Humevale, near Whittlesea, was broken into. Mail matter was scattered about the place. A quantity of confectionery was taken, also a clock, the property of the P.M.G.'s Department. The police are inquiring.

BOY DROWNED AT MORANG.

An unfortunate fatality took place at Morang on December 29, when Arthur Lucas, a boy scout, aged 13 years, of Gladstone St., Coburg, was drowned in the Plenty River while swimming. Lucas was one of the First Moreland Troop of boy scouts camped on Mr. Power's property. The river was running strongly with flood waters, and Lucas was carried down stream into deep water, where he got into difficulties and disappeared. Const. Crawford, of Whittlesea, and Const. Waldron, of Epping, went to the scene and recovered the body in about 20 feet of water. An inquest will be held.

Members of the 1st City of Preston Catholic Boy Scouts who were encamped close by, assisted with resuscitation, but their efforts were without avail.

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RECIPES.

Biscuit Mixture.

...redients.—Two tablespoonsful ..., two-thirds of breakfast cup ..., one level breakfast cup flour, ...thirds teaspoonful cream of tartar, one-third teaspoonful bicarbonate ... one egg. Method.—With the ...sift soda and cream of tartar. ... the butter in a basin and make ...ite hot, but do not let it boil. ... the sugar and beat well for a ... minutes; then add the egg and ... well again; then stir in the ... and mix to a firm dough. If ...ring is liked it may be added. ...e mixture is for cocoanut bis... a little less flour should be ... finely grated candied or ...e or lemon peel, chopped al...s and cinnamon are nice added ...is mixture. To bake the bis... drop in rough teaspoonfuls on a ... even sheet, and bake in a mod... oven.

Savoury Steaks.

...ree-quarters of a pound of lean ... lb. of ham or bacon, 2 oz. of ... onion (chopped), 3 teaspoon... of chopped parsley, the grated ... a lemon, 1 egg, salt and pep..., 2 oz. of dripping. Chop the ...and bacon finely, also the suet. ...hese together with the chopped ...y and onion, and salt and pep... taste. Beat up the egg and ... the mixture with it. Shape it ...mall, neat, flat cakes. Melt ...ipping in a frying pan, when ...h smoke arises from it put in ...r three cakes at a time and fry ... a nice brown on each side. ...e a neat bed of mashed pota... a hot dish. Press the steaks ... on to this, putting a slice of ... between each steak. Garnish ...ried potatoes, and hand with ...sh a tureen of good brown ...

...ove Tan From the Skin.

... with a solution of lemon juice ...rbonate of soda. Follow with ...e of unripe grapes if they are ...d; if not, with Fuller's earth ...made by putting a few pinches ...r's earth in rain water.

FANCY'S FASHION

FROCK FOR MAID'S WEAR.

Our fashion for this week is a very charming frock for maid's wear, featuring the ever popular flare in three tier effect, a style that is much in vogue just now.

For the small woman or young girl who desires to be stylishly clad at small expense, we cannot do better than offer the charming model which we illustrate here—one that is right up to the minute as regards fashion, yet so simple in construction that even the merest novice will find no difficulty in making it up. The frock shown features three nicely flared tiers, and has a V neck. Slight fullness is allowed for at the shoulders and this may be arranged in scant smocking, or simply gathered in rows as preferred.

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The dress may be made up sleeveless, or with long bishop sleeves, as desired, and the waist is confined with a narrow sash or girdle.

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RETURN OF BLACK GLOVES TO FEMININE FAVOR.

The keynote of the season's mode is one of revival.

Long black gloves are the latest fashion to return to the fold, and they are well accepted by the feminine players of Hollywood.

For her role in Paramount's picture, "Morocco," Marlene Dietrich selected elbow-length black suede gloves as an accessory to an afternoon frock of pink chiffon. A large black hat and handbag carried out the color combination.

NEW TROUSER STYLE INTRODUCED BY STAR.

White flannel trousers for women promise to become Hollywood's newest style craze since their spectacular introduction by Clara Bow, the Paramount star of "Her Wedding Night," who is always giving the film city boulevardiers a clothes thrill.

Clara recently arrived at the studio in her newest outfit consisting of white beret, white sweater of combed wool interwoven design of jagged lines of red, white flannel trousers, smartly creased down the legs man-fashion, and white shoes with red heels.

Ironing House Linen.

After spreading the ironing blanket on the table, lay all the plain house linen, such as pillow-slips, guest towels, etc., upon it. Cover with ironing sheet, pin firmly at each corner of table, and proceed with the ordinary ironing. When you have finished, the articles underneath will be pressed quite sufficiently to fold up.

When washing, button the collars onto the fronts of the shirts. It is a saving of pegs, and there will be no peg marks on the collars.

BETWEEN SEASONS FROCK
As worn by Mary Brian in the Paramount Picture "ONLY SAPS WORK"
BETWEEN SEASON'S FROCK.

Although we in Australia have really just commenced our summer, those who are far-seeing are already plotting and planning what they will wear when the weather turns just a little bit chilly, and this seasonal suggestion from Mary Brian should suit the mode.

Mary wears this charming frock in her latest Paramount picture, "Social Errors" (which was previously titled "Only Saps Work"), in which she appears with Leon Errol and Richard Arlen. The frock is of bright blue covert cloth, showing a straight pleated skirt and a natural waist line belt bound with white. The double-breasted bodice is trimmed with large pearl buttons, and the sailor collar and cuffs are finished with white rick-rack braid.

As a smart accessory, Miss Brian has a tam of the blue, bound with a band and bow of white corded ribbon.

BATHING SUITS BECOME SCANTIER.

The summer of 1930 will be a sun-tan season. That is the opinion of Claudette Colbert, the Paramount player who has just returned from a world tour and is now commencing work on "Strictly Business."

Bathing suits and beach pyjamas are more backless than last year's variety. Flannel and cotton are the favorite materials for pyjamas in lace of silks and satins; white bathing suits with pleated shorts are the rage of the Continental bathing resorts, and wooden jewelry for beach wear is an accepted fashion item.

Pastel colors that are flattering to a sun-tan complexion create all the sport costumes. Such shades as light pink, blue, orchid and yellow as well as white are fashioned into two-piece frocks, wind-breaker suits and ensembles. Pink is used extensively for very severe sport costumes and this "party" color utilised in the new manner is extremely chic.

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PATHETIC XMAS EVE TRAGEDY.

CHILD WHO WAS AFRAID OF FATHER CHRISTMAS

Children usually are delighted to see Father Christmas on his annual visit, but for some reason little Jackie ..., aged 4 years, who lived at ... Raleigh street, Northcote, with his parents, evinced great fear of the venerable old man.

On Christmas eve Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. Plummer, accompanied by their two children, were on their way home about 8.35 p.m. Alighting from the tram near the tram sheds they were walking along High street when a man dressed as Father Christmas came out of a shop.

Jackie shrank back as if in fear, and a little girl took his hand as if to take him to Father Christmas. Jackie, apparently terrified, pulled his hand away and rushed blindly across the street, where he was knocked down by a slowly moving car driven by Mr. Robert Alexander Blower, of Raleigh street, Thornbury. The accident was unavoidable, and the car was only travelling from 8 to 10 miles per hour.

The poor little mite was picked up and rushed to the Children's Hospital, but despite every possible care he died soon after admission.

These were some of the facts placed before the coroner (Mr. D. Grant), who recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Mr. Plummer could not tell the coroner why his little boy bore such an antipathy towards Father Christmas.

Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents, the joy of the festive season being for them engulfed in the vortex of tragedy.

SUPPORT OF CHILDREN.

CHARGES OF FALSE PRETENCES

SUM OF £544 INVOLVED

At the Third District Court on December 31 William Paul Golding, laborer, of Raleigh street, Thornbury, and his wife, Frances R. Golding, were charged with having, between July 1, 1926, and September 8, 1930, obtained the sum of £544 from the Children's Welfare Department by false pretences with intent to defraud.

Eric R. Gleed, a clerk of the Children's Welfare Department, said:—In June, 1925, Mrs. Golding, who was living in Fitzroy, applied to the department for assistance, and in the next month 10/ a week was granted for each of six children. In February, 1926, the eldest child became 14 years of age, and after that the department continued to pay 10/ weekly for each of the five children until July, 1927, when the payments were increased to 12/ per child weekly. After a year another child turned 14 and was eliminated, and two more were eliminated as time went on for the same reason. The department still paid for two children until September, 1930.

Many other witnesses gave evidence, one of whom, H. J. O'Neill, of the Welfare Department, said he had been informed by Mrs. Golding that her husband had been a T.B. patient.

Detective McGuffie said Golding had admitted that between 1926 and 1930 he was working and at the same time was receiving assistance from the Children's Welfare Department. He had obtained a medical certificate from the Melbourne Hospital that he was unfit to work and had given it to his wife, because she had told him the department wanted her to get an invalid pension.

Continuing, Detective McGuffie said Mrs Golding had made a statement to the effect that a doctor had issued a medical certificate to her regarding her husband without seeing him.

After committing both of the accused for trial at the Court of General Sessions on February 2, Mr. J. J. Denton, J.P. (chairman of the bench), said that in cases of application for State assistance from the Children's Welfare Department stricter inquiries should be made by the department, and sworn declarations obtained from both husband and wife. The husband had been earning £5 a week for four years, and it had taken the department four years to discover that fact. Altogether the Golding family had been in receipt of nearly £10 a week for about four years. The loss to the department during that period had been at the rate of about £2/8/ a week. The department should make more stringent inquiries in such cases.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Preston club held a shoot at Port Melbourne last Saturday. Scores:—Bell, 43 (4), 47; Sullivan, 38 (7), 45; Court, 36 (8) 44; Bignell, 39 (4) 43; Piggott, 34 (9), 43; Chynoweth, 34 (7), 41.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

NORTHCOTE–PRESTON CLUB

The inter-club track premiership competition will be resumed at the Amateur Sports Ground on Saturday. The Preston and Northcote Club will meet the strong Old Wesley A.A. Club in the following events:—100 yards, 440 yards, mile run, shot putt, broad jump. The club's representatives will be:—100 yards, A. Robinson, E. Berry, W. Perry (emergency, N. Orr); long jump, A. Angus (emergency, C. Owen); shot putt, A. Angus (emergency, C. Owen); mile run, ... McEachern, J. Tannock, G. Kirkland; 440 yards, A. Robinson, E. Berry, ... Lewis (emergency, A. Galagher).

Once again Preston have been unfortunate in losing the services of Tom Wise in the mile run, as he has gone to the country, and with Wally Wightman also away it is a severe handicap to the club.

Competing in the 120 yards hurdles handicap at Frankston on New Year's Day Bruce McNabb failed by inches to gain first place, but his splendid effort carried him into second place.

Club Picnic to Sandringham.—The club's second picnic will again be held at Sandringham on January 18. All members and friends are requested to co-operate with Mr. Hankin and advise him before January 12 so that transport arrangements can be made.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

The Preston branch of the Women's Amateur Athletic Association is now in full swing and members have commenced training at Preston Park on Monday and Wednesday evenings under the supervision of Messrs. Bert Gardiner and H. Hankin. Although the club is but newly founded, the present members are already showing good form, and any new member is assured of a hearty welcome. The next meeting of the club will be held on January 19 at the secretary's residence, 3 Herbert street, Preston.

TENNIS.

COOMA CLUB.

The two matches postponed early in December were completed during the week-end, and the No. 2 team sustained a loss and obtained a victory. Although this team was sadly weakened by the absence on holidays of their leading men, they were unfortunate to be beaten by Reservoir, as the ladies, generally so reliable, were sadly out of touch. However, they atoned for this lapse by being in top form when matched against Presbyterians, and Cooma after an exciting contest, ran out victors by 24 hard earned games. No player was outstanding against Reservoir, but against Presbyterian the two in the limelight were Miss N. Tuppen, who played really splendid tennis, winning her three sets in hollow fashion, 6—1, 6—2, 9—4; and Mr. G. Jones, who also won his three sets in good style, 9—4, 9—1, 9—5. No further matches will be held until January 17. Results:—

Reservoir d Cooma 2.

H. Ellis and N. Gregor d A. Schier and G. Jones 9—4.
H. Ellis and F. Snell lost to A Schier and D. Sykes 5—9.
N. Grigor and F. Snell lost to G Jones and D. Sykes 7—9
Mrs. Ellis and Hunt d K. Hollowood and Lewis 6—4.
Mrs. Ellis and Baker d K. Hollowood and N. Tuppen 6—4.
Mrs. Hunt and Baker d P. Lewis and N. Tuppen 6—2
Mr. and Mrs. H. Ellis d K. Hollowood and A. Schier 9—4
Mrs. Hunt and N. Grigor lost to P. Lewis and G. Jones 7—9
Mrs. Baker and F. Snell d N. Tuppen and D. Sykes 9—7
Reservoir 68 games d Cooma 2 48 games.

Cooma 2 d Presbyterians.

D. Sykes and G. Jones d F. Jackson and J. May 9—4
D. Sykes and A. Schier lost to F. Jackson and J. Mawhinnery 8—9
G. Jones and H. Schier d J. May and J. Mawhinnery 9—5
N. Tuppen and K. Hollowood d Mrs. Looney and Long 6—2
N. Tuppen and P. Lewis d L. Clark and Mrs. Long 6—1
K. Hollowood and P. Lewis lost to L. Clark and Mrs. Looney 5—6
D. Sykes and N. Tuppen d Mrs Long and F. Jackson 9—4
G. Jones and K. Hollowood d Mrs. Looney and J. May 9—4
A. Schier and P. Lewis lost to L. Clark and J. Mawhinnery 7—9
Cooma 2, 68 games, d Presbyterians 44 games.

Interesting lecturettes were delivered by Messrs. Manuel. C. Barling and C. Green at the Regent Central Progress Association on Tuesday evening, the subjects being "Break of Railway Gauge." "Financial Depression" and "Light."

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...r. and Mrs. L. Jones are spending a quiet time at Mt. Martha.

Miss Norma Oldis, of Northcote, spent the New Year at Queenscliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox spent the ...days at Queenscliff.

Mrs. Reg Cox is holidaying at ...ves.

...r. and Mrs. E. Eaton and family, Thornbury, are spending a fortnight's holiday at Black Rock.

...v. and Mrs. T. Cole and family ...t the New Year vacation at ...enscliff.

Miss Winnie Oates, of James street, ...rthcote, is spending a fortnight at ...oongara" Queenscliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgers of Heidelberg ...d Alphington, were guests at the ...and" Queenscliff during the festive ...son.

...r. and Mrs. Davies and family ...Lennox street, Northcote, are ...idaying at Queenscliff.

Miss Carrie Gray, of James street, ...thcote, is holidaying at Lakes ...rance.

...r. and Mrs. Geo. Dalgleish, High ...t, Croxton, spent the Christmas ...tion at Dromana.

...r. and Mrs. Evans, Hawker ...ue, Preston, have returned from ...rt stay at Bon Beach.

...r. and Mrs. A. J. Dalgleish, Tyler ...t, Preston, visited Rye during the ...ays.

... and Mrs. Stan Gray, Queen ..., visited Cheltenham during the ...ys.

... and Mrs. Butler, Plenty road, ...n, spent the holidays at Daylesford.

... and Mrs. W. F. Pridgeon, of ...cote, spent the holidays at Tor...

...A. Smith, Plenty road, Preston, ...a week at Yea with his wife and ...

...and Mrs. J. Thomson, High ...id a visit to Colac during the ... season.

...and Mrs. J. Volkman, of High ...joyed a pleasant trip to the ...Entrance and Buchan Caves.

...and Mrs. E. Garrett, High St., ...mily, spent the holidays at ...ille.

... Long, a member of Preston ... clerical staff, is holidaying ...esford.

...r Holland, of Preston Baby ...Centre, has returned after a ...oliday.

...nd Mrs. F. Page, of High St., ..., spent the Xmas and New ...acation at Daylesford.

...and Mrs. E. O'Bree, Preston, ... at Lakes Entrance for the ...vacation.

...J. H. Green J.P. and Mrs. Green ...r and moyoress of Northcote) ...panied by the Misses Green, are ... at "Whitehall" Queenscliff.

... L. G. Smith, managing director ...ssrs. F. G. Smith Pty. Ltd., ac...nied by his family, spent the ...ys at Mornington.

... and Mrs. J. A. Watkins and ...y, of Joffre street, Preston, left ...hursday to spend a holiday at ...ndale.

...ssrs. Henry and Reg Gray, of ...s street, Northcote, spent the ...stmas and New Year at Ocean ...e.

...r. and Mrs. A. F. Deacon, of ...ty road, spent the holidays at ...burton. Mrs. Deacon and children are still away.

...r. Prowse, clerk of courts at Preston, has resumed duty after an en...ble three week's holiday in ...sland.

...r. and Mrs. A. V. Jones and Miss ...on, of Tyler St., Preston, were ...at Daylesford for X mas and ... Year.

...r. and Mrs. W. Robinson and ...ly, of Preston, spent a happy ... at Maldon during Xmas and ... Year.

...r. G. McDonald, manager of the ...mercial Bank, Thornbury, accom...ied by Mrs. McDonald, spent the ...days on a tour of the Sale and ...algon districts.

...r. and Mrs. C. Tribe and family, ...gwilliam street, Preston, together ... their daughter, Mrs. Fred Tuck...f Oakhill avenue, spent the holi...s at Chelsea.

...r. and Mrs. A. Dean, Doolan ...et, Preston, together with Mr. and ... N. Youens, West Preston, spent ...Christmas vacation at Ballarat, at ...home of Mr. and Mrs. Youens, sen. ...iss Marjorie McFadden, High St., ...st..., is spending an enjoyable ...ation at Marysville. While there ... sang at the Marysville Hall and ... given a great reception.

...r. and Mrs. C. Barling, Queen ...et, Preston, together with Mr. and ... Keith Thompson, also of Queen ..., toured Daylesford, Ballarat ...Bacchus Marsh during the Christ...vacation.

...e Misses B. Hall, H. Griska, L. ..., C. Smalley, E. Trevivian, M. ...h, R. Watson, R. Bridger, O. ...uell and J. Bentley have been ...ding an enjoyable holiday at ...e ...Warburton Chalet" reports a house party of over 100 guests for Christmas fortnight including Cr. and Mrs. W. Olver, Cr. and Mrs. S. Pinkney and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. Shaw, Mr. Harold Hayden Mrs. Bean, Miss Bean, Miss R. Whiteway, and Miss D. Andrews, all of Northcote, ... and Mrs. Bean, Mrs. Schumacher of Preston.

Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., accompanied by his wife, son and daughter, spent a real English Christmas at Mount Buffalo. On Christmas Day it snowed heavily, and roaring fires were the order of the day. It was rather a novel experience to see snow fall on Christmas Day in Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Harris, Joffre street, Preston, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Len Painter, made an extensive car tour of Victoria during the holidays. Castlemaine, Bendigo, Ballarat, Daylesford and Mathoura (N.S.W.) were some of the points touched.

The death occurred on Tuesday at Hughesdale of Mrs. Agnes McMillan. She is a sister of Mrs. Jessie Dale, ... Pender St., Thornbury, and of Mrs. Jane Armstrong, of Ralph St., Reservoir. The interment was made at the Strathallan cemetery, Preston on Thursday.

Mr. Williams, town clerk at Preston, is absent on leave for three weeks. Mr. Williams, accompanied by his wife, is enjoying his respite from duty in taking short motor car trips. Mr. Summers is acting temporarily as town clerk.

Mr. Alfred C. Strongman, road contractor, of Henry St., North Preston, one of Preston's oldest residents, who has been so seriously ill, has taken a sudden turn for the better, and is now well on the way to recovery.

A happy party were Misses N. Keating, P. Dalton, J. Dalton, B. Slattery, ... Slattery, Mithem, Burrows, Wisenfield, Lillis, E. Sparkes, D. Sparkes, Mrs. Clancy and Messrs. B. Pooley, I. Kupsch, J. O'Meara; Leo. Nillman, Phil. Barrett, who spent the Xmas and New Year holidays at Shirley Rest, Daylesford.

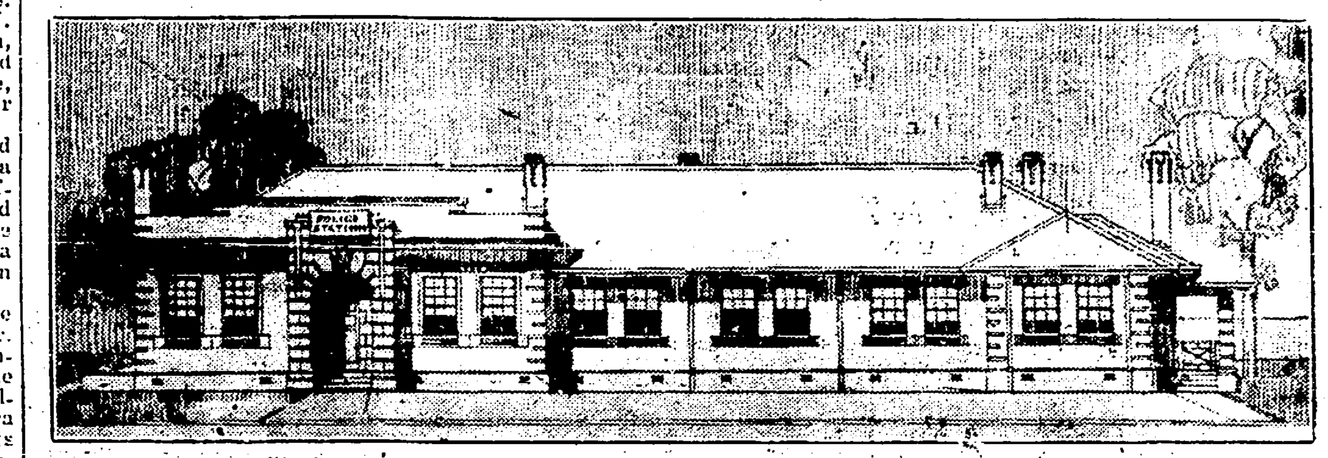
The Equity Trustees Co. Ltd. is applying for probate of the will of Esther Margaret McDermott, late of 1 St. George's road, Preston, married woman, who died on November 15. The estate, which is sworn at £2,774 7/-, consists of realty £1,160 and personalty £1,614/7/-, and is left in trust for the husband, children, and grandchildren of testatrix.

Mr. Thomas Boase, of Thornbury, who died on December 29, in his eighty-first year, was associated for many years with the printing trade and with country newspapers. After serving his apprenticeship in Ballarat he founded the Dunmunkle "Standard," and later the Mount Wycheproof "Ensign." About 1890 Mr. Boase sold his country interests and established a North Carlton printing business which he carried on for 39 years. He had three sons and two daughters.

The death occurred at the Homeopathic Hospital on Christmas Day of Mr. John Craig, of Clarke St., Northcote, in his 60th year. The late Mr. Craig, who had been in indifferent health for some time, was ordered to the hospital by his medical adviser shortly before the holidays. Despite the best medical and nursing skill he passed away at 3 p.m. on the afternoon of Christmas Day. He leaves a widow and grown up family. His remains were interred in the Boorondarra Cemetery on December 27, when practically the whole of the staff of Chartres and a large number of friends and members of the Northcote Bowling Club attended to pay their last tribute of respect. The Rev. Jones, of the Presbyterian church, James St., conducted the service at the graveside. By his death the Northcote Bowling Club becomes deprived of a most enthusiastic and highly esteemed member, whose place it will be difficult to fill. Jack, as he was familiarly known, filled the presidential chair during the season 1926-27, prior to which he had occupied a seat on the committee and been several times a vice-president. During his regime many important improvements to the club premises were carried out, and several movements for the greater comfort and convenience of members were promulgated by him and carried into effect. By his striking personality, his geniality and generous nature, he endeared himself to all with whom he became acquainted. His chief aim in life seemed to be centred in carrying out to the fullest degree the 11th commandment. Mr. Craig, who was a native of New Zealand, joined the staff of Chartres, of Collins St., over 15 years ago, and rose to the position of departmental manager, which position he filled at the time of his death. He was held in the highest esteem by the firm and staff, who deplore the loss they have sustained.

There passed away at Dunedin (New Zealand) on December 24, 1930, of heart failure after a short illness, Mr. George Robert Story, brother of Miss Salome Story and Caroline (Mrs. Wm. Hurlstone), Norfolk Island. The deceased was born at Prahran in 1862. Later he came with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. James Story, to Preston. His father was a schoolmaster, and their home was in Plenty road. "Bob" Story, as he was known to his friends, was one of the representatives of the centre riding of the then Shire of Preston in the late eighties an early nineties, and was Preston's first Commissioner on the M. & M. Board of Works. He was a keen business man, and of a genial and kindly disposition, always to the fore in any effort for the advancement of the district. Mr. Story followed the occupation of a builder and contractor for some years, and later he joined his brother, the late James W. Story, trading under the name of White and Co., exporters of frozen produce, skins, etc., which expanded to such an extent that he visited London and other centres to interview and find out trade requirements. Subsequently two employe managers, Messrs. O. Walker, J.P., of Preston, and Mr. T. Harmer, of Janefield, had the same mission. Opening up on his own account at Dunedin, New Zealand, Mr. Storey did a large trade in the same line of business in the home markets, necessitating visits to England and other portions of the Empire. So passes another esteemed colonist, who did what he could in the best interests of the district. A widow and four daughters mourn the loss of a good husband and father. At Preston town hall the flag was flown at half mast as a token of respect to one of the pioneers.

NEW POLICE STATION FOR PRESTON.



Preston's new police station, which is being erected on contract at a cost of £2665, is to be a one-storey building in brick, with color-blend tile roof. The site is in Roseberry avenue.

The police station portion has accommodation for sub-officers' room, sergeants' office, watchhouse-keepers' office, lost property and blanket stores, muster room, and a room for the plain-clothes police. Attached to the police station will be quarters for the use of the sergeant and his family, consisting of three bedrooms, dining room, sitting room, kitchen and all necessary conveniences.

Adjacent to the police station, in the same street, is the Preston court house, so that all police activities for the district are grouped together.

Plans and specifications for the new building were prepared by the State Public Works Department. The contractor is Mr. J. Cunningham, of Oakleigh.

A STAR GROWS DARK.

While many of Hollywood's film stars are acquiring their summer tans on the beaches of Malibu and Santa Monica, Gary Cooper is getting the screen city's prize bronze complexion in line of duty.

For months, Cooper has been working under an increasingly ambitious sun in outdoor pictures.

Early spring saw him riding the plains in "The Texan." Next, he fought in the trenches for "A Man from Wyoming."

In June, he traded his uniform for the rough garb of a miner as "The Spoilers" went into production. That picture was filmed on wind and sun swept locations.

With summer at its height, he still worked in the open air, playing the role of a Foreign Legion private under Josef von Sternberg's direction in "Morocco." In this production are scores of native Arabs whose faces were only slightly darker than the sun has made that of the deeply bronzed Paramount star.

And now, during the Indian summer, he is putting on an extra coat of "sun dye" by playing the leading role in Paramount's "Fighting Caravans," a story of the epic wagon trek across America, first shown on the screen in "The Covered Wagon."

It is a popular fallacy that there is a danger of falling out of an aeroplane when "looping the loop," but those who have experienced this particular aerial sensation will confirm the statement that, so far from any likelihood of falling downwards, the predominant feeling to an aeroplane's occupant at that moment is one of being forced upwards, this being due to the tremendous air pressure exerted during looping. The feeling is as if one's head were being pressed forcibly down into one's spinal column and so through the floor of the aeroplane eventually. No safety-belt yet invented is a panacea for a condition like that.

Northcote Mayor's Social Hour.

At the conclusion of the Northcote Council's meeting on Dec. 22, which was, by the way, one of the shortest held this year, the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. J. H. Green) entertained councillors and their wives, and a number of the more prominent social workers of the city at a social hour in the Mayor's room. The ladies were first introduced to the council chambers, and were given an opportunity of hearing the city fathers discussing the business of the city. The Mayor's room, where civic hospitality was dispensed, had been tastefully decorated and looked at its best. A number of toasts were honored, these being interspersed by items by Miss Brenda Thomas, Miss E. Barnard and Mr. Bert Hargreaves. Pleasure was expressed at the wonderful recovery made by the Mayoress after her recent operation, and the hope was expressed that she will soon be well enough to take up the strenuous duties pertaining to her high office. Amongst the toasts were "Rev. and Mrs. Raverty," proposed by Crs. Hayes, Hughes, and Mr. R. S. W. Marshall (President Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A.), and responded to by Rev. Raverty; "The Visitors," proposed by Crs. Turner and Johnson, responses being in the hands of Messrs. F. Krygger and J. Davis, "The Ladies," by Crs. Olver and Pinkney, to which Mesdames Davis and Denn's replied; "The Mayor and Mayoress," by Cr. Dennis, who paid a glowing tribute to their whole-souled activities in that position, and to which Mayor Green replied, and in doing so thanked the artists for their splendid programme. "The Officers" was in the hands of Cr. Oldis, responses being made by Messrs. Thomson (town clerk), V. J. A. Bradley (city surveyor), C. H. Ferguson (assistant town clerk) and T. W. Hawthorn (electrical engineer), and C. S. Bray. A happy evening closed with "Auld Lang Syne."

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Thursday brings "The Sea Bat," full of the action of the sea, both on its tropical shores, and above and below its waves. The fight under water between John Miljan and Nils Asther, and the fatal struggle of Asther against that strange menace, new to pictures, the giant two-ton ray or sea bat, is superb. Raquel Torres, a Spanish girl, after the death of her brother, offers to marry any man who kills the sea bat. Charles Bickford, as the spurious minister, eventually conquers both the sea bat and Miljan, and wins the girl's love. "I am your wife—and this man, your friend, insulted me!" She seeks protection from the only man with the right to give it—and her husband laughs! Could any woman stand such scorn, such indifference? This woman could not—see what she does! It is the terrific struggle of a woman against the world. "The Better Wife," with Ruth Chatterton in the greatest role of her career supported by Clive Brook.

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This somewhat unexpected alliance does not raise the question "Will the movies become a mere adjunct of science?" Rather does it stimulate a guess as to how far the talkies will be developed as an entertainment by the assistance of science.

We have already seen how enormously science can help, first of all by verily establishing the motion in our screen entertainment, and more recently by the addition of dialogue and sound—especially as the average movie-goer, after seeing and hearing a few good talkies, finds the silent picture far less engrossing. At the same time, let us remember that the "talkie" is still in its swaddling clothes—a most amazing infant—and the wonder is that we should be witnessing such rapid development for the better!

The seers of Hollywood and Elstree themselves are wondering what the future holds in store. The latest mails inform us that recently a small group of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer famed directors were asked in Hollywood to express their opinions as to the next steps in motion picture progress. If the screen of the near future brings into concrete form the ideas outlined by these cinema identities, our coming era of entertainment will be far more revolutionary in nature than most of us had anticipated.

Cecil B. De Mille, who has just completed "Madame Satan," feels that television will soon be widely applied in the field of the newsreel especially, and from the very seat of the event that, whether it be in London of New York, China or Peru. Television will be a splendid newsreel asset." He says. "I can visualize the coronation of a king, or the inauguration of a president, which we would see and hear in our neighbourhood theatre the moment the new ruler took the oath of office."

Fred Niblo, looks forward to a system of long distance control in motion picture houses, similar in all respects to the present arrangements for radio broadcasting. "There will be, probaby, key theatres or studios in the larger cities." He says. "By a system of remote control the projectors and reproducers in all the smaller theatres of a state or on a "chain," will be operated in synchronization. In other words, the theatres will be controlled from various central stations.

"This does not mean any radical change in theatre construction." Our present day theatres are not so very different from those of a dozen years ago, long before the talkies, except that they are larger and more elaborate. They are housed in what we may call standard buildings, and the initial investment in such buildings will make a radical turnover difficult, for several decades, anyway. There may be new types of theatres, especially in the large cities, but it will be a long time before the theatre in the smaller city and small town changes its form."

That the orchestra pit in theatres will entirely disappear within a few years, is the opinion of director Harry Beaumont, who made "The Broadway Melody" Beaumont suggests that some kind of derrick device may be utilized in bringing an orchestra right out over the heads of the spectators, for prologues or stage presentations—either that or the musicians will be hidden behind the scenes, with a perfectly adjusted cluster of loud speakers used to transmit the music to the centre of the house.

King Vidor, who has just finished "Billy, the Kid," inclines to the belief that new experiments in talking picture stories, rather than in the presentation of these stories in the theatre, constitute the major problem before film producers and directors during the next decade.

"Changes in mechanical handling are inevitable," he thinks, "but I believe we can leave these matters to the sound technicians, who are now highly trained experts. Most of us, we need original ideas for pictures, and new twists in the technique of presenting stories."

ATMOSPHERE.

Story Decides Background.

The action of a story is one of the main factors in deciding what type of furniture and backgrounds shall be created for a motion picture scene. There are other features taken into consideration also, and these include the type of person about whom the story is written.

So maintains William Saulter, chief art director at Paramount's New York studio, who uses Nancy Carrol's second-all-talking dramatic picture, "Laughter," as an illustration.

"If the character is like Frank Morgan, who plays a man of wealth and who has a Napoleonic complex, the furnishings of his home are made to conform with the man's ideas," he says. "This type wants to emulate the great leader of the French and surrounds himself with Naroleanalia. His library is an exact duplicate of Napoleon's, and other characteristic features were incorporated.

"If the leading feminine role requires that a wistful type such as Nancy Carrol be the heroine, then the furnishings of the rooms in which she lives are toned down to reflect an atmosphere of quietude and easy manners."

HELEN TWELVETREES SIGNED BY RKO FOR "MILLIE."

Helen Twelvetrees' next and final step to stardom appears to be assured Charles E. Rogers, independent producer, who is making four big all-talking productions for RKO Radio Pictures' distribution, announces that he has signed Miss Twelvetrees to do the title role of "Millie." Donald Henderson Clark's latest novel success, which is already in its third printing.

According to Rogers, every prominent feminine star under contract to the major studios and freelancing in Hollywood, has been eager for this role. It was her performance in "Her Man" for Pathe which clinched Roger's determination to sign Miss Twelvetrees for "Millie." Miss Twelvetrees is destined to be one of the really great stars of the talking screen.

Quaint Charm of Old-Fashioned Costumes Adopted to Modern Gowns.

One is reminded of the prophecy that all things run in cycles by a survey of the current fashions. By the returning to favor of rich brocades, taffetas, laces and velvets, one can realise how we are all trrning backward looking for new inspirations.

In viewing the costumes worn by Greta Garbo in her second Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talking picture "Romance," this point is strongly brought out.

Laid in the period of 1865, these costumes reveal many lines and trimmings that are in vogue at present. One dress especially shows this modern trend, in the snug fitted waistline and the full bouffant skirt line. The trimmings are also reminiscent of those we are now adopting for our dressier costumes. This dress carried out in a vermillion faded velvet, is finished with a train line, also a feature of the formal 1930 dresses. There is a street costume in the new popular black and white color combination. Made of black velvet, in a jacket suit style with an edging of ermine it might pass for a modernized version with its rippled flare extending form a fitted-in waistline. The only real difference in the fashions of that period and this, is in the hat styles, for whereas they now fit closely to the head they then favored an off-the-head line that showed the hair in a more revealing manner.

Ruth Chatterton plans to change her present place in front of the camera to the directorial chair beside it at some future date. At the age of twenty Miss Chatterton directed her own stage plays for Henry Miller.

"The Big Trail"

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JOHN WAYNE, a new "discovery" who has a prominent role in "The Big Trail."

WITH a cast of 20,000 human beings and "extras" consisting of thousands of head of buffalo, horses and cattle, "*The Big Trail*" is the biggest picture ever screened.

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Not a foot of the picture was taken in the studios. It was all made "on location." The players travelled through 16 States and covered 4,300 miles.

The trail led them through the deserts of Arizona, the snow-covered Teton Mountains of Idaho; in Wyoming they forded the dangerous Snake River, desperate battles with Red Indians are staged on a grandiose scale.

One of the "high spots" is a buffalo hunt in Montana. Hundreds of the beasts stampeded. The scene is one of the most thrilling ever recorded by the cinema camera.

The whole production has been planned on gigantic lines, the director being Raoul Walsh, who wrote the story and dialogue in collaboration with Hal G. Evarts, the prominent American author. Walsh directed "*What Price Glory*" and "*The Cock-eyed World*," both enormous successes. So confident is he about the attractions of his new picture that he declares, "I am perfectly content that my entire future be judged by the entertainment and box-office qualities of "*The Big Trail*."

There are 93 speaking parts, the main roles being played by Marguerite Churchill, John Wayne ("discovered" by Walsh, he will be the screen sensation of the year), El Brendel, already famous as a character comedian, Tyrone Power (an Englishman well-known as a Shakespearean actor, whom Walsh has daringly converted into a brutal "bull-whacker") and that fine veteran, Tully Marshall, who has already appeared in 355 screen roles.

185 Pioneer Waggons were used in making "*The Big Trail*." One of these has arrived in this country and will be used for exhibition purposes. The waggon is some twenty-five feet long, the rear wheels come higher than a man's head and with its huge cover the vehicle makes a striking and arresting show.

"*The Big Trail*" will shortly be released by Fox Films, and will be of absorbing interest to all Australians, inasmuch that our own country was "settled" in much the same way as that depicted in the picture.

CLARA BOW REHEARSES ON TRAIN.

Clara Bow and the featured cast of "No Limit," the star's next Paramount all-talking film, rehearsed scenes for the pictures on the train while enroute to the New York Studios. Many of the exterior scenes will be filmed on the East Coast and the company will complete the picture in Hollywood.

SCREEN VETERANS IN "STAMPEDE."

Several veteran actors noted on stage and screen have been signed up to play important roles in "Stampede" the new special western talkie in which Richard Arlen will star for Paramount. Included are Claude Gillingwater, George Cooper and Jan MacLaren, and Fay Wray.

Kay Francis made her debut in the theatrical world at the age of sixteen as an author. She was then a school girl at the Cathedral School of St. Mary in Garden City, N.Y., and in conjunction with Katherine Stewart wrote and presented a junior class play, titled "You Never Can Tell."

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HOLLYWOOD NEWSLETTER

EMPIRE CONTRIBUTES ACTIN[G] TALENT TO "TOM SAWYER."

Fitting, in deference to the wor[ld] wide popularity of the book, w[as] Paramount's selection of the thir[ty-] five child actors for its pictureisa[tion] of the immortal "Tom Sawyer." T[he] final thirty-five children, selected [to] accompany Tom, Huck and Bec[ky] through their adventures, represen[t] every corner of America, and alm[ost] every territory in the Empire.

Naturally, the greater majo[rity] came from states of the Union, [but] six of the thirty-five were born, so long ago, as British subjects.

While creating Mark Twain's th[e] beloved characters, Jackie Coog[an] Junior Durkin and Mitzi Green [had] cinema playmates from Can[ada] Ireland, Scotland and West Austr[alia].

From Ireland came little N[...] Crowley to wear pantaloons [and] hooped skirts in the picture. Br[...] Slavin of Scotland was the o[nly] recruit from the British Isles. [Can]ada, nearest British neighbour o[f the] States, contributed two ac[tors] Adeline Craig and Douglas C[...]

From West Australia al[so] two juvenile players, Marion [and] and Jean O'Brien. Jean may [be re]membered by West Australian [...] men as the daughter of Jack O'[Brien] who was associated with the [Para]mount office in Perth. Jack for [...] years lived in the Goldfields [...] in that city.

Marion is the daughter of Ray[...] Smith, who, before the war, w[as a] member of the Public Works [De]partment of West Australia. Smith was active socially in the urban community of Claremont, Perth, and still maintains a fre[quent] correspondence with his many fr[iends] in that city.

On the day she signed a con[tract] with Paramount, Carole Lomba[rd in]herited an unexpected fortune [from] a distant relative.

THE ADVENTURES OF STAN AND OLIVER

Our Cartoonist's impressions of Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, famous Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer comedians

[H]istory of the Submarine

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[...] Part in Submarine War[fare dur]ing the Great War—Story [of the S]ydney-Emden action.

NO. I.

[...]al Superstitions."

[...]ing the subject of super[stition I] realised from the outset [that it was] a difficult question, made [so sim]ply because, while only a [few] people will candidly and [adm]it they are superstitious, [...]ty, although superstitious, [will not a]dmit it and at times it is [har]d to convince them that [they are] really superstitious. Take, for instance, gamblers. Now, should a man, on the night prior to a Melbourne Cup, dream he saw a certain horse and jockey pass the winning post in that race, he absolutely could not resist the temptation on the following day to have a small bet, showing by his action that while he would definitely state that superstition never yet won a race, he could not resist backing on superstition.

Take the case of elderly ladies. They are certainly superstitious, but if asked would not readily admit it. If you asked an elderly lady the direct question: "Are you superstitious?" she would probably reply: "I don't know whether I am or whether I am not." However, talk to her kindly and softly for three or four minutes and there is no doubt she would, if asked the question again, reply "Well, yes, I am, but don't tell anyone, will you?"

Elderly gentlemen are superstitious, but under no circumstances will they admit it, and in being approached on this question prove themselves to be a much more difficult proposition than that of the elderly lady. For instance, if you said to an elderly gentleman, "Excuse me, sir, are you superstitious?" his reply would undoubtedly be "Me! what superstitious? Damn rot!" Nevertheless, the old chap is superstitious. Should you, for argument's sake, meet that selfsame gentleman and ask him to have a drink, as he raised his glass he would probably say: "Here's health," "Good luck," or some other phrase. There is not one in one thousand who would be game to say as he raised his glass: "May you die in your sleep to-night," and then drink the beverage, proving unquestionably that he was afraid to do so. Therefore, superstition, without doubt, governs his speech, and proves to a great extent that he is, in his heart of hearts, superstitious.

Young girls about to be married are superstitious and admit it, but in an indirect way. They call it good or bad luck. For instance, what girl on the day prior to her wedding day would be game enough to wear her bridal array and parade in it for half an hour? Not one, because they say it would be unlucky to do so. What girl would have sufficient courage to get married all in green? Not even Amy Johnson would be game enough to try that. When a girl gets married on a rainy day, what do her girl friends that attend the wedding say and do? They wish her every possible luck as she drives away, and when she has gone they collect and commiserate with one another, saying: "Married in the rain is a marriage of tears," thereby proving that young girls are superstitious.

Superstition is really and truly actually born in us and is proved if one watches even schoolchildren on their way to and from school. Should a boy see a skewbald horse pass, what does he do? Without hesitation he will wet his finger and make a cross on the toe of his boot for good luck.

The only one in this world who will readily and candidly admit he is superstitious is the seafaring man. If you were to say to a sailor "Jack, are you superstitions?" his reply would be definite and to the point, "Yes, I am; what about it?"

In order to thoroughly understand the subject of superstition, it is necessary for us to go right back to the derivation of the word. The Greeks, some two thousand years ago, knew what is now called "superstition" by the word "Super," meaning over or above, and "Sto," meaning to stand, the original meaning being "Standing still or over something in fear, wonder, or dread." Now take one step forward to the Latin language, and we find the word is "superstitio," and its meaning, translated into English, is "Excessive religious belief." Now take another step forward, which will bring us to our present day dictionary, and we find the word superstition and its meaning is given as "False faith unsupported by evidence." If we now qualify the word superstition by calling it "naval superstition," and give to that expression the naval signification, we will find, after all these years, that the present-day seafaring man's meaning is very close to the original meaning of the word. The nautical signification to superstition is that it can be—a sign of good or bad luck, a warning of a coming catastrophe, or it can be an omen of good fortune.

For more than a thousand years the superstition of "a ringing tumbler" has been in existence in the Navy, and still is. The superstition is that every time a tumbler on the table at meal time is accidentally knocked and made to ring, it is a warning that a sailor is about to drown. For instance, if one member at a mess table asked another member to pass anything at all along, and in doing so a tumbler was accidentally struck, you would see every-body's hand in the vicinity of that tumbler stretch out to stop it ringing, for by doing so those members have saved the life of a sailor who would otherwise have drowned. Never at any time has it been known that a sailor was sufficiently callous to allow that tumbler to cease ringing of its own accord.

Another old superstition that has been and is still in existence among seafaring men is that of the shooting star. To a sailor it is a sign of good luck. So long as he can see a shooting star in the evening or early part of any night, he knows, and is satisfied beyond doubt, that he and his ship are safe for that night. Early in the Great War, when the Australian Squadron was ordered to attack and capture German New Guinea, H.A.M.S. Australia led the light cruiser "Sydney" and the three destroyers "Warrego," "Parramatta" and "Yarra" at 25 knots round the north-east corner of German New Guinea. When 30 miles from the harbor of Rabaul, the "Australia" turned completely round and with her stern towards the harbor prepared to cover the possible retirement of the light cruiser and destroyers when they had done their work. The "Sydney" and destroyers sped on with the knowledge that the German cruisers "Scharnhorst," "Gneisenau" and "Dresden" had been reported as "in the harbor of Rabaul." Before the "Sydney" arrived at Praed Point, which was the position at which the "Sydney" had to turn and stand by to cover the retirement of the three destroyers after they had loosed off their torpedoes at the enemy cruisers, the Australian Squadron had to pass between the mainland and an island, the distance between the two being approximately four miles. Credit was given the Germans for the necessary initiative to mine this fairly narrow channel, and early in the evening neither of these ships that went on would have been surprised had one or more mines been exploded by them, but as the "Sydney" and destroyers sped on a shooting star shot across the sky ahead of our light cruiser, and every officer and man on deck knew that nothing detrimental could happen to the ship that night. With every possible confidence these four ships carried out the thankless job allotted them and as was shown them by the sign of good luck—a shooting star— the harbors were clear, the German cruisers having left on the previous day.

Another superstition that has been in existence in the Navy for untold ages is that of the "phantom sailing ship." It is based on an old Viking legend which was that a Captain Vanderdecken, in particularly rough weather, attempted again and again to round Cape Horn. After the fifth attempt the men and women aboard his ship went to him on their knees and asked him to put back and wait for the storm to cease. Vanderdecken, being one of those pigheaded, bullying men, refused and said: "I will round the Horn." He made yet another attempt, and with the fierce storm lashing at his ship and his crew, the clouds suddenly opened and "The Vision" appeared and is alleged to have said: "Vanderdecken, go back, go back." The men and women aboard his ship again went on their knees and pleaded with Vanderdecken to obey the warning of "The Vision." This infuriated Vanderdecken and, drawing a heavy calibre pistol, he fired at "The Vision" and said: "I fear neither God, man nor devil, and I will round the Horn." "The Vision" next spoke and said "For your blasphemy and action, Vanderdecken, you shall sail the seas, continuously rounding the Horn, in a ship with a crew of one and he a monster." From that day a sailing ship sails up and down the west and east coast of South America, with Vanderdecken standing on the port side of the poop waving a letter, screaming and shrieking to someone to post it for him. The superstition is that whoever is sighted by Vanderdecken shall suffer a catastrophe; those ships that luckily pass to starboard of him he will not see and no harm shall befall them. During the Coronel Island fight, when the German cruisers "Sharnhost," Gneisenau" and "Dresden" engaged the British ships "Good Hope," "Monmouth," and an armed merchantman, the officers and crew of H.M.S. Glasgow swear they saw a phantom sailing ship pass through the line of battle ahead of them, passing from port to starboard. The result of the fight is well known to the world. The British ships "Good Hope" and "Monmouth" were sunk, and it is alleged the victors steamed over the survivors swimming in that rough sea. H.M.S. Glasgow and the armed merchantman got away practically without damage. It is well known that no naval officers or men would swear to such an untruth that the phantom ship did cross the line when it did not. Therefore, the superstition is proved that there is a phantom sailing ship and that those who pass her on the starboard side shall not suffer, but those whom she passes on her port side shall suffer a catastrophe. The result of the Coronel Island fight seems to prove this superstition. If further proof is required, then what ship, and who was the captain of that ship, that passed the battle line, that is if it was not a phantom ship? No captain of any ship has yet reported from that day to this that he was a witness to any part of the Coronel Island fight.

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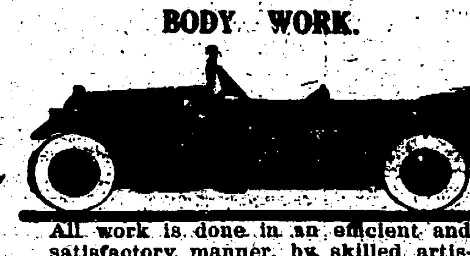

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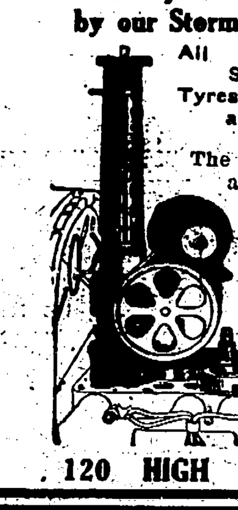

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Over £3 18/, and up to and including £4 4/, 1/2.
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Over £4 10/, and up to and including £4 16/, 1/4.
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CITY OF PRESTON.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ORDER.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Preston, held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Preston, on MONDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1930, the following resolution was agreed to:—

THAT this Council do by Special Order, subject to the provisions contained in Act No. 3865, cited as the Preston Loan Act 1930, declare that all or any specified portion of the money borrowed under Loan No. 15 for £37,000 in regard to item of expenditure of £3,000, which was to be applied for "Plant for making concrete Slabs, etc.," shall be applied as follows:—

(a) ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY POUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH STREET IN PRESTON, northwards from Murray Road, and

(b) ONE THOUSAND AND FORTY POUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MACHINES FOR MAKING ROADS.

And that this resolution do come up for confirmation at a meeting of this Council to be held on MONDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1931.

Notice is hereby further given that a meeting of the said Council will be held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Preston, on MONDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1931, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the resolution as set out above will be submitted for confirmation.

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CHILDREN'S PARTY AT NORTHCOTE FIRE STATION

On New Year's eve a party was given by the firemen to about 50 children, mostly of unemployed parents. Games were indulged in on the lawn, and each child was given a colored paper hat, which added to the festivity of the little party. The fire station was gaily decorated with flags, and the tables were also brightly colored with flowers. Drinks, cakes and sweets were issued to each child. During the afternoon several items were given to entertain the children. Mr. Pratt, the ventriloquist, amused the children with "Sammy," and Mr. Fogg led the community singing. Several of the little ones recited and sang. After a very pleasant afternoon each child was given a toy. The party was carried on during the evening by the firemen and their wives and a few friends, and again Mr. Pratt brought "Sammy" along and entertained with his ventriloquism. Mr. F. Rogers and Mr. Fogg also gave several items, these being accompanied by Miss Bremner on the piano. The fire bell was rung at midnight, and "Auld Lang Syne" was sung.

(See picture on front page)

PRESTON U.F.S. DISPENSARY.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Preston U.F.S. Dispensary was held in the library hall last Saturday evening, the president (Mr. R. Douglas) being in the chair.

Mr. W. Baker, secretary of the distress committee, submitted a report and balance sheet of the committee's activities, which were highly satisfactory, many residents having expressed gratitude for the assistance rendered.

The secretary (Mr. A. J. S. Wilson) presented the half-yearly balance sheet, which revealed the dispensary to be in a stable position. The financial statement, together with the auditors' report, was adopted, and it was also decided to forward a letter of appreciation to the manager (Mr. W. O. Straede).

The annual election of officers resulted:—President, Mr. Chas. Pile; vice-president, Mr. J. D. McDonald; secretary, Mr. A. J. S. Wilson; treasurer, Mr. Fowler; trustees, Messrs. Ross, Heather and Nankervis; auditor, Mr. W. G. Barber; emergency committee, Messrs. Pile, J. D. McDonald, Wilson, Ross, Heather and Nankervis.

Before vacating the chair the retiring president (Mr. R. Douglas) expressed appreciation for the many courtesies extended to him during his term. Committee members may have differed from him, but it was pleasing to know the differences were not carried outside. In installing Mr. Pile and Mr. McDonald to their respective positions, Mr. Douglas congratulated them on their election.

Oakover Road Methodist P.B.P. and K.S.P.

The second annual banquet of the above clubs was held on December 16 in the school room. After spending the earlier part of the evening in games 50 members and friends adjourney to the banquet amid tastefully decorated tables. Bro. Durrant introduced the State Chapter representative, Bro. Bray. Bro. H. Rudolph proposed the toast of the State and National Chapters, and in responding Bro. Bray thanked all present for their loyalty. He advised members to visit neighboring chapters and thereby get the benefit of being members of their respective clubs. Bro. Wild proposed the toast of the Sunday school, ably supported by Sister Green. Bro. Crocker responded. He entreated members of both clubs to stand by their Sunday school and church, and by so doing make them a power for good. As a motto for the coming year he suggested "Next year a better one than the last." Bro. Durrant proposed the toast of the P.B.P. and Sister Powell responded. Bro. A. Reeves proposed the visitors. Bro. Haywood responded and, thanking members for their hospitality, reminded them of their vows, which if carried out would bring honor and respect to every club in the district. After season's greetings had been exchanged a pleasant evening came to a close with "Auld Lang Syne." During the proceedings items of harmony were provided by Sisters Powell, Wearne and Heeny and the K.S.P. Quartette Party.

Whittlesea Shire Association

Humevale, 121 (G. Parker 32, F. Dawson 21, J. Crawford 20 n.o.; F. Blair 3/12, H. Barclay 3/17), defeated Whittlesea, 26 and 48 (G. Parker 5/12, J. Wallis 7/25).

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MAN STABBED TWICE WITH KNIFE

WIFE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL ON MALICIOUS WOUNDING CHARGE

CHRISTMAS DAY HAPPENING.

Christmas Day usually brings to mind a time of "Peace on earth, goodwill to men," and associated with this is usually Christmas cheer. It is quite apparent that an over indulgence in bottled Christmas cheer was, in the main, responsible for the events which happened on Christmas Day last, as the result of which Mollie Smith, a young woman, appeared before Northcote Court on Tuesday charged with having unlawfully and maliciously inflicted grievous bodily harm on her husband, John Henry Smith.

The police case alleged that Mollie Smith stabbed her husband twice in the back with a knife not unlike a carving knife. A bloodstained shirt, with two holes in it, was another exhibit in the police case.

After her arrest Mrs. Smith is alleged to have said: "I'm glad I stabbed my husband. He has led me an awful life."

Senior Const. Matthews prosecuted and Mrs. J. Rosanove appeared for Mrs. Smith.

Parties Husband and Wife.

Senior Const. Matthews said—Mollie Smith and John Henry Smith are husband and wife.

On Christmas Day both parties, together with a man named Sherlock, and another man known as Steve were at the Smith's home.

Wife Wants to Go For Police.

An altercation and some wrestling took place and then Mrs. Smith said she wanted to go for the police.

The husband intervened and the wife grabbed a knife and stabbed him in the back.

When interviewed by the police Mrs. Smith is alleged to have said—"I'm sorry I didn't 'do' for him."

HUSBAND'S STORY.

John Henry Smith said—Mollie Smith is my wife and we were living at the back of Dunbar's boot shop. At about 9 p.m. on December 25 I was at home with my wife, a man named Sherlock and another man known as "Steve."

On Good Terms.

I was on good terms with my wife. We had some liquor and had all been drinking.

At 10.30 p.m. I was fairly intoxicated, but my wife, although she had had two or three drinks, was not under the influence.

At 10.30 p.m. Sherlock and my wife were there with me.

Don't Know Exactly What Happened.

I do not know exactly what happened after that, as the drink seemed to go to my head. I caught hold of my wife by the neck and started to drag her round the room.

The next thing I found myself wounded in two places in the back, and in Sherlock's arms.

Didn't Know How He Got Wounds.

I do not know how I got the wounds. I did not see any knife and a shirt (produced) showing two cuts and soaked in blood, looks like the shirt I was wearing that night.

I was treated by a doctor and was for several days an inmate of the Melbourne Hospital.

Mrs. Rosanove (for the wife)—Did you have any drinks during the day?—Yes.

You got drunk after you got home?—Yes.

Sherlock is a friend of yours?—A casual friend.

Sherlock went to sleep on a bed at your place that night?—Yes.

You remember striking your wife?—Yes.

Do you remember anything after that?—No.

She suggests you made an improper suggestion to her in regard to Sherlock. Do you know anything that?—No.

How many children have you?—Two; one aged 2 years and the other three months.

Senior Const. Matthews—When did you first hear of this improper allegation?—About 10 days after.

Who informed you?—My wife's mother.

The P.M. (Mr. Noonan)—How many drinks did you have?—Ten or twelve.

What were they?—Lemonade and beer.

SHERLOCK'S STORY.

Edward James Sherlock, laborer, Edwin St., Alphington, said—I was at Smith's house on Christmas Day. I don't know what time I went there, and I had some liquor there that night; I do not know what transpired there that night.

Heard Woman Scream.

My recollections are that I was asleep on a bed, and I woke up when I heard a woman scream.

Had Wife by the Throat.

Smith; I saw, had his wife by the throat. She was screaming for help. I got up off the bed and tried to separate them. Smith struck me on the mouth.

When I "came to" (laughter) Smith was lying on the floor and there was blood on the floor, on the bed, on the wall and on my shirt. A doctor attended Smith, who was later taken to hospital in an ambulance.

Mrs. Rosanove—You don't know what was happening before you woke up?—No.

What was Smith doing?—He had his wife by the throat on the floor.

Was the wife marked?—Yes.

You separated them?—Yes.

And then Smith started on you?—Yes. (Laughter.)

Did you see Mrs. Smith endeavor to leave by the front way?—No.

Do you remember saying to Smith that he didn't deserve a decent wife?—I didn't say that.

Senior Const. Matthews—When did you first notice that Mrs. Smith's face was marked?—At the lockup about half an hour later.

The P.M.—You'd had a good deal of drink?—Yes.

What Neighbor Saw.

James Mason Dunbar, grocer, High St., Thornbury, said—I sleep on the

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PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

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

No Lights

Alex Capp, Goodwin street, West Preston, was charged with having driven a milk cart on December 15 without a light.

Defendant, who said he had a lamp but that it was jolted out by the rough roads, was fined £2, in default seven days' imprisonment.

A stay of four weeks was granted.

Percy Brimblecombe, who drove a motor car in Plenty road without a light on December 13, was fined £3.

Fined on Three Charges

James Wilks, of Beauchamp street, Preston, charged with having driven an unregisterde motor car at Wollert on November 29, was fined £7. For not having a tail light he was fined £2, and for having fraudulently used an identifying number a fine of £3 was imposed.

Wilks was not present when the case was heard. He attended subsequently and asked for time to pay.

Debt

D. Matthers obtained an order against P. Gaster, of Collingwood, for £2/1/6 on a promissory note, with £1 6/ costs.

Gaster: I can't pay. If you fix time I'll go out there. I'll be sure of a feed there. (Laughter.)

The P.M.: We can't do that.

The same compainant obtained an order against V. S. Duncan for £4, with 15/6 costs.

J. T. John obtained an order against Mrs. Margaret Bate for £22/18/4, with £1/7/6 costs.

Case Remanded

Norman Albert Delacy, 21 years, was charged with having stolen a motor cycle, valued at £15, the property of John Edward Gair, between December 9 and 10.

A remand for a week was granted, bail being fixed at £50.

LICENSING CASES

A Fine of £30

Ewart Hill, Bell street, West Preston, was charged with having sold liquor without a license on December 17.

Inspector J. Power prosecuted.

Constable White said:—At 7.40 p.m. on December 17 I went to defendant's house and asked him to put six bottles of beer in a kitbag for me. He asked me my name, and when I said I came from Coburg he said, "I'll chance it." Hill later gave me the kitbag containing the beer I had asked for. I gave him £1 and got 11/- change. On December 19 I again went with Sergt. Burrows, who had a search warrant, to Hill's house.

Sergt. Burrows said:—Constable White told Hill of his previous purchase, and Hill said, "I have never supplied beer in my life." When I was writing that down said, "I suppose you will smile when you write that, and I suppose I will smile when the P.M. says 'Fined £30'." (Laughter).

Hill said he was not paid for the beer.

The P.M. imposed a fine of £30, in default three months' imprisonment.

Senior-Constable Olive said on December 24 he visited Hill's place and seized 43 bottles of beer. He asked the court for an order for its confiscation, which was granted.

A second charge of having sold liquor preferred against Hill was adjourned.

A Case Dismissed

David Scott, licensee of the Victoria Hotel, Epping, was charged with having sold liquor during prohibited hours on November 7.

Constable Hamilton said that when he visited the hotel at 10 p.m. on November 7 he heard sounds inside, and on entering found two glasses on a sill.

Sergt. Burrows said he saw two men leave the hotel before he entered.

Scott said the two men who left the hotel had satisfied him that they were bona fide travellers and he served them.

The charge was dismissed.

On a second charge of having persons on the premises a fine of £2 was imposed.

The court was still sitting when we went to press. Amongst the cases then to be heard was an embezzlement charge, and also one of false pretences, full reports of which will appear in next issue.

The art of saying appropriate words in a kindly way is one that never goes out of fashion, never ceases to please, and is within the reach of the humblest.

MR. SCULLIN RETURNS

An enthusiastic welcome was given to the Prime Minister (Mr. Scullin) and the Attorney-General (Mr. Brennan) on their return to Melbourne on Saturday. Mr. Scullin addressed an assemblage of about 1000 persons at Spencer Street station.

Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

HUSBAND DRAGS WIFE AROUND BY HAIR

MAINTENANCE ORDER AGAINST HUSBAND

"You are going to fight me at the court on Thursday, are you?" He asked to see the children, and I agreed to let him do so. . . He earns about £5 11/6 a week.

At the Preston court on Thursday, before Messrs. O. A. Walker and T. J. McMahon, J.'sP., Margaret Piper, Raglan street, Preston, sued her husband, James David Piper, Shaftesbury parade, Croxton, for maintenance for herself and two children.

Mr. E. F. Norris (for the wife) said that a few weeks ago the case was before the court, and it was adjourned to a date to be fixed within six months. The agreement made between the parties had not been carried out, as the husband had not paid one shilling.

Mrs. Piper said:—I married my husband in 1923, and there are two children aged 6½ and 4 years. Up till April of last year my husband treated me cruelly, striking me and using filthy language. One day I threw a cup of water at him, and he threw a cup a me. I threw a teapot at him and then he rushed after me and blackened my eye. He has often struck me, and each time he has gone down on his knees begging my forgiveness. In April last I was at my mother's place when he assaulted me, dragging me out of the room by the hair of my head. I issued a summons for assault but I did not go on with it. After that my husband agreed to give me 30/ a week, but he has not kept up these payments, giving me only a few shillings from time to time. Last Monday I had a telephone conversation with him.

Mrs. Preece, mother of Mrs. Piper, said in April last she saw Piper strike his wife twice and drag her out by the hair.

Piper did not appear in court, and an order was made that he pay h's wife £1 weekly for herself, and 10/ weekly for each of the two children; that he find a surety of £35 to comply with the order; and that he pay £2/7/ costs.

SCANTY EYEBROWS.

The use of an eye brow pencil does not cause your eye-brows to fall off. This trouble is quite common, and is often a matter of general health, so possibly a good nerve tonic is all that is necessery. In the meantime, avoid the use of the pencil, and treat the eye-brows twice daily to a gentle massage of olive or cocoanut oil, massaging them with a circular movement, smoothing them into place afterwards with a soft brush.

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IN AND ABOUT PRESTON

by The Rouseabout

Discharge from Police Force

SENIOR Const. Jones, formerly a detective, who resides in Cooma street, Preston received his discharge from the police on Tuesday.

Authorised News Agent

IT might be mentioned that Mr. E. G. Green is the only authorised newsagent for Bell district.

Watchhouse Whispers

BETWEEN January 10 and 12, the coin container of the telephone box on the corner of Dundas and High streets, Preston was forced open and 7/3 in cash stolen.

A street fire alarm transmitter was stolen from the corner of Wood and McColl streets, Preston on January 13.

Ellis Glenn, ironmoulder, Huntington grove, Preston left his bicycle valued at £8/10/- outside a confectioner's shop on the corner of Oakover and Gilbert roads, Preston on January 9. Upon returning a few minutes later the owner found that the bicycle had been stolen.

A window at the rear of the residence of a carpenter named Kelly, living in Sylvester grove, Preston was forced open on January 8 and a gold watch chain and medallion and other property to the value of £5 was stolen.

On January 14, thieves gained an entrance to the shop of Thomas Henry M[illegible], chemist and stole cigarettes and tobacco to the value of £6.

A bath tap and lead connections to the value of £2 were stolen from an [illegible] house, in Eastwood avenue, Preston on January 9. The theft was reported to the police.

A gas meter at an unoccupied house in [illegible] street Preston was damaged to the extent of 10/- on January 12.

It was reported to the police by [illegible] Patterson, Pender street, Preston that his two young sons left home on January [illegible] and failed to return. The boys were seen carrying [illegible] leaving the house of their parents. A subsequent report [illegible] that the boys returned on January 12.

Preston Baths

THE attendance at Preston swimming baths has increased during the past week and the financial result has been satisfactory. Owing to the school holidays, a large number of children are attending the baths daily.

Strathallan Public Cemetery

ON Friday, Strathallan public cemetery is to be opened for public burials. The old section is now closed and all arrangements have been made for grave sites to be available in the various denominational sections. In the new portion, the entrance gates of which are situated in Plenty road there is provision for approximately 16,000 graves. According to an estimate made by Mr. W. L. McDonald, an official in the employ of Preston city council, each grave will accommodate from two to three persons. This means that land will be available for 40,000 interments. Strathallan is in the municipality of Preston. Ground can be reserved at £2/5/- per allotment.

Preston Queen Carnival

THE Queen Carnival being organised by the East Preston Social Club promises to be a great success. Funds raised are to be used for the relief of unemployment, and the objective, £5,000, is ambitious. Judging from the enthusiasm being displayed, and the co-operation already promised the task though formidable should not prove impossible. An announcement elsewhere notifies all secretaries running queens, or who intend to do so, that all tickets, buttons, competition books etc. which will bear the club's stamp approved by the Preston council, must be obtained from the club.

Preston Football Club

THE annual meeting of the Preston Football Club will be held in the town hall on Wednesday evening, January 28. For full particulars re procuring nomination forms, etc., those interested are requested to read the advertisement which appears elsewhere.

People on Holidays

AS a proof that many Prestonites were absent from their homes during the recent holidays it might be mentioned that in one area alone 400 notices were received by a newsagent to cease the delivery of daily papers temporarily.

Steam Roller in Trouble

ON Wednesday morning the steam roller engaged in reconstruction work in High street became bogged and it was some time before the roller was righted again.

Night Watchman

MR. FLETCHER, a Preston council employe has been appointed night watchman during the progress of the construction works in High street.

Unemployment

THE outlook in connection with unemployment does not improve and the number of persons seeking relief is as great as ever. Owing to shortage of funds, the distribution of vegetables has ceased. Voluntary collectors report that it is an almost useless task to make a house to house canvass as the stamp tax is in vogue and householders generally say they cannot afford to continue the weekly subscriptions.

The three men sent by Cr. Zwar to Blackwood have resumed their mining operations and there is a hopeful outlook in this direction. Very nice samples of gold have been received by Cr. Zwar as the result of the men's operations and it is anticipated that within the next week better results will be forthcoming.

About 15 men are employed two days a week on the reconstruction of High street, north of Murray road, on which a sum of something like £2.000 is being expended by Preston council.

The movement on the part of East Preston Social Club to raise £5,000 is proceeding apace. There is to be a Queen carnival in connection with the event and 12 Queens are taking part therein.

Keen interest is being evinced regarding the "Back to Preston" item, which will take place at Easter.

Messrs. Broadhurst, Braithwaite and Zwar have made further contributions of leather, of which good use is being made for the repairing of boots and shoes.

Residents generally are requested to continue to do their best in order to help those in need.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON–NORTHCOTE CLUB

Amateur athletes assembled at the Amateur Sports Ground (Motordrome) on Saturday, when the seventh round of the inter-club contests was decided. The star attraction of the afternoon was the meeting of G. Hyde (Olympic runner and Australian distance champion), A. J. Hillhouse (Empire Games athlete), C. McCubbery (University), F. Chegwidden (St. Stephen's) and Basil Coombes (Ivanhoe) in the A grade mile. Hillhouse defeated Hyde by inches, but as Hillhouse automatically disqualified himself by crossing over the "line" Hyde was awarded the race.

Preston v Old Wesley Collegians

By defeating Old Wesley by 12 points Preston now hold second position in the coveted four. Although Aub. Robinson (Preston's champion sprinter) journeyed from Frankston, he was prevented from running by an injured foot, the result of tripping on a large piece of metal during the week. Donnie McEachern, the popular treasurer, ran one of his best miles for the season and finished strongly. Results:—

100 Yards.—E. Berry (P.), 1; W. Perry (P.), 2; R. Lay (O.W.), 3.

Broad Jump.—A. Angus (P.), 20ft. 4ins.

Shot Putt.—A. Angus (P.), 29ft. 4ins.

One Mile.—D. McEachern (P.), 1; Anderson (O.W.), 2; Foster (O.W.), 3.

440 Yards.—D. Rushton (O.W.), 1; R. Lewis (P.), 2; E. Berry (P.), 3.

Points.—Preston 34, Old Wesley 22.

Teams for To-morrow

Preston and Northcote will meet Kew to-morrow (Saturday), and will be represented by the following:—220 Yds. (2.15 p.m.), A. Robinson, W. Perry, N. Orr. Discus (2.15 p.m.), H. James. 880 Yds. (2.53 p.m., D. McEachern, G. Kirkland, J. Tannock. One Mile Relay (4.17 p.m.): 880 yds., A. Galagher; 440 yds., A. Robinson, 220 yds., H. Hankin and W. Perry. Walk (4.47 p.m.), R. Lewis, H. Fletcher.

PRESTON RIFLE CLUB

The captain of the Preston Rifle Club (H. Court) was successful in the B Grade monthly match at Port Melbourne on Saturday morning, winning on the count back from A. Love (Prahran), with E. Featherstone (Preston) third, and G. Bignall (Preston) a close fourth. Scores:—

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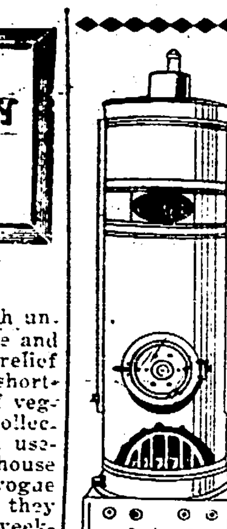

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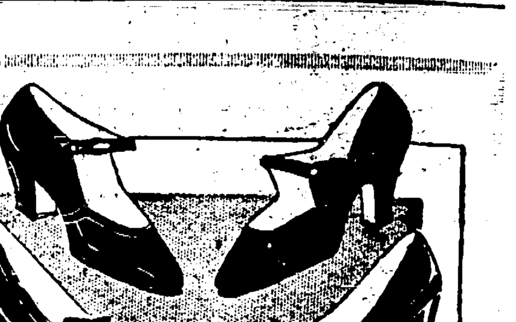

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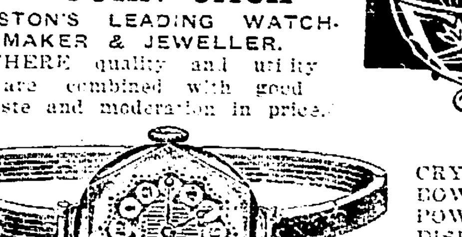

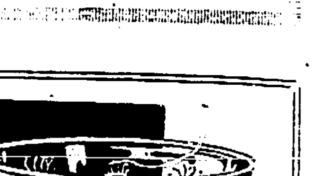

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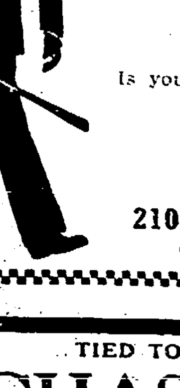

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PRESTON COUNCIL EMPLOYES AND RATIONING.

The following letter, under date January 7, 1931, has been sent by Mr. W. Divers, metropolitan organiser of the Municipal and Shire Employes' Union, to the mayor and councillors of the city of Preston:—

Dear Sirs,—I have been requested to lodge a protest against the present system put into operation by your council some time ago. First, permit me to point out that at a special meeting of your employes held in the town hall, Preston, and attended by your administrative officers, it was made fairly clear that your council was asking the men to accept a system of rationing to prevent the dismissal of 22 men. This proposition was accepted by the employes because they believe in the integrity of their employers, but, sad to relate, their confidences have misfired. I am personally a very cautious man, but in future I intend to exercise a little more caution when discussing rationing, because your council has deliberately sacked your entire outside staff and called them "unemployed," then you fuse the whole of them with your entire local unemployed, and ration the work amongst the lot. Might I also be permitted to point out that this system has not been put into operation by any other council to my knowledge, and must eventually fail miserably, because you cannot get more efficiency from men who in ordinary times were grocers' assistants, bootmakers, etc. Another objection to the present system that we wish to lodge is against the power given to leading hands to put on men from off the street at random. This has a tendency to unfair treatment, because some men may get work from two different gangers in the one week, while other men may not receive any. A glance at your time sheets will convince you that this has actually happened. When work was booming in most industries and their wages were high (in 1925-1926) your present local unemployed would not take municipal work because the wage was low and now when their works are slack they want the entire municipal industry to themselves. We are not opposed to the unemployed getting work with councils, but we say that it should be work that would not be done by the staff that has been in the employ of your council for years. We also contend that the men of years' standing employment with your council should receive preference of employment, and ask your council to grant this request, even though your council could only give one week's work in ten. Our main contention, sirs, is that the unemployed problem is a problem for the Government in the main, and any effort to shift that problem on to the council should be fought by the council to the last ditch, and not prostitute our industry in an effort to relieve the entire unemployed problem. Hoping this will awaken the spark of justice in your hearts and help your council to realise how unjust it has been to their good and faithful servants of the past.—I am, yours faithfully,

(Signed) W. DIVERS.

Trades Hall, Melbourne.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

WEST PRESTON ASSOCIATION

The first meeting in the new year of the West Preston Progress Association was held in the Progress Association Hall on January 14. There was a fair attendance.

It was decided to send a letter of sympathy to the president (Mr. W. Burland), who is laid aside with tonsilitis, and the hope was expressed that he will soon be well again.

It was decided to write to the organiser of the Back to Preston movement asking for particulars to be placed before the next meeting.

It was resolved to send two delegates to meet the executive of the Central Council of Preston Progress Associations. They will meet at the Reservoir station on Saturday, January 17, to inspect the Edwardes Park and Lake.

Members are reminded that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, when all are requested to attend.

On March 7 the Association will inaugurate a social and dance, which will be continued after this date every second Saturday night for two months.

BUSINESS AGENTS ACT

A proclamation was issued by the State Executive Council on Tuesday directing that the Business Agents Act, which was passed by the State Parliament last year, shall come into force from January 21. The Executive Council approved of regulations made under the act relating to the issue, transfer, and renewal of business agents' licenses. Under the provisions of the Business Agents Act all business agents must obtain license, for which the fee is £5 in the case of an individual, and £10 in the case of a company, within three months of the proclamation of the act. Applications for licenses should be made to Courts of Petty Sessions.

MARRIAGES IN AUSTRALIA

47,500 IN 1929

In 1929 47,500 marriages took place in Australia. The figure is equal to a marriage rate of 7.45 a 1,000 of the population. According to the statistics in the "Commonwealth Year Book" for 1930 this rate compares favorably with the marriage rate of other countries. In England and Wales in 1929 the rate was 7.9. The ages and conjugal condition of those married in Australia in 1929 show some remarkable differences. The favored ages for marriage among spinsters was from 20 to 24 years, and for bachelors the greatest number were aged between 25 and 29 years at the time of marriage. Although 7,986 of the brides were aged less than 20 years, only 1,297 of the bachelors were aged less than 20 years. Three of the brides aged less than 20 years were widows, and one had been divorced. Of the bridegrooms 350, and of the brides 97, were aged 65 years or more. Most of the widows who married a second time were aged between 35 and 44 years. Widowers also appeared to favor this period as a time for a second marriage.

The year book states that the age at marriage of brides has declined slightly in recent years to an average of about 25 years. The average age of bridegrooms in 1929 was 29.18. It follows, therefore, that brides are generally three and a half years younger than their bridegrooms.

FAIRFIELD CANOE CLUB

Burgin Shield.—Contests for the singles championship of the club for the Robert Burgin shield have begun. This is a progressive event run on the ladder system. The initial placings were decided by competition recently and were:—1 F. Taylor, 2 G. Wild, 3 R. Burgin, 4 R. McDonald, 5 H. de la Rue, 6 L. Turner, 7 M. Grainger, 8 C. Williams.

Turner has challenged and defeated Williams and Grainger, and Wild has defeated Burgin. Challenges for next Saturday are: Williams v Grainger, de la Rue v Turner.

Christmas Holidays.—Some members had a holiday camp at Barwon Heads, where the fishing and shooting were good. Others went to Warrandyte, where their canoes suffered considerably on the rocks. Others again were sailing at Aspendale.

Carnival.—The club will hold its annual Henley-on-the-Yarra at Fairfield on Saturday, February 14, afternoon and night, when there will be all kinds of attractions, including canoe parades, canoe stunting, aquaplaning, canoe racing, fireworks display at night, as well as numerous other attractions. Further details will be announced later.

Trip to Glenmaggie.—Club members will go to Glenmaggie with their canoes on the A.N.A. week-end to take part in the Glenmaggie regatta. A comprehensive programme of canoe events has been arranged.

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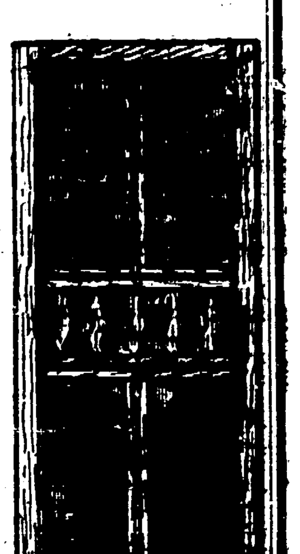

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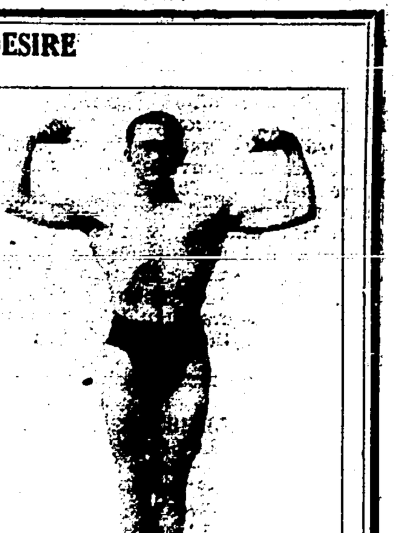

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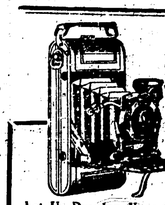

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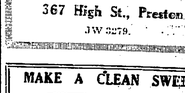
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Clack's Store Robbery: Sentences Totalling 12 Months Imposed

NEW YEAR'S DAY ESCAPADE

DRINK BLAMED FOR LAPSE.

Alleged to have broken a window of H. Clack's drapery store, High St. and Arthurton road, Northcote, three young men were sentenced to terms of imprisonment at the Northcote Court on Tuesday. It was stated by Mrs. Rosanove (for the defence) that the escapade was a drunken freak, as the men were returning from an "all night" dance.

An unusual feature of the case was that Senior Det. McGuffie, who conducted the police prosecution, gave evidence of character on behalf of one of the defendants.

The Charges.

Vernon William Setches, 19 years, Latham St., Thornbury; Frederick John Hibbert, 24 years, Arthurton road, Northcote; Gilbert Edward John Reynolds, 18 years, Kellett St., Northcote, were each charged that between December 31 and January 2 they did break and enter the shop of Harry Clack and did steal 30 dozen ties, 25 pullovers, and other goods, valued at £75.

Application for Reduction of Charge.

Mrs. Rosanove (for the defendants) asked that the charges be reduced to larceny.

Det. McGuffie (prosecuting) said that the amount of property involved was £75, and whilst he did not wish to be unduly harsh on the youths, yet the offence was a serious one.

After some discussion the charges were reduced to larceny.

Shop Ransacked.

Harry Clack, draper and mercer, High St., Northcote, residing at Ballantyne St., Thornbury, said—On December 31 at 9 p.m. I locked my shop when I left it. On January 2 I found that the shop was in disorder. A window facing Arthurton road had been broken, there being a hole in it large enough to admit a man. About £75 worth of goods, including ties, pullovers, trousers, pyjamas, sports trousers, shirts, bathing suits, suspenders and belts were missing.

At about 9 p.m. on January 2 I saw a quantity of goods at the Northcote police station, and identified them as my property. About £50 worth of goods had been recovered.

Story of Arrest.

Plainclothes Const. S. B. B. Seager said—At about 4 p.m. on January 2, with Det. McGuffie and Plainclothes Const. Batt, I arrested the three accused in Latham St., Northcote, and took them to the Northcote police station. I asked them if they knew anything about the robbery at Clack's.

Each man denied any knowledge of the burglary. I spoke to Reynolds alone, asking him where he was at 5.30 a.m. on January 1. He said: "I had been to an all night dance with Hibbert and Setches."

I said: "I believe you are one of the men who broke into the shop." He replied: "No. We came to the corner of Arthurton road and High St., and I stood on the corner whilst the other two went into the shop and came out with two bags of clothing. Asked what was done with the "stuff." Reynolds said: "We put it in a shed down near the creek, off Arthurton road." Reynolds was taken to Angus' Ink Works, and in a corner of a large shed were found a number of empty cardboard boxes. Reynolds said he assisted the others to carry the bags to the hiding place.

At the police station I saw Hibbert and showed him the empty boxes found in the shed. He said: "I know nothing about it." When I told him what Reynolds had said he denied any knowledge of it.

Clothing Dug Up.

Det. McGuffie handed me two pairs of trousers, a shirt and a lumber jacket. Det. McGuffie said to Hibbert: "Const. Derham and I dug these up in the back yard of your house. They were wrapped in an old overcoat." Hibbert claimed one of the pairs of trousers and said: "The others are Clack's." Asked why he had buried the trousers if they were his own property, he said: "I knew you'd be down and would say they were Clack's." I asked Hibbert as to the whereabouts of the remainedr of the property. He said: "We put it in the shed at Angus' and I haven't seen it since."

Ginger Has "Spilled It."

Continuing, Plainclothes Const. Seager said—I questioned Setches and showed him the empty boxes and the goods recovered from Hibbert's yard. Setches spoke to Hibbert and said: "What will I say?" Hibbert said: "Tell the truth. Ginger has 'spilled it.'" I said to Setches: "Do you admit breaking into Clack's shop. He said: "Yes." Two chaff bags of goods were subsequently recovered. Both Setches and Hibbert agreed that Reynolds stood on the corner whilst they stole the goods.

Mrs. Rosanove—Was anything said about drink?—Yes. They said they had been drinking all night.

Did they say anything about 30 dozen empty bottles?—They said they had two bags full of empties.

Did it not look like a drunken escapade. The window was supposed to have been broken in daylight?—It was seen by several people.

Plainclothes Const. T. H. Batt, of Northcote, gave similar evidence.

Const. Derham related how he went to Hibbert's home in Arthurton road, Northcote, and, digging up the floor in a shed at the rear of the house, he found some goods wrapped up in an old overcoat.

Each of the accused pleaded guilty.

"Drunken Freak."

Mrs. Rosanove (for the defence) said the happening was a drunken freak. The three men were returning from an "all night" dance, and had consumed a fair amount of liquor. She pleaded for leniency and called a good deal of evidence as to character.

Detective Gives Evidence of Character.

Det. McGuffie said he had known Reynolds' father for 19 years. Major Wilkinson, of the Salvation Army, Northcote, gave evidence on behalf of Reynolds and Hibbert.

A Question of Trust.

"I would sooner trust Hibbert than myself," said C. S. Milton, when giving evidence of character.

"Do you think you could look after Hibbert, then?" asked Senior Det. McGuffie.

"Yes. We are all liable to make mistakes, aren't we?" asked Milton in reply.

"I can't answer that," said Senior Det. McGuffie sweetly, amidst laughter.

Previous Record.

Setches and Hibbert each admitted a previous conviction, Setches for housebreaking and Hibbert for wilful damage.

"Serious Offence," says P.M.

The P.M. (Mr. Noonan) said that the offence was a very serious one, and this class of crime was very rife. The bench must assist the police in carrying out their work.

Sentences of Imprisonment.

Setches was sentenced to six months' imprisonment; Hibbert was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, and Reynolds was sentenced to two months' imprisonment. The P.M. said that the bench could not consider treating the men leniently. The goods recovered were ordered to be returned to Mr. Clack.

Teacher: "Johnnie, give a sentence using the word 'diadem'." Johnnie: "People who drive on to the railway crossings without looking diadem sight quicker than those who stop, look and listen!"

KNOCKED DOWN BY BICYCLE

FATAL INJURIES SUSTAINED

Whilst walking in St. George's road, Northcote, on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Louisa Hayden, 34 years, of St. George's road, Thornbury, was knocked down by a bicycle. She fell heavily, striking her head, and was rendered unconscious.

As it was apparent that she had sustained serious injuries, Mrs. Hayden was hurried to the Alfred Hospital, where it was found she had a fractured skull. Death occurred shortly after admission.

THE DUCK SEASON

LIMITED TO ONE MONTH

Bag of Ten Birds Only

Orders in Council issued on Tuesday limit the open season for ducks this year to one month. The season will be open from February 14 to March 14, and there will be a bag limit of 10 birds, either duck or teal. Mountain duck have been protected for the whole of the year. Persons who destroy them are liable to a penalty of £10 in addition to any amount from 5/ to £5 for each bird killed. Last year the duck season was open from February 15 until April 30, and the bag limit was 25 birds on the opening day, with 15 birds on subsequent days. Officers of the Fisheries and department state that the object of the restriction on duck-shooting this year was solely to preserve the birds. For the last two years ducks had been fairly scarce, and though there had been a good breeding season owing to good rains late in the spring, the department felt that a restricted season would benefit the sport in future years. Strong representations had been made for a close season, but the department had compromised by limiting it to a month. The penalty for exceeding the bag limit was a fine of not less than £2 and not more than £10.

The limitation of the duck season also applies to all species of coots.

HEIDELBERG GOLF CLUB

There were 37 entries for the stroke competition on January 10, for which a trophy was presented by Mr. H. Nicols. Results:—

	Sc.	Hp.	Tl.
A. Wallis	80	12	68
P. Renn	87	18	69
H. Hart	86	15	71
A. E. Appleton	77	5	72
F. Krygger	89	17	72
G. Youren	84	10	74
F. Norris	86	12	74

Next Saturday there will be a Canadian foursomes v par.

PRESTON U.A.O.D.

The fortnightly meeting was held in the Rechabite hall last Monday evening, when there was a large attendance, presided over by the A.D. (Bro. P. Barton). The matter of the respect board (which was presented to the lodge by the Star of Richmond Lodge) was further discussed. The board is one of polished blackwood, with hand carvings of a unique character, being a masterly piece of workmanship. The sign writer is adding the finishing touches to the board, which should serve as a fitting and lasting memorial to the memory of the members who have faithfully discharged the duties when passing through the respective chairs of the lodge. Reports were received from the delegate (Bro. G. P. Daye) on the local unemployed committee, whilst a delegation was received from the East Preston Social Club, who expounded their proposal to raise £5000 for the local unemployed. The project is just in its infancy, but it is the intention of that body to commence operations almost immediately and wind up at Easter time with a gigantic carnival and Back to Preston movement. Members expressed their willingness to assist as far as possible with the project. Reports were also received from the delegates on the Preston U.F.S. Dispensary. At the conclusion of the business the syllabus item was a euchre tournament, which was won by Bro. S. Greathead.

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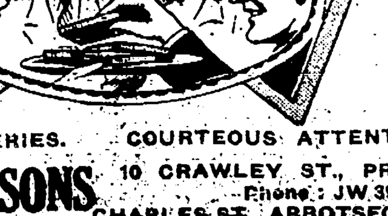

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The Swing of the Pendulum

By POWELL MILLINGTON.

(Continued)

IV.

But a [illegible] attention of hunting [illegible] you don't understand [illegible] You don't know [illegible] and you know [illegible] I suppose, though [illegible] straight?"

"Yes," answered [illegible] with a quiet [illegible] of the foremost big-game hunters.

"All right then," said Harrel, [illegible] to his senior native officer, [illegible] continued: "Give the sahib a rifle and some ammunition. He will fall in with the sepoys and help take the wall."

Then followed some anxious hours during which Harrel faced many problems.

It wanted an hour to dawn when [illegible] and a late-risen moon [illegible] the countryside for a few minutes. Before the clouds [illegible] Harrel had the [illegible] of the enemy [illegible].

[illegible]

It was equally clear what he must do. He called the subadar and told him to draw off from the main garrison one hundred men to follow him to the village, whence he would quickly make a sortie at the point of the bayonet against the Tibetans behind the wall.

"O my father and mother!" pleaded the subadar, his grey beard quivering, "may I be of their number?"

"Yes," said Harrel.

Then he turned again to Somers, hesitated, held out his hand, and said quietly:

"Good-bye. If—if I don't come back, remember me to—to my friends."

As often in war, the unexpected happened.

The sortie—that forlorn hope—succeeded; the village was quickly seized, and the space that lay between it and the Tibetan wall cleared with a rush. The host behind the wall, wild, long-haired giants from Kham, and sleek long-robed lamas freshly armed from the monasteries were driven by the bayonet from the wall, full of that game which so often follows upon the [illegible], but short-lived valor of the Tibetan.

Harrel and his hundred Sikh heroes returned at dawn all but unhurt.

But [illegible] the thing also the unexpected had happened. Somers, [illegible] faithfully performed lay dying of a [illegible] the [illegible] rough-hewn [illegible] fired at a venture for the last time at [illegible].

Harrel [illegible] from the fight found him and bent over him.

[illegible] Somers looked up and smiled. [illegible]

"[illegible]," said Somers. "It was a fine piece of work. I watched it all [illegible] She did not care for me," he went on incoherently. "She wanted you. The mother wanted me, I think, but that was neither here nor there——"

He paused for breath.

"She refused me," he went on faintly. "You might have known when you saw me. I'd have told you if you had let me. Look," he went on disjointedly, "look—my only work as a war correspondent. When I could not hold the rifle any longer I plied my proper trade. My only letter from the front. You must get that press-censor of yours at Gyantse to dot the 'i' and send it straight to London. To be sure, it will soften the mother's heart.

"Straight to London," he repeated. "Think of it! They'll read it at breakfast the day after to-morrow. And it will be my message, and it will be about you. Yes, my message. Good-bye! You did well. You deserve her——"

Harrel closed Jack Somer's eyes.

(The End)

WESTGARTH THEATRE.

This week-end, "The Sea Bat," the new marine melodrama, is being screened. Sea bats, those giant rays weighing two tons or more, which infest tropic waters, are the monsters who supply the excitement of this tale. When one folds Nils Asther in its heavy wings, crushing him to death, it starts a war of reprisal in which the tangled romances of Charles Bickford, Raquel Torres, and John Miljan form a dramatic overtone. Rod La Rocque is also featured in "The Delightful Rogue."

An engrossing story, strikingly beautiful backgrounds and superb performances upon the part of Joan Crawford, Anita Page, Dorothy Sebastian and Robert Montgomery and a large supporting cast contrive to make "Our Blushing Brides" which opens on Monday next, effective entertainment from start to finish. The plot centres about three girls who work in the same department store and share rooms. They are fed up with the monotony of their lives and each awaits the opportunity to escape from a humdrum existence. The outcome is sensational. Marie Dressler is featured in conjunction with Rudy Vallee and his Connecticut Yankees in "The Vagabond Lover."

On Thursday next, Will Rogers will appear in "So This is London." The story deals primarily with a wealthy owner of a cotton mill in Texas. Eventually he visits England with his wife and son who falls in love with an English girl returning from the States. His marriage to an English girl is the one thing that Will Rogers will not tolerate. His efforts to stop the marriage, his meeting with her titled parents and his finding out that they are not what he thought but regular folks, coupled with their change towards Americans, form the plot of a highly entertaining and decidedly instructive picture. Irene Rich and Maureen O'Sullivan are in the cast.

Alexander Gray and Bernice Claire are featured in "Spring Is Here", based on the popular musical play. The cast includes Louise Fazenda, Ford Sterling and Lawrence Gray.

PRESTON BRANCH A.L.P.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr. T. W. Andrews presided over a good attendance of members on Friday January 9. Election of officers.—President, Mr. L. Horwood, (unopposed); vice president, Mr. F. Deakin, (unopposed); secretary, Mr. J. E. Hannan (unopposed); treasurer, Mrs Hills, J.P. (unopposed); auditors, Mr. J. McCartney (unopposed), Mr. A. P. McPhee, (unopposed); branch executive. Cr. R. H. E. Maynard, Mr. G. O. Stafford, Mr. T. W. Andrews, F. Block, J. E. Hannan; Fed-State Electoral Council. T. W. Andrews, F. Block, J. E. Hannan; Federal Campaign Council. T. W. Andrews, F. Block, F. J. Jones; press correspondent, F. Block; metropolitan council, T. W. Andrews; social committee, Mrs. Hills J.P., Mrs. Hannan, Mrs. Jones, Miss Bedson, T. W. Andrews, F. Block, Mr. F. Deakin, L. Bakker, G. Stafford, Cr. R. H. E. Maynard; municipal council, T. W. Andrews, Cr. R. H. E. Maynard, L. Bakker; women's organising committee, Mrs. Hannan, Miss Bedson.

The past president, Mr. Andrews, on vacating the chair addressed the members and thanked the officers for their loyal support and congratulated Mr. Horwood on his election. Mr. Horwood responded, thanking members for the confidence reposed in him, and he expressed the hope that his year of office would be pleasant and prosperous. Mr. Block moved that a record be placed on the minutes of the valuable and untiring efforts of the past president. Seconded by Mr. Hannan, and carried.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE I.O.R.

The first meeting of the year on January 8 was well attended. Bro. T. McWilliams, C.R., presiding. One new member (Cr. A. Bird) was initiated and welcomed to the tent by Bro. R. Lobbe, while one member was received on clearance. Reports from the junior tents and cricket club were received. A motion of condolence was passed to Bro. Alf. Reed on the recent death of his mother. On behalf of the members, Bro. W. Findlay extended congratulations and best wishes for happiness and prosperity to Bro. A. Fillingham, who had joined the ranks of the Benedicts since last meeting. In returning thanks Bro. Fillingham assured the members that although he would not be residing in Northcote he would still retain his membership with the Star of Northcote Tent. After the meeting the members recounted their experiences over the holiday period, and, although there was a surprising absence of fish and snake yarns, the relating of trips to the country and the seaside and other exploits proved to be most interesting, and at times amusing, and provided an enjoyable evening. The next meeting will be held on January 22, the syllabus item being a gents' card night. The annual junior I.O.R. picnic will be held at Maribyrnong on Foundation Day, at which members of the six junior Northcote tents will be well represented.

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Special English Broadcasts for Australia.

Australian listeners should find added enjoyment in broadcasting in the near future according to information cabled by Philips Radio London correspondent. As the transmissions of the English shortwave station at Chelmsford do not fulfil the requirements of colonial listeners, a new scheme has been prepared by which four programmes for the Colonies will be transmitted.

In the afternoon hours a programme will be broadcast for English short wave listeners, and in the evening [illegible] Africa will [illegible] the programme will be extended to the early morning hours so that Canada will receive them at convenient times, and special transmissions for Australia will be received here between 9 o'clock and midnight.

A GREAT SOLDIER.

Marshal Joffre died as nobly as he lived. Great men in their dying are an inspiration to those who are living. Dying on the verge of eighty he showed the same tenacity and stern serenity and high purpose as when he broke the enemy on the Marne and saved France. His final whisper, "Things are not going too badly", is typical of his attitude to life and a serene fortification for the adventure that follows after.

DROWNING CASE AT MERNDA.

A verdict of death by drowning was returned by the city coroner when inquiring into the death of Arthur Lucas, 13 years, schoolboy, of Coburg who was drowned in the Plenty river at Mernda on December 28 last.

Lucas belonged to the 2nd. Moreland Troop of Boy Scouts which was encamped near the river.

The evidence of Constable Waldron of Epping showed that the river was running strongly in a state of semi-flood, and was totally unsuitable for swimming.

BOY'S PROMPT ACTION.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT AT HOUSEBREAKING

According to statements to the police, a man went to a house occupied by Mr. S. Boulter, of Fairy street, Ivanhoe last Friday, and, after knocking at the back and front doors began to force a window at the rear of the house, when a son of Mr. Boulter, aged 8, called out to the man. It is alleged that the man ran away. The boy called to the neighbours, who gave chase along Fairy street. The man boarded a motor-lorry, but Constable Michell, who had been summoned, stopped the lorry.

Man Charged.

At the City Court on Saturday James Edward Boyd, 29 years, laborer, was charged with having on January 9 attempted to break and enter the house of Samuel Boulter; with having had in his possession £270/3 which it was suspected had been stolen or unlawfully obtained; and with having had in his possession an implement of house breaking (a screwdriver) without lawful excuse.

TECHNICAL AND HIGH SCHOOLS

Latest available figures show that 18,000 pupils are enrolled in senior technical schools throughout the State.

Apart from primary schools the State is educating 50,000 children at intermediate, secondary, and technical schools. The first group, called intermediate, comprises central, higher elementary, domestic arts, and junior technical schools, which have 20,646 pupils. The second group consists of high schools, with 11,591 students, and the third of the technical schools, with an enrolment of 18,182.

Expenditure on the three groups is approximately £340,000 a year, or about one-eighth of the total education vote.

BURGULARIES AT IVANHOE.

Several houses at Ivanhoe were broken into last Friday afternoon, and property valued at nearly £200 was stolen. A house occupied by Mr. S. Bulpit, of Rocke street, Ivanhoe, was entered and clothing valued at £100 was stolen. Clothing and jewellery valued at £20 were stolen from a house occupied by Mr. C. E. Hulme, of Lang's road, Ivanhoe. A house occupied by Mr. G. Holland, of Rockbeare grove, was broken into, but nothing was stolen.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—Have you ever seen a live lobster or crayfish? The Pets had such an experience on Saturday at Queenscliff when we decided to buy a live cray. The fishermen catch them and put them in wooden boxes, which they have floating in the sea tied to the pier. When crays are needed they row out to the boxes and drag one in, hoist it on to the pier by a crane, and then unlock it and pick out the ones they want. These are put into a sugar bag and taken away to be cooked. Well, one of the crays didn't go properly into the bag, and the next minute off it trailed down the pier. Jacko chased it and tried to catch one of the cray's many legs, but it twisted round and caught him, and he did yell! Fluffy rushed up but couldn't help poor Jacko, but just then up came the fisherman and released him. He wasn't much hurt, only frightened, but they both ate a hearty tea of cray, so they must have forgotten all about the afternoon's episode. A new competition begins this week, so look out for it. The Pets send greetings and heaps of love,

UNCLE PHIL.

NEW COMPETITION

For the best tongue twister about Jacko or Fluffy a prize will be given. Send in your entries by February 7, and the winners will be announced on February 13.—U.P.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the heartiest and happiest of Birthday Greetings and Wishes to Bonnie McDonald and Joan Westmoreland (Jan. 17), Bert Jones (Jan. 18), Dulcie Phayer (Jan. 19), Mavis Lynch and Henry le Blanc (Jan. 20) and Lorna Benson (Jan. 22).

OUR MAIL BAG

Jack Lowery.—Have marked and posted on your clippings. Sign your name to every page you send in and then there will be no confusion. The Pets send greetings.—U.P.

Alec Murphy.—Bravo, Alec, for gaining the 100 marks. Will you call in for the prize on Monday? How are the holidays going. Best wishes for the new year.—U.P.

Bessie Goldstein.—Congratulations, Bessie, on gaining the 100 marks. Fluffy is pleased. We will send the prize to our Preston office where you can pick it up on Monday. The Pets send love.—U.P.

Joan McMenamin.—We are proud of you, Joan, for having such a splendid result from your theory exam. Do you like music? Fluffy [illegible]. Heaps of love.—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

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

OLD TIME CUSTOMS

The oldest English name for Christmas is Moddra Night, or Mother's Night. When the Saxons had settled in the country that was to be England, December 25 was devoted to games and feasting, and the night was dedicated to the special honor of mothers. They occupied the seat of honor, and everyone took them gifts. Sons and daughters who had gone into the world strove to be home that one night in the year. A little later the name Yule was given to Christmas, and rejoicings of the day were prolonged into the night, when men sang and told stories in the cheerful blaze of the Yule log. The old custom of Mothers' Night gradually died. Its place has been taken to some extent in the North of England by Mothers' Sunday. On that day everyone who can do so still makes a pilgrimage homewards, and the mother receives the homage of the family.

(TRIA) Jack E. Lowery

THE SEASIDE

Jacko and Fluffy were having a lovely holiday at the seaside making sand castles and bathing. Uncle Phil told them to always keep near the edge when they were in alone, because being so small they would soon be out of their depth. One day when the tide was out Jacko thought he would get some mussels off a big rock, and he was so busy finding lovely big ones that he forgot all about the tide, which had been slowly creeping in again. Poor Jacko! He had quite a load of mussels, and he was thinking how nice it would be to give them to cook to prepare for supper when he noticed the water. Climbing on to the top of the rock he called loudly to Fluffy to ask Uncle Phil to come out and get him. Fluffy was making a sand castle and thought Jacko was a long time away, and she knew how cross Uncle Phil would be with him for disobeying. Fluffy at last heard Jacko's cries and quickly ran for help, and Uncle Phil soon came to the rescue. Jacko was so pleased when he saw Uncle Phil, and promised never to go out alone again. The next day the rain poured down, and, being too wet to go down to the beach the Pets played table tennis and ludo to pass the time away. But they were so pleased when the rain stopped and the sun came out again so they could go down and build castles on the beach.

(BETTER) Dorothy Harris

BEYRL'S DREAM

Mother had been telling Beryl all about Red Riding Hood, and the last thing Beryl had asked before going to sleep was, "Mummie, did the wolf get Red Riding Hood?" Upon being told "No" she went to the land of dreams. In her dreams she was walking through the woods, when, seeing some violets growing just out of her reach, she stepped off the path to pick them for Granny. In a moment she saw the wolf, and then she ran off home to her mother. She woke up to find herself in her mother's arms. "Oh, dear, you did give me a fright when you fell out of bed, Beryl dear." "Then," murmured Beryl drowsily, "it was all a dream."

(BETTER) Joy Leeming

FLASHLIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

The taking of flashlight photographs is exceedingly interesting. If you have never tried to make one you should do so. Procure a small tube of flashlight powder from the chemist, costing about one shilling, and a pennyworth of wax tapers. You may like to buy a proper holder on which to fire the powder, or you could make your own from an ordinary tin lid measuring 3 inches square and a small rod of wood. To take a flashlight picture you must first arrange your camera on a stand in such a position that it will be able to take in the whole of the object you wish to photograph. Having done this, and focussed the object, place about as much powder on the holder as will cover a threepenny piece, and turn down very low all the lights. Now set the camera for a time exposure. Light the taper, hold the tray containing the powder at arm's length and bring the lighted taper down on the powder. There will be a brilliant flash, lasting the fraction of a second. It is a very good plan to set a couple of reflectors near the subject in order to soften dark shadows. These reflectors are made by hanging white sheets over the backs of chairs of suitable supports.

(BETTER) Thelma Macs.

A HOME-MADE SWIMMING BELT

A strong, cheap and useful swimming belt that will be a great help to the beginner at the local baths or at the seaside can be made in this way. Get a yard and a half of strong canvas about a foot wide, double it, and divide into nine strongly-sewn compartments. A space of 2 inches must be left after each third compartment. Fill the compartments with small cuttings of cork. Then sew the canvas belt up all round, and work eyelet holes at the bottom of each compartment to let the water drain out. A neckband to slip over the back of the head can be made from any piece of strong cloth and attached to the middle of the belt. Then two waist-strings should be sewn to each end. I made one and it is great to learn to swim with.

(GOOD) Cyril Macs

FOWLS

Bobby was visiting the country, and for the first time saw a number of fowls running about. "Have you ever seen fowls before?" he was asked. "Oh, yes," said Bobby, "I've seen them often in the city, but they have always been peeled."

(GOOD) Graham Harris

THE MOON

When I was walking home one night, about 9 o'clock I saw a beautiful full moon. I thought it had just been dipped in a basin of gold water it was so golden. As I watched it a cloud came from the top and covered it. It was like an eclipse. After I had to go to bed, but I would have liked to stay up longer to watch it.

(GOOD) Joan McMenamin

LARGEST OF ALL ANIMALS

Besides being the biggest and heaviest of animals, elephants are also among the most interesting. They possess a peculiar development of the nose and throat which we call a trunk, which answers the same purpose as the nose of any other animal, for elephants have a keen sense of smell. They also use their trunks to break down branches of trees and convey the young shoots to their mouths. Indian elephants are the largest. They average about nine feet in height, while much bigger specimens have been known. The weight of a full-grown elephant is between four and five tons. African elephants are smaller, and are notable for their big flapping ears, which hang down on either side of the head like wings. In their wild state elephants live in herds, as many as a hundred being sometimes found together. A hundred years is not an unusual age for an elephant. They have a fair share of intelligence, and can sleep quite comfortably standing up or merely leaning against the trunk of a tree.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

IN THE DARK

When all the lights in the room have been switched off, a number of small things such as an orange, a thimble, a nutmeg grater, etc., should be passed round the party and finally collected by one person, who takes them out of the room. Then the lights are switched on and each person is given a piece of paper and a pencil, and they write down the names of as many things as they can remember. This is not quite so easy as it sounds, and I think the one who gets the most right is deserving of a prize. On the other hand, those who don't get a certain number right can be made to pay forfeits.

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas

INDIA RUBBER

When using a rubber at school have you ever thought how it was made? India rubber is obtained from the milky juice of a plant which grows in South America, Java and other hot countries. The Indians make incisions in the bark of the tree, through which the sap oozes, and is then spread on 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 for effacing black lead pencil marks, for water proofing and for balls.

(GOOD) Allan Love

CONTRIBUTIONS

Almond Toffee.—Take 4 ozs. brown sugar, a small piece of butter, a few almonds and 3 tablespoons of milk. Put butter, sugar and milk in a pan and make hot, slowly stirring all the while. Then boil the mixture quickly without stirring till a little set in cold water becomes hard. Add almonds, blanched and shredded, stir and turn into greased tin to set.

(GOOD) Rosie Goldstein.

THE COBBERS' CLUB

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EGG INSIDE A BOTTLE

Take a fresh egg, soak in strong vinegar for three days. Take a bottle with a narrow neck, carefully press the egg into the bottle, and half fill with lime water. Then pour off the lime water and the egg will remain.

(GOOD) Leslie Craig.

A TRICK

Tell your chum you can kiss a book inside and outside without opening it. He will then say, "Show me." You then kiss a book in a room, then go out in the open and kiss it there. Then say, "I kissed it inside and outside without opening it."

(GOOD) Margaret Tierney

NAME MEANINGS

Amelia, flattering; Annabel, beloved; Alick, helper of men; Jordan, descender; Herbert, bright warrior; Gilbert, bright pledge; Harold, strong fighter; Maud, battle maid.

(GOOD) Florence Rogers

STORYETTES

Funny Feet.—Mother: "Did you notice if the butcher had pigs' feet, Gladys?" Gladys: "I couldn't see, mother. He had his boots on."

(GOOD) Jack Fullerton.

They were discussing diet, and the talk became facetious. "I've eaten beef all my life, and now I'm as strong as an ox," said he. "Well, that's funny," replied she. "I've eaten fish all my life, and I can't swim a stroke!"

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen.

"No, we can't take a gramophone back after the customer has had it a year. Is there anything wrong with it?" "Aye, the needle's broke."

(GOOD) Roy Murphy

Four Scotsmen had dinner in a restaurant. When it came to paying they disagreed. Finally they decided that the waiter should be blindfolded, and that the first one he touched should foot the bill. They are still at large.

(GOOD) Alec Murphy

Slipped Out.—"Who laughed just now?" said the master sternly. "I did, sir, but I didn't mean to," said one of the boys. "I meant to laugh up my sleeve, but I've got a hole in the elbow."

(GOOD) Winnie Birmingham

Referee: "One, two, three, four—" Boxer: "Is the negro still there?" Referee: "Of course." Boxer: "Then go on counting."

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen.

"Johnny," asked the teacher of the new pupil, "do you know your alphabet?" "Yes, miss," replied Johnny, but not too confidently. "Well, what comes after A?" "All the rest of them," said Johnny promptly.

(GOOD) Eileen Harris.

Mother: "Billy, come and get your face washed, because I am having visitors." Billy: "But what if the visitors don't come?"

Judge: "You saw that man taking away the gate. Why didn't you stop him?" Witness: "I was afraid he might take offence (a fence)."

(GOOD) Enid Love

A farmer's daughter started to practice singing. One day her father came in from the fields unexpectedly. "What's the extraordinary noise?" he inquired. "That, dear," replied his wife proudly, "is Jane cultivating her voice." "That ain't cultivating—that's harrowing."

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy

Professor: "What water becomes ice, what is the greatest change that takes place?" Pupil: "The price, sir."

Mother: "Will you have a piece of tart, Eric?" Eric: "No, mother." Mother: "Telephone for the doctor, quick, Mary!"

(GOOD) A. Capper

A High Place.—Uncle: "Well, Bobby, and how do you stand in your class at school?" Bobby: "Oh, I'm the highest, uncle." Uncle: "Splendid!" Bobby: "Yes, I usually have to stand on the dunce stool."

(GOOD) Clyde Birmingham

First Salesman: "You can't hold a candle to what I sell." Second Salesman: "No! What is it?" First Salesman: "Gunpowder!"

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen.

Willie: "Mother, teacher wants to marry me." Mother: "What did she say?" Willie: "She said, 'Willie, you think I am engaged, but I've had my eye on you for a long time now'."

(GOOD) Duncan Matheson

Mother (teaching son arithmetic): "Now, take the Spinks family. There is mother, daddy and the baby. How many does that make?" Bright Son: "Two and one to carry."

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen.

RIDDLES

Which islands are best to eat?—Sandwich Islands.

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn.

Where does the path of duty lie?—Through the Customs House.

(GOOD) Guila Kohn.

How do you spell blackbird with four letters?—Crow.

What stars do cats like most?—The Milky Way.

(GOOD) Willie Birmingham

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.

STARTING A CAR ON A HILL

Inexperienced motorists are at times concerned as regards restarting a car that has been stopped on a steep ascent. Naturally the hand brake is hard on, and it needs to be left on. The right procedure is to start the engine, then engage lowest gear and "rev" the engine steadily. Then gradually release the clutch pedal and only when the driver feels the engine tending to reduce its "revs," free the lever. The car, as the accelerator pedal is depressed, should then immediately get under way without sliding back a single inch. By carefully following this operation, there is never any fear of the vehicle running backwards, a most unpleasant and dangerous experience on a hill.

LEARN TO SWIM.

(By J. Fogg)

"WHERE THERE'S A WILL—"

Learning to swim is an easy procedure under expert tuition. It should be the object of everyone—young and old—to learn to swim, and if this were so, there would not be so many homes bereft through loss of loved ones by drowning.

The only manner by which this can be achieved is by education. Real enlightenment on any subject can only come by this means and by the desire of the individual to learn; and if this desire were more general, death dealing evils would disappear. As accidental drowning is one of these and is to a very large extent preventable, the forthcoming "Learn to swim" campaign has some significance. This movement supported by by nearly every municipal council, public and sporting bodies in the State, is doing national work. The Northcote City Council, Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club and Northcote "Leader" are again assisting.

These campaigns against waste,—the waste of human life—should receive the support of every citizen.

Apart from the loss of life, the physical changes that can be brought about in a brief period by being able to swim, would be considered unbelievable by the non-swimmer, and so therefore it is of benefit to the individual, in his own interest and the best interest of the state to learn to swim. Conscientious co-operation is necessary in this regard and not apathy, indifference, thoughtlessness, ignorance or neglect, for any of which there is no excuse. Is it not much more embarrassing and humiliating not to be able to swim than to experience a little embarrassment during the tuition period?

I advise you not to sit self conscious, watching others have a good time; just because you imagine there may be a thousand pairs of eyes on you whilst under tuition. It is not so, and is only your self consciousness. You can cure yourself of nervousness in this regard, providing helpful conditions prevail giving the opportunity for quick self advancement, in many directions, with the aid of a good instructor and a safe bathing place—preferably a Municipal swimming bath, which has graduated depth and special facilities for the teaching of swimming. Most swimmers have been taught thereby.

Common sense should suggest confidence in one's ability to master the water, as others have done, and this will be soon apparent if confidence is placed in a competent instructor at the outset. Then you may go on in full knowledge that the instruction imparted will be efficient, pleasant, and safe.

If you cannot swim you are advised to get in touch with your nearest baths at once, when particulars of the "Learn to Swim" campaign wil be gladly given to you. There are separate classes for both ladies and gentlemen. The only equipment you need is a desire to learn and a suitable bathing costume of the skirt type to conform with decency, and in the hands of an expert instructor you will soon master the art. It is not advisable to go swimming soon after a meal—at least an hour and a half should elapse before entering the water. Go to the baths and find the shower, and having used it then be more able to stand any possible shock to the system by entering the water at the shallow end. Learn and thoroughly master the theory and practical work. In a short space you will have that freedom of movement so desirable, ample vitality, and real, live personality. It is in your hands! See to it! And you will be so attracted to open bathing that you will be in agreement with Byron in his lines "The Ocean."

"And I have loved thee, Ocean! Of youthful sports was on thy breast to be
Borne, like thy bubbles, onward: from a boy
I wantoned with thy breakers—they to me
Were a delight; and if the freshening sea
Made them a terror—'twas a pleasing fear,
For I was as it were a child of thee,
And trusted to thy billows far and near
And laid my hand upon thy mane—as I do here."

LIFE SAVING AND SWIMMING

NORTHCOTE CLUB.

The club has accepted the invitation of the Lilydale Carnival committee to give a display of life saving at Lilydale on A.N.A. day, the club's championship team (Misses F. Jones, M. Petersen, N. Manley, and E. Fertelow) in charge of Mr. J. A. Hegan will give the display.

The water polo team is showing fine form. On Monday against Kew, Cunningham replaces Harding on the forward line, and Keith Buxton, Bob Meredith and Harding are emergencies.

The ladies are looking forward to their first match on the 18th. This team has been strengthened by Elva Martin and Mrs Elder from Coburg. Mr. Goldsmith has returned from Tasmania, and life saving classes commenced on Monday.

Ted Harper and John Fairweather (seniors) Col. French and Wal. Scannell (juniors) will represent the club at the Coburg carnival on January 17.

A syllabus has been drawn up for competition among club members and the two first events for juniors were run on Thursday at the Northcote baths. The club's "Learn to Swim" campaign is in full swing, and several promising juniors have been discovered; Albert Graham, of Collins street Thornbury, and Albert Durston, of Bent street, also Muriel Meyers (breast stroke). No enrolments will be received after Friday next. To date 250 have registered.

Preston Lady's Success

At the Dandenong competitions on Saturday B. Cull (Preston) was second in the women's 40 yards handicap.

WATER POLO

At the Batman baths on Monday the Northcote team defeated Kew by 5 goals to 3. Goal-throwers: Harper (4), J. Fairweather (1). Northcote's team: Harper, Cunningham, Doggett, J and G. Fairweather, A. Walters, J. Stafford.

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CRICKET

DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v NORTH MELBOURNE

THORN AND I. FLEMING BOWL WELL

Baring, who captained North Melbourne in Wilkinson's absence, won the toss and took Quinn with him to the wickets, Chivers and Thorn being the opening bowlers. Baring opened the scoring with a ... through the slips off Chivers. The score mounted steadily until at 28 Quinn hit ... to the bowler. Rodrop started with a ... cover drive to the fence. I. Fleming relieved Chivers at 38. Baring, who was batting ... [illegible] ... With the score at 88 Rodrop was caught behind by Morgan off Ansell. Nettleton soon got busy, scoring 20 runs in 14 minutes. The century was ... 82 minutes, and shortly after Baring was clean bowled by Chivers. His 60 runs included five 4's. Davies joined Nettleton ... the 150 appeared ... 124 minutes. At 157 Nettleton was caught by Chivers off I. Fleming for 41, which included seven 4's. The next four wickets added only 25 runs, the eighth wicket falling at 182. ... and Davies then added 48 runs in 43 minutes and with the score at 230 Chivers bowled Cahill. Baring then declared the innings closed.

With 12 minutes left to play Heron and ... opened to the bowling of Cahill and Nettleton. Off the former's fourth ball Ellis was caught by Sheehan without scoring. Ansell and Heron then played out time. Scores:

NORTH MELBOURNE. First Innings

S. Quinn, c and b Thorn	[illegible]
W. Rodrop, c Morgan, b Ansell	28
H. Baring, b Chivers	[illegible]
E. Nettleton, c Chivers, b I. Fleming	41
J. Davies, not out	47
J. Sheehan, c Ellis, b Fleming	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
W. Wedgewood, b Thorn	[illegible]
S. Cahill, b Chivers	[illegible]
Sundries	[illegible]

Nine wickets (innings declared closed) for ... [illegible]

NORTHCOTE. First Innings

P. Ellis, c Sheehan, b Cahill	0
C. Heron, not out	[illegible]
S. Ansell, not out	[illegible]

One wicket for ... [illegible]

Bowling: Cahill, 1 for ...; Nettleton, ... [illegible]

SECOND ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v NORTH MELBOURNE

(By "Longon.")

[illegible] ... North Melbourne had no hesitation in having first use of the wicket on winning the toss. The opening batsmen, Lynch and Johnston, faced Powell and McSperrin. Northcote had an early success, Kellar catching Johnston ... off Powell without a run being scored. ... Wickets began to fall cheaply, and the visitors were on top when the seventh wicket fell at 77. Stewart and McDonald, showing more enterprise than the previous batsmen, brought up the century. Just when Stewart looked like causing some trouble he was bowled by Fetherstone for 26. Fairless filled the vacant crease and, having a go at the bowling, hit up 25 before being caught at point by Hamilton, and the innings closed for 142. The wickets were evenly divided, McSperrin, Powell and Clarkson being the outstanding bowlers.

Northcote, having ... at 70 minutes ... bat, lost four for 91, and therefore seem to be well on the way to another victory. Scores:

NORTH MELBOURNE. First Innings

Johnston, c Kellar, b Powell	[illegible]
Cranston, b Powell	[illegible]
Bragg, run out	[illegible]
Lynch, b McSperrin	[illegible]
Coady, b McSperrin	[illegible]
Mead, c Clarkson, b McSperrin	[illegible]
McDonald, b Clarkson	[illegible]
Stewart, b Fetherstone	26
Lemon, b Clarkson	[illegible]
Fairless, c Hamilton, b Clarkson	25
Reid, not out	[illegible]
Sundries	12

Total ... 142

Bowling: McSperrin, ... Clarkson, ... [illegible]

CLUB ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v PRAHRAN

The Northcote Club XI. commenced its seventh match of the season on Saturday at Toorak Park against Prahran. It is quite a few years since a Northcote team defeated the Prahran representatives, and this match has already swung round in their favor, and with only two wickets down for 230 they have a good grip on the game. H. Hatherall carried his bat after batting all the afternoon for 124, which included 15 boundaries. Foster, the captain, also served his side well, and when stumps were drawn he had 89 to his credit. He hit two 6's and seven 4's. Headon and Peters were both dismissed by Peterson for 9 and 3 respectively, and their wickets were the only two captured all day. Northcote was greatly handicapped by the fact that only seven men took the field, and the team work seemed disorganised by the inclusion of four substitutes fielding. Scores:—

PRAHRAN. First Innings

Headon, b Peterson	9
Hatherall, not out	124
Peters, c sub., b Peterson	3
Foster, not out	89
Sundries	5
Two wickets for	230

Bowling: L. Peterson, 2 for 30; Baring, 0 for 60; A. Anderson, 0 for 19; Fleming, 0 for 39; P. Anderson, 0 for 33; Wiltshire, 0 for 37.

SUB-DISTRICTS

PRESTON v HAWTHORN-EAST MELBOURNE

Preston made 89 against Hawthorn-East Melbourne, Allan (35) being top scorer, and as later in the day he took four wickets for 38, he had a great share in the play. Brown and Rooney, with 14 each, were the only other batsmen to make any show against the bowling of Ron Francis (four for 39), Giblett (three for 28) and Brown (two for 16). Hawthorn-East Melbourne lost nine wickets for 120, Smith (44), Maynard (20), Flowers (13), Giblett (12) and Kelso (10) making the runs. Besides Allan, Spoor (three for 36) and Jordan (one for 19) bowled well.

IVANHOE v KEW

Ivanhoe were all out for 58 in 90 minutes against Kew, the distinctive features being the bowling of Power, the fielding of S. Thompson, and a surprising batting collapse. Power bowled with great effect—six wickets for 12 runs in 12 overs. On what appeared to be a batsman's wicket he was "coming across" in a way which had his opponents completely puzzled. Smith (two for 33) also bowled well, the only player to reach double figures being Gill (24). Kew opened with Edwards and S. Thompson, who was badly missed first ball off Davidson. Eventually he scored 57 faultlessly. Simonton scored 36 well, and Edwards played attractively in making 28. Dowling bowled well for Ivanhoe, taking two for 31. Dowell (one for 10) and Jerrams (one for 32) were also successful. Kew lost four wickets for 159.

THE JUNIORS

CLIFTON HILL A.N.A. v FAIRFIELD

Clifton Hill A.N.A. went back to its old ground at Ramsden street reserve, where the turf wicket was laid down by the Collingwood council. The wicket, however, had two faces, being extremely soft at one end. Clifton Hill batted first but in an hour and three-quarters were all out for 62. Scollard was top scorer with 20, and Dolloffsky made 11. Bryant took five wickets for 16 runs off 80 balls. Fairfield fared even worse and made only 51; at one stage seven were out for 22. McDonald was the only double-figure scorer with 16. Sparke bowled excellently taking six for 25 off 81 balls, and Eastman two for ... off 72 balls.

HEIDELBERG v Y.M.C.A.

The turf has been down for some years at the Amateur Sports Ground, but the Heidelberg batsmen offered feeble resistance, and the side was out for 53. The running between the wickets was bad, three batsmen being run out. Dowell (13) was top scorer. Day (two for 15), Skuse (two for 19), and Beckfield (two for 11) bowled best. Y.M.C.A. is already in a winning position, having scored 82 for the loss of four wickets. Froude made 26 and Reid 30. Fraser obtained the four wickets for 22 runs.

Matting Division

Alphington made 62 against University High School in an hour and a half, Orr (19) and Ghent (11) alone making double figures. Easton (six for 2...) was the best bowler. The High School has lost seven for 126, Vokonas (...52) and ... (24) not out.

Third Grade

Burnley Congregationals, 76 (Foster 28; E. Jessop 3/12, C. Murch one 3/17), v Northcote Socials, three for 145 (Banston 41, Parker 36 n.o.). Parker played a good innings, and Parker was ... forceful. Jessop ... the "hat trick," taking three wickets with ... balls. Both he and Moonhouse bowled well. The Socials have a good grip on the game and should score an outright win.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

FIRST GRADE

Thornbury, 70 (Lane 22; Rickard 4/27, Wellington 5/23), v Paramount, five for 124 (Kennett 40).

Pascoevale, 70 (Johnston 17; Peters 5/26, Dennis 3/4), v ... Footballers, six for ... (Cole 22).

SECOND GRADE

[illegible] ... 144 (Blackley 38, Kruse 47 ... W. Jago 4/31, Pitts 3/33), ... none for 3.

... (Newbegin 37, McIlrath 75, B. ... 22, P. Cameron 20; Fitzgerald 4/4), v United, one for 50.

THIRD GRADE

Fairfield Free Gardeners, 86 (Meates 2/4, N. Nethercote ... M. Hastings 6/37), v Croxton, 121 (Jeffries 28, Broadbent 40, W. L. Harris ... 5/30).

Waldrop House, 78 (Welch 12, Raphael 5/21, Whittaker 4/22), v Northcote Free Gardeners, 81 and none for 7 (W. Taylor 24; Spencer 5/31).

St. John's, 56 and four for 16 (J. Doyle 5/22, L. Doyle 5/20, hat trick, and ...), v Alphington Harmony, 98 (J. H. Doyle 52; White 3/...).

Westgarth, nine for 168 (G. Best ...; Simmonds 5/..., v J. Bennett and Son, 76 (Upfill 21; Heather 4/22).

Northcote G.U.O.O.F., two (closed) for 198 (H. Newsome 57, J. Little 58 n.o., A. Hegg 75 n.o.), v Regent Juniors, five for 72.

JIKA ASSOCIATION

[illegible] ... St. James ..., Gordon 24; McCarren ... Hargreaves 5/3..., v Preston United, ...

Preston South, 87 (Clemson 25; Johnston ...), v West Preston Progress, three for 85 (... 25 n.o., Collins 23, O'Brien 20).

Sievers, 55 (Kessey 21, Hamish 5/21, McGrath 4/...), v Preston Footballers, ... (... McNamara 95, Punch 34, Silfeper 25).

[illegible] (Woods 6/36), v Presbyterians, eight for 56 (Crawford 4/12).

[illegible] Preston, 120 (Senes 43, Tivey 27, ...), v G... ville, one for 21.

[illegible] for 152 (Bassett 63 n.o., Hughes ...), v Reservoir.

[illegible] ... two (closed) for 157 (Waverley ... Bradford 53 n.o.), v Croxton United, two for 15.

HOLIDAY MATCHES

During the Christmas holidays the eleven of the Jika Association played several matches in the V.J.C. Union contests. The first match on Boxing Day at Preston resulted in a draw owing to rain setting in during the luncheon adjournment, which was taken in the Bradford Hall.

Jika v Essendon Churches.—Essendon Churches, seven for 83 (Davies 35, Ferguson 15 n.o., Bridgford 21 n.o.). Jika's bowling was done by A. Fuller 3/29, O. Forde (capt.) 1/38, H. Bradford (vice-capt.) 2/26 and A. Hore 1/12.

Second Match.—Jika journeyed to the University Oval, which was in wonderful order, but the wicket was very soft owing to the previous day's rain. Jika won the toss and sent North Suburban in to bat. F. ... the Brunswick footballer, opened with C. Moran and the pair made 51 before Kennett was c and b by A. Hore for 18. Moran batted almost right through the innings, being dismissed by Woods for 57. North Suburban made 118. Jika's bowling honours were taken by A. Hore, who was almost unplayable on the soft wicket, taking seven for 52 off 10 overs. J. Woods took 2 for 20 and O. Forde 1 for 29. Just before the innings terminated Jika's wicketkeeper, C. Bassett, received a nasty gash over the eye, which was stitched at the Melbourne Hospital. Jika opened with Bradford and Downs, but made a bad start, Bradford being out for 1. On a cut-up and drying wicket Jika only scored 68, top scorers being S. Dineen (14) and F. Downs (18). North Suburban batted again, but owing to no other match in the section being played they were content to win on the first innings. Their second innings score was seven for 94 (Bently 24, Lane 20; O. Forde 4/36, A. Hore 1/30, A. Fuller 1/3, Woods 1/1).

The third round was played at Collingwood on New Year's Day, the wicket being very fast. Presbyterian Churches won the toss and batted, opening with Masterton and Thomas, who, though only a boy, proved a stumbling block. He batted almost right through the innings for 29. Owing to the fine bowling of Jika, the Presbyterians made only 63. Jika gave a wonderful display of fielding, F. Downs, of the Melrose Club, taking two fine catches and having one man run out. O. Forde took five for 16 off seven overs, Bradford two for 2, A. Here one for 10 and Fuller one for 26. The wicket-keeping of C. Bassett (Bell Club) was highly commented on during the whole series of matches. Jika opened with Bradford and O. Forde, but the former was out for 2. Forde gave a fine display in making 70 in just over an hour. A. Hore batted nicely for 33, and W. Kidd (Melrose) gave a sure display for 51 not out. Bassett (16) was the only other to reach double figures. As each man played to orders and runs needed quickly several players did not have an opportunity of showing their real batting prowess. Jika declared at eight for 192, giving them two hours in which to gain an outright win. Presbyterians only scored 60, the best bowlers being Hore (of Broadhurst's) 3/21, Bradford 2/3, Fuller 2/13 and W. Birchall 1/4. Jika won outright by 69 runs.

Jika was ably managed by Mr. R. J. Carr, the hon. secretary of the association.

HEIDELBERG DISTRICT

FIRST GRADE

West Heidelberg, 62 (V. George 5/15), v. Rosanna, three for 79 (MacWaters 57 n.o. and 3/14).

North Ivanhoe, 63 and 3 for 13 (Robertson 27, F. Gonzales 7/18), v Ivanhoe Footballers, 74.

Heidelberg, 148 (Woolcock 30, Dowling 28, Cooney 21, Clough 4/24), v. Ivanhoe, two for 58 (Stone 24, Portch 23 n.o.).

Fairfield, 81 (L. Archer 28), v. Greensborough, five for 82 (Knowles 27 n.o.).

North Alphington 118 (H. Alexander 29), v. Alphington one for 42 (Martin 24).

SECOND GRADE

Fairfield Diggers, 145 (Forde 46, Reynolds 21, Durant 5/45), v. Claremont, three for 20.

Macleod, 47 (Butterworth 6/19), v. Greensborough, eight for 124 (W. Franklin 54).

North Ivanhoe, 125 (May 30, Colvin 22, Levey 4/21), v. Eaglemont one for 36.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Preston, 58 (W. Managle 15, W. Ferguson 11 n.o., A. Madden 10; Morgan 5/21, Farrington 4/26, Frawley 1/6) v Prahran, 122 (McArthur 32, Farrington 19, Greenland 17, Kennedy 13, Dowsing 10, Morgan 12; B. White 3/26, A. Madden 2/31, W. Monagle 1/10, C. Hargraves 1/18, B. Cornell 1/29). Six of Preston's leading players were absent owing to sickness and business reasons.

Caulfield, 166 (Lord 105 and 4/22), v Northcote five for 32.

Camberwell, 189 (Price 30, Harrison 29, Maguire 27, Pettifer 22, Amery 20), v. Heidelberg, three for 37 (Purvis 4/42, Jacks 4/24).

CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIRST GRADE

Preston, 252 (Clark 98, Dewar 22, Espie 28, Rodan 50, P. Wright 5/96), v. Chetwynd, two for 9.

SECOND GRADE

North Melbourne, 121, v. Thornbury two for 28.

Northcote, 40 and five for 41 (Moyes 25 n.o. Baker 4/26, ... 6/15), v. Collingwood, 56 (Canning 4/1...).

BAPTIST CHURCH

A. GRADE

North Preston v Brunswick. Brunswick batted first, their first wicket falling at 121, and they declared at four for 209. A. Piper compiled 112 (three 6's and eleven 4's) and V. Jessep made 48. North Preston failed badly with the bat and at stumps had lost four for ..., of which 5 were sundries. Details: Brunswick, four (closed) for 209 (Piper 112, Jessep 48, P. Cropley 16 n.o.; Naunton 2/25, D. Shearer 1/25, Bannan 1/31); North Preston, four for 7 (M. Cropley 2/2, P. Cropley 1/0).

Collingwood, 148 (Dunstan 33, Henderson 24; Bryan 5/46), v Northcote, one for 100 (Claydon 28, Bryan 40 n.o.).

B GRADE

North Preston v Hawthorn West.—Hawthorn sent North Preston in and they scored 135 in 95 minutes. Lewis 28, Groves 23 and E. O'Brien 20 were the main scorers. Payne bowled well for Hawthorn, taking five for 13. Hawthorn commenced badly, having lost two wickets for 8, but a fine innings of 65 by W. Ashby saved them. At stumps their score was six for 185. Williamson 29, F. Ashby 26, and Aylen 26 n.o. were the best of the others. A remarkable feature of the day's play was the large number of boundary hits, no fewer than nine 6's and 33 4's being recorded. Hawthorn's 185 took 75 minutes to make. Scores: North Preston, 135 (Lewis 28, Groves 23, E. O'Brien 20, Lovell 15, H. Harvey 11, C. O'Brien 10; Payne 5/13, Underwood 2/21, Mills 1/13, Irving 1/21); Hawthorn West, six for 185 (W. Ashby 65 n.o., Williamson 29, F. Ashby 26, Aylen 26 n.o., Underwood 21; Groves 3/71, A. O'Brien 1/18, E. O'Brien 1/25, Lewis 1/22).

Albert Park, 176 (W. Price 40, Packer 40, Shepherd 30; Davis 7/78), v Ivanhoe, two for 17.

West Preston, 45 (Chamberlain 25; Jessman, sen., 5/29), v Port Melbourne, 66 (Linacre 16 n.o.; Sneeks 7/11).

Clifton Hill, 105 (Gosstray 39, Edwards 27; ... 6/28), v Fairfield, two for 45 (Steele 20).

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON CHURCHES

A GRADE

Prince of Wales Park Methodists, 202 (A. Power 67, A. Oates ..., R. ... 25; J. Watson 4/28, A. Gray 3/32, G. Duncan 1/21, H. Jones 2/...), v Thornbury Presbyterians.

B GRADE

Northcote Methodists, 87 (Ristrom 16, Thomas 10, Mattheys 14, Anderson Far 4/56, Bruce 6/28), v St. Mary's Church of England, four for 92 (Bruce 32 n.o., L. Johnson 30, R. Johnson 10).

Thornbury Presbyterians, 21 and none for 24 (E. Nicholls 20 n.o.; D. Forsyth 2/9, D. Smith 7/8, A. Crawford 3/2), v Ivanhoe Knox Church, 100 (F. Eacey 41; D. Patterson 6/21).

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Thornbury Presbyterians, 102 (E. Baker 70, M. Gillies 27, E. Douglas 25; A. Meredith 4/32, A. Edwards 2/...), v Westgarth Baptists 3, five for 47 (W. Young 11, C. Miller 14 n.o.; W. Frawley 2/21).

C.Y.M.S.

Northcote B and South Melbourne met at McDonnell Park. The visitors batted first but were always in difficulties, especially against A. Smart, who took four wickets for 1, and the innings closed for 83. S. Wood was awarded the umpire's vote for his fieldsmanship. Northcote opened badly, five wickets falling for 25, but S. Wood and D. Connolly carried the score to 58 before Connolly was out for 13. The innings closed for 83, W. S... (16) and P. McDonald (15) batting well. In the one over before stumps Smart took a South Melbourne wicket without cost.

Coburg, five (closed) for 217 (Hearn 101 n.o., Wells 58 n.o., Gaster 27, Flannery 22), v Preston, two for 19.

Clifton Hill, eight (closed) for 150 (McCrae 30, W. Jackson 28), v Thornbury, seven for 40 (J. Gibson 23; Rasmussen 4/20).

Fairfield A, 53 (Nicholls 6/23, hat trick), v Northcote A, four for 154 (Power 85 and 4/18, Gartner 21).

Fairfield B, 81 (O'Donnell 4/17), v Glen Iris B, five for 78 (Lacey 22 n.o.).

Clifton Hill B, 48 and one for 2, v Essendon B, 55 (Perrett 25, K. Roberts 21).

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Holy Trinity, Thornbury, 222 (Carley 23, Boyle 73, Nebbs 41, T. Woods 29 n.o.), v St. Albans A, seven for 62 (Smith 23; B. Woods 5/26).

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

SONS OF TEMPERANCE

Alpha, five for 72 (J. Pentelow 30 n.o.; J. Rassmussen 2/16, J. Rowe 2/14, H. Ming 1/26), v Coburg, 67 (E. Craddock 3/16, G. Robinson 3/22, W. Hegarty 2/7, J. Pentelow 1/6).

Phoenix, eight (closed) for 250 (F. Lacey 59, L. Herbert 53, L. Dawson 27, E. Lacey 24; A. Pryor 4/64), v Brunswick.

North Fitzroy, three for 52, v Thornbury, 94 (A. Dunn 23, J. McGowan 20).

U.A.O.D.

Trafalgar, 208 (Carter 2/14, Nuttman 1/18, J. Greathead 3/55, Lacey 3/60), v Preston, three for 22 (Cassidy 14).

I.O.R.

Junior Competition

Clifton Hill, 58 and one for 19 (Henry 20, Flynt 16; Spinks 8/35, Harry 2/25), v John Vale, 31 and 43 (Robinson 10 and 12, Watkins 12; Henry 9/25).

A.O.F.

Court Prince of Wales, 152 (Clarke 43, Churchill 27), v Court Pride of Northcote, three for 51 (A. Richmond 24 n.o. and 2/22, A. Campbell 4/26, W. McKeon 2/17).

P.A.F.S.

Preston, 69, v Coburg, seven for 101 (Smith 32, C. Marshall 23; D. Marshall 5/16.

North Fitzroy, two (closed) for 247 (Johnson 122 n.o., Hawkins 20 n.o., Smith 58, Rockett 33), v Ivanhoe, three for 32.

I.N.F.

Northcote, 31 (Byrnes 5/15), v Windsor, eight for 211 (Love 110, Shannon 43; ... 4/49)

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Preston, 114 (Golding 58, Sims 21), v Footscray, three for 61.

Richmond, nine (closed) for 195 (Stagall 56 n.o., Fitzgerald 46, Larry 2...; R. Lyons 6/50), v Northcote, none for 15.

POINTED PROVERBS.

"DEEP SEA VESSELS"

Seated on the top of the cliff at Beaumaris, one can readily recall that proverb, "Large bodies get under way slowly." The little fishing smack, the pleasure yacht, the canoe—all of these are easily launched and quickly set going. But out on the horizon are the great ocean liners, and we remember how we have waited at Station Pier for them to leave, slowly, almost imperceptibly drifting away.

The same principle holds good in other ways. It does not take long for the housewife to get ready to go over the street to the grocer, but much preparation precedes that long holiday trip.

Then we think of life itself. Those little souls, who miss the true significance of life, rush here and there like speed boats, always in a hurry, always in a hurry, always excited. But when we really live with Eternity in mind, our lives become calm and stately like an ocean liner. We make full and ample provision and then, launching into the deep, we are guided aright by our Eternal Pilot.

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One of the troop's most successful camps was held at Platina, under S.M. Frank, from December 25 to January 3. Leaving at 6.15 a.m. on Christmas Day we arrived at Platina at 2.10 p.m. The first couple of days were very wet, but after that the weather picked up, the only trouble being that the rain left the river too high for swimming. Trips were made to the copper mine, the Spanish smelters, blow hole, happy-go-lucky gold mining town, which is now deserted, and Walhalla twice, by different roads. Many tests were passed during camp, including cooking for second-class and the cook's badge. Scout A. Stonehill has been promoted to second of the Eagle Patrol. P.L. Tucker's patrol was the most successful during the camp, winning the competition on five out of seven days. Sixer Akerred was the best cub in camp, winning four out of seven. The troop will resume on Friday, January 16, and anyone wishing to join is invited to interview S.M. Frank, "Portland," 18 Smith street, Thornbury. N17.

EAST PRESTON MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

East Preston went to Seaford on Sunday, where the day was well spent. At the last general meeting it was decided that a closed summer trial should be run on the second Sunday in March. Next Sunday the club will hold a closed dirt track and sports meeting at Watson's Creek, leaving Durrant's Garage, Plenty road, Preston, at 10 a.m.

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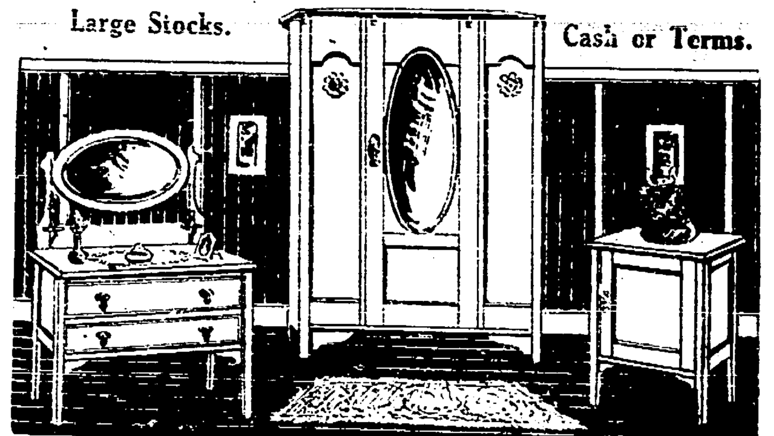

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29 x 5.00	3	1	6	33 x 5.77	5	4	0	880 x 120	5	15	6
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33 x 4.95	3	7	0	35 x 5.77	5	1	0	32 x 6, 8-ply	8	0	0
28 x 5.50	3	11	0	32 x 6.20	5	2	0	33 x 5	6	19	6
31 x 4.40, S.S.	2	19	6	32 x 6.50	5	3	0	34 x 5	12	15	0
30 x 5.00	3	8	6	30 x 3½, B.E.	2	8	0	36 x 6	10	8	0
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ROMANTIC CIRCLE.

TYERS—EVANS

At St. Mary's Church of England, Tyler street, Preston, the Rev. Cuthbert Powell officiated at the marriage of Mr. Herbert Wortley Tyers and Miss Louise Evans on December 20. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tyers, of 120 Gower street, Preston, and the bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Evans, of 9 Byfield street, Reservoir. Frocked in a powder blue georgette dress, with fawn silk straw hat and fawn satin shoes, the bride was given away by her father. Pale pink carnations formed the bridal bouquet. Miss Dorothy Evans attended the bride and was attired in a floral georgette frock, with black silk straw hat and bronze shoes, and her flowers were flame gladioli. Mr. Denis Tyers was best man. At St. Mary's Hall, where the breakfast was held, the tables were decorated with gladioli, and the catering was capably carried out by Mrs. Olorenshaw. Mrs. Evans wore a smart black georgette and lace gown, with flared uneven skirt. The bride travelled in a black silk coat, with fur choker, to Geelong, where the honeymoon will be spent. Their future home will be in Preston.

MAYNE—WICKS

The Methodist Church, High street, Northcote, was decorated with wedding bells and bowls of white flowers on December 27, when the Rev. J. E. Warren, of Moonee Ponds, joined Mr. Frederick D. Mayne and Miss Gladys G. Wicks in holy matrimony. The groom is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mayne, of 51 Maling road, Canterbury, and the bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wicks, of "Laughton," 213 Gower street, Preston. Entering the church with her father, the bride looked charming in an ankle-length ivory georgette gown over crepe de chene, styled with a tightly-fitting bodice. A lovely veil was held by a bridal wreath, and white water lilies were arranged in the bride's bouquet. Misses May Mayne (sister of the groom), Ollie Cornish and Elinor Sadlier (cousin of the bride) were the maids, all frocked alike in soft autumn tinted floral georgette with full skirts, and their hats and bouquets toned. Mr. E. S. Wicks was best man. The wedding breakfast was held at Normanby Hall, Thornbury, where Mrs. Olorenshaw served a tempting repast. A black ensemble suit with hat to match gowned the bride's mother, and she carried a posy of dark red flowers. The bridegroom's mother chose navy crepe satin relieved with beige, with beige hat, and her posy was of pink. A navy blue ensemble trimmed with fawn formed the bride's travelling costume, with a navy Baku straw hat relieved with fawn. The future address of the couple will be Main street, Lilydale.

WOMEN'S SKIRTS TELL THE CORRECT TIME.

"You can tell the time by the skirts of a well-dressed woman" is the observation of Nancy Carroll, the star of "Laughter"

"Short skirts indicate the hours before noon, ankle-length hem-lines will meet the demands of dinner engagements as well as formal gatherings. The daytime outfits should announce the waning afternoon, while trailing draperies herald the after-dinner period."

Miss Carroll offers this fashionable hem-line time-table.—

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.—twelve to thirteen inches from the ground. 12p.m. to 4 p.m.—ten to eight inches from ground. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. eight to four inches from ground. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.—three to two inches from ground. 8 p.m. to ?—skirts meet ground.

FRINGE ADOPTED AS FASHIONABLE TRIMMING

Skirts created entirely in fringe, wraps generously trimmed with fringe, sleeves accented with fringe, are a few of the fashion facts codified from the new season's notes.

Kay Francis, appearing in Paramount's production, "The Virtuous Sin," adopts the fringe motif for an evening gown of white crepe georgette. The skirt is deftly adorned with clusters of fringe, caught with circlets of crystals.

Parsnip is a native of England, but has achieved great popularity elsewhere. The Jerusalem artichoke is a species of sunflower, and is in France called "the poorman's potato."

FANCY'S FASHION

Our illustration this week portrays a sweetly pretty, yet simple, little frock for your wee girlie. Can one imagine anything more dainty than this frock, made up in cream crepe de chene or fuji, with trimmings of hand embroidery work in saxe blue, or in any other shades that may appeal to individual tastes. Of course, there are many other materials, both plain or fancy, which are equally suitable for making this frock. This design has long Raglan sleeves gathered at the wrists into a straight wrist band. Gathers are shown at the shoulders,

and the neck is finished with a natty turned-down collar. The little triangular pockets form a dainty trimming. Bloomers of the same material to match should be worn. The pattern is Demaret's No. 2094, price 10½d., for wee girlies of one to three years, and four to six years, and is simplicity itself to make. Patterns can be purchased from any of the agents listed in another part of this paper, or direct from the factory at Derby street, Collingwood.

THE SMALL WARDROBE.

The small wardrobe must sacrifice variety, but not an atom of chic, contends Jessie Royce Landis, Paramount's new leading lady, appearing in "Derelict."

"A woman can be smartly groomed for all occasions with a five unit wardrobe," asserts Miss Landis. Two street or daytime costumes should be incorporated, a top coat, one semi-dress frock that can be utilised with equal chic for afternoon and informal evening events, and one gown that will meet the demands of dinner engagements as well as formal gatherings. The day time outfit should compromise one trimly tailored suit, and one piece frock to be worn in cool weather with a top coat. The small wardrobe chart should adhere to harmonising tones in suit and frock so that both will blend with the same coat, hat, shoes gloves handbag. The suit offers an opportunity for variety with the addition of blouses and vests.

"One silk frock with lingerie touches and soft lines will see you through a full season for afternoon and evening theatre parties. It should be selected in a color that will not grow tiresome and one that will blend with the coat used for the daytime costumes. Black chiffon is the most suitable shade for the evening gown, and as flowers are used in abundance this season, they are a boon to the small wardrobe, since by adding a cluster to an often worn dinner frock, one creates a variety and newness to the garment."

COATS FOR EVENING.

When the skirt of the evening frock is full, the short coat is the only smart solution to the wrap problem. This is the contention of Travis Banton, creator of Paramount fashions, who recently carried out his theory in designing a clever evening ensemble for Mary Brian to wear in "Only Saps Work."

For a frock of white net, that fell to the floor in a series of bouffant ruffles, Banton created a short coat of silver lame printed with a clever conventional motif in blue and red. The coat was collared with white fox.

Here's a neat and charming idea for the beach. Marilyn Miller, Warner Bros.' First National star of "Sally" and the recently completed "Sunny," demonstrates the latest in beach costumes. It is made in two shades of brown, and the material is a very good quality linen. The top is made of light beige linen, with facings of brown and the initials worked in brown. The shorts are of the brown material, with pockets faced with beige. The sides are intricately box-plaited, the plaits stitched down to within three or four inches of the hem to give that much desired, but often sadly lacking, "line."

Most of the stars favor pyjamas for the beach, this mode being very much smarter and more popular overseas than in Australia. But unless the pyjama is well cut and of smartly neat design they are not very successful.

Dorothy MacKail was basking on Malibu Beach recently in a stunning pair of pyjamas made of some white silk brocade material. The top was double-breasted, and boasted large brass buttons. The trousers, which were tailored to fit perfectly, buttoned on to the top eliminating all suggestion of bagginess or pouching, and flared slightly below the knee.

Winnie Lightner and Billie Dove like beach pyjamas of printed silk; but the newer stars from Broadway, for instance Claudia Dell and Irene Delroy, seem content with smart, plain bathing suit and a pair of shorts

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S.M.C.C. 121—NORTHCOTE 69.

S.M.C.C. — 1 — Riley, Mitchell, Tooten, Chapman, 38. 2 — Tyler, Jones, Hobbs, Kemp, 37. 3 — W. Windley, McMicken, Granter, Pakes, 24. 4 — Andrews, Paulin, Marris, Thackwray, 27.

NORTHCOTE. — Threlkeld, Trelcaven, Plant, Catarinich, 12. 2—Shaw Hawthorn, Titmus, Maynard, 17. 3—Gill, Barron, Pollock, Rowell, 19. 4—Brown, Thompson, Jackson, Horman, 21.

CAMBERWELL 102—THORNBURY 85

CAMBERWELL.—1.— Permewan, Hunt, Cross, Potter, 30. 2—R. Short, Bromilow, B. Champion, Gilham, 28. 3—Hurse, Knight Oastler Dyer, 23. 4—Walsh, King, Gaylard, Shannon, 21.

THORNBURY.—Wyatt, Whalley, Growcott, Murden, 18. 2—Carlyle, White, Hayes, Frencham, 16. 3—Rose, Barney, Allen, Forth, 25. 4—Allen, Willis, Rogerson, Sharp, 26.

ALPHINGTON 117—BOX HILL 91.

ALPHINGTON — 1 — McDonald, Whittner, Scott, C. Hamilton, J. Orders, Dumas, Lancaster, 27. 2—Hamilton, 25. 3—Maskell, Campbell, S. Hamilton, Jeffrey, 36. 4—Meller, Carter, L. Hamilton, Monro, 29.

BOX HILL—1—Burrows, Sampson, Chapman, Thorpe, 24. 2—Carson, Nixon, Carter, Scott, 33. 3—Rogerson, Fraser, Jameison, Young, 14. 4—Ready, Fulton, Davis, O'Halloran, 20.

"B" PENNANT.

Brighton, 106, d. Ivanhoe, 68.
Elsternwick 1, 84, d. Fairfield, 80;
Thornbury, 92, d. Richmond Union 77.
Heidelberg, 112, d. Oakleigh, 77.

"C" PENNANT.

Camberwell, 77, d. Thornbury, 74.
Ivanhoe, 77, d. City of Camberwell 55.
Preston 1, d. Ascotvale, 59.
Alphington, 79, d. Malvern, 58.
Preston 2, 72, d. Albert Park, 57.
Northcote, 82, d. Blackburn, 62.
Fitzroy, 80, d. Middle Park 1, 65.
Fairfield, 88, d. Hawthorn, 51.
Alphington, 94, d Caulfield Park, 83.

PRESTON CLUB

Results of pennant matches played on Saturday are as follow:—

A Pennant

Preston (77) v Sandringham (121) —Tatchell, McIntyre, Broadhurst, Ross (22) v Rodgers, Bythein, White, Girling (30); Watson, Neville, Condie, Sinclair (20) v Bradley, Radford, Robertson, Hobson (36); White, Siddons, Pike, Wearne (24) v Ulmer, Bird, Bailiff, Willett (27); Crispe, Hindson, Shaw, Morgan (11) v Soffa, Chisholm, Kermisse, Crellin (28).

C Pennant

Preston I. (87) v Ascot Vale (59) —Wood, Hazel, Lewis, Crispe, jun. (32) v Cousens, Nixon, Harris, Hutchinson (17); Welch, Fleming, Atyeo Billyeald (28) v Penrose, Fargher McMurtrie, Shell (19); Hill, Sheppard, Zwar, Lang (27) v Smiths, Burne, Shea, Corteene (23).

Preston II. (72) v Albert Park (57).—Butterfield, Burchall, Joiner Crowe (26) v Watson, Luckhurst Parisonne, Spielzer (19); Harvey, Pipe, Farr, Howe (31) v W. Morris, Kennett, Puxley, R. Morris (10); Allardice, McIntosh, Henshaw, Salfinger (15) v Ashton, Wilkinson, Stubbs, Heron (28).

PRESTON LADIES' CLUB

A most enjoyable evening was spent by the members and visitors at the Preston Ladies' Bowling Club weekly euchre party last Saturday. Mr. Bert Hill and Mrs. Kingstone were the prize winners in the euchre from a large number of competitors. During the evening Mr. W. B. Howe, on behalf of the members, made a small presentation to Mr. Crispe, senr., who on that day had passed another milestone on his journey through life, and as one of our foundation members, we wish him every happiness and good health for many years to come. Mr. Crispe thanked the members for their kind sentiments expressed.

FATAL COLLISION.

CYCLIST FATALLY INJURED.

Raymond Lindsay Fryer, aged 16 years, of Ford street, Ivanhoe, was fatally injured on Monday morning when the bicycle which he was riding collided with a motor-truck in Livingstone street, Ivanhoe. Fryer was admitted to a private hospital suffering from a fractured skull and a compound fracture of the left leg. He died several hours later.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

Before Mr. A. Noonan, P.M., and Messrs. W. Hayes, H. Evans, F. Cooney, Mesdames Wood and O. Devery, J.sP.

A Charge Withdrawn.

Arthur Dwyer, Bent St., Northcote, was charged that on January 10 he used indecent language in Balgonie Place, Northcote.

Senior-Const. Matthews (prosecuting) said that Dwyer was in the Melbourne Hospital, believed to be suffering from a fractured skull.

Mrs. Tyrell, Bent St., Northcote said—Dwyer is my brother, and he came home very ill on Monday after having been assaulted. I took him to the Melbourne Hospital early this morning and he was admitted.

Senior-Const. Matthews withdrew the case.

Case Remanded.

Alfred Carrell was charged that on November 5 he stole a bicycle valued at £8/10/-, the property of James Anderson.

Const. Mensch said—I arrested Carnell in Preston last night, and I ask for a remand for a week.

The remand was granted, bail being fixed at £25, with a surety of a like amount.

Noisy Motor Car.

Ivan Sharpe, Sherwood road, Ivanhoe, charged that on November 2 he drove a motor car which emitted an offensive noise in Heidelberg road was fined £5.

Traffic police said that the car was not fitted with a silencer, and the noise could be heard for a quarter of a mile.

No Light.

Henry J. Cooper, South Moarng, who on November 28 drove a motor cycle without lighst was fined £3.

Wages Dockets Not Stamped.

James H. Whittaker, Reynard St., Coburg, was charged that on July 25 1930, he failed to give a receipt as required by the Unemployed Relief Stamps Act. There were six other charges, one of which was withdrawn, and to three of which defendant pleaded not guilty.

Evidence was given that defendant earned £5 a week, and for six weeks he did not affix stamps as required on July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Whittaker was convicted and fined 5/- on each charge.

Maintenance Arrears.

Annie McLoughlin, of Fairfield, sued James McLaughlin, Moreland road, Brunswick, for £11/5/- arrears of maintenance.

Mrs. McLaughlin said she obtained a maintenance order against her husband in November, and there was £11/5/- owing for arrears.

McLaughlin—I can pay it on Friday.

The wife—I can't wait. I have no money at all.

The court made an order that the money be paid on Friday, in default imprisonment.

Show Cause Summonses.

Lawrence Bolger was called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for failing to pay a fine of 7/6.

Bolger said—I am out of work.

The case was adjourned for a week.

Duncan Alexander McIntyre was called upon to show cause for non payment of a fine of £3. He did not appear, and in default of payment he was ordered to be imprisoned for two weeks.

Francis Lancelot Hastings, who had failed to pay a fine of £5, was ordered to be imprisoned for one month in default of payment.

Alen Bragg, who failed to pay fines aggregating £11/10/-, was ordered imprisonment for eight weeks, failing payment.

Maintenance of Children.

Oliver Edwards was summoned for £26/10/- and £25 for the support of two children who are wards of the State.

Edwards said he was out of work and could not pay.

The P.M. said the State was owed thousands of pounds in cases like this. The difficulty was that if defendant was sent to gaol it would cost the State another 15/- weekly to keep him. (Laughter.)

Defendant—I'm out of work.

The P.M.—If you go to gaol you'll be given work. The only difficulty is that the gaols are full.

The case was adjourned for 14 days.

The old veteran was on his favorite topic—his experiences as a soldier in all parts of the world.

"I remember the time when we were stationed near Babylon. Why, it was so hot that we used to toast our bread in the sun, and—"

"Yes I know," interrupted a youngster. "And they supplied you with corkscrews to draw your breath."

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PERSONAL

Const. G. A. Goulding, from Fitzroy, has been appointed to succeed Const. Kearney at Preston.

Rev. A. T. Jones and Mrs. Jones left this week for Tasmania, where they will spend a fortnight's holiday.

Mrs. N. S. Osborne and family, of Gower street, Preston, are spending a holiday at Rosebud.

Mr. E. C. Green and Mrs. H. May, of Preston, left for Cowes last Sunday, where they intend staying a fortnight at Marldon House.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Walker, Foch street, Preston, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter (Dorothy Olive).

Mr. W. J. Milne, B.A., a member of the teaching staff at the South Preston State school has been appointed to a position in the High School, Sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chalmers, High St., Preston, have returned after a fishing and shooting trip to Marysville. Mr. Chalmers made a record catch of fish during the visit.

Mrs. B. Hadfield, who is an inmate of "Strathmore" private hospital, is showing signs of improved health. Mrs. Hadfield is a resident of Plenty road, Preston.

Mr. T. McQuade, 5 Marchant St., Reservoir, manager of Ezywalkin's (Northcote) shoe store, with his wife, are touring the Western districts of Victoria.

Mr. W. Pocknall, of Union St., Northcote south, returned home on Saturday after an extended tour of the Lake districts and thermal regions, of New Zealand.

Mrs. R. J. Carr, wife of the hon. secretary of the Jika Cricket Association, is at present in the Women's Hospital to undergo a serious operation.

There passed away on January 12 at his residence, Fairy street, Ivanhoe, Mr. Malcolm George Scott, at the age of 85 years. He leaves a widow The interment was made at the Heidelberg cemetery on Tuesday.

Mrs. Kimpton, organist of the James street Presbyterian Church, when hurrying in the street last wek tripped and fell, dislocating her wrist. She was unable to play on Sunday and her place was filled by Mrs. Jones.

There passed away on Saturday, at his residence, Spencer street, Croxton Mr. Edward J. Tiernan, after a long illness. He leaves a widow and two daughters Nada, (Mrs. Quinsee) and Lily. The interment was made at the Melbourne cemetery on Monday.

Mr. Arthur Gray, who left Northcote some time ago to fill a position as assistant reader in the Church of England at Woorinam, near Swan Hill, has been spending a brief holiday with his parents in Northcote.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that the health of Cr. Walter Thomas, J.P., of "The Poplars," Mernda, is steadily improving after a severe illness, and that he is well on the way to complete recovery.

Pastor A. J. Fisher and family returned on Wednesday from their holiday at Beaumaris. Mr. Fisher has resumed his duties at the Preston church, and is preaching both morning and evening on Sunday, January 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ellison entertained a number of children at their residence, Bell St., Preston, last Saturday afternoon, in celebration of the third birthday of their son Jackie, who is a great grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ellison, old identities of Preston.

The death occurred on Jaunary 11 of Mrs. Susan Mary Muir, relict of the late Robert Muir, of Hawker street Alphington, and formerly of Rushworth. The last remains were interred at the Rushworth cemetery on Tuesday. A grown up family is left.

Mr. J. J. Doherty, of the Northcote Coaching College, 901 High street, Thornbury, with Mrs. Doherty, spent the holidays at Mornington and Cowes. During their three weeks' stay they visited Dromana, Cape Schank and many other holiday resorts.

In the recent examinations conducted by the University, Miss Helen Ryan gained her intermediate certificate, passing in eight subjects. Helen, who is the daughter of Mr. J. J. Ryan, of Mansfield street, Thornbury, is only 14 years old, and is a pupil of St. Brendan's Good Samaritan Convent, Coragulac.

Field-Major and Mrs. Wilkinson, who have been in charge of the Salvation Army, Mitchell St., Northcote, for the past two years, have been transferred to Williamstown, where they will take up their duties on Sunday. A social was tendered to Field-Major and Mrs. Wilkinson on Tuesday night in the Mitchell St. hall, when many friends gathered to wish them farewell and God speed. Ensign Healey, from North Fitzroy, will take charge at Northcote.

Mr. Robert A. Francis, who for three years was headmaster of South Preston State school, leaves shortly to take charge of McArthur St. (Ballarat) school. The teaching staff at South Preston presented Mr. and Mrs. Francis with a crystal bowl, and at a social evening, presided over by Cr. A. E. Newton, the school committee and Mothers' Club handed to Mr. Francis a pipe and wallet. On behalf of the school children Jack Moylan presented the departing head master with a fountain pen. Cr. Newton made eulogistic reference to the good qualities of Mr. Francis as a member of the educational profession and an esteemed and valued citizen of Preston.

There passed away on January 9 an old and respected resident of Northcote, Miss Mary McElreavy, who was born in Melbourne 78 years ago, and who all her life had taken an active part in church and mission work. In her early life she was a governess on a station in the Western district, and there she established a Sunday school for the beenfit of the aborigines. She was a teacher for some years in a Toorak College, and taught in the Sunday schools in connection with St. Andrew's (Carlton), and the North Carlton Presbyterian Churches. Twenty-four years ago she came to Northcote and became a member of the James St. Presbyterian Church, and taught in the Sunday school. For 12 years she was treasurer of the Ladies' Guild. Latterly through indifferent health and failing eyesight she relinquished this work. A few weeks ago she entered a private hospital, where she passed peacefully to rest, after having given 56 years of her life to Sunday school work. The funeral took place on Saturday and was largely attended, the officers of James St. Church being among the mourners. Services were conducted at her late home (21 Plant St., where she resided with her sister, Mrs. Kinsman), and at the Melbourne General Cemetery, by the Rev. A. T. Jones. Many floral tributes testified to the great esteem in which Miss McElreavy was held.

ATTEMPT TO SPLIT THE ATOM

A DARING EXPERIMENT

Described as a scientific experiment which may revolutionise the world's economy, there will shortly be attempted on Monte Generoso, on the Italian side of the Alps, an experiment to disintegrate the atom into elements by two German electricians, Professor Arnold Brasch and Dr. Fritz Lange.

The two scientists have built an original electrical station on Monte Generoso with the object of attracting atmospheric electricity into a specially prepared tube, stated to be the result of years of experiment, and capable of resisting the enormous voltage deriving from the discharge of storm clouds.

The Germans have stated that the potential differernce between a storm cloud and earth reaches as much as 100,000,000 volts at the moment of the lightning flash, while the most powerful electric generation stations do not produce more than 2,000,000. The experiment may reveal nothing or everything. It may, perhaps, open the door to an immense discovery in the use of atomic energy, but it contains a big element of chance. The Germans themselves stated, "We do not know what will happen. We are rather in the position of the first man who lit a fire."

IN PRAISE OF WALKING

Doctors will tell you that man is quite obviously intended by Nature to use his legs a great deal, otherwise they would not be provided with the very powerful muscles which give them strength and shapeliness (writes Dr. Leonard Williams in the "Sunday News"). There are a great many people who, being no longer young, spend their week-ends in playing vigorous games. Most of these people would act more wisely if they were to cultivate the habit of quiet walking. For it must not be supposed that walking employs only the muscles of the legs. If the walker has been taught to carry himself correctly he exercises muscles in his back, his neck, his chest, and his abdomen, and on going up hill he gives a gentle stimulus to his breathing and circulation.

Walking is so easy that people find it difficult to believe that it ought to count as exercise, and yet walking offers not only wholesome action of many muscles but by the variations on the flat, uphill, and downhill, the muscles are continually being used in different ways, which is a great prevention of fatigue.

One: "Why are you wearing so many coats on such a hot day?" Two (carrying paint can): "I'm going to paint the fence, an' it says on this can, 'To obtain best results put on at least three coats'."

PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION.

VOCATIONAL AND DEMOCRATIC.

"Every class in the community would have direct representation under such a principle of government," says Mr. H. J. Byrne, who has invented a system of parliamentary representation based on vocational divisions instead of geographical boundaries. "My desire is to find a workable method which will rid Australia of the evils of party politics."

Mr. Byrne is general secretary of the Public Service Association of South Australia. He believes Australia will never have peace in industry until we have peace in politics, and that peace in politics will come when we do away with the "vicious system which now forces electors into two or three hostile groups." A division of electors under the vocational system would certainly produce a Parliament more in sympathy with public opinion than the present method.

Electoral Groups.—Mr. Bryne proposes to divide the electorate into two groups:—(a) primary producers, principals conducting mercantile business, professions, employers of labor, and male electors unenumerated; (b) all salary and wage-earners, except those in the professional divisions.

Under the vocational system a total electorate of 326,000 for the House of Assembly, as in South Australia, would be represented by 25 members, the quota of each member being approximately 13,000.

Primary producers would require four members in Parliament, the professions one; retail shopkeepers might have a separate representative; married women should be given the option of registering, either in the same groups as their husbands or in other feminine groups; women engaged in professions or industry would vote in the corresponding male group; spinsters and widows not engaged in professions or industry would constitute one or more feminine groups. The general principle would be to constitute main groups wherever possible, and where the numbers do not permit of this, joining kindred groups so as to form the larger divisions of approximately 13,000.

"I see no objection in principle to uniting in one group masons, bricklayers, plasterers, plumbers, or carpenters (wage-earners)," Mr. Bryne remarks.

State-wide Electorate.—In the majority of groups the electorate would extend over the whole State, and candidates would address electors through the press and other channels. Members would owe no allegiance to political parties, there would be no Opposition in this modern House, and the Parliament elected by the people, for the people, would serve the real needs of the State Every class in the community would have direct representation.

"We must not expect political parties to give up the struggle for supremacy without making a stern fight; but if the electors are seized with the importance of having a Parliament unshackled, functioning for the well-being of the State, the opposition from interested quarters can be met with confidence," quoted Mr. Bryne, who adds: "I am confident that we shall see numbers of able and trustworthy men offering themselves for Parliament if this reform is adopted."

Elective Ministry.—The appointment of the Ministry would be vested in Parliament itself. Members would elect the Ministers, and Ministers thus appointed would then elect the Premier. The Treasurer would be a banker, the Minister for Agriculture a successful farmer, and the Minister for Public Works a competent engineer or contractor, each Minister's prime function being to administer his department, and to do it efficiently. Mr. Bryne's Ministry, elected on the Swiss system ensures efficiency of administration and continuity of policy.

In a properly constituted House all members would have equal treatment, and it would be the exception, rather than the rule, for a Minister of the Crown to introduce new legislation.

Fire Brigade.

Last year the calls made on the fire brigade were abnormal. From present appearances 1931 is promising to make amends, as during the week the brigade has not received a call. It is also gratifying to be able to record that the long continued series of false alarms has also suffered a break. Possibly the chief reason is the fact that recently persons detected originating these calls have been dealt with by the magistrates in an exemplary manner.

NEED WE GROW OLD?

GET THE BACK TO NATURE HABIT

"We ought to live to be 140," says Mrs. Catherine Gardner, an American health expert. Animals which have neither the will nor the imagination to grow to any expected age, generally live seven times as long as it takes them to grow up. Man is adolescent until twenty, so that the natural expectation of his life should be 140 years. That is not nearly so revolutionary an idea as Einstein's which has stood the law of gravitation on its head. There are many cranks, specially in America, who claim eternal youth, and some are quite remarkable people. There is Harry Gaze, who though eighty years old gives the appearance of being about forty. His creed is that there is no particular reason why one should grow old while the cells of the body are being constantly renewed and because there is no reason why the body should not build new tissues as well. Actual tissue changes can be produced by the mind. The mind has a wonderful influence over the body, as is shown by hypnotic experiments before a committee of doctors in which burns are produced when the subjects are touched with something cold which the hypnotist tells them is red-hot. People who make a ritual of saying every day: "I'm not as young as I was" get the growing old habit. Actors and singers, who have to preserve the appearance of youth, generally remain young longer than average people.

The cure for most of the ills of the day is in three words, "Back to Nature," living in harmony with the great natural forces. The sun is the source of life, whether we absorb it as food taken into the body or as sunshine direct through the skin. Sun-bathing has become a rule of life in California, many houses having flat roofs withparaphets built for that purpose, and those who have no flat roofs make canvas pens in their gardens open to the sky. Some hotels have sun-baths as part of their regular equipment. Daily exercises entailing stretching and bending being the best. Everyone should walk three to five miles a day. The best drinking habit is to take lukewarm water on rising in the morning, with unsweetened lemon juice added to it. The morning bath should be either cold or tepid, but never hot. The body should be given as much light and air and sun as it is possible to give it, untrammelled by clothing.

It is the same life of the sun which we eat in our food. Just as we can bind into ourselves the beauty, peace and life of the great natural forces, so we can imbibe them in our food. Man should subsist entirely on vegetarian and fruitarian diet, preferably raw, as it this way the mineral salts, vitamins and sun-life are retained. If foods are cooked they should be steamed, as the water they are cooked in contains most of their life-giving qualities. The reason why man should be a vegetarian is that carniverous animals have very short intestinal tracts enabling food to be readily disposed of, while herbiverous animals have long intestines, and to this latter order man belongs. Australian men and women should eat less meat, and avoid it as far as possible, because meat is dead flesh, it does not make for purity of tissue and it creates toxins in the blood. Live plant food that grows above the ground, including fruit that ripens in the sun, is rich in sunlight and helps to maintain the proper chemical balance in the body. The lymph in the body, that is the fluid in which the cells float, should be alkaline, but in most people it is acid. Alkalinity gives resistance to germs, while acidosis is the direct cause of colds. It is the simplest thing in the world to get rid of a cold by eating food 100 per cent. alkaline—a cold cannot exist where the whole tendency of the body is alkaline. Alkaline foods are leafy vegetables, all fresh fruits (except bananas) especially the citrus variety, dried fruits (raisins, dates, figs, etc.), milk baked potatoes, eaten with their skins, have an alkaline reaction. Cereals that are not denatured are only slightly acid, while meats, fish tea, coffee, sugar, jam, are acid. White bread is not only useless in building-up properties, but actually sets up a toxin. Animals under a strict diet of refined white bread die quicker than those completely starved.

The way to long and healthy life is Back to Nature. Eat natural foods, exercise diligently and do not allow yourself to degenerate, dress sanely, sleep according to the rythm of the sun and allow as much air and sunlight on the body as possible. Strive intelligently and thoughtfully to live nearer to nature, and every individual body can be made such an instrument of radience and joy that the law of God and Nature will be fulfilled.

Little Dorothy, the travelling man's daughter, was taught to close her evening prayer during the absence of her papa with: "Please watch over my papa." Her papa returned, and her mamma blushed when the child added: "And you'd better keep an eye on [illegible], too."

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To throw an authentic decision on this interesting movie conundrum, we propose we mark the divisions into which all the famous stars naturally fall, and see how world-wide public support places the order of favorites. For many, this method may lead to surprising results, but at least it is a sort of acid test by majority rule.

To begin with, care, it may be assumed that the ordinary double classification of "blonde or brunette" is far from satisfactory. Norma Shearer, for instance, has brown hair and bluegrey eyes; strictly speaking she is therefore between shades. To save quarrelling among the devotees of this unique favorite as to which division she would be listed in, and other brown heads with hair not in have "brown heads" and "blonds" as well. Under this more exact fourfold division, the famous feminine players of the screen may be grouped as follows:—

Brunettes—Greta Garbo, Marion Davies, Leila Hyams, Anita Page, Blanche Sweet, Kay Johnson, Marie Dressler, Laura La Plante, Alice White, Dorothy Mackaill, Ann Harding, Mary Pickford, and Jeanneete McDonald.

Brown Hair—Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford, Grace Moore, Hedda Hopper, Mary Doran, Polly Moran, Dorothy Jordan, Ruth Chatterton, Gloria Swanson, Evelyn Brent, Billy Dove, Colleen Moore and Mary Brian.

Brunettes—Dorothy Sebastian, Raquel Torres, Dolores del Rio, Bebe Daniels and Lupez Velez.

Titians—Sally Eilers, Clara Bow, Janet Gaynor and Nancy Carroll.

Is it not remarkable how the "fair ones" predominate? If we accept blonde, brown head, and titian as being within the definition of "fair," it is found that the fair ladies outnumber the dark ones by just about two to one.

Taking the blondes alone, there is the much discussed Greta Garbo, clever Marion Davies, that wonderful new actress Kay Johnson, pretty Leila Hyams, popular Marie Dressler, Ann Harding—they all make a formidable list. Then amongst the brown heads there is the wondrous Norma, sincere Joan Crawford, Grace Moore, graceful Gloria Swanson, and the rest. Though short, the list of titians is powerful, too. All these against the outstanding brunettes!

Looking at the four groups another way, it is seen that there are thirteen blonds, but 22 who are not. Again, blondes and brown heads are exactly equal. Brunettes, not so numerous. Titians, the smallest group of all.

Is this approximate list of 35 of the screen's famous feminine players, it is curious to note that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, represented by 19 names in this schedule, has by far the greatest stakes in the world-wide public support. But his eye for brunettes and titians is none the less discriminating.

As for the general motion picture public in Australia as well as abroad, it is clear that the preference is not for brunettes, although the brunettes who do succeed remain popular idols.

This reveals that motion picture lovers prefer their stars fair, and that if you are a blonde or a brown head, you would by the law of averages have a better chance of success on the screen than a brunette.

"STRICTLY BUSINESS" NEW COLBERT FILM

"Strictly Business," will be the title of Claudette Colbert's next Paramount all-talking film, now in production at the New York studios. It is from an original story by Austin Parker, a well-known dramatic. Dorothy Arzner is directing and Frederic March is playing the leading male role.

COMEDY TALENT DOMINATES "SEA LEGS"

Comedy talent predominates in the supporting cast of "Sea Legs," Jack Oakie's newly completed Paramount talking-comedy. Lillian Roth has the feminine lead, and Eugene Pallette, Harry Green and Charles Sellon handle the other comedy parts. It was directed by Victor Heerman from a story by George Marion, Jun., author of "Let's Go Native".

PARRISH SUPPORTS RUTH CHATTERTON

Robert Parrish, the "kid brother" of more than twenty Hollywood stars, plays a fraternal role once more in "The Right to Love," Ruth Chatterton's current Paramount dramatic film. Richard Wallace is directing, with Paul Lucas, David Manners, Irving Pitchel, George Baxter and Vida Buckland in the chief supporting roles.

GALLAGHER WITH WILLIAM POWELL.

Skeets Gallagher, well-known comedian of screen and stage, has been added to the cast of "New Morals," which William Powell is now making at Paramount's Hollywood studios. Gallagher will portray an inquisitive reporter. Juliette Compton and William Boyd are featured.

PARAMOUNT COMPLETES "ROYAL FAMILY"

Paramount has completed camera work on "The Royal Family," an all-talking comedy-drama, featuring Fredric March, Ruth Chatterton, Mary Brian and Charles Starrett. It is an adaption of the stage success of the same name by Edna Ferber and George Kaufman. George Cukor and Cyril Gardiner co-directed at the company's New York studios.

HOLLYWOOD NEWSLETTER.

FOURTEEN EQUAL TWELVE.

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"TAKE THAT!"—Raquel Torres repulses the advances of John Miljan in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's latest tropica drama, "The Sea Bat," which has been photographed entirely among the Bahama Islands. Eecides the players mentioned above, Charles Bickford, George Marion and Nil[illegible] have prominent roles in this picture, a big feature of which is much underwater drama among the Bahama sponge fisheries on the ocean's bed.

WARNER OLAND FOR "DISHONORED"

Warner Oland, who topped a series of outstanding screen characterisations with the title role in the "Fu Manchu" mysteries, has been signed to play in "Dishonored," a Paramount all-talking production in which Marlene Dietrich and Gary Cooper will co-star. Oland will portray a Russian spy in the new film, on which Josef von Sternberg will shortly commence filming.

CHEVALIER FEATURED IN NEW ROLE

Maurice Chevalier is featured in another entirely different role in "Playboy of Paris," his latest Paramount all-talking film. In this he appears as a Parisian waiter who inherits a fortune but is unable to quit his vocation owing to a contract. Frances Dee has the feminine lead, and Stuart Erwin, Eugene Pallette, O. P. Heggie and Edmund Breese lend support.

PARAMOUNT BUYS NEW NOVEL

"A Farewell to Arms," Ernest Hemingway's notable best-selling novel, has been purchased for use on the screen by Paramount. It has the entirely new and appealing theme of the ennobling love of a young American officer and an English nurse. No directorial or cast assignments have been made known to date.

Mitzi Green is another Paramount player at present on vacation. She is visiting Detroit, Chicago and New York with her parents.

FOOTBALL FIEND.

Richard Barthelmess' passion is travel in foreign lands—but his hobby is football. Finding time for six weeks' vacation in New York after the completion of "The Dawn Patrol" for Warner Bros. First National, Dick attended every football match in New York and its vicinity—spending the nights at the theatres viewing the new plays. When his six weeks were up Dick hurried back to Hollywood to commence "Adois," his next starring vehicle.

CLARA BOW STARTS "NO LIMIT"

Clara Bow has started work on her next Paramount all-talking picture, tentatively titled "No Limit," at the New York studios of the company. Norman Foster, Stuart Erwin and Harry Green have been assigned to the film, which will have a gambling background, and was written by Viola Brothers Shore. Frank Tuttle will again direct.

"FIGHTING CARAVANS" NEAR COMPLETION.

The producing unit for "Fighting Caravans," Paramount's mammoth outdoor spectacle, featuring Gary Cooper, Lily Damita, Ernest Torrence and Tully Marshall, has returned to Hollywood after four weeks' location jaunt. With the completion of a few interior scenes to be made at the studio, the film will be ready for editing and cutting. Otto Brower and David Burton are directing.

"ALONG CAME YOUTH" COMPLETED.

Filming has been completed on "Along Came Youth," Charles Rogers's new Paramount all-talking production. It is an adaption of Maurice Bedell's "Molinoff" and features Frances Dee, Stuart Erwin, William Austin, Leo White and Evelyn Hall in the cast. Lloyd Corrigan and Norman McLeod handled the direction.

Charles Rogers and his mother are at present having a vacation on the Continent. This is Charles' first visit abroad since his Kansas University days when he went to Spain as one of several college youths chaperoning a boatload of Kansas mules.

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On Monday an engrossing story, strikingly beautiful backgrounds and superb performances on the part of Joan Crawford, Anita Page, Dorothy Sebastian, Robert Montgomery, John Miljan and a large supporting cast, contrive to make "Our Blushing Brides" effective entertainment from start to finish. The plot centres about three girls who work in the same department store and share rooms. Fed up with the monotony of their lives, clock-punching, delicatessen meals, make-over dresses, and all the other millstones of poverty each awaits the opportunity to escape from a humdrum existence. The outcome is sensational. The support is "Queen High," in which Charles Ruggles and Frank Morgan are business partners in a garter producing enterprise. They can't support each other's wives and their lawyer, to settle their differences, proposes that he deal them each a poker hand, to decide which will become the bosses of the garter Ruggles loses, and becomes the butler in the Morgan household. The complications and dialogue are packed with uproarious laughs.

The midweek change brings "So This is London," which chiefly concerns a Texan of wealth and owning a cotton mill who has a decided sympathy to some Europeans. He is forced to visit the British Isles on business and in trying to straighten out the love affairs of his only son with an English girl, he comes to know and to realise that the English people are mighty fine folks after all. Irene Rich plays opposite Will Rogers again as his wife.

There is a splendid sweep to "Tiger Rose," a story of the Hudson Bay country and the North Woods, and life, movement and speed have been combined with some of the finest dialogue that has yet been heard.

On Saturday at the matinee "On Our Selection" and a Mickey the Mouse cartoon will be shown for the children.

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NO. 2.

"Naval Superstitions."

A superstition that was very much in the fore in sailing ship days was that known as "Give it the boot," and the best way to explain this superstition is to cite a football fetch of the present day. At a football match at which the opposing teams really love one another you will hear from the mouths of supporters of one team, when their team is getting the worst of the deal: "Kick the boot in." The object of the expression is obviously for those supporters' heroes to put the boot into the opposing players with the object of gaining the upper hand of the game; in other words, of changing the aspect of the present position. That is really the meaning of "Give it the boot," and as an instance let us quote the case of the sailing ship Ann Cesphia." In 1881 the sailing ship "Anniesophia," bound from New York to Southampton, came, as all sailing ships did come, by way of the Gulf Stream. The "Anniesophia" had on board a youngster, 14 years of age, named Bell, commonly known by the nickname of "Young Barnacle." For nearly three weeks the ship had been practically becalmed, only making about three knots an hour, due to the Gulf Stream. Young Bell had bought a new pair of boots while in New York, and although he had been asked dozens of times to throw one of these boots over to the side in order to bring a breeze, he had stubbornly refused. It could be understood that in those days a tot before the mast only received a few shillings per month it had taken young Bell a considerable time to save up the necessary money with which to buy this new pair of boots for wearing on arrival back in Southampton, hence the stubbornness of young Bell is appreciated. The provisions of the ship had run low and they were living on weevily biscuit, rice and water. This, to a great extent, influenced young Bell, to at last give in and throw one of his boots over the side in a dead calm sea. Within one hour a breeze sprang up and increased to such an extent that topsails had to be furled. Mr. Bell, who is alive to-day, swears to this story and it thus shows there was something in the superstition of "Give it the boot." For further proof let us take an incident of the Great War.

Official records show that in the action between H.A.M.S. Sydney and H.M.S. Emden, for the first twenty minutes the "Sydney" did not do any damage to the "Emden" that could be seen with the naked eye by those on the deck of the "Sydney." The actual happenings aboard the "Sydney" were as follows:—

Approximately eight minutes after the action between these two ships commenced, a shell from the "Emden" took off the leg of the man operating the range finder, cut through the base of the range finder and burst in the awnings surrounding the bridge. About a minute later, when those on the bridge had recovered themselves, an order was given for the first-aid party to bring up a stretcher and take the wounded man below. Approximately two to three minutes later two men and a stretcher arrived, placed the wounded man in it, and asked for assistance to lower the man down to the upper deck. A signalman on the bridge gave a hand to the stretcher party, and after having lowered the wounded man, looked round the upper bridge to see if there was anything further he could do. Lying on the deck was the wounded man's leg where it had been shot off above the knee, and on the foot was a boot. As the leg was of no possible use, he picked it up and tried to throw it over the side, but the force of the wind, due to the high speed of the ship, caused the leg to fall short and land on the awning of the lower bridge. The signalman then went down to the lower bridge and climbing up, took the leg on the awning and threw it overboard. At the time he did this it would be approximately 18 minutes from the commencement of the action, and two minutes per official records show that the "Sydney" commenced to knock the "Emden" about very badly so that those on the deck of the "Sydney" could see the damage done. First the foremast funnel went, then followed the foremast, the upper bridge and the other two funnels. This story is authentic and sworn to by all those on the bridge of the "Sydney" at the time of the incident, thereby further proving that the superstition of "Give it the boot" is fully justified.

When the Australian cruisers arrived in the North Sea from their patrol work in American waters, they were ordered to the base at Scapa Flow to carry out exercises and familiarise themselves with the work and routine of the Grand Fleet under Admiral Jellicoe. It was while associated with the ships at Scapa Flow that the crews of our light cruisers were told of the superstition attached to the Forth Bridge at Rosyth. The superstition was that if a ship passed seawards under the bridge without a train actually being on the bridge as the ship passed under, it was a warning of a coming catastrophe to which the ship or ships concerned would be a party. When H.A.M.S. Sydney eventually arrived at the southern base of Rosyth, she was boarded by Rear-Admiral Goodenough, the Admiral commanding the second light cruiser squadron commonly known as the "Suicide Squadron." This name was given to this squadron, now consisting of H.M.S.'s "Southampton," "Dublin" and H.M.A.S.'s "Sydney" and "Melbourne," due to the work these ships with the high freeboard could do which could not have been carried out by other light cruisers with the lower freeboard. Some of these exploits consisted of a couple of these ships, with accompanying destroyers, being ordered to act as a decoy off Heligoland to the German high sea fleet. These light cruisers, when about 25 or 30 miles from the German fortress, would, by a certain method, make the smoke issue from their funnels in puffs similar to the manner in which smoke leaves the funnel or funnels of a cargo steamer. At this distance from Heligoland the Germans would be able to see the smoke from our cruisers without seeing the ships themselves. The object was to entice a squadron of German light cruisers out, bent on sinking or capturing the supposed merchantmen. Once the German squadron was out and had sighted the lone two cruisers with their destroyers, they would give chase in the hope of getting a victory with the odds of two to one in their favor. Our cruisers, on sighting the enemy, would pretend to bolt for home in an endeavor to draw the Germans on to a more substantial force about 60 miles distant. The Germans always sent at least one big ship with their light forces on these expeditions, and the lads in our cruisers fully appreciated that they were "a sprat to catch a mackerel." In other words, if an engagement eventuated, they had no hope in life of getting away. However, they were content to sacrifice their lives if by so doing they could bring about an action between the Germans and their own Fleet, the result of which they had no doubt.

Another thankless task was for two light cruisers with a destroyer escort to proceed down the approaches to Rosyth, sweeping and sinking mines which the Germans had crept in and laid under darkness.

During the day of the arrival of H.M.A.S. Sydney at the base at Rosyth, Admiral Goodenough boarded her and, addressing the captain, officers and men, he assured them that if an action was brought about between the British and German forces, the "Sydney" would be led to a place of honor and glory. The ship's company of the "Sydney" were quite convinced that the Admiral's assurance and the prospect of passing under the Forth Bridge without a train being overhead they were going to have plenty of experience and excitement in the near future.

For some weeks the "Sydney" managed to get under that bridge while a train was overhead but this could not go on for ever, and on December 19, 1916, the "Sydney" and "Melbourne" and four destroyers were ordered to carry out a sweep off the Norwegian coast. As the ships proceeded from the harbor the eyes of all those on deck once again looked upwards to the bridge, but on this occasion there was no train, and the ship's companies anxiously awaited proof of this superstition. On the way over to Norway the weather got gradually worse, so that by the morning of the 20th, seas 60 feet high were running. It was impossible to carry on the sweep, so the senior officer ordered ships to keep the weather on their bows. The "Sydney" was doing revolutions with her engines for 17 knots, but was only making four knots against the heavy weather. The wind and weather increased, and the first thing to happen was the loss of the port seaboat. It dipped under a wave, and the weight of the water tore it from its davits as if it was a matchbox. The starboard seaboat was the next to go, followed by the whaler. The captain's gig was picked up and smashed down on its crutches and hoted in several places. The steam pinnace, weighing about 1½ tons, was lifted from its crutches and bashed about again, which stove in its side. The "Sydney's" boats were now all smashed, and all that was left of the ship went down was her Carley floats. A party consisting of Commander Finlayson, Lieut.-Commander Rahilly and eight men endeavored to save the well-deck awning, which was flapping up and down, threatening to bash in the heads of those in the vicinity. While engaged in this work a huge wave came over and, picking up a seaman boy named Wrigley, shot him across the deck. His head hit a shell rack and the top of his head was cut off the same as one would cut off the top of an egg with a knife. Commander Finlayson was smashed across the deck, breaking his collarbone, arm, and tearing the sinews of his legs. Lieut.-Commander Rahilly suffered a severe compound fracture of the thigh, the bone piercing the flesh and through his clothes. Even so, sitting up and stretching his arms behind him and resting on his hands, he ordered that the men be attended to first. Before anything could be done another wave washed all ordinary seaman over the side. Almost at the same time, and due to the fact that the ship was almost stationary, another wave hit her on the starboard bow and made the bow yaw to port. This was the most lucky thing that could happen, because as the stern swung to starboard the ordinary seaman was dragged in on the quarterdeck. While the "Sydney" was suffering these casualties, the "Melbourne" was also having her fair share of trouble. Several men on the upper deck were knocked about with the huge waves which were coming over, and one man was washed overboard. A signalman named Campignola climbed on to the rigging to watch the man, hoping that something might be done to save him. Within a minute of Campignola securing himself to the rigging a huge wave came completely over and washed him off. The "Melbourne" lost two lives. Whilst this damage was being incurred by the "Sydney" and "Melbourne," the senior officer ordered the destroyers to proceed independently and as best they could back to harbor. In trying to keep in company the destroyers "Negro" and "Hoste" came into collision. A wave checked the speed of the "Hoste" and at the same time the "Negro" slid down on a wave, and did not actually hit the "Hoste" in the stern, but shaved it and cut off the "Hoste's" depth charge. Immediately the depth charge reached 40 feet it exploded and blew off the stern of the "Hoste" and the bows of the "Negro." Of the crews totalling 180 not one was saved. Those in the engine room and between decks were drowned like rats in a trap. Those on the upper deck near the scene of the explosion were flung into the water, some with the loss of an arm, some with the loss of a leg, some with the loss of both, others with their bodies mutilated. Swimming in salt water in the depth of winter in the North Sea, these men knew their end had come and that they had no hope in life of being saved. This was the first experience of the crews of the "Sydney" and "Melbourne" of the superstition of the Forth Bridge. It had claimed its first victims.

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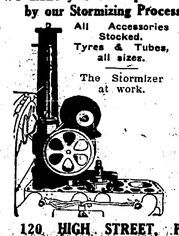

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THE Thornbury District Football Club will hold its ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY, FEB. 3, at 8 p.m., Dispensary Hall, Gooch St., Thornbury. Business—Election of Office-bearers for 1931; also Rules for Season 1931. H. Falcke, Sec.

CITY OF PRESTON.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ORDER.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Preston, held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Preston, on MONDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1930, the following resolution was agreed to:—

THAT this Council do by Special Order, subject to the provisions contained in Act No. 3865, cited as the Preston Loan Act 1930, declare that all or any specified portion of the money borrowed under Loan No. 15 for £37,000 in regard to item of expenditure of £3,000, which was to be applied for "Plant for making concrete Slabs, etc.," shall be applied as follows:—

(a) ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY POUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH STREET IN PRESTON, northwards from Murray Road, and

(b) ONE THOUSAND AND FORTY POUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MACHINES FOR MAKING ROADS.

And that this resolution do come up for confirmation at a meeting of this Council to be held on MONDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1931.

Notice is hereby further given that a meeting of the said Council will be held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Preston, on MONDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1931, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the resolution as set out above will be submitted for confirmation.

L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Preston.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Northcote Town Hall on WEDNESDAY, the 4TH FEBRUARY, 1931, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS:
1.—Annual Report and Balance-Sheet.
2.—Election of Officers.
3.—General.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE-BEARERS (President, Six Vice-Presidents, 12 Committeemen, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer) must be on the prescribed form and in the hands of the Secretary at 31 Kellett Street, Northcote, before 7 p.m., or alternatively at the Northcote Town Hall before 8 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 28TH JANUARY, 1931.

Applications are invited up to 8 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 3RD FEBRUARY, 1931, for the following positions:—
1.—Coach (Playing or Non-playing).
2.—Head Trainer.
3.—Assistant Head Trainer.
4.—Trainers (1 required).

R. L. WALSH,
Hon. Secretary.
31 Kellett St., Northcote. Phone JW 2788.

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Will be held in the TOWN HALL, PRESTON, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 28, 1931.

Nominations for the following Office-bearers—President, Vice-Presidents (6), Treasurer, Trustees (2), Auditors (2), Secretary, Assit. Secretary, General Committee (12), close with the returning officer (W. D. Gibbs), 707 High St., Preston, or with the Secretary on WEDNESDAY NEXT, 21ST INST., at 6 p.m.

All nominations must be signed by the nominee and two financial members of the club.

Forms may be obtained from the returning officer, secretary, or F. Gaston, 171 High St., Preston; L. Hoover, Fire Station, Preston; R. A. Crowe, cnr. Gilbert road and 3 Bell St., Preston, or with W. E. J. Bott, 645 High St., Preston.

E. J. HANNAH,
Secretary, 124 Elm St., Northcote.

NORTHCOTE COACHING AND BUSINESS COLLEGE.

WORK will be resumed at the Northcote Coaching and Business College (Reg. 1284), 901 High St., Thornbury (cable tram terminus) on Monday next, the 19th inst.

The Principal has been in attendance for interviews during the last week, and may be seen daily and any evening at the above address.

As the booking to date has been exceptionally heavy, intending students are advised to make early application. Only a few vacancies now remain.

Special arrangements have been made for tuition for those attending other schools and colleges, who, intend presenting for the forthcoming supplementary exams (Intermediate and leaving) at the Melbourne University in February. Languages, maths., history, geography, science.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MEN AND MANNERS

(To the Editor)

Sir,—Now that the change in women's dress is a fact, and that fat legs, lean legs and bow legs are being covered by pretty draperies, it is hoped that damsels will become more dignified, and by so doing impress upon young men the necessity of being a little more courteous and gallant in the dance halls, also to dress in a style more in keeping with that of the fair partners. Some of the young lords of creation think they can go to a dance in any suit or boots; sometimes the latter not even cleaned, to say nothing of wearing shoes. In some halls a few are trying to introduce the vulgar custom of dancing without coats or collars, and girls are often treated as if they were inferiors. I think women and girls are often to blame, because they should check a few of the upstarts when they presume too much. Similar laxity is seen at card tournaments, where the dress and manners of men are in marked contrast to the women. Complaints are often heard, but no one seems game enough to administer a rebuke, and why not?—Yours etc.,

COURTESY.

POOLING WAGES

(To the Editor)

Sir,—So much has been said about the railways not paying and a select few of the heads drawing high salaries, while the "real men" who do the work are being brought down to the basic wage, that one wonders why an arrangement could not be brought about for pooling all the wages of the railway staff. At present some of the comfortably salaried officials look with envy upon the "screws" that are drawn by the Commissioners. The stationmasters cannot understand why a lot of head clerks should draw 50 to 100 per cent. more wages than they; while the porters and guards, who are as indispensable as the S.M.'s, consider they should draw as much as the latter, while allowing them free house rent. There is a vein of socialism through all labor unions whereby all grades should be brought close together, and if an example were set by the biggest organisation in the State the public would see that the unions were in earnest about helping the lower grades of the service, and it would bt the means of solving a great difficulty.—Yours etc.,

ALL CHANGE.

TRANSIT ROT IN PEACHES.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CONTROL

Consignments of peaches to the Melbourne market from country districts have shown signs of rot, which, apart from reducing the demand, has had the effect of lowering values.

Discussing this matter, the superintendent of Horticulture (Mr. J. M. Ward) suggested that to avoid loss care should be exercised in handling the fruit from the time it is taken from the tree until it was packed for market. If waste was to be avoided during transit it was essential to thoroughly cleanse all picking bags, buckets, cases, and everything that came into contact with the fruit. Many growers of canning peaches had suffered losses of fruit in consequence of the damage caused by "soft rot" affecting fruit during its despatch to metropolitan canneries. This fungus seldom attacked fruit on the trees. It developed, however, with extraordinary rapidity under transit conditions, where the warm, moist atmosphere in the trucks was very favorable. A case of fruit might leave the grower in sound condition, but before processing 70 per cent. or more might have become worthless.

Suggesting means of reducing the wastage, Mr. Ward recommended that since cases for factory consignments were used many times, the first precaution necessary was to sterilise all cases before use. This could be done by submerging them for from one to three minutes in water kept boiling by continuous steam injections. The inside of sheds and all woodwork, and lorries should be sprayed with bluestone solution, 2lb. to 40 gallons. Scraps of fruit lying about should be gathered and destroyed, for these pieces may be densely covered with black pinhead shaped spore bodies, the spores from which unless destroyed would carry on the disease. Only good sanitary methods in all departments in which the fruit was handled would appreciably decrease the losses due to the development of transit rot.

THE WRINKLED MOUTH

Taking an interest in one's appearance is not vanity, but self respect. It is every girl's duty to make the best of herself without making herself a slave to fashions or beauty culture. To reduce the two deep wrinkles on each side of your mouth, five minutes brisk massage with the hand, or rubber patter (procurable from the chemist) should make the "lines" fainter, and may even eventually obliterate them. Smear a little astringent skin food over your face before patting, and see that all your taps are upward and outward.

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Inside Story of Preston Strongroom Fire

YOUTH CHARGED WITH ARSON AND EMBEZZLEMENT

DISAPPEARANCE OF £360.

Following a fire which was discovered in the strongroom of the Preston Electric Light Department in the early hours of September 24, a thorough investigation was made of the other records in the department. A number of records were destroyed, but a close investigation showed that there were deficiencies in some of the accounts.

After many weeks of checking accounts, detectives working on the case arrested a young man, —formerly a clerk in the employ of the council,—and he appeared at the Preston Court on December 15, charged with embezzling about £360, and with having set fire to council records. After lengthy evidence had been heard, the accused was committed for trial.

THE CHARGES

Roy Morrison Witham, 21 years, of Flinders street, Thornbury, was charged with having, between February 1 and September 24, 1930, being the clerk or servant of the electric light department of the City of Preston, stolen the sum of about £360 The second charge was that, at Preston on or about September 24, he did unlawfully and maliciously set fire to a number of books in a building, to wit, the electric light department of the City of Preston.

Detective S. H. McGuffie prosecuted, and Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for the defence. Mr. W. J. Home (Home and Wilkinson) was present to watch the interests of the Preston council.

Outline of the Case

Detective McGuffie said up to September last Witham was a clerk employed by the electric supply department. It was his duty to check all moneys obtained from the collectors and bank them. On the night before the fire Witham went to the electric light offices, where another clerk, Cunningham, was working, and said he had some work to do. When Cunningham left Witham was left alone. At 4 a.m. next morning a fire was discovered in the council strong room, and a number of cash books and receipts were destroyed. Subsequently Witham admitted the theft of about £360.

Was Working Back

Leonard John Cunningham, a clerk in the electric light department, Preston, residing at Kitchener grove, Preston, said:—On September 23 I was working back at the electric light office. About 9 p.m. Witham came to the office and began to work on the account cards and on the cash book. I left the office about midnight, leaving Witham working there alone.

Constable Sees Smoke

Constable F. Ballard said:—About 4.25 a.m. on September 24 I saw smoke issuing from the ventilators of the strong room in the electric light department and gave the alarm. All the doors and windows of the building were securely fastened.

Building Smothered in Smoke

Edward G. Steege, officer in charge of the Fire Station, Preston, said at 4.26 a.m. on September 24 the brigade attended a fire at the electric light department. The building was smothered in smoke, and witness had to burst in the front door.

Difficult to Locate Fire

It was a difficult matter to locate the fire, but Mr. Bird, the electrical engineer, came along, and on opening the strong room the fire was discovered there and extinguished. Two shelves of books were burnt. When the brigade arrived the fire had a good hold.

CHIEF CLERK'S EVIDENCE.

Bruce N. K. Hardie, chief clerk in the electric light department, a qualified accountant and a licensed auditor, said:—Witham has been employed by the Preston council for about four years up to September last. He was a clerk in the electric light department, and it was part of his duties to check all moneys handed in by the collectors and to bank them.

System of Banking

The council banked with the Commonwealth Bank, Collins street, Melbourne, paying into the National Bank, High street, Preston, the money to be transferred and credited. Moneys deposited at Preston would not be credited until two days later.

Continuous Audit

The audit was made monthly, and was what is known as a continuous audit. The banking system would necessitate carrying over two days' cash each month. When an audit was made, unless the amount of money then in hand was counted, it would leave loopholes for a dishonest person.

Instructed Witham to Bank

On September 23 I instructed Witham to bank all the money he had in his cash box. I saw him at lunch time at the Gowerville Hotel, where he had gone for lunch and said to him, "Be back early and bank all the money you have in hand." He replied that he would, but did not do so.

Continuing, Mr. Hardie said, "On going to the office at 9 a.m. next day I discovered that there had been a fire in the strongroom, where all the books, records and accounts of the department were kept. A careful examination showed that a cash book covering about four months receipts had disappeared entirely. Fourteen collectors' receipt books were also missing, covering about fourteen days previous to the fire. Amongst the debris on the floor were the remains of a number of books.

Special Notice Sent to Consumers.

As a result of these books being destroyed a special notice was sent out to all customers.

Deficiencies Discovered.

From office records and receipts produced by consumers it was discovered that there was a deficit of £269/3/4 up to January 2, and since then a further deficiency of £14/3/6 was found, making a total of £283/6/10.

Witham's Duties.

Mr. Cahir: Witham received moneys from the collectors and counter clerks. He did not give any receipts to collectors. ?—No.

He was the man who ultimately collected all the moneys in that department ?—Yes.

You control the department ?—I do.

How frequently should he have banked ?—Every second day.

There would be no objection to banking daily ?—No.

He has been in his position for four years ?—Yes.

During that time he has handled the council's moneys ?—No. Only for about two years to the best of my recollection.

If it was two years then he would only have been twenty years of age when he first began these duties ? I suppose so.

Deficiencies Not Discovered by Auditor.

The alleged deficiencies were at no time discovered by the auditor ?—No.

It was only by complaints from consumers that they were billed for what they had paid, that the deficiencies could be ascertained ?—Yes.

Did you supervise or check Witham's work ?—Yes at periods and found it was apparently correct.

And you later discovered a deficiency of over £200 ?—Yes.

How do you account for that ?—I cannot understand it.

How often is the bank pass book made up ?—At least twice a month.

You will agree that the system was not very high in efficiency ?—No. the system is all right.

The system is a good one ?—Yes.

It has been amended somewhat ?—I bank the money now.

A special investigation committee has reccommended certain alterations ?—Yes, but the municipality as a whole and not to the electric light department solely.

For some time prior to the fire Witham did not deal with the consumers' cards ?—He did not handle them for some time.

Story of the Arrest.

Senior Detective McGuffie said "On December 22 I saw Witham in Collins street Melbourne, and took him to the Detective office to interview him about the fire at the Preston council's electric light department. Mr. Poole, inspector of municipal accounts, was present.

Witham Questioned.

When I said to Witham "I understand that you left the employ of the Preston Electric Supply Department in September last" he said "yes." I said "At about 4.30 a.m. on September 24 a fire occurred in the strong room at the Preston electric light department, and a number of books including cash and receipt books were burned. Do you know anything about it?" He replied "No." I said "As a result of special notices sent to consumers by the Electric Supply Department, it has been discovered that a large sum of money is missing. You had charge of the cash and the banking, and you were working back for no particular reason on the night before the fire. You had been instructed to bank that day but you had not done so, and absented yourself from the office without leave. All that points strongly to your guilt." He said "I will tell you the truth. I have been stealing money" I said "Did you set fire to the books in the strong room ?" He replied "Yes" Asked why he had done this he said "To destroy all evidence."

Witham's Statement.

In a written statement Witham said that in February 1930 he was involved in debt through gambling and drinking and he began to take money. Later he tried to recoup his losses by backing horses."

Admitted Taking £360.

In all he admitted taking about £360."

Herbert E. Poole, Inspector of Municipal accounts, said "I was present with Detective McGuffie on December 22, and corroborate his evidence."

Book-keeping System.

Mr. Cahir:—Are you familiar with the book-keeping system in use at the Electric Light Department ?—Yes

Do you agree it could not be improved on ?—No system is perfect.

You could not suggest any improvement to prevent a repetition of this kind of thing ?—There is always the human element. The system in use is a good one.

Continuing Poole said "Steps could still be taken to prevent a repetition of this kind of thing."

Plea of Not Guilty.

Witham, who pleaded not guilty to both charges, was committed for trial at the Court of General Sessions in February.

Bail Fixed at £300.

Bail was fixed at £300, with a surety of a like amount.

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A STRANGE LOAD.

Eight lorries (two abreast), drawn by 18 horses, conveyed four coils of tramway cable, measuring $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles, from the Euripides. at Victoria Dock. The cable is required by the Tramways Board for repairs and replacements.

Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS.

By Stott, Son and Watson, at 3 p.m. on Jan. 31, on property, 26 Thames St., Northcote, semi-d.f. w.b. 4-roomed villa. Particulars elsewhere.

People will often give three cheers for something for which they would not give anything else.

MERNDA

Anglican officials in Mernda have during the last few months in the churches at Bundoora, Hazel Glen and Mernda been taking retiring collections for the relief of unemployed in the city. It has been decided to open a trust account in the Commonwealth Bank to be known as the Mernda charity fund. All money received will be paid into the fund, which will be extended to include all who would like to support it. The trustees and officers are:—President, Mr. J. G. Orgill, J.P., church warden; secretary, Rev. H. E. E. Hayes, minister in charge; treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Linton,

Let Your New Year Resolution be "Shop in Preston for Better Value and Service"

In and About Preston

by The Rouseabout

Card Party at Regent

MANY familiar faces were present at the delightful evening arranged for Saturday last at "Strathlynn," Rona street, Regent, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Burland. Cards and games were indulged in in the drawing room, which was decorated with Iceland poppies. The prize-winners at cards were Mrs. Rabey, senr., and Mr. Andy Crowe. The lucky cap was won by Mrs. Chas. Biggs. The hour of midnight brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Diggers' Concert Party

MEMBERS of the Diggers' Concert Party intend to resume rehearsals, with a view of providing entertainments at charitable institutions next month and throughout the year.

Bus Breakdown

A HIGH Street bus had a breakdown on the corner of Preston and High Streets last Saturday night. It took from midnight until 6 o'clock on Sunday morning to effect the necessary repairs.

Fire in Cramer Street

LAST Friday a fire occurred at a six-roomed dwelling in Cramer street, Preston owned by Mrs. M. J. Kertind. The back portion of the house and contents were severely damaged by the fire, the cause of which is unknown. There was an insurance of £560 on the house and £75 on the contents.

Late Court Sittings

PRESTON Court sat until a quarter to 6 on Thursday evening of last week and it was half past 7 before the officials concluded their work for the day.

False Fire Alarms

THERE has been a diminution in false fire calls in Preston since the local court imposed a heavy penalty with costs and damages on a youth who was found guilty of breaking an alarm.

Police Buildings

GOOD progress is being made since the beginning of the year in the erection of the police buildings in Roseberry ave. The brick-layers have almost completed their part and the roofing of the buildings is now well in hand. It will be a great relief to Serg. Lang and his staff when a move is made from the present unsightly, inadequate quarters in Gower street, where the accommodation is altogether insufficient.

Paltry Thefts

A BRASS name plate and brass door plate valued at £1 were stolen from a vacant house in Beauchamp street, Preston on January 20. The house is the property of W. G. Cox, laborer, Sydney road, Coburg.

Black Gelding Stolen

BETWEEN 7 p.m. on January 19 and 7 a.m. on the following day a black gelding, valued at £10 was stolen from a small paddock adjoining the house of Sam A. Bartlett, florist, Spring street, Preston. The wires of the fence had been cut on the west side of the paddock.

Shopbreaking and Stealing

A JEMMY was made use of on a back window for cutting out the inner panels of a door in order to effect an entrance into the shop of Frederick Carey, grocer, Dundas street, Preston between January 17 and 19. The thieves got away with goods to the value of £5.

Bicycle Stolen

FRED John Hargreaves, collector, MacDonald street, Preston has reported the theft of a bicycle, valued at £3 from the yard of his residence.

Double Breasted Coat Disappears

A. C. Gunn, fruiterer, Youngman street, Preston had a double-breasted blue twill coat taken from his house on January 18.

Couch Taken from Verandah

MARY Boxhall, Murray road, Preston has notified the police that on January 13 a couch, valued at 10/- was stolen from the verandah of her house.

Door Lock Picked

ON January 18 a thief visited the premises of Thos. Gallagher bootmaker, Wallace street, Preston and stole a pair of Stafford boots valued at 32/-. Entrance was effected by forcing a back door and picking the lock of an inner door.

Another Progress Association

A LETTER has been received at Preston municipal offices, notifying the bringing into existence of yet another Progress Association. Residents of Lower Reserv[illegible] have banded together and formed an organisation known as Edwardes Park Progress Association. It is on a firm footing and has a membership list of about 100.

Preston Council

THE first meeting for the year will take place on Monday, February 2. There will be a full business sheet to discuss, and correspondence is coming to hand daily. The committee of the whole will meet a week earlier.

South Preston State School

MR. FRANCIS, late headmaster at South Preston State School leaves this city next Tuesday morning when he will commence duty at the state school, McArthur street, Ballarat. For the present Mrs. Francis and family will remain in Preston.

Miss I Robertson, first assistant at South Preston State School has been on sick leave since May last.

During the holidays thieves visited the school and stole a quantity of lead from the roof of the building.

Mr. W. C. Groves, B.A. Dip. Ed. and Mr. Joseph Wandin have been appointed to the teaching staff of the school.

Up to the present there has been no appointment of a successor to Mr. Francis as headmaster.

Baths

BUSINESS has slackened at the local baths during the past week and there is no chance of improvement until a warm spell sets in.

Preston Ladies' Cricket Club

THE Melbourne Girls', Cricket Association is holding its first annual sports day at Semco Park, Black Rock on A.N.A. Day, January 26. A cricket match will be played in the morning from 10 until 12.15, and the afternoon will be devoted to sports events. A silver cup is being awarded to the club, and a miniature cup to the individual winning highest number of points in the events. Entrance to the ground will be sixpence for non-members of the Association and hot water will be provided free. The Association is seeking funds for the expenses of the Victorian team going to Sydney for the first inter-state Ladies' Cricket Carnival to be held probably in March or during the Easter week. Any old members of the Preston club wishing to attend the sports may obtain particulars as to transport from Mrs. E. Botsman, 2 Patterson street, or phone JW2423, not later than January 24. A comprehensive programme is to be arranged, and entries from Preston club total 57. Members are looking forward to securing at least one of the silver cups.

Australian Women's Association

THE Preston branch of the above association held its first meeting for the new year on Monday, 12th inst., in the Bradford Hall, three proposals being received. The half-yearly balance sheet was adopted and members were pleased to note that a steady increase is being maintained in the figures of this branch. The next meeting was adjourned owing to the holiday, and the branch will meet again on February 9, the syllabus item being an evening by Miss Griffen.

Cricket Club Picnic at Warrandyte

ON Sunday, December 21, the second monthly outing of the West Preston Progress Cricket Club took place at Warrandyte, when about 100 members motored to the recreation ground and a series of games and sports for both young and old were indulged in during the afternoon. The following are the results:—Girls, 5 years, L. Poulter; 7 years, Joyce Rabey. Boys, 5 years, J. Brady; 7 years, J. Membrey. Ladies' Race, Miss A. Robinson. Bowling at Wicket, Mr. W. H. Burland. The winning number (27) was held by J. Membrey, who received a box of chocolates. These outings are proving very popular with the members, and the next will take place on Sunday, February 1, to Carrum by the sea. There being only a limited number of tickets available all those desirous of making the trip should communicate with the secretary, Mr. W. H. Burland, 20 Rona street, Regent, to save disappointment.

An Active Band.

ON Sunday afternoon last the Preston Citizens Junior Band (late West Preston School) by special request visited the Anzac Hostel at Brighton and entertained the inmates. The excellent appearance and splendid playing of the band was greatly admired. During the afternoon, the band and officials were entertained at lunch and were thanked for their fine programme of music. The popularity of the band can be gauged by the fact that they already are booked for engagements as far ahead as December next. The band's supporters are working in splendid harmony, which is as it should be. A keen supporter is Mr. W. Witham, who conveys the boys free of charge, to their different engagements. This is magnificent service and is but a reflex of the spirit permeating the large army of loyal supporters of the band, without which all efforts would be futile.

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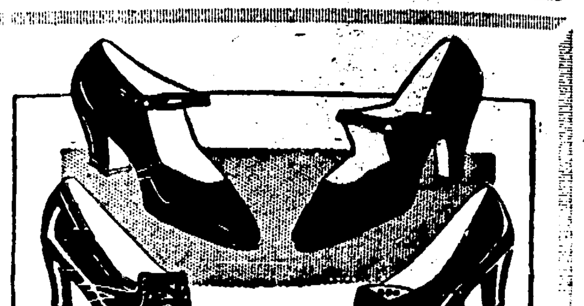

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PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

EAST PRESTON ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the above was held in St. Mary's hall on Monday, Mr. R. Rogerson presiding. Visitors present included Hon. G. C. Webber, M.L.A., and Crs. Hemburrow, Spratling and Maynard.

The president's and secretary's report was read and adopted.

After the president welcomed the visitors the office-bearers were installed by Mr. Webber, who spoke of the difference between the old Ratepayers' Association and the present Progress Associations, the outstanding difference being the co-operation noted to-day. Preston was the largest municipality in the metropolitan area, and without the co-operation of Progress Associations it would not be possible for nine councillors to carry out their duties as effectively as was desirable.

Other officers installed included:—Vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Block, C. Kirby, G. Stafford; secretary, Mr. J. A. Clingin; treasurer, Mr. R. Rogerson; assistant secretary, Mr. T. Andrews; committee, Messrs. J. Bennett, R. Maynard, L. Swanson. Mr. Houghton (president) thanked all concerned for his election.

Crs. Spratling, Hemburrow and Maynard congratulated the association on its activities. Other speakers included Mr. Twight (Reservoir), Mr. Crichenden (West Reservoir) and Mr. Martin (Thornbury).

Past presidents' certificates were presented to Messrs. R. Rogerson, G. Caulfield and W. A. Davis.

A notice of motion admitting wives of members in an honorary capacity was carried. Thirteen new members were enrolled during the evening.

The Report

The combined report showed that the association had been very active during the year. It had continued its affiliation with the associated progress associations, and although the debating shield had not been won, the association's team was in a good position. Twenty-five dozen eggs had been sent to the Egg Appeal. The cricket team recently formed was meeting with success. Membership at present constitutes a record. The employment of all local labor on council contracts had been advocated. The unsatisfactory administration of the Strathallan cemetery was thoroughly investigated with satisfactory results. Comprehensive plans were drawn up for the improvement of Bell Park, but owing to lack of funds the work had not yet been done. The council had adopted the policy of laying paths in situ as a result of the association's representations. The council had agreed to form lanes in concrete where sewerage work had been completed; an unsightly building had been removed from Bell Park. A by-law enacted to prevent vehicles passing stationary trams. Street nameplates had been erected, drains, streets, etc., given attention through the association's efforts. Gower street lighting had been improved. Thanks were accorded to the "Leader" for assisting the association with publicity, and thanks were also expressed to the town clerk, city engineer, electrical engineer and to the officers of the council for their courtesy and help. The report was signed by Mr. W. H. Davis, president, and Mr. J. A. Clingin, secretary.

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD.

The first meeting of the Northcote West Ward Progress Association for 1931 was held in the school hall on Thursday, January 15. In the absence of the president, Mr. Alderton occupied the chair. Correspondence was received from the Tramways Board, through the town clerk, stating that the Board would take no action in regard to the request from the association, that passengers travelling from Preston to the city via Brunswick road and Lygon St., be granted transfers to enable them to reach the city for the same fare as passengers on the direct Brunswick St. route.

Valuations.—Most of the evening was taken up discussing the report of the delegates who attended the conference held in December, to urge upon the council the necessity of reducing the valuations on rateable property for the ensuing financial year. Evidence was brought forward by various speakers, which proved beyond doubt that property values in the city have declined considerably in the last few months. One speaker instanced the number of empty shops in High St., the main thoroughfare. He thought that these alone should impress the valuer when making assessments. The gradual fall in wages, the tendency to lower rents, unemployment, etc., were also advanced as reasons why not only landlords but owner occupiers should be relieved of some of their burdens as far as rating is concerned. Members are awaiting with interest the discussion which it is anticipated will result in the council following the report submitted by the finance and legislative committee, who have to deal with a letter forwarded by this association concerning this most important subject.

With the idea of furthering this movement the meeting carried a motion unanimously that the support of the Northcote "Leader," also the daily papers, be solicited in an endeavor to bring home to the council and ratepayers the need for a reduction.

Weeds on Slab Paths.—Complaints were made as to the manner in which weeds were being allowed to grow unchecked over the concrete slab footpaths, in different parts of the ward, notably on corners of St. George's road, where vacant blocks exist. This matter has been sent on to the council for attention.

It was also pointed out that several ratepayers have endeavored to improve their frontages by planting lawns along the nature strip, but are greatly inconvenienced by the seeds, which are blown about from, in some cases, other frontages that are not attended to; also from frontages adjoining vacant blocks and reserves. It was suggested that spraying, occasionally carried out by the council, with a weed exterminator, might have beneficial results.

Attendances at Meetings.—The committee have been considering ways and means of persuading their many members to attend and take an interest in the meetings, and as a result of their efforts it is hoped that within the next few weeks a system will be brought into operation which will materially assist in achieving this object. During 1931 it is also intended to stimulate our social activities, and as the association's work interests all ratepayers of the district, it is appealing to those ratepayers to support it by attending at the meetings. The next meeting will be held in the large schoolroom on Thursday next, January 29. Business is to be concluded by 9.15 p.m. sharp, after which the usual social evening will be held.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON UNION RALLY.

On Tuesday evening the Northcote and Preston C.E. Union held its first rally for 1931 in the Northcote Baptist Church, the chairman being the past president, the Rev. S. E. Dorman. Representatives of approximately 40 societies from various parts of the district were present. Solos rendered by Miss F. Nankervis were greatly appreciated, fitting in admirably with the spirit of the gathering.

The Rev. Dorman introduced and welcomed the incoming president, the Rev. F. J. Jennings, and the new officers for the ensuing year, calling upon every office-bearer in the name of Jesus Christ to be thorough in all that he or she undertakes, to be spiritual in heart and life, and progressive in aim and object. "Christian Expansion, Enlargement, Efficiency and Enthusiasm" is the motto which, in retiring, the past president gave to the Union. The second speaker, the Rev. F. J. Jennings, the new president, in responding to the remarks of the past president expressed thanks for the honor conferred upon him. His message was God's message to Moses for the children of Israel—"Go Forward." In concluding, he said: "If we obey God's call we cannot fail because our failure would be the failure of Jesus, and Jesus Christ never fails. His power operates through us, and while we are doing His will He is walking with us, living in us and working through us. The world's greatest need to-day is Jesus Christ, who cleanses from all sin."

The singing was capably conducted by Mr. F. W. Meyer.

Election of Officers.

The following are the officers for 1931, all positions being occupied in an honorary capacity:—President, Rev. F. J. Jennings; past president, Rev. S. E. Dorman; vice-presidents, northern section, Rev. F. C. Bremer; eastern section, Rev. W. G. Pope; central, Rev. Duncan E. Reeves; secretary, Mr. C. W. Batten; assistant secretary, Miss D. Morris; recording secretary, Miss M. Byers; treasurer, Miss P. Nankervis; auditor, Mr. E. A. Kellam. Superintendents of Departments—Junior, Mr. A. E. Prentice; intermediate, Miss S. Sandland; young people, Mr. E. L. Brain; senior, Rev. F. J. Jennings; quiet hour, Miss E. Risstrom; missionary, Miss E. Unkenstein; citizenship, Mr. F. E. Brandon; publicity, Mr. S. R. Hill; open air convenor, Mr. C. Sandland; community officer, Mr. F. W. Meyer; Denominational representatives—Baptist, Mrs. J. Birrell; Congregational, to be appointed; Church of Christ, Miss E. Hosking; Methodist, Miss A. Grimwood.

IVANHOE BOY'S DEATH

KNOCKED DOWN BY TRUCK.

An inquest was held at the morgue on Wednesday into the death of Raymond Lindsay Fryer, aged 16 years, of Ford street, Ivanhoe. When Fryer was riding along Livingstone street, Ivanhoe, on January 4, his bicycle was struck by a motor truck, which was travelling towards him. A finding of misadventure was returned.

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Mr. Cain pointed out that in the first half of the present financial year railways revenue had decreased by £1,000,000. This had been offset partly by a decrease of £500,000 in working expenses, but the interest bill had increased by more than £100,000. The action of the banks in raising exchange rates would increase the burden of interest. In the last financial year about 25 per cent. of the gross railways revenue had been used to meet interest payments, and this year the percentage would be between 30 and 35.

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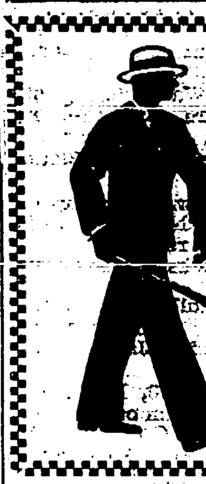

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DEATH.

MULWAY.—On January 20, at private hospital, Robert Henry, the dearly loved husband of Eliza Mulway, of 120 Bastings St., Northcote, loving father of Lizzie (Mrs. Hudson) and Robert; loved brother of Jane (Mrs. [illegible]), [illegible] (Mrs. Dean), Heth, Ellie (Mrs. Smith), Ethel (Mrs. Matthews), Horace (deceased), and [illegible] (Mrs. Shaw). Aged 69 years. "Thy will be done." Fifty years an employe of the Government Printing Office.

THANKS.

MR. and MRS. KRUGER of Cunningham St., Northcote, wish to THANK all those ladies and gentlemen who assisted so freely and voluntarily at the birthday party of their daughter Mavis, especially to Mesdames Bolley, Yendall, Burke, Hungerson, Williams and Sanders, Misses Blake and Griffith, and Messrs. Dever, and H. and R. Blake.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL

Published Every Friday Morning

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1931

In this issue we present another instalment of the interesting article, "History of the Submarine."

Holiday on Monday

Owing to Monday, January 26, being Foundation Day, which is observed as a public holiday, the offices of the "Leader" at 309 High street, Northcote, and 238 High street, Preston, will be closed all day.

On Wednesday last the butchers' shops were closed for their annual picnic holiday.

The glare from the fire which occurred at the King's Theatre, Melbourne on Tuesday night could be seen from the top of Rucker's Hill, Northcote, and many watched the blaze after hearing of the fire by means of wireless.

At the recent examinations of the London College of Music Sadie Watson was successful in the senior grade, and Edward Cameron in the primary grade. Both are pupils of Miss W. Whitney, 286 Murray road, Preston.

Mr. John (Jock) Hall, late of Plenty Motors, has commenced a motor accessory business at the corner of High and Bell streets, Preston.

Miss Helga Brennecke, 48 Woolton avenue, notifies that she will resume tuition on February 16, 1931.

Nurse McNeilly thanks patrons for their past patronage and announces her return in charge of Ardlui Private Hospital, Smith St., Thornbury, where all cases from town or country will be carefully and skilfully attended.

Miss E. Dunallin, teacher of pianoforte, theory and harmony, of 63 Arthurton road, Northcote, will resume tuition on January 24, and pupils may now enrol. Last year proved very successful for Miss Dunallin's pupils. Of 14 candidates at examinations seven secured honors, six passed with credit, and the other one a pass, only missing a credit by one mark.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From the "Leader" of January 24, 1891.

New Chairs for Councillors.

As the result of a motion passed at a previous meeting, each of the Preston councillors was on Monday furnished with a new and comfortable looking chair. Is it possible that this new luxury had anything to do with the inordinate length of last sitting—from 8 in the afternoon till after midnight? Between the annual and the ordinary meeting some of the councillors "put in" something like 11 hours at the shire office. We should think it required a little patriotism to stand this.

FAIRFIELD CANOE CLUB

Preparations are well in hand for the A.N.A. week-end trip to the Glenmaggie Regatta. Fourteen canoes will make the trip, and members are arranging to spend the week-end under canvas. A programme of canoe events will be held, and competition will be keen.

H. de la Rue and R. Burgin have been selected to represent the club in the forthcoming five-mile championship pairs at Essendon. A fours crew has yet to be selected.

Competition for the R. Burgin shield for the singles championship of the club is becoming keener. Members are training assiduously, and this is already raising the racing standard of the club.

Preparations are well in hand for the club's annual carnival on February 14.

Little Johnny found a button in his salad. Flapper: "I suppose it fell off while the salad was dressing."

PERSONAL

The death occurred on January 17 of Mrs. Ellen Cool, of Ivanhoe.

Mrs. Kath Batten, of Northcote, is visiting Edithvale for a holiday.

Mrs. Brownell Montgomery is holidaying at Black Rock.

Rev. S. C. Hadley, of the Presbyterian Church, Thornbury, is enjoying a vacation at Queenscliff.

Mrs. H. May and Mrs. E. Green, of Preston, are spending a holiday at Cowes.

Mr. Williams, town clerk at Preston will resume duty on Tuesday next, after his annual leave.

Mr. F. P. Bird, city electrical engineer at Preston, spent a pleasant week-end at Mt. Martha at the seaside residence of Cr. L. Jones.

Wallace Dinwoodie and Len. Green are visiting Cowes on A.N.A. Day in order to see the T.T. motor cycle race.

Cr. L. Jones is still rusticating at Mt. Martha. He visited the city on Wednesday, in order to attend a meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Mr. W. A. Robinson, who has been appointed Acting Public Service Commissioner, is the eldest son of Mrs. Robinson, "Farnham," 13 Mason street, Regent.

Mrs. Eric Scott, of James St., Northcote, has taken a house at Edithvale, where she is holidaying.

Mrs. J. Ecker, of Northcote, is spending a holiday at her seaside residence in Rosebud.

Returning from Warburton last Friday, Dr. and Mrs. Brownell, of Northcote, left for a short stay at their seaside residence at Black Rock.

Mr. J. C. Nancarrow, manager of the E. S. and A. Bank, Northcote, and Mrs. Nancarrow have returned after spending several weeks in Sydney, N.S.W.

After spending a holiday at Lakes Entrance Miss Elva Gray has returned to her home in James St., Northcote.

On December 15, 1930, Mr. Basil Gorman Burgess, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Burgess, of 24 Gooch street, Thornbury, was married to Miss Doris Amelia Beers, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Beers, of 97 Arthurton road, Northcote.

Miss Bessie Sweetland, daughter of Mr. Sweetland, of Kemp street, Northcote, has been appointed head mistress of the kindergarten college founded by Rev. Ashley Swan and members of the Central Caulfield Presbyterian Church.

In place of Mr. E. R. Hopkinson (who died recently) and Mr. J. H. Dean (whose resignation has been accepted), Messrs. H. S. W. Marshall and R. T. Barclay were elected members of the executive committee of the Victorian branch of the Returned Soldiers' League at a meeting of the council on Tuesday night.

Misses Chirgwin and Pile, with a number of Regent young ladies, are enjoying their holiday at Cowes. At a recent plain and fancy dress ball given at Marldon House these young ladies were invited and were a great success in novel characters known as "The Whole Dam Family." Their company was appreciated by the host and guests.

The death occurred on Tuesday at a private hospital of Mr. Robert Henry Mulway, of 120 Bastings street, Northcote. Mr. Mulway was well known in Northcote, where he had lived for some years, and he had been an employe at the Government Printing Office for 50 years. Deceased leaves a widow and two children—Lizzie (Mrs. Hudson) and Robert. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. H. J. R. Lewis, of Northcote.

After a long illness Mr. Edward George Gamble, of Gordon grove, Northcote, passed peacefully away on Monday. He was well and favorably known and had been employed for 20 years by the Melbourne firm of Elliott's. He took an active interest in the Independent Order of Oddfellows, and was a representative on the Clifton Hill and Northcote U.F.S. Dispensary, and during his term of office with the latter organisation he had the honor of laying the foundation stone of the Gooch street Dispensary Hall. Mr. Gamble leaves a family of three—Edith (Mrs. Flowers), Doreen (Mrs. Cummings) and Eddie. The funeral took place on Tuesday, Rev. T. Cole officiating at services at the house and at the Melbourne General Cemetery.

The death of Mr. Thomas Brompton, at the age of 65, removes one of Preston's oldest residents. Over a decade ago deceased conducted a wood and coal business in Bell street almost adjacent to the Bell railway station. Many of the children who attended the Hotham street State school 25 years ago will have cause to remember the late Mr. Brompton, who frequently made it his practice when delivering wood in the vicinity of the school, to wait till the luncheon hour in order that he might cram his lorry with children who were returning home for the midday meal. Under such circumstances he was undoubtedly in his element. Deceased, who was also an active member of the local angling club, was not married. The funeral, which left the home of his sister, Mrs. Schultz, Tennyson street, Regent, last Saturday, for the Coburg cemetery, was attended by many of his old associates. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. T. Wilkinson.

We regret to record the death of Mr. C. H. Harris, of Derby St., Northcote, which occurred suddenly last week-end. Mr. Harris left home on Thursday morning apparently in the best of health and in his usual jovial way, and reached his place of business, but he must have collapsed soon after he entered, as his partner, who was late in arriving, found him lying unconscious behind the counter. Assistance was speedily called, and Mr. Harris was removed to the Melbourne Hospital, where it was found he was suffering from a paralytic stroke. He lingered on until Sunday afternoon, when he passed away, the immediate cause of death being cerebral hemorrhage. The late Mr. Harris, who was in his 57th year, had been a resident of Northcote for over 45 years, and was highly respected. He leaves a widow and one son, for whom the deepest sympathy is expressed. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, the place of interment being the Strathallan cemetery, the Rev. F. J. Jennings officiating at the graveside. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. H. J. Lewis.

The town clerk of Northcote and Mrs. J. A. Thomson have returned, and Mr. Thomson resumed duties on Monday.

The mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. J. H. Green) and her daughters returned from Queenscliff on Sunday after a pleasant vacation.

Birthday Party in Honor of Miss Mavis Kruger.

Miss Mavis Kruger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kruger, of Cunningham St., Northcote South, was a very important and happy little girl last Saturday afternoon, when her father and mother gave a most enjoyable children's party at the Epiphany Hall to celebrate her eleventh birthday. The hall was artistically decorated, and the children in their pretty party frocks, each wearing a gaily colored paper cap or hat, and carrying a balloon, presented a picture of youthful charm and brightness. Games of all kinds were played during the afternoon, and then over 100 children sat down to tea and did ample justice to the host of good things that were provided, all of which were home-made. The supper room was beautifully decorated in violet and gold, flowers of the same shades being arranged in silver vases, and the large two tier birthday cake was gay with navy, pink and green ribbons (Mavis' school colors), also violet and gold, representing Sunbeam Singers. The usual toasts were proposed by the vicar (Mr. Cole), and the little hostess responded, thanking her guests for their good wishes and the many beautiful and useful gifts she had received, and hoped that they would all have a good time. There was also a silent toast in memory of little Audrey Tasker, one of the Sunbeam Singers, who was accidentally killed on New Year's Day, 1930. A telegram conveying good wishes was received during the afternoon from the Mayoress (Mrs. Green), who was unable to be present. Immediately after tea a hamper of dainties, including also a paper cap and balloon, was packed and taken to Thelma Stabb, who is lying very ill in the Melbourne Hospital, and though long past the usual visiting hour, by courtesy of the nurse in charge, Miss Pascoe-Webbe and the friends and Sunbeams who accompanied her were admitted and allowed to spend a little time with Thelma before returning to the party.

When the grown up folk arrived in the evening the guests numbered nearly 200 and a very happy time was spent. A most interesting programme of songs, violin solos and recitations was given by Misses Eileen Pascoe-Webbe, Lorna Ralston, Mavis Kruger, Ruth Johnston, Melba Burns, Mr. Basil Farrell and Master Johnston, and a clever display of fancy dancing by Edna Brown and baby Betty Witchell. All the items were heartily encored. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Burns and Miss Mavis Yeomans, while Misses Phyllis and Gladys Boyd supplied the music for the ballroom dancing, which concluded the day's festivities. Mr. and Mrs. Kruger are to be congratulated on a very successful afternoon and evening.

A TALENTED YOUNG LADY

Miss Phyllis Blundell, L.A.B., R.A.M., R.C.M., A.T.C.L., Teacher's Diploma, A. Mus. A., University of Melbourne, has gained her Licentiate of Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London, Teacher's Diploma.

The examiners' remarks were:—"Has excellent ideas and can express herself lucidly; very quick and keen. Has knowledge and a good method of exposition."

Miss Blundell has had very successful teaching results for the last six years, obtaining 100 per cent. passes in all examinations. Last year one of her pupils, Miss Bessie Hutton, had the distinction of winning the medal for highest marks in Victoria for piano preparatory, Trinity College.

Miss Blundell resumes teaching on January 27, at "Tahiti," 45 Royal parade, Reservoir.

ALLEGED THEFT OF MOTOR CYCLE.

PARTS OF MACHINE IDENTIFIED.

YOUNG MAN FOR TRIAL.

Norman Albert Delaney, 21, was charged at Preston Court on Thursday that at Reservoir, between December 9 and 10 he stole a motor cycle valued at £15, the property of John Edward Gain.

Gair, who is a tailor at Spring St., Reservoir, said On December 9, after I had ridden home I put the motor cycle in my yard. At 6 a.m. next morning it was missing; I valued it at £15. On January 13, whilst walking down the street I saw a machine at a wreckers' that had my handles, forks, and also in the garage were my engine and a back wheel. I notified the police.

A motor cycle and a spare engine were produced by the police, and of this machine Gain claimed the forks, handles and spare engine.

He added—I believe the frame's mine too, but I can't swear to it. How do I get on? (Laughter).

Mr. H. Marsland (for defendant)—What sort of machine was the one in court?

Witness—It is hard to say. (Laughter).

Do you know the engine number?—No.

You called on Delaney last Thursday?—Yes.

What for?—To see if he could lay his hands on the other parts of the machine, and he said he could.

Why did you do this? Did you say that you would make it as light for him as possible?—Yes.

Did you make any suggestions about the bicycle?—I said that if it came to the point I would take the present machine.

Did you say you were a ratepayer?—Yes.

For what reason? Was that bluff?—No.

What did you mean when you said you were a taxpayer; was that to imply that if you got your machine back he would hear no more about it?—No. I would plead leniency for him.

Did you say that you had influence?—No, I will explain that. He knows that my father is in a big way of business. Some time ago my father gave him a dog—

Mr. Marsland—We don't want to hear about that. What has it got to do with motor cycles? (Laughter.)

Mr. Walker, J.P.—One has an engine and the other hasn't. (Laughter.)

Const. W. R. Rosewarne said—On January 13 at about 2 p.m. I went with Gair to a motor wrecker's place in High St., Preston. Later I interviewed Delaney, saying: "Is the motor cycle frame and engine at the wrecker's your property?" He said: "Yes." I said: "They have been identified as having been stolen from Reservoir." He replied: "I did not steal them." Asked where he got them, he said: "I bought the engine from Soppelt at St. Kilda."

Mr. Marsland—Delaney denied stealing the machine?—Yes.

Did you suggest that it was either you or another member of the Regent Pirates' Club?

Mr. Walker, J.P.—Who are they? Is that their name or reputation? (Laughter.)

Mr. Marsland—Did you suggest that the person who stole the machine was either you or a man named Kay?—I did ask him if he knew who it was who stole Gair's motor cycle.

Could you locate Soppelt?—No.

Would you be surprised to learn that I have found him?—Yes.

Delaney, who pleaded not guilty, was committed for trial at General Sessions in February.

Bail was fixed at £100, with a surety of a like amount.

PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

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

Debt

A. B. East, for whom Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared, obtained an order against Cyril Abrahams and Henry Phillips for £40/5/, balance due on a promissory note, with £5/10/ costs.

F Saunders, for whom Mr Cahir appeared, obtained an order against A. Hart for £9/13/ for milk supplied, with £1 costs.

Saunders also obtained orders against —. Armstrong for £3/16/10, with 15/6 costs, and Henry Phillips for £25/18/, with £4/9/ costs.

Defective Head Light

Lorry Dalli, on a charge of having on October 21 driven a car without the prescribed head lights, was fined £2. Constable Loveridge said Dalli's right-hand head light was going on and off.

Maintenance Arrears

Nellie Holt sued her husband, Leslie Holt, Matlock street, Preston, for £8/15/ arrears of maintenance. Holt was also called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for failing to find a surety of £30 to comply with a maintenance order.

Holt said: "I have not been able to pay, and I cannot find the surety. I have been keeping the home going in the hope that my wife would return, but she did not do so. I had to sell my furniture and wanted to pay £5 out of the £8/15/ owing, but the clerk would not accept the cheque. I can pay £2 now.

The bench granted an adjournment for a week.

A Case Remanded

Herbert Lewis, 41 years, was charged with having had in his possession on January 21 12 pairs of ladies' hose, two pairs of sox and a tin of tongues suspected of having been stolen and unlawfully obtained.

Mr. E. F. Norris appeared for Lewis and applied for a remand of 14 days, which was granted, bail being fixed at £50.

TURF NOTES.

By their forward showings in the first and second divisions respectively of the Tooronga Handicap at Caulfield last Saturday, Wise Force and Mystic Peak made it clear that they retain their brilliance. Wise Force paced it with Binna from the barrier rise, and was beaten in the last few strides. Binna had the advantage of 27lb. in weight and W. Duncan's vigor. Mystic Peak was not well placed when heads were turned for home, and did not get clear until near the distance. From that point he put in some great work. The displays of the pair mentioned point to their being prominent in one or more of the important events during the autumn carnival.

Spanish Galleon ran a good race in the first division of the Tooronga Handicap at Caulfield until her condition, or lack of it, gave out. The run will improve her considerably. A pleasing feature of her outing was her good behavior at the barrier; she gave no trouble at all, and it is to be hoped that she will continue to behave at the barrier. Spanish Galleon, who is a four-year-old mare by Caravel from Military Cross, is now owned by Mr. J. E. Brewer and trained by C. T. Godby.

Uriah Heep is coming to hand nicely; his fifth in the first division of the Tooronga Handicap was a big improvement on his Sandown form, and he would have been closer but for going wide at the turn.

Unquestionably Nauru possesses pace and jumping ability, but the trouble with him is that he lacks confidence at his obstacles. In the hurdle at Caulfield on Saturday he displayed palpable nervousness when approaching the battens, and this contributed largely to his defeat. Probably his fall in a steeple at Flemington in the spring is responsible for this lack of confidence. This, however, will be overcome with racing, and some good performances can be expected of him when he has fully regained his confidence.

When Millette scored at Moonee Valley last month she impressed as being of more than ordinary ability. Subsequent disappointing displays at Caulfield and Flemington suggested that she had been over-rated. In winning the Holiday Stakes last Saturday, however, Millette showed that earlier ideas of her were not altogether wrong. She won in good style on Saturday, and her finishing effort was full of determination. Millette belongs to the famous Traquette family, being by Crowdennis (imp.) from Brakette, who is by Carbine's grandson Brakspear.

At last Quick Reward has won a race. As a two-year-old the Nassau gelding showed promising form—so promising that many good judges proclaimed him a "Cup horse." But as a three-year-old he failed to realise expectations, and so many disappointments did he register that most backers discarded him from their considerations. He won the Rowena Welter on Saturday in convincing fashion, clearing right away from the opposition in the last furlong. Handled with patience and properly placed Quick Reward may yet make full reparation for his failures.

Some unlucky runners at Caulfield on Saturday were Prince Don, Lucky Saint and Gossiper. Prince Don had a bad passage most of the way in the Anniversary Handicap, but finished fourth. With anything like a decent run he would have gone close to winning. Lucky Saint, when making an effort in the straight in the Koakaribb Trial, got squeezed between two runners and lost a length or two. Recovering, he went on to run the winner (King Pos) to a neck, and in the circumstances it was a creditable performance. Gossiper, who was favorite for the Trial, was badly interfered with going over the hill, and again near the half mile post. She was unable to recover from the second set back.

The Adelaide sprinter Taurus has arrived in Melbourne. Last autumn Taurus finished second to Figure in the Oakleigh Plate, and subsequently ran a good race in the Newmarket Handicap. Taurus showed that he has not lost any of his speed by running over 5½ furlongs in 59¾ in Adelaide recently; he carried 10.4 in that race. Even if Taurus fails to win one of the big sprint events this autumn, his visit here should not be altogether fruitless.

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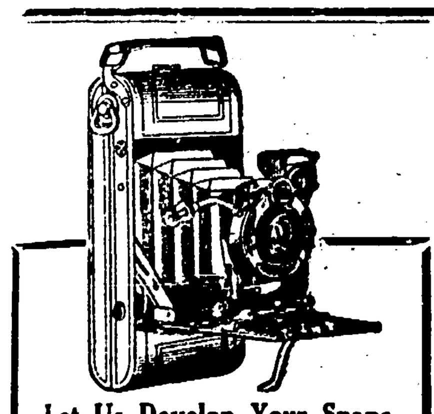

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BOXING.

In the Sandringham boxing championships, held last week and this week, Mickey Byrnes, the well known amateur champion, succeeded again in winning the bantam title, giving a wonderful display of science with a great little fighter.

The most sensational fight in the novice class of the featherweight division was between Billy Squires, the well known Preston boy, so much discussed a few months ago, who came to light by giving a wonderful display. His opponent was a clever boy, by name Len Hunt. Squires got the decision after a very hard fight, thus winning the novice featherweight championship of Sandringham for 1931.

Dick Osmond will fight in the open class next Saturday night. He is a hot favorite.

Mr. J. Jack, of High St., Preston, has offered a silver cup to be presented to one of the boys in Hillman's school for good performance.

Mr. Hillman wishes to thank Mr. Jack for his support in the welfare of the sport.

GOLF.

Heidelberg Club.

Leading scores in the Canadian foursomes played on Saturday were—Square, K. Whittle and H. M. Clyne (16); 2 down, W. Ferguson and L. E. Jaques (17); 2 down, P. Renn and A. R. Wallis (15); 3 down, F. L. Norris and A. J. Norris (15); 3 down, T. Lingford and G. Davey (18); 3 down, A. Appleton and J. W. Binney (11); 3 down, C. Evans and E. Atyeo (18).

Fixtures for the coming week-end are:—

Saturday, January 24—Par competition.

Monday, January 26—Stroke competition.

MOTOR CYCLIST'S SPEED

Charles Hexter, of Milton street, Preston, was charged at the Carlton court on Tuesday with having on December 12 ridden a motor cycle in Gatehouse street at a speed dangerous to the public, stated to have been between 48 and 50 miles an hour. He was fined £4.

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A MOTOR CAR DEAL.

BUYER'S EXPERIENCE.

A QUESTION OF REPAIRS.

Several hours were spent by Mr. A. Noonan, P.M., at Northcote court on Tuesday afternoon listening to evidence about a motor car that was purchased for £30, and the P.M. was asked to decide whether certain work, for which a charge of £5 had been made and paid, had actually been carried out. Many portions of the car were present in court as exhibits.

The action was one in which William Arnold, an insurance representative, of Helen St., Northcote, made a claim for £14/6/8 against J. McCoubrie, of Mitchell St., Northcote, trading as "Max the Wrecker."

Arnold said—Early in December I inspected an Oldsmobile car at McCoubrie's place, for which £30 was asked. I agreed to purchase it for £35, and for the extra £5 over the original price defendant agreed to refit the main bearings, grind the valves and fit new piston rings. I paid £5 deposit, and later the £30 balance before I took possession. McCoubrie's son drove the car up to High St., and a friend drove it to Beaver's road, Northcote. The next day it could not be started, and though McCoubrie's son came along he could not get the engine to go, I had the car towed to a garage.

Mrs. Rosanove (for defendant)—Who told you the engine wanted attention?—McCoubrie, after I said that it sounded noisy.

Did McCoubrie junior teach you to drive?—No.

Did he not complain on one occasion that you were driving too fast?—I don't know. I'm not a speedometer. (Laughter.)

Did you ask McCoubrie if he had ground the valves?—Yes.

Did you ever complain that the work specified had not been done?—Yes. McCoubrie said: "It was done all right."

Harold Stewart, proprietor of the Croxton Car Laundry and Garage, Beaver's road, Northcote, said—I towed Arnold's car to my garage, and dismantled the engine. The valves were in a very bad state, and I judge that they had not been ground for perhaps 12,000 miles. Some of the main bearings were in a bad state, and one was very slack on the shaft. The piston rings were worn and their slots were choked with carbon.

Mrs. Rosanove—Could play in the bearings be caused by lack of oil?—Possibly.

Do you say the rings had not been renewed?—If rings were fitted they were not new ones.

Leslie J. Beavan, a'Beckett, St., Melbourne, consulting engineer and technical adviser to the Royal Automobile Club, said—I was present when Stewart dismantled the engine. I judged the cylinder head had not been disturbed for perhaps 3000 miles. The exhaust valves were reasonably clean, but the inlet valves were covered with carbon. The valve seats were pitted, and I am of opinion that the valves had not been ground for a long time. One of the big-end bearings was very loose, and others showed signs of "hammering" as a result of being slack. In my opinion the bearings had not been touched for about 10,000 miles. The piston rings showed considerable signs of wear, and had been in use for at least 7,000 miles.

Bertie Owen Williams, Helen St., Northcote, said—I was with Arnold when he took delivery of the car. After McCoubrie junior had left us in High St., I drove the car for about half a mile before it broke down in Beaver's road.

Aubrey John McCoubrie said—When Arnold inspected the car I started it. He asked for a trial, after which he said "The car will do me," and also said he would pay £5 deposit. In the course of conversation I told him that the valves required grinding, new rings were required, and the bearings should be taken up. I said I could get the work done for £4 to £5. He agreed to pay £5 to have the work done, and I said "I can't promise to do the work myself, but I'll get it done." I gave the job to a man named Downs, who took the car away. A day or so later I saw it at Downs' place, with the cylinder head off, and Downs was grinding the valves, and he had the piston rings ready to fit.

Mr. Hayes (for Arnold)—Had you had the time you would have done the work yourself?—Yes.

What do you say about these piston rings which were taken out of the car?—They are alright. The piston slots are worn. The rings are new.

What about the bearings?—They look as though they have been taken up, and have been run without oil.

D. W. Downs, motor mechanic, said—I ground the valves, fitted new piston rings, and took up the bearings of this car for McCoubrie.

Mr. Hayes—Didn't you "put something over" McCoubrie by telling him that you had done this work?—I did the work alright.

You are sure you took up the bearings?—Yes. They have been run short of oil since.

Is it likely that that damage could have occurred if the car was only run for three-quarters of a mile?—No.

Charles M. Mortimer, motor engineer, Barker's road, Hawthorn, said—I have had 22 years' experience, and say it would be impossible to judge with any degree of accuracy how long it would be since a cylinder head had been removed. The bearings look as though they have been taken up, and that damage had been caused to them because the crankshaft is out of round. This would cause dragging on the bearings.

Mr. Hayes—What do you say about those rings?—They are new.

Can you swear that the valves were ground in December?—I could not swear.

The P.M. said that there would be an order for the complainant Arnold for £9/18/2, with £8/10/- costs.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20.

Before Mr. A. Noonan, P.M., and Messrs. P. J. Kean, W. Hayes, H. Evans, P. Carney and Mesdames Wood and O. Devery, J's.P.

Debt.

Harvey and Morris obtained an order against Shands Motors for £3/12/-, with 6/- costs.

No Lamp.

Oswald Hutchinson, South Cres., Dennis, was charged that on October 21, in St. George's road, Merri, he failed to carry a lighted lamp on a horse drawn vehicle.

He was fined 10/-

Show Cause Summons.

Henry Desmond Neville was called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for failing to pay £8, balance of a fine of £10. In default of payment imprisonment was fixed at one month.

Lawrence Bolger, who defaulted in paying a fine of 7/6, was ordered to be imprisoned for three days.

Francis Lancelot Hastings was called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for having failed to pay a fine of £1.

Mr. Prowse, clerk of courts, said that Hastings was now in gaol and could not very well attend.

The case was adjourned for one month.

Noisy Motor Cycle.

Frank Doupe, Brighton Ave., Preston, charged with having on December 9 ridden a motor cycle which emitted an offensive noise, was fined £2.

Traffic Const. Rawson said—At 8 a.m. on December 9 Doupe was riding a motor cycle along High St., and the machine was making a very loud and offensive noise. There was a young lady on the pillion. When spoken to Doupe said "It is a low powered machine, and it has to have a clear getaway for the gases." The noise could be heard for a distance of 200 or 300 yards.

Doupe said—The motor cycle is fitted with standard silencing equipment. The constable said that the extra passenger might have something to do with the cycle making a noise. On the same day I took the machine to Russell St., where Senior Const. Salmon told me that the silencer appeared to be all right, but that conditions on the road may make it noisy.

I have since fitted a large fish-tail, but it makes little or no difference.

Kite Causes Railway Delay.

A kite, flown by some small boys near the Clifton Hill railway station on Saturday afternoon became entangled in the overhead railway equipment and caused train delays for about a quarter of an hour on the Reservoir North Carlton, and Heidelberg lines. The kite had to be removed before traffic could proceed.

A Sydney boy who was frequently punished for faulty arithmetic is now proved to have a mental kink which causes him to double figures. Several gas companies have offered him a job as a meter reader.

MOTOR CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

ALLEGED EXCESSIVE SPEED.

Unusual circumstances surrounded an application by the police for the withdrawal of a motor prosecution at Northcote court on Tuesday.

Harry Waldron, Glenhuntly road, Caulfield, was charged that on November 14, at Fairfield, he drove a motor truck which with its load weighed over three tons, at a greater speed than 15 m.p.h.

Traffic Const. Loveridge said that Waldron's speed for one mile was between 23 and 25 m.p.h. The tare of the truck was 2 tons 4 cwt. 2 qrs. Waldron admitted that he had a load of a ton.

Defendant's Denial.

Defendant—I never said anything of the kind. The traffic constables were speaking to my passengers and not to me.

Traffic Const. Smith gave similar evidence.

"Can't Prove the Police Were Telling Lies."

When shown the caution, defendant said: "What benefit is this to me. I can't prove the police were telling lies."

The P.M. (Mr. Noonan)—But were they?

Defendant—Too right they were!

Senior Const. Matthews said under the amended Act defendant was entitled to drive at 20 m.p.h. He did not want to take any advantage of defendant, whose solicitor was not present. The breach was trivial, and the police did not want to press it.

The P.M. intimated that by majority decision the bench favored a dismissal.

Senior Const. Matthews said he would withdraw the case, and to this course the bench agreed.

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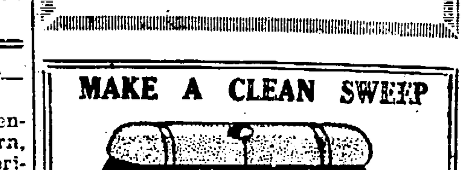

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In connection with the Northcote Congregational Church a discussion group has been formed. The group will discuss the following subjects:—(1) The fundamentals of religion and their application and necessity in life to-day. (2) Doubts and difficulties in relation thereto. (3) The discovery of a principle big enough to dominate, enrich and unify life in all its relationships—physical, mental and spiritual. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3.

Boy Scouts.—The 2nd Thornbury Troop resumed again on Friday, January 16, and are in hopes of holding the Easter camp at Gillwell Park, Gembrook.

At an inquest at the morgue into the death of Mrs. Louisa Hope Hayden, 54, of Smith street, Thornbury, it was questioned whether Constable Gerard Crofton Linton, attached to Russell street, who was riding a bicycle, was on his correct side of the road. The inquest was adjourned to enable Constable McDonald, of Thornbury, to prove the one-way traffic bylaw of the City of Northcote in respect of St. George's road.

CENTRAL PRESTON.

While working in High St. a workman put his pick through the waterpipe, causing a large waterspout, which deluged the road near Wood St. for many hours.

At the meeting of the Jika Cricket Association on Monday it was evident that competition for the final four will be keen. Points scored by clubs are very close. Gowerville is 27, Preston Footballers 26, Preston United and East Preston 25, while four other teams are within two points. Melrose club was fined 10/- for late starting and 10/- for an unprepared wicket.

Delegates and representatives from Preston Church of Christ attended the first meeting of the third division of the Christian Men's Association, held at Northcote church on Tuesday, to hear an interesting lecture "The world says there is something wrong with the church. If so, what is it?"

The Normal Calisthenic College will resume their classes during the week as follows:- Seniors, Wednesday, January 28, 8 p.m. Juniors, Bradford Hall, Saturday, January 24, 11 a.m.; intermediates, Bradford Hall, Saturday, January 24, 3 p.m.

Mrs. R. J. Carr, who has been in hospital ill, has returned home, but will return to the hospital early in February to undergo an operation.

One of Preston's many miniature golf courses has already been closed

VANDALISM IN HIGH ST.

DRASTIC ACTION NEEDED

Drastic action is needed to check the exploits of the youths in High street who hunt in mobs during the week ends, to see what damage they can perpetrate to the property of the shopkeepers. Some time ago, a clique of half a dozen callow youths were seen in Thornbury removing some fruit from a stall outside a fruiterers shop, threw the fruit from one another over the heads of the pedestrians in the street. Tiring of this they threw it at passing cars—the while, the proprietress of the shop looked helplessly on.

On Sunday afternoon last another "mob" of youths pushed a weighing machine through the plate glass window of Mr. Ernest F. Sykes, chemist, of High street Croxton. The vandals immediately dashed, evidently to avoid recognition. Fortunately they were seen by several people, and the names handed to the police, who will take action against the offenders.

The sooner these mobs are cleared off the streets the happier shopkeepers will be; they are a distinct menace to the community, as well as being a blot on the good name of Northcote.

VICTORIAN DIVORCE DECREES

368 GRANTED LAST YEAR.

Official figures with regard to divorce petitions filed and granted in Victoria last year show that the total number of petitions for the State last year was 496, of which 388 were granted. The ground on which 248 of these were granted was desertion, while 115 were allowed on the ground of misconduct. The number of petitons filed in 1929 was 527.

Many Petitions Pending.

It cannot be taken for granted that the number of persons contemplating divorce showed a decline last year, as it stated that more than 300 petitions are pending in the office of the public solicitor. As a preliminary investigation has to be undertaken in each of these cases to see that the applicants come within the provisions of the act, more time is occupied than if the petitioners were in a financial position to consult an outside solicitor and pay the necessary fees. Practitioners say that in some cases in which the public solicitor has declined to initate divorce proceedings the persons concerned have then been able to find the means to go to an outside solicitor.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Salvation Army, Preston

Members of the Salvation Army, Preston, are pleased that Adjutant and Mrs. Inglis have been appointed to stay a second term in Preston. This means that they will be amongst us till the end of the year.

Colonel and Mrs. McClure the Divisional Commanders for Melbourne Central Division, will conduct the meetings at the Army on Sunday next—in the morning at 11 o'clock in the Army Hall, and at night at 7 o'clock in the old town hall.

High Street Methodist

Last Sunday was Prohibition Sunday, when successful services were held. Rev. B. W. Heath, representative of the Victorian Prohibition League, took the morning service, and Rev. F. J. Jennings preached in the evening.

The annual executive meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was held last Thursday evenng, when officers for the coming year were elected. Miss Olive Marley was appointed secretary.

At a leaders' meeting on Wednesday stewards for the ensuing year were elected. At Sunday evening's service Rev. Jennings made reference to the fine work prformed by the retiring stewards.

Mr. T. W. Hawthorn, city electrical engineer, gave an interesting and instructive address concerning the electrical department of Northcote to members of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society last Sunday afternoon. Next Sunday Mr. L. C. Lavender will address the members on "Some Phases of Banking."

Congregational Church

Two instructive and interesting addresses were delivered last Sunday by the pastor (Rev. Duncan Reeves), the morning subject being the second of a series of sermons on "Faith," and the topic, "By faith we understand." The evening subject was, "This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them."

Next Sunday morning Mr. L. S. Pearce, of Ascot Vale, will occupy the pulpit. The evening service will be devoted to a Foundation Day topic, the subject under review being "The Churches' Contribution to the Life of the State."

Sunday week will be observed as the jubilee of the Christian Endeavor movement, and the morning service will deal with the work of the society. Special singing by the Endeavorers and the Junior Choir will be a feature.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist

The alterations and additions to the school hall are approaching completion. The accommodation provided will greatly enhance the utility of the hall.

Thornbury Presbyterian

The various church organisations will resume activities on Sunday next, and the customary meetings will be held during the week. The minster is enjoying a respite at Queenscliff.

ALLEGED HOUSEBREAKING AT HEIDELBERG.

SUSPECT IN COURT.

MAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

James Edward Boyd, aged 29 years, laborer, was charged at the Heidelbery Court on January 15 with having been in possession of £2/0/3 in money which it was suspected had been stolen or unlawfully obtained; with having in his possession a house breaking implement, namely a screwdriver; and with having attempted to break into a house in Fairy street, Ivanhoe, with intent to steal.

Mrs. Amy Boulter said that when she was returning to her home in Fairy street on the afternoon of January 9 she saw Boyd hurrying away from the vicinity of the front gate. She also found the bathroom window had been forced open. William John Greig, a plumber, engaged in working at another house in the same street, pursued Boyd in his motor car and brought him back.

Constable Michell said that he found a screwdriver in Boyd's hip pocket, and in another pocket £2/0/3 in money, which included a threepenny piece marked similarly to a threepenny piece included in money reported as having been stolen from a house in Ivanhoe the same afternoon.

"Wanted Money for Fare."

Boyd said that he had tried to get into the house to obtain sufficient money for his fare to Mildura. The money in his possession represented portion remaining from £5 which his sister had sent him three weeks before.

On each of the first two charges Boyd was sentenced to imprisonment for three months, the sentences to be cumulative. On the charge of attempted housebreaking he was committed for trial at General Sessions on February 2.

Mrs. Newrich was riding in her expensive limousine down a steep hill when suddenly the chauffeur became alarmed. "Madam," he explained, "the brakes refuse to act." "Then stop the car immediately," said Mrs. Newrich. "I'll get out and walk."

"Was I drunk last night?" "Were you? You took your hat and went round making a collection for the Dead Sea."

PRESTON METHODIST CHURCHES.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting was held at West Preston on Wednesday evening, January 7. The Rev. F. C. Bremer, chairman, presided over a representative gathering from all parts of the circuit. Membership 345—a small decrease.

Mr. J. John, Senior Steward, presented the financial statement showing—Income, £158/15/10, Expenditure, £159/7/0, a deficit of only 11/2. General satisfaction was expressed at this splendid proof of the loyalty of our people.

In the absence of the Sunday school visitor, Rev. Bremer read the report which was given in a full and interesting way. Rev. C. D. Brimacombe reported regarding the Young People's Societies. Usual visits had been paid to the various State schools of the district.

Discussion took place on the question of the small attendances of young men at the various Senior Endeavour societies. This question is under review at the various churches.

We are looking forward to the visit of Rev. T. C. Rentoul, Home Mission Deputation, commencing January 25. Mr. J. S. Grey, Foreign Mission Secretary, reported total income for year ended December 15 was £176, being lower than that of the previous year.

This being the first meeting of the year, the members present pledged themselves and reaffirmed their aim to do all possible to help the extension of God's Kingdom during the coming months. The question of special Evangelistic meetings was referred to the various Leaders Meetings. The question of extension at East Reservoir was discussed and the matter was referred to an enlarged committee for further inquiry and consideration; report to again come up at the March meeting.

Rev. Bremer reported re the finding of the commission appointed by Synod to consider the case of the South Preston Circuit—"That there be no alteration of boundaries, but that consideration be given to the finance of the circuit, and the advisability of the appointment of a married probationer." Rev. Bremer expressed his appreciation of the outgoing Senior Steward, Mr. J. T. John. Mr. E. Hardie was unanimously elected Senior Steward. Mr. Hardie and Mr. John were elected as representatives to conference, with Mr. Pearce and Mr. Tivey as substitutes.

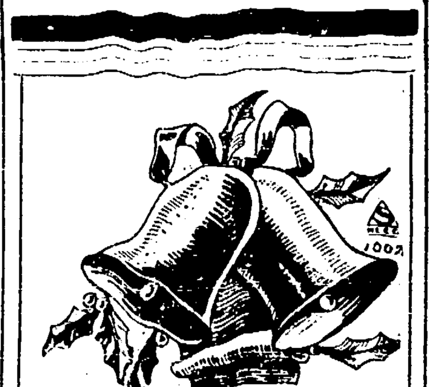
The Preston Sunday school Anniversary will take place on March 15 and 22, and the Thomastown on April 5.

LICENCE SUSPENDED.

"It is absolutely useless to fine motorists for speeding," remarked the chairman of the bench, Mr. J. Baragwanath, J.P.) at the South Melbourne Court on January 16, when John Frederick Almond, of Fenwick street Northcote, was charged with having on December 20 driven a motor car on St. Kilda road at a speed dangerous to the public.

Constables J. T. Norbury and Buckley stated that the speed of the car driven by Almond along St. Kilda road, from High street to Prince's Bridge varied from 48 to 50 miles an hour. In attempting to pass a motor car travelling in the same direction Almond almost struck a rockery.

Almond, who did not appear, was fined £5, in default distress, and his licence was suspended for three months.



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BOY SCOUTS.

FIRST CROXTON TROOP.

CHRISTMAS CAMP AT ALEXANDRA.

On Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day, 43 scouts, including 12 cubs, went into camp on the Goulburn River two miles from Alexandra, under the leadership of S.M. Kellett.

Arriving at Alexandra at midday, Mr. Smith, Scoutmaster of 1st Alexandra Troop, provided lunch for the troop at his residence, before the troop walked out to the camping site, two miles from the township. Each patrol was given a tent and by tea time there were eight tents and the store tent pitched and trenches were being dug to drain away the rain water. Steady rain had set in, so everyone went to bed early. Boxing Day was very wet, and as the rain was heavier everyone had to keep to their tents for the best part of the day. Sports, that were to be held in Alexandra had to be postponed until Saturday. On Saturday the weather changed, and from then on we had a touch of real summer, and the weather was ideal for camping and swimming. In the afternoon the troop took part in the sports held in the show grounds. Displays of tent pegging and reel racing were given by the Light Horse and the Fire Brigade, and in the kicking the football event Patrol Leader C. Robceras was successful in defeating all outsiders.

After the sports the troop went to the baths for a swim, and returned to the showgrounds for tea, and then attended the pictures in the evening.

Next morning instruction was given to the few non-swimmers amongst us in the mouth of the creek, as the river was too fast and dangerous for them. The rest of the troop went up the river and swam down stream till opposite the camp. Five of the scouts managed to swim across to the other side.

Sunday evening the troop attended a church parade held at the Church of England, where Mr. Williams, A.S.M. of the Alexandra troop, was minister. Next morning a trip to Brooks' Cutting was arranged, and after rations were issued to each patrol for their lunch, the troop set out with Roy Croft, a scout from the Alexandra troop, who was camping with us, as our guide. After walking for about 1½ miles we were rewarded with magnificent views of the surrounding district and mountain ranges from the cutting.

On our return to camp we were pleased to find that Mr. Edgley, our quartermaster, and Troop Leader Mann, had arrived to stay for the remainder of the camp. Both had been delayed through sickness in their families. In the evening the troop accepted the invitation of the Alexandra Girl Guides and spent an enjoyable time at an indoor camp fire, which was held in their hall.

News had reached the camp of some swimming sports to be held in the Alexandra baths on New Year's Day, so on Wednesday afternoon a team was sent in to the baths to practice, and also to prepare a camp fire in the grounds of the Church of England. This was the scouts' return camp fire to the Guides. Many impromptu items were given, and a ceremony was held to initiate F. Gillies, one of our scouts, as it was his first time away camping with us. These items lasted until midnight, and after ringing in the New Year the guides and scouts marched through the town, making a great din to welcome the New Year. Next day, or rather the same morning, the swimming team had an early lunch and left camp to compete in the sports. Places secured by the Croxton team are as follows—Boys' championship, under 16 and over 12, 25 yards—G. Johnston, third. Mens' championship, 100 yards: R. Brodie third, E. Meates fifth. Men's championship, 50 yards: H. Beckefield second. Team relay race, 25 yards, for silver cup: Croxton No. 1 team first. (Team—R. Brodie (capt.), E. Meates, R. Edgley, H. Beckefield). Pillow fight: C. Roberts second. Umbrella race: H. Walding second. Egg and spoon race: R. Brodie first. Treasure hunt: D. Bertram first.

On New Years' night the leaders of the troop attended the dance held in conjunction with the swimming sports, and Troop Leader Brodie, captain of the swimming team, was presented with the silver cup won by the relay team, and received other trophies on behalf of the other members of the team who were not present. The silver cup must be won three times before it can become the property of any team. It is hoped that a team will be sent back next Christmas to try and hold the cup.

As arrangements had been made to visit the Eildon Weir on Friday morning, the camp was astir early, and at 9.30 a.m. the scouts left for the weir in two motor vans. The trip was well worth going on, and they fully appreciated the views and scenery. The spillway was like a miniature Niagara Falls, and just below the weir a fisherman gave an exhibition in the art of fishing when he hooked a large rainbow trout.

Next morning after breakfast all tents were pulled down, kits were packed, and the camping ground thoroughly cleaned before we left to go home. Once again the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Smith was shown, when with the aid of Mrs. Nicolson, the Guide captain, and her guides, she gave afternoon tea to the troop before leaving for the station.

Everyone has agreed that it was the best camp we have ever had, although some did get sunburnt. This was due to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Nicolson and her Guides, Mr. Vial, the cub master, and everyone who we came in contact with. They all helped to make our stay in Alexandra very enjoyable, and went to no end of trouble to do so.

The Bulldog Patrol, under C. M. Walding, was successful in winning the inter-patrol competition.

FIRST PRESTON TROOP.

The troop returned from its Xmas camp at Janefield on January 3, after spending a most enjoyable 10 days under canvas. The advance guard left with the heavier baggage the day before Christmas Day, and the remainder of the troop travelled by motor van on Christmas Day and brought the total number of scouts and cubs to 32. A busy time was spent in making the camp snug, and this was made a little trying owing to the wet weather. However, by the following day the camp had settled down. The inspection was very keen and was of a high standard, resulting in a win for the Bulls from the Foxes. A number of extended field games were arranged and were keenly contested. On Sunday evening an impressive church service was held around the camp fire, and the cubs and scouts repeated their promises. New Year's Day was visitors' day, and a number of parents and friends visited the camp and during the afternoon a cricket match was held. The camp fire concerts were features of the camp, and many amusing and novel items were introduced by A.S.M. Willis. The camp was free from illness and accident. Cricket was popular, and when the river had dropped swimming parades were held and well attended. The senior scouts were busy building a new fireplace.

Gymnasium will meet on Tuesday, cubs on Thursday, and scouts on Saturday evenings. The cricket club lost outright to West Preston, and will meet Reservoir next match. The drum and bugle band has been revived and is improving rapidly.

On Monday afternoon 14 of the older scouts attended the funeral of one of our scouts, P.L. Harold Rackham, who was accidentally killed at South Morang on Saturday last. For seven years he was a member of the troop, and the troop's pianist for the past five years. His services to the troop will be greatly missed.

ACCIDENT WITH SPIRIT STOVE.

RESERVOIR MAN SEVERELY BURNED.

A little neglect led to the admission to the Melbourne Hospital of Peter Hamilton, 40 years, of High street Reservoir. On Saturday night Hamilton was using a spirit stove, and as the reservoir was almost depleted he began to refill it, neglecting to extinguish the flame at the burner.

The spirit caught fire and an explosion occurred. Spirit was thrown on to Hamilton's clothes, which then caught fire. He rushed into the wash house where there was a copper of cold water, by means of which he extinguished the flames, but not before he had received serious burns on the body, arms and legs.

Mrs. Hamilton secured an ambulance and he was taken to the Melbourne Hospital and admitted.

THEFT OF BICYCLE.

YOUTH GIVEN A CHANCE.

At the Northcote Court on Tuesday Alfred Carlon, 17 years, factory hand, Seymour St., Preston, was charged that on November 5 he stole a bicycle valued at £8/10/-, the property of James Anderson.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for the defendant.

James Anderson, schoolboy, Rossmoyne St., Thornbury, said—My bicycle was stolen from outside a shop at the corner of Beaconsfield Pde. and High St. at about 7.30 p.m. on November 5.

Mr. Cahir—The bicycle is very similar to others of the same make?—Yes.

How do you identify it?—By a scratch on the paint and the front wheel is newer than the back one.

Cyril George Houghton, bootmaker, Showers St., Preston, said—On November 11 last defendant sold me a bicycle for £1. I asked him: "Is the bike pinched?" to which he said "No; I bought it from Perc Hatton." I used the machine for some time, and on January 12 the police took possession of the machine.

Mr. Cahir—You say Carlon came to you and said: "I believe you want to buy a bicycle?"—Yes.

Did you know Carlon before?—No.

How did he come to you?—With a boy named Page.

You knew you were getting a bargain?—Yes.

So much so that you thought it might have been stolen?—Yes.

He told you that he had bought it from Hatton, whom you knew?—Yes.

Henry Hodgen, cycle mechanic, Woolton Ave., Croxton, said—On January 12, at about .530 p.m., I saw Houghton riding a bicycle along High St., and I gave chase, overtaking him at Dundas St.

Const. F. Mensch said—At about 6 p.m. on January 12 I took possession of the bicycle from Houghton's house. At about 7 p.m. the same day I interviewed Carlon, asking him "Where did you get the bicycle you sold to Houghton?" He said: "I took it from a paper shop in High St., Northcote." He added that he did not tell Houghton the machine was stolen.

Mr. Cahir—Did he say he had taken the bicycle to go and get work?—No.

Did he say that another young man named Page was with him when he sold the machine?—Yes.

Carlon, who pleaded guilty, elected to be summarily dealt with.

Mr. Cahir made a strong plea for leniency. Carlon had taken the bicycle to go seeking work. He got as far as Wedderburn and then returned. The accused intended to return it where he got it from, but a man named Page had suggested that he should sell it. Carlon was the son of very respectable parents, and if he were given a chance the parents would do all in their power to see he would not transgress again.

Sentence Suspended on a Bond.

A conviction was recorded and a sentence of three months' imprisonment imposed. The bench, however, suspended the sentence on a bond of £25, with a surety of £25 to be of good behavior for 12 months.

HOLE IN WALL THIEVES.

MR. ARTHUR SHANDS' LOSS.

"Hole in the wall" thieves visited the shop of Mr. Arthur Shands, tailor and mercer, High street Westgarth, in the early hours of the morning of January 15 and stole goods valued at about £200.

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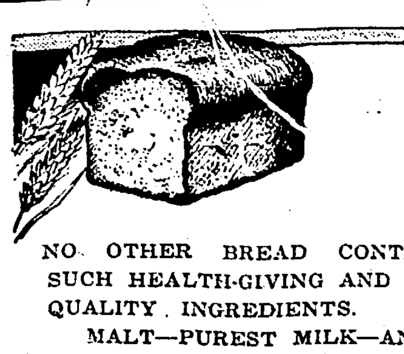

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HUSBAND AND WIFE.

MAINTENANCE ARREARS SOUGHT.

HUSBAND SAYS PARTIES WERE RECONCILED.

At the Northcote Court on Tuesday Mary Newington, Flinders St., Thornbury, sued her husband, Norman Newington, Freyer St., North Williamstown, for £8/5/-, arrears of maintenance.

Short Payments.

Mrs. Newington said—I obtained an order for 17/6 per week. The arrears are now £8/5/-, defendant having made short payments from May last.

Newington—Since the order was made my wife and I came to an agreement, and we lived together.

Mr. Stephen (for the wife)—Yes, for 12 days, and then he started his games again.

Newington—We lived together by mutual agreement. I came home a bit late one night and she said: "I know where you've been. You've trying to get information about me." She began to blackguard me and said: "There's a case of a husband just like you in the paper." I said: "Which of your husbands? Your first, second or third?" (Laughter.) My wife then sent for a policeman, who advised me to leave the house.

Mr. Stephen—You have made payments on the order since then.—Yes.

The P.M. (Mr. Noonan)—If the parties became reconciled and came together again the order would be broken.

Newington—We agreed to forget our differences and start again.

Mr. Stephen—Was it not a condition of the reconciliation that you should behave yourself?—Yes.

Did you not say some brutal things to your wife?—No.

Did you behave yourself?—Yes.

Why did she call the constable in and have you put out?—She called me a whole lot of names, and when I retaliated she called a policeman and had me put out, as she owned the house.

Mr. Stephen said—When the parties came together under an agreement, the husband gave an undertaking to behave himself. Within 12 days of his return he had to be turned out of the house. Since that time he has continued to pay, and it is evident he considers the order still holds.

Newington—Just before Christmas I wanted to get a home together again. We have three children and I want to get them all together again. But at the same time I wanted the house in my name so that I cannot be turned out at my wife's whim.

Mr. Stephen—The husband is only trying to break the order.

The bench made an order that the arrears be paid at the rate of 5/- weekly, in default imprisonment, together with £2/7/- costs.

Question of a Surety.

Newington was also called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for failing to find a surety that he would comply with the maintenance order.

This case was adjourned for a fortnight.

PRESTON DADS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Fathers association was held at the Preston Memorial Hall, Preston, on Thursday January 15. There was a splendid attendance and in the absence of the president, Dad Rule, the vice-president of the executive council occupied the chair, and was supported by the grand secretary Dad Andrew, both addressed the members and urged them not to relax their efforts in the interests of the soldier, widower and dependants showing that the amount of repatriation at the present time was greater than ever before.

Election of officers.—The election of officers resulted as follows.—President, G. Stevens, vice presidents (3) C. Bricknell, T. Callaway, J. Holliday; treasurer, R. T. Keenan, (re-elected); secretary, S. Gaston, 171 High street; repatriation officer, G. Stevens; committee, Dads Micah, Gration, Harding.

The committee will meet regularly and arrangements are being made to alter our monthly meetings from the third Tuesday to a more suitable night (Monday night if possible) and several additions to our membership will ensue besides suiting our present members.

Repatriation work.—The work of repatriation has been the heaviest since the inception of this branch, 35 cases being handled during one period. New and increased pensions generally followed the endeavours of our hon. repatriation officer (Dad Stevens). Several letters of gratitude were read from widows and diggers assisted.

A membership drive, to get more "Dads" to link up with the branch was arranged, together with visits to other branches. Items for the next meeting of the council in March were discussed.

The annual subscriptions paid in were the best for years in spite of the depressed times. One of the most enthusiastic "Dads" meetings closed with votes of thanks to the executive officers for their visit.

PASSING OF VALUELESS CHEQUES ALLEGED.

YOUNG MAN FOR TRIAL.

At Preston court on December 15 a young man was committed for trial on two charges of having obtained money by false pretences by means of valueless cheques.

William A. Sayers, grocer, Hawker St., West Melbourne, was charged that on January 3 by means of a valueless cheque he obtained £4/10/- from Clifford Bramley with intent to defraud. There was a second charge in respect of January 5, the amount in this case being £1/10/-

Grocer Cashes Cheques.

Clifton Bramley, grocer, Murray road, Preston, said—On January 3 Sayers came to my shop and asked me to cash a cheque for £4/10/- He assured me that it was "all right." I cashed the cheque, giving him £4/10/- in cash. On the following Tuesday I cashed another cheque for him for £1/10/- The cheques were drawn on the Commercial Bank, Thornbury.

Knew Sayers Well.

Mr. Cahir (for Sayers)—You know Sayers well?—Yes.

He has promised restitution?—Yes.

Forms Obtained From Tailor.

Benjamin Geo. Brown, tailor, Bellmont St., Preston, said—On December 21 I saw Sayers at my home. He said: "Will you give me a cheque form, as my father has run out of them?" I sold him one, and a couple of days later he got another one from me.

Mr. Cahir—You are both members of the same cricket club?—Yes.

How long have you known him?—Eight or nine years.

No Account at Bank.

Colin S. Benham, ledgerkeeper of the Commercial Bank, Thornbury, said—A cheque received on January 7, signed by "W. Coleman" for £4/10/- was returned, as W. Coleman had no account at the bank.

Constable's Evidence.

Plainclothes Const. J. T. Perkins, of Preston, said—I interviewed Sayers and told him I was making inquiries about some valueless cheques passed on Bramley. Sayers said: "I know all about them," and at the police station admitted having got the forms from Brown and that he had made out and signed the cheques.

Committed For Trial.

Sayers, who pleaded not guilty, was committed for trial at General Sessions in February. Bail was fixed at £50, with a surety of a like amount.

Messrs. O. A. Walker and T. J. McMahon, J's.P., were on the bench.

UNREGISTERED PISTOL.

YOUTH FACES TWO CHARGES.

At Northcote court on Tuesday Ben Keith, 18, fibrous plasterer, Ballantyne St., Thornbury, was charged that on January 5 he had in his possession an unregistered pistol.

There was a second charge of having in his possession a revolver suspected of having been stolen.

Keith pleaded guilty to the first charge and not guilty to the second charge.

Const. N. J. McDonald, of Thornbury, said—About 7 p.m. on January 5 I went to Keiths' home and asked him if he had a revolver. He said "No." I asked permission to go into his room.

"Revolver Issued by the Military."

There I found a revolver. Keith said: "There is only one and it was issued to me by the military from Raglan St., Preston." I said: "I'll take the revolver away, and if it was issued to you you will get it back."

"I'll Take the Blame."

He said: "It was not issued to me. I got it from another man." I said: "Who is the other man?" He said: "I'll take the blame. There is no use two of us being in it."

Continuing, Const. McDonald said: "I suspect the pistol of having been stolen."

Defendant—Can you prove the revolver was stolen?

Const. McDonald—I made inquiries at the Preston Drill Hall and it was not stolen from there.

"Nothing To Be Told."

In a statement Keith said—There is nothing to be told. If I do say anything another will be involved, and I will take all the blame.

The P.M.—These charges are serious.

Defendant and P.M.

Defendant—You can't prove I didn't come by the revolver honestly.

The P.M.—Who can't?

Defendant—You.

The P.M.—I haven't got to prove that. You've got to satisfy the court.

Defendant—There is nothing to be said.

"Pure Mischief."

Defendant's mother said—My son is very fond of guns and it is pure mischief.

The P.M.—It is a serious offence.

Witness—I know it is, but children can't always be convinced. (Laughter.) It is regrettable.

The P.M.—These are very serious offences.

On the first charge a fine of £5 was imposed, and on the unlawful possession charge, a fine of £10, in default one month's imprisonment was imposed.

The pistol was ordered to be confiscated.

LITTLE BOY KNOCKED DOWN

ACCIDENT AT RESERVOIR.

MOTOR CYCLIST FINED £5.

At Preston court on January 15 Dudley William Chaffer, Youngman St., Preston, was charged that on December 21 he drove a motor cycle in a manner dangerous to the public.

Samuel McKinn, Delaware St., Preston, said—About 2 p.m. on December 21 I was in Edwardes St., Reservoir, and saw two motor cycles going along that street, taking up all the road. Both were travelling fast.

Boy Knocked Down.

A little boy was crossing the road, and he had got about on to the pavement when defendant's machine knocked him down. The motor cyclist was on his wrong side, and he was travelling very fast.

Speed 55 M.P.H.

Sgt. Lang—How fast?

Witness—I should say about 55 miles per hour.

Mr. Norris—Did defendant go to the wrong side of the road to avoid hitting the boy?—The machine seemed to follow the boy like a magnet. In my opinion he lost control of the machine.

Mr. Norris—Did the cyclist go over the handles of his machine?—I don't know.

"Boy Ran On To The Road."

Const. J. R. Coulter, of Reservoir, said—On December 21 I went to the scene of the accident. I saw defendant, who said: "The boy ran on to the road and hesitated, and then ran back. That was the cause of the accident."

Lengthy Skid Marks.

I examined the tracks and there were skid marks on the middle of the road for 105 feet; 19 yards before the boy was struck, and 15 yards after. The back tyre was torn off the cycle. At this spot there is a slight up grade.

"Boy Hesitated."

Chaffer said—I am a clerk. On December 21 I was riding a motor cycle east along Edwardes St. at about 25 to 30 m.p.h. I first saw the boy as he stepped over the gutter and walked on to the road. I called out and swerved, and at the same time applied my brakes. The boy looked round, stopped, and then rushed in front of my motor cycle. The machine had almost cleared him when the end of the handle bar hit him on the elbow and swung him round. I was thrown over the handle bars.

Sgt. Lang—Was there anything on the road?—Only two other motor cycles and a parked motor car.

Why did you not see the boy?—He must have come from behind the parked car.

Why did you go on to your wrong side?—Because I expected him to go straight ahead, instead of turning round and running back.

Boy seemed to "Lose His Head."

Kenneth Cripps said—I saw the accident. Chaffer was going about 25 m.p.h. When Chaffer sounded his horn the little boy, who was then on the road, seemed to "lose his head" and turned and ran blindly.

Sgt. Lang—Did you hear the other witness say Chaffer was travelling at 55 m.p.h.?

Cripps—He doesn't know what he is talking about. (Laughter.)

William McLean, Goldsmith Ave., East Preston, gave similar evidence.

Mrs. Ida Ellen McIntosh, Delaware St., Reservoir, said—I saw the accident when walking towards the lake. The child waited for two motor cycles to pass and apparently did not see the third motor cycle driven by Chaffer. I called out to the boy to stop, and Chaffer at the same time called out and applied his brakes, and at the same time swerved on to his wrong side.

Sgt. Lang—What became of the other two motor cyclists?—One of them came back after the accident.

Conviction Recorded.

A conviction was recorded and a fine of £5 imposed, with 10/- costs. Four weeks were allowed in which to pay.

Mr. O'Grady, P.M., and Messrs. O. A. Walker and J. McMahon, J's.P., were on the bench.

MOTOR CYCLING.

EAST PRESTON CLUB.

East Preston went to Watson's Creek on Sunday last, where a combined sports and dirt track meeting was conducted. The sports events were to decide the winner of a silver cup, and H. Dennett was successful. Winners of the events were—Solo Bending Race—J. Finnigan 1, J. Theisz 2, E. Reid 3. Solo Flag Race—J. Burke 1, J. Theisz 2, E. Reid 3. Side Car Bending Race—T. Dorrington 1, A. Ludeman 2, H. Bennett 3. Side Car Flag Race—A. Ludeman 1, H. Bennett 2, T. Dorrington 3. Dirt Track Handicap—J. Theisz 1, J. Fryer 2, J. Burke 3. Musical Chairs (Ladies)—Miss R. Brown 1, Miss S. Burke 2.

The club will hold a week-end camp at Stoney Point next week-end. Members please note there is no general meeting next week.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—I wonder if you like pies? Well the Pets do, so one night as we were wandering along the street, Jacko disappeared into a shop and came out with a big paper bag. He offered it to us and of course in we dipped expecting fruit. Well, so it was was but with pastry round it, in the shape of fruit pies. My word, they were delicious, some apricot and some apple and we enjoyed them immensely. We ate them shamelessly going along the street, and I'm sure they were all the nicer for that.

Are you going away for the week-end? We hope to go to the sea, and want fine weather for more sunbathing. My word Jacko got burnt up at Christmas and Fluffy was nearly as bad. Long strips of skin hung off their faces and their backs were so itchy and sore and blistered in parts. Don't forget the Trias and the New Competition. Heaps of love from the Pets and your UNCLE PHIL.

NEW COMPETITION

For the best tongue twister about Jacko or Fluffy a prize will be given. Send in your entries by February 7, and the winners will be announced on February 13.—U.P.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the heartiest and happiest of Birthday Greetings to Marlin Tierney (Jan. 16), Norman Ragg (Jan. 24), Elva Stabb and Jack Laub (Jan. 26), Joyce Corry (Jan. 27), Joyce McMenamin (Jan. 28) and Wilma Price (Jan. 30).

OUR MAIL BAG

5 Flett St., Preston.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Will you kindly enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club? We get the "Leader" every week and I am very interested in your page. I am 12 years of age and in the 6th grade at school. Hoping that you will accept me as a Cobber,

(GOOD) Isabel Sterry

(Welcome to the Cobbers' Club, Isabel. Will you send along a snap of yourself for our album, please? The Pets send greetings and love.—U.P.

20 Storey Rd., Reservoir.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am sorry I will not be able to send you a snap of myself till next week. I got a lot of Christmas presents from friends. Would you put my little sister's birthday in the Cobbers' Club next week? Her name is Marlin Tierney, January 16. Love to all the Pets.

(GOOD) Margaret Tierney

(We have put your sister's birthday in, Margaret. Is she going to join up, too? The snap will be welcome, but don't forget to send it. The Pets send heaps of love.—U.P.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I have not written to you for a long time. I was busy with examinations. I was dux of my class and received a lovely book for a prize. Last Friday I went to the museum and saw a lot of things I had never seen before. The blacks are very clever at boat-building and making spears. I saw furniture some hundreds of years old, medals of all kinds given for war services, animals of all species, sharks and birds. With love to yourself and Pets.

(GOOD) Les McMenamin

(It was an interesting visit, Les. Congratulations on being dux of your class; the Pets are so proud. Heaps of love.—U.P.)

Cyril Maes.—The article, "Your Cricket Bat," is written on both sides of the paper, so we cannot print it. If you re-copy it, using one side of the paper only, we will be pleased to use such a good and interesting item.—U.P.

George Clarke.—Welcome to the Cobbers' and Birthday Clubs. Will you send along a snap of yourself for our album, please? The Pets are longing to hear from you and send heaps of love.—U.P.

Enid Love.—Bravo, Enid, for gaining the 100 marks. Will you call in for the prize after Monday? Glad you had a good holiday. We enjoyed ours. The Pets send love.—U.P.

Nelson Sinclair.—Will you fill in a coupon, and then we will forward your certificate. Welcome to the clubs. Jacko says not to forget a snap of yourself for our album. Love and greetings from the Pets.—U.P.

Thelma Maes. — Congratulations, Thelma, on gaining the 100 marks. Will you call in at our Preston office on or after Monday for your prize? The Pets send love.—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

Trias are a class of their own, and three constitute a prize. Trias cannot be included in your ordinary 100 marks. Each entry must be marked on the top "Tria Entry," so I will know they are for this competition. The subjects chosen give a wide range of things of interest—holidays, sports, camping, motoring, about the beach or country, anything about hobbies, games to play, about your gardens and things that can be made by Cobbers. The best each week will receive a special mark, a "tria," while the other entries just get the ordinary marks. When you have three "trias" it is the same as 100 marks, and a prize will be given for them. So, Cobbers, go ahead and 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 TRIP TO YALLOURN

One Monday morning while my mother and I were still in bed we were asked if we would like to go for a trip to Yallourn. We said yes and it did not take us long then to get up and be ready. We left home about half-past 7 and as we were half-way between home and Yarragon we had a blow-out. It was soon fixed, and we were on the way again. We went through Trafalgar, Moe and then round the Haunted Hills. We passed Melbourne Flats and stayed to have our lunch a little further on. After lunch we went to Morwell and passed over the Morwell River. I had not been up so far before, and I saw a lot of interesting sights. After we had been around Morwell we went on to Yallourn, but it was too late when we arrived to obtain a permit to go over the works, but we went all around them and saw the big open pit from which they get the coal. It was very interesting, and in the bottom there was a very large reservoir. That is there because one year when the bushfires were burning the coal caught on fire and they had no water. So they keep plenty of water now in case of fires. We saw the briquette factory and the coal running along in the trucks. We then went on to Brown Coal Mine, that is the name of one of the towns. In this town the houses are made only of canvas cemented over to make it waterproof. It was dark when we came back, and we saw the factories all lit up. It was just like MacRobertson's factory lit up in the night. It was a wonderful sight by night, and we were sorry to have to leave it. We returned home about 11 o'clock very tired but happy after the enjoyable trip.

(TRIA) Ruby Kupsch

HOW I SPENT CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Day eight visitors arrived from Ballarat to have a joyful time with us. After dinner we had a little walk, but it was too cold for the beach. Four of my cousins stayed with us. We intended to go to the beach on Boxing Day, but it rained, so we went to the pictures. On Sunday morning we went to the beach for a walk. I forgot to tell you we got a big surprise on Christmas morning when we heard our little sister had won a stocking valued at £4/4/. We were all excited and took a snap of it and Mary, but it did not turn out any good. New Year's Day we went down on the beach with our friends to a picnic. Mum did not go down, as she could not leave Grandma, who is very ill. I am up at Ballarat and Kingston. I have had a week at Ballarat, and now I am out at Kingston with my grandparents. I am having another week at Ballarat before I come home, so I am having a good time.

(GOOD) Lily Craig

TOSSED!

Have you ever been butted by a bull? It is not a very nice sensation, I can tell you. I was staying at an aunt's place, seven miles from anywhere, and I was told to go and feed the cows. We had two cows and a bull at the time. Well, I got the sheaves of hay and proceeded to feed the cows, but just as I was passing Bully he made a rush at me and I was tossed into a barbed-wire fence. My aunt, hearing my screams, came to the rescue, and Master Bull got a hit on his nose for his trouble.

(GOOD) Lily Scrimes

THE COBBERS' CLUB

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

Name...

Address...

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

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Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week

HOW TO MAKE A TIE PRESS

The materials required for it are two pieces of wood 9½ins. long, 5ins. wide, and half an inch thick, and two square-headed bolts ¼in. in diameter, with wing-nuts and washers to match. These latter may be bought at an ironmonger's for a few pence; the wood any dealer would supply. If possible get plywood, as this will not warp, but any hard, dry wood will serve just as well. Bore two holes, a little less than ¼in., in the centre of the wood, making each hole ½in. away from the edge. Then in one of the pieces neatly enlarge the holes so that the bolts slide through them easily. Screw the bolts in and draw around the head of them with a pencil. Take out the screws and cut out the portions inside the pencil marks to the same depth as the heads of the screws. The cutting is best done with a carving chisel about ¼in. wide, and the heads should fit in the cavities flush with the surface of the wood. The woodwork should now be sandpapered, stained and varnished. The job will look smarter if you polish up the screws, washers and wingnuts with an emery cloth and paint them with shellac varnish to prevent them rusting. The press can now be assembled. Push the bolts through the upper half, fit the washers and wingnuts over each, and the job is done. Before using the press, however, you must make some cardboard stretchers for the ties. You will need one for each tie, so you should make several. Cut them with a knife, but do not use scissors, as they will bend the card and leave a rough edge and fray the ties.

(GOOD) Thelma Maes

SUNFLOWERS

Sunflowers are tall, showy flowers to grow in the garden. We have one twelve feet high, and the flowers face the sunrise in the morning, and as the sun goes across the sky they turn their faces to follow it. I think that is one reason why it is called the sunflower, and another reason is that when in full bloom it looks like the sun. When the seeds are dry you can give them to parrots or flowls to eat.

(GOOD) Eileen Harris

MY HOBBY

My hobby is collecting stamps. I have 553. Here is a list of the different places from which my stamps have come:—Ukraine, South Africa, New Hebrides, Greece, Great Britain, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Russia Spain, Turkey, Ceylon, Cape of Good Hope, Jamaica, United States, Canada, Egypt, India, Japan, China, Switzerland, and all States of Australia.

(GOOD) Terence Jenner.

THE HOME OF THE ELF

Once there lived an elf who had a home in a pantry, where there were lots of nice things. But even so he was not happy, so one fine day he set off to find another home. He wanted to have a higher home, so he went to the Queen of the Fairies and told her what he wanted. That night he went to sleep quickly, and when he awoke he found himself in a nice warm chimney pot. In a little while a poor little sparrow came along and said, "Please Mr. Elf, would you let me stay for a while with you in your nice home?" But he said with a growl, "I am too busy to bother with you." So the little sparrow flew off sadly. After a while a mouse came along and said, "Please Mr. Elf, would you let me stay with you?" But the elf shouted at the mouse to go away. But the mouse turned into the queen, and she gave him one big push, and he went flying down. He fell on his head at the foot of a mountain where he had to stay for the rest of his life through being discontented and selfish. He never got to his warm pantry or to the chimney pot again.

(GOOD) Alma Stephens

CONTRIBUTIONS

HEALTH

I want to be happy and quick on my toes,
I must bite my food slowly and breathe through my nose;
I must press back my shoulders and hold up my head,
And not close my window when going to bed.

(GOOD) Graham Harris.

IN THE TOYSHOP

Three jolly soldiers standing in a row,
Three fat farmers looking at a cow;
Three Red Indians, very brave and bold,
Three fine generals dressed in red and gold;
Three lovely engines painted brightest green,
Three fine sailing ships the nicest ever seen;
Three jolly boys and girls with their Saturday pence,
Buying the "Leader" and showing their sense.

(GOOD) Lily Watts.

SULKY SARAH

Why is Sarah Standing there,
Leaning down upon a chair
With such an angry lip and brow?
I wonder what's the matter now!
Come here, my dear, and tell me true,
Is it because I spoke to you
About the work you did so slow
That you are standing fretting so?

(GOOD) Edna Southam

BUTTER TOFFEE

Two cups sugar (dissolved), half a teaspoon cream of tartar in a little hot water, quarter pound butter; put all in a saucepan and boil till a little dropped into cold water will harden. Do not stir.

(GOOD) Dorothy Harris

ONE OF THE RANKS

"Hello," said the pipe to the black cigar
In the smokers' grand parade,
"I see you march with the cigarettes
Instead of your own brigade."
The black cigar moved down the line,
Ashamed as he could be,
And simply said, with a deep-bowed head,
"I've joined the 'ranks,' you see!"

(GOOD) Jean Moylan

WORD SQUARE

Clues:—Something we see in winter, a number, at one time, found in gardens.

S N O W
N I N E
O N C E
W E E D

(GOOD) Tommy Craig

VANILLA TOFFEE

Two ounces butter, 4ozs. brown sugar, 1 tablespoon golden syrup, 4 tablespoons of milk, and a few drops of vanilla flavoring. Put all ingredients except the flavoring into a saucepan, stand the pan over a slow heat, and bring to the boil, stirring all the time. Then boil the mixture quickly for several hours. Drop a little of the toffee into a cup of cold water, and when it sets quickly the toffee is cooked. Add the flavoring, and stir. Pour into a buttered tin and leave to cool.

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas.

JOKES

Uncle (rather short-sighted): "If that's your fiance he's looking a lot better than he did." Niece: "Not looking a lot better, uncle, but a lot better looking—it's not the same one."

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen

Newlywed: "Why I never thought of saving until I was married." Rev. Fiddle, D.D.: "And do you now?" Newlywed: "Oh, yes, indeed! I'm continually thinking how much I might save if I wasn't married."

(GOOD) George Joyce

David: "Mum, the cod liver oil did not taste nasty to-day." Mother: "Really, dear, how was that?" David: "I could not find a spoon, so I took it with a fork."

(GOOD) Guila Kohn

Miss Pertie Goodwin: "So you've asked papa? It wasn't such a terrible ordeal, was it? All you had to do was to keep perfectly cool." The Young Man: "Cool? I was so cool you could have heard my teeth chatter."

(GOOD) Bert Moylan

Modern Jane.—"Darling, may I kiss your hand?" asked the young man with old-fashioned ways. "Sure, kid, hop to it," said the Modern Jane, "but be careful you don't burn your nose on my cigarette."

(GOOD) Jack Fullerton.

No Fear of Being Caught.—A very dignified and correct lady came upon some little boys bathing in a pond in their birthday suits. She was horrified. "Little boys," she called, isn't it against the law to bathe here without your suits on?" "Yes," replied a freckled urchin, "but Johnny's father is a policeman, so you can come on in."

(GOOD) Roy Murphy

Dad: "Why do you wear glasses in bed?" Son: "Well, dad, I'm so short-sighted that I can't recognise the people I dream about."

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn

An airman took Sambo for his first flight, and when they came down the black man said, "Tank yo' fo' doso two rides, sah!" "Two rides?" replied the airman in great surprise, "you've only had one." "Two," said Sambo, most decidedly, "Ma first and ma last."

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen

Very Expensive.—Frenchy: "It is a terrible place, zis London! Everywhere you must tip. Even when I wash my hands it say 'Tip ze basin'."

Dealer: "This vase is over 2000 years old, sir." American Millionaire: "Oh, yeah! Don't try to put that stuff on me, big boy. It's only 1930 now."

(GOOD) Jack Lowery

A new baby had arrived, and Jimmy, aged three, was deeply interested in the progress of bathing it. When he saw his mother scattering white powder over the pink little body he cried, "Oh, mamma, let me salt it, let me salt it!"

(GOOD) Alec Murphy

Teacher: "Name some important things that exist to-day, but were unknown 100 years ago." Bertie: "You and I, teacher."

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy

He: "Those eggs are too small." She: "Just wait a minute and I will have them put back on the nest for a moment."

(GOOD) W. Anthonsen

Customer: "That chicken I bought yesterday had no wishbone." Poulterer: "He was a happy and contented chicken, madam, and had nothing to wish for."

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen

GOOD MAMMA

Love, come and sit upon my knee,
And give me kisses, one, two, three,
And tell me whether you love me,
My baby.

(GOOD) Alice Southam

RIDDLES

I am a bird; now behead me,
And still I'm one you must agree;
But now instead my letters jumble,
And then upon us beast you'll stumble.
What am I?
Answer: Fowl, owl, wolf.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

Which vegetable sees most and why?—The potato, because it has so many eyes.

Why is Ireland likely to become rich?—Because it is the Emerald Isle.

(GOOD) R. Goldstein

What is the difference between a bare head and a hair bed?—One flees for shelter and the other is shelter for fleas.

(GOOD) Nelson Sinclair

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CRICKET

DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v NORTH MELBOURNE

With one wicket down for 7 runs Ansell and Heron continued to the bowling of Nettleton and Ilsley. Runs came very slowly for the first hour, Ilsley, who was playing his first game for Northcote, showing a good length and keen both batsmen's skill. When Ansell had made 7 he gave an easy chance to Cahill off Ilsley, but the fieldsman dropped the ball. After 5 minutes' play 50 runs appeared on the board. Heron at two minutes' time off Wedgwood, which he had saved up, as he had been batting at that stage for 14 minutes. The bowling changes made no difference, as the batsmen appeared well on terms. North Melbourne lost seven for 144. By winning this match Northcote retain their position at the head of the list, with St. Kilda, but they still have some stirring matches to play. Scores:—

NORTH MELBOURNE.	
First Innings	142
Second Innings	2
NORTHCOTE. First Innings—	
J. Hamilton, b Fairbairn	8
P. Power, c Mead, b Cahill	19
N. Ward, c Bath, b Lynch	55
S. Ward, c Cameron, b Lane	10
A. Dickens, b Lynch	10
H. Pether, c Mead, b Lane	0
C. Kellar, b Lynch	4
A. Wedgwood, not out	12
B. Lawrie, b Lynch	2
L. Gibaud, b Mead	5
A. Charlson, b Cahill	2
Sundries	6
Total	135

CLUB ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v PRAHRAN

The Club XI. has turned their third defeat of the season into a winning one. Prahran by 104 runs. The match was played on very slow wickets, the ball's pace was slow, and the batsmen were off than they were the previous Saturday, when seven wickets fell for 74 runs. Prahran batted for two and a half hours for 126 runs, and under the conditions this was a good batting innings. In the follow on two wickets were lost for 41. Percy Anderson and S. Peterson carrying the bats for 22 and 14 respectively. Stan Baring played a fine defensive knock for 32 before being thrown out in playing for the strike. Prahran then set out as bowlers, Horniman, with three for 22, obtaining the best figures. Scores:—

PRAHRAN. First Innings	
Two wickets reduced for	236
NORTHCOTE. First Innings—	
D. Ellis, c Cahill, b	0
G. Hardy, c Baring, b Parks	4
V. Anson, c Cahill, b	27
C. Garrett, b Cahill	27
C. Morgan, b	18
J. Bogetti, c Wilkshire, b Wedgwood	2
J. Fleming, c Quince, b	0
A. Watson, c Quince, b Wedgwood	16
K. Fleming, c and b Cahill	4
H. Bath, c Baring, b Parkin	0
P. Chivers, not out	0
Sundries	6
Total	104

Second Innings—	
Wiltshire, b Horniman	9
P. Anderson, not out	22
A. Anderson, c Reder, b Headen	1
S. Peterson, not out	14
Sundries	2
Two wickets for	41

SUB-DISTRICTS

KEW v IVANHOE

Kew well earned an outright win by an innings and 28 runs against Ivanhoe, showing good all-round play throughout the match. Resuming at four for 158, Kew lost three additional wickets for 52, and then declared at seven for 211. Dowling (three for 55) and Dowell (two for 39) were the most effective bowlers for Ivanhoe. Facing a deficit of 153, Ivanhoe again offered weak resistance to the bowling of Dowling, who carried the excellent average of five for 37. Williams 42, Kennedy 36, and Davidson 27 not out made determined efforts to make a recovery, but were properly supported, the innings closing for 128. Williams batted nicely, his big glances being particularly good. Kennedy played a fighting innings, giving for him unusual restraint, and Davidson again proved his value as a dependable batsman. Kew fielded well. Smith, the successful bowler, was well supported by Power and Birchall.

PRESTON v HAWTHORN-EAST MELBOURNE

Hawthorn-East Melbourne defeated Preston by 31 runs on the first innings, but in going for an outright win the combine nearly came to grief. Preston made 89 in the first innings and Hawthorn-East Melbourne closed at nine for 120. Preston closed with eight for 126 in the second innings, Davies 29, Allan 26 not out, and Underhill 24 not out, with Rooney 18, saving the side from collapse. Hawthorn took four wickets for 45 and Francis four for 37. Hawthorn lost seven for 45 in attempting to force an outright win, Spoor three for 15, Sparee two for 17) and Allan one for 11) doing the bowling.

SECOND ELEVENS

Hawthorn-East Melbourne, 263 (Spinks 107 n.o., Sellars 52, Bradley 26; Howell 4-32, Wesley 4-41, and 127 (Sellars 25, Rees 21 n.o., Cohen 32, Harding 34 n.o., and 4-11, A. Pyke 2-42, Spoor 1-20, Howell 1-24), d Preston, 174 (Howell 56, Spoor 23, Thorncroft 26 n.o.; Bradley 3-53, Connell 2-24, Stocks 2/34, McCrae 2-40).

Kew, 203 and three for 78 (Dalziel 28 n.o., Tozer 23, d Bradley, 7-60; Fletcher 5-52, Patterson 26, Alexander 3-21, Ford 30, Thomas 5-48, O'Halloran 4-66, hat trick).

THE JUNIORS

CLIFTON HILL A.N.A. v FAIRFIELD

It was a low scoring game at Clifton Hill, the turf wicket proving very tricky. On the previous week Clifton Hill A.N.A. made 62 and Fairfield 81. The A.N.A. could not gauge the pace of the wicket at all in the second innings, and made only 40. Only one player got double figures. Boyle took five for 3 off 21 balls, and Matthews three for 14 off 50 balls. At one stage Matthews had five for 4, five out of the first seven overs being maidens. Fairfield, requiring 52 runs to win outright, was soon in difficulties, four being out for 5. Beale and Matthews added 20 for the fifth wicket, when Matthews was bowled by Sparks for 12. Beale and Meker took the score to 50, Mekay being bowled by Sparks for 10, and Fairfield eventually won by three wickets. Beale made 18 not out, Sparks (four for 29) and Sallis, and Meker three for 20 off 54 balls bowled best.

Y.M.C.A. v HEIDELBERG

In response to Heidelberg's total of 83, Y.M.C.A. made 139. Brown took his score of 43 not out to 39, but none of the others showed form. Heidelberg began its second innings at 4 o'clock, and when nine were out for 59 it looked as Y.M.C.A.'s would have a hard right win. Dowell and Shearn, however, by their fine all-round efforts in dismissing the last two were on the board before Shearn was caught off the last ball of the day. He made 12. Dowell was 11 not out. Y.M.C.A. won by 86 runs on the first innings.

MATTING DIVISION

University High School made 114 against Auchinleck, which by 88 runs on the first innings. Knott (56) and Mills (18) not out with shared up while Orr (two for 15) were the best of the Alphington bowlers. Alphington scored 209 in its second innings, the chief contributors being Orr (71, 12 fours) and Smith 49. After four for 50 bowled best.

THIRD GRADE

Northcote Scotia, nine leaders for 183 (Hansten 41, Parker 41, Martin 25), defeated Fairfield Diggers, 59 (Bonney 20) and 96 (Bonney 20) by 129 runs. Batting a second time, Northcote Scotia made 96 for nine wickets (Hansten 25, Parker 41, Martin 25), declared closed, and then dismissed Fairfield for 63 (Hansten 21, Parker 41, Martin 25), defeated by 129 runs on the first innings. Batting a second time, Northcote Scotia made 96 for nine wickets (Hansten 25, Parker 41, Martin 25), declared closed, and then dismissed Fairfield for 63 (Hansten 21, Parker 41, Martin 25), defeated by 129 runs on the first innings.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

FIRST GRADE

Paramounts, 178 (Kennett 40, Sheldrick 26, Bates 33 n.o.; Lovelace 7-66, d Thornbury, 70 (Cameron 20, H. Cameron 22; Fitzgerald 4-41, J. Kennedy, Unfield, 16) and four for 52 (Fitzgerald 25, Harg 27 n.o.; Robinson 3-21).

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Y.M.C.A. v HEIDELBERG

FIRST GRADE

Ivanhoe, 190 (Portch 57, Pitcher 24, Turk 21, Stone 24, Clough 23), d Heidelberg, 118 and three for 48 (Murphy 30 n.o.).

Rosanna, 89 and six for 34 (W. Hickox 11 for), d West Heidelberg, 62 and seven (closed) for 102 (Webster 30; Fitzsimons 4-11).

Ivanhoe Footballers, 74 and four for 115 (C. Jonnakis 62 n.o.), d North Ivanhoe, 63 and 124 (Robertson 62 n.o.; F. Gonzales 4-46, Anson, 4-56).

Greensborough, 123 and six for 79 (S. Knowles 27, J. Fairfield, 33 and 7-5, L. Archer 28 and 22 and 7/53, T. Knowles 20 and 5/25), d Macleod, 64 and four for 5 (29).

North Alphington, 118 and four for 77, d Alphington, 97 (Dunscombe 6-34, G. Mullinger 4/16).

SECOND GRADE

Fairfield Diggers, 145 and nine (closed) for 91 (Forde 43), d Claremont, 108 (Durant 49 and 4-38; Kyte 5-24), and two for 19.

North Ivanhoe, 125 and 88 (Whittaker 27 and 6/13; Davies 4/17), d Easternport, 103 (Harvey 55, Collins 24), and four for 6.

Greensborough, 133, d Macleod, 47 and 52 (W. Franklin 6/9).

JIKA ASSOCIATION

Northcote Junior Footballers, 138 and four for 66 (Martin, 29 and 45, Davies 29, Prospech 20, C.-olsen 5/31), d East Northcote, 53 and 148 (Spain 43 n.o., Coulson 21; Weate 7/26).

C.Y.M.S.

Coburg, five (closed) for 247 (Hearn 110 n.o., Wallis 58 n.o., Gloster 27, Flannery 22), d Preston, 48 and 27 (Flannery 5-6, White 5-16, McNamara 4-20).

Clifton Hill A, eight (closed) for 150 (McRae 40, Jackson 24), d Thornbury, 41 and 38 (J. Gibson 23 and 15 n.o.; Rasmussen 6-37, Roberts 3-14).

Northcote A, six (closed) for 200 (Power 85, Cleary 36 n.o., Gartner 21), d Fairfield, 52 and 88 (McKelson 36; Nicholls 7-34, hat trick, Power 5-37, McLennan 4-9, O'Sullivan 3-22).

Holy Trinity, 144 and 4 for 28 (O'Donnell 31, Leary 30, McCormack 20 n.o.; Batty 6-30) d Fairfield B, 81 and 55 (D. Maloney 29; Lacey 7-24; Jarrett 3-38, O'Donnell 4-21).

Clifton Hill B, 48 and 81 (Perrett 7-39, Sully 6-36, Carrigg 5-26), d Essendon B, 56 and 25 (Perrett 25; K. Roberts 13-31, Haines 4-27).

Northcote B, 83 and nine for 60 (O'Kane 19; L. M. Bracken 11-50), d South Melbourne, 60 and eight (closed) for 109 (L. J. Bracken 19; Smark 5-21).

I.O.R.

SENIOR COMPETITION

Fairfield, 169 and four for 47 (Jones 87; Leslie 4-31), v East Brunswick, 139 and five (closed) for 76 (Walker 2-25).

Clifton Hill, 141 and two (closed) for 27 v Prahran 33, O'Connell 24, Rose 23; Champion 4-26), v Ivanhoe, 104 and eight for 49 (Lawson 25 and 21, Hentchel 21; Evans 8-32, O'Connell 4-31).

West Melbourne, 138 (Cornish 62, T. Smith 29 n.o.; Scott 4-20), v Northcote, 109 and two for 230 (Mackay 100, Hyde 77 n.o., Neville 33, Menee 25 n.o.; Cornish 4-29).

UNION CHRISTIAN

Second Grade.—Chevanyol, 121 and 44, d Preston, 78 and none for 27.

Third Grade.—Collingwood, 57 and 59 (Jones 7-11), d Northcote, 14 and 52 (Noyes 8-7; Canning 5-20).

BAPTIST CHURCH

N.P.B. Preston A v Brunswick, at Brunswick.—Preston, 9 wickets down for 209 (apply to Brunswick), (Lee 70, Bowden 29, Jones 25, Cooper 23 n.o., Hunter 20, Saunders 12) and Brunswick, 9 wickets down for 61. In the second innings Preston declared closed for 61. In the second innings Preston declared closed for 61. In the second innings Preston declared closed

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SWIMMING AND LIFE SAVING.

"LEARN TO SWIM" CAMPAIGN OPENS.

The "Learn to Swim" campaign of the Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club was opened last Saturday, when in the absence of the Mayor, Mr. J. A. Hogan, hon. secretary of the club, welcomed all present. Mr. J. Fogg gave an address on swimming and Master Cedric Graham, of Thornbury, who has only had two lessons, gave an exhibition swim. About 300 learners took the water under the care of 20 of the club instructors. Many showed that they will not take long to learn, and others showed promise. The ages of those who are receiving instruction range from 4 to 50 years of age. In one instance a family of mother, five daughters and a son are learning, and there are several families of four. The campaign will be carried on till February 7.

LADIES' WATER POLO.

At the Richmond baths on January 18 the Northcote lady water polo team met the Richmond ladies' team. Neither was able to field a full side, Richmond playing six while Northcote only had five. The Northcote team (Misses G. Taylor, N. Manley, M. Cooper, M. Petersen, E. Martin), however, scored 5 goals to Richmond's 2 goals. Goal throwers for Northcote—Taylor 3, Manley 1, Cooper 1; Richmond—E. Donnett 1, S. Donnett 1. The Northcote team's next match will be at Kew on Tuesday, February 3.

The club would be grateful to anyone who would provide cars for them to go to matches. The ladies' team has won its first match, being the only one it has played.

The men's team have won two matches out of three played.

ENDURANCE TEST.

The Northcote L.S. and S. Club is using every endeavor to induce citizens to learn to swim. Many adults after three or four lessons are able to keep afloat and with a little more tuition should become quite expert. Free life saving tuition is also available. Full information from Mr. J. A. Hogan, secretary N.L.S. & S. Club, Woolton Ave., Northcote.

People who complete a mile swim (36 lengths) at the baths will be given a certificate signed by the Mayor of Northcote.

The junior club is being fostered, and a full syllabus of swimming and life saving events has been compiled.

Fairfield Swimmers' Successes.

At the Coburg competitions last Saturday, at Coburg Lake, L. Scales (Fairfield), 26 sec., won the 55 yards open handicap. In the 440 yards intermediate championship of Victoria J. Rodgers (Fairfield) was placed fourth.

CYCLING.

AMATEURS.

Northcote Club held a 5 mile handicap on Saturday. Results—G. Mason, 1.15, 1; E. Carmody, 2; L. Hedley, 3. Time, 12.33. L. Potter (scr.) made fastest time, 12.18 3-5.

Preston also held a 5 mile handicap. Placings were—H. Madden, 1.0, 1; G. Shaw, 2; C. Jowett, 3. Time, 13.28. L. Hodgson (0.20) made fastest time (12.56).

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS

The club held a five mile handicap at Thomastown last Saturday, the winner being Laurie Jones, who won the Tynong Wheel Race the previous Saturday. The finish was exciting, Jones winning by five lengths from K. Cross and J. Roadley. T. Johnson (40sec.), who fell at the turn, beat J. Kean (scr.) for fourth place by half a wheel, the same margin separating Gascoyne (scr.) and Brennen (scr.), who filled fifth and sixth places respectively. Details:—L. Jones (1min. 30sec.), 1; K. Cross (1min.), 2; J. Roadley (1min.), 3. Winner's time, 13min. 50sec. Fastest time, J. Kean (scr.), 12min. 40sec.

The club had an enjoyable day on Sunday at Whittlesea, where they defeated Coburg at cricket. Scores:—Coburg, 70 (Clancy 25 n.o.; Kean 5/15, T. Johnson 3/11, Thomas 1/8); Preston, 71 (Kean 34, L. Jones 24; P. Johnson 4/17, Roberts 5/11).

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Northcote.—First stage Ross trophy. —Hodge, 45 (2), 47; Appleby, 46 (1), 47; Kaye, 44 (3), 47; Askew, 41 (4), 45; Tongue, 41 (3), 44.

Preston.—Pool—Bell, 46 (1), 47; Biguell, 45 (2), 47; Piggott, 39 (6), 45; Court, 41 (3), 44; Sullivan, 39 (5), 44; Perrett, 35 (6), 41.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE A.A.C.

Inter-club contests were continued at the Amateur Sports Ground last Saturday. Preston and Northcote had the misfortune to be beaten by one point by Kew, and all through being disqualified in the mile relay. This is the second time the club has had a defeat this season out of eight games.

The first event of the day was the 220 yards. In this event Aub. Robinson met his Waterloo (the first for the season), Hale (Kew) running a wonderful race and winning by a few yards from Robinson (P.), with Wal. Perry a close third. Norm Orr filled fifth place in excellent time 23 3-5 secs.

Next came the discus. Harold James is pretty good in throwing the discus, but he was defeated. Then the club's hopes centred on the 880 yards, which Don McEachen, the most improved runner in the club, annexed. He ran a well judged race, with Jack Tannock close on his heels and Gus Kirkland nicked into fourth place. Time, 2min. 10 sec. The wind hindered the runners a lot, but nevertheless this is the best time the boys have put up for the half mile this season. This win put the club five points up on Kew.

The fourth event was the relay. Alan Gallagher, running well over the half mile section, was just a few yards behind the Kew man; Robinson was next, and carried the baton over the quarter lap, picking up the little bit that Kew were ahead, and finished ahead of his man. Passing the baton on to Hughie Hankin, doing the first 220 yards; then Wal. Perry carried it over the last 220 yards to the finish. After getting the break from Kew, we thought we were safe. The "gloom" cloud came hard and strong on top of us, as the next thing we heard was that we had been disqualified through Hankin taking the baton too far over the take-off line.

With one more event to go we still had a chance. The walk was the last event of the day for us. We knew we were O.K. for the event, having Dick Lewis, the best walker in our grade. Through Cliff Owen being absent from the ranks we had Harry Fletcher to fill his place. The old Dick was pegging along O.K., winning the section by a street. The next thing Fletcher was pulled off for "lifting," with only about 20 yards to go. Very good time was also put up for this event. Time, 7 min. 35 sec.

That finished the club's chance of winning. Results—Kew 28 pts.; Preston 27 pts. Still we are not downhearted, as the club still holds a place in the big four.

Training Notes.

From now on the club will be holding handicap half and mile events on Tuesdays and sprints on Thursdays. The captain wants every member of the club to turn out for these handicaps. Points will be given to the first five place getters in these events. A good trophy is hanging to the one with the most points at the end of the track season.

THE GUN.

Good Shooting at Reservoir.

It is a long time since there has been such fine marksmanship at starlings as that at Reservoir on Saturday, especially when conditions have favored the birds. The wind, blowing heavily across the ground from right to left, was not conducive to big scoring, yet "Pentland" and "Sureite," of Reservoir, and E.A.B., of Preston, made brilliant runs. The two Reservoir men actually monopolised the scoring in the first half, E.A.B. arriving late. "Sureite," winner of many championships in the past, grassed 75 out of 77 for the day, and led off with a phenomenal sequence of 45. "Pentland" was probably even more brilliant, for though he spoiled his tally in the final stages, which were hand-thrown, he invariably killed high and saw the bird carried beyond the boundary. Leading off with 26 he wound up with 57 out of 64. E.A.B. began with a run of 17 and ended with 22 out of 23. He tied with "Pentland," but being unavailable on the date of the fixture retired in his favor. Altogether 470 starlings were put through. Results: Sweepstakes 1, 2 and 3, "Pentland" and "Sureite," 4, 6 and 14 kills; No. 4, "Fred" and "Sureite," 10 kills; No. 5 (champion of champion contest, 15 birds from 25 yards), "Pentland" and E.A.B. divided first and second sweepstakes with 15 kills, and E.A.B. retired, leaving "Pentland" as the club's representative. Other scores were—"Sureite" and C. B. Meadway, 14-15; "Yarraville," "Fred" and O. R. Porter, 13-15. No. 6 (sweep and ham), "Pentland," 12 rds. Four hand-thrown events followed. "Sureite" won three outright and divided the other with "Fred."

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WHITTLESEA SHIRE AFFAIRS.

COUNCILLORS ATTEND PUBLIC MEETING.

MANY QUESTIONS ASKED.

The Whittlesea public hall was filled last Friday night, being the occasion of the first of a series of riding meetings convened by the Whittlesea Shire Council. The ratepayers were invited to meet the president and riding councillors to hear the true report of the finances of the shire.

President's Statement.

The president (Cr. L. W. Clarke) stated that at last meeting payments passed brought the council's overdraft up to £6,680, being £300 in excess of the limit allowed by the bankers.

The bank manager had told the council that his bank would endeavor to help the council to meet wages payments, but payment of other accounts would have to be deferred. To meet the difficulty two councillors offered to go guarantee for £300 for a time.

Position Improving.

Since last meeting the position had improved, the overdraft to-day being £6400. Much had been stated in the press about the financial difficulties of the shire which was not true. Arrears of rates outstanding amounted to £1,800, of which Epping riding's share was £1,236. Interest at 7 per cent. was being paid on overdraft, while interest on overdue rates was 6 per cent. Very little of the current rate had been paid, and the president urged the ratepayers to pay rates promptly to relieve the situation. The valuation and assessments of the shire had doubled in ten years.

Economy by way of reduction of officers' salaries was impossible, as voluntary reductions or otherwise was recoverable at any time by law.

In view of certain rumors circulated the president assured ratepayers that nothing underhand had taken place, and everything was open to strict scrutiny. As a means of economy he considered that all day work should be suspended for 12 months.

Epping shire, which had been foisted on to Whittlesea shire as a riding was no blessing. He would be quite pleased to go back to the old three ridings with nine councillors, when he considered things would go on better.

Cr. Fergusson's Views.

Cr. Fergusson made reference to the Mernda Progress Association, and was of opinion that its criticisms were valueless, as no particular cases were cited. Speaking of payment of £50 for assistance for the secretary, Cr. Fergusson was of opinion that the council was saving at least £150 per annum by this arrangement. Last year's balance-sheet showed that Whittlesea riding's share for secretary's duties was £197/5/2, and the collections £2,500. The Whittlesea-Kinglake road should have been taken over by the Government as a tourist road, thus relieving Whittlesea riding of the whole of this burden.

Separation Drainage.

Regarding the proposed Separation drainage he considered that the council, in view of the fact that the ratepayers in the locality were prepared to bear the cost, should not have authorised the survey.

Cr. Scott said he had inspected the site, which many years ago had cost the council £1500 as a result of law proceedings, and the council would be very chary before it took any further action.

The President said that the council as a preliminary measure had decided to make the survey and prepare estimates to place before the representative of the Thomas family, whose property is involved in the scheme.

Cr. Orgill said that the cost would be borne by a betterment rate on those ratepayers who would benefit.

Regarding assistance for secretary, the president said that for six years Mrs. Ryan had helped her husband without cost to the council. He assured ratepayers that she was not an officer of the shire, and it was false to say she could sue the council for any amount of short payment.

Whittlesea Riding Drifting £200 a Year.

Cr. Downie stated the income for Whittlesea Riding was £2,200, and the expenditure £2,400 without extras, therefore the riding was drifting £200 annually.

Cr. Downie went on to say that in two meetings he had signed two cheques of £300 each passed for payment, and he did not know what they were for. He was of the opinion that if the Whittlesea Council was "tossed up" it would not be much better than Williamstown Council.

Continuing, he upbraided the council delegate to the Municipal Association conference convened with the idea of reducing salaries, and on top of that voting £50 additional to the secretary for assistance. Two and a half hours daily was in his opinion sufficient for the secretary to do the work of the shire. He strongly objected to the payment of £10 for legal attendance in the recent appeal cases, which was not ordered by the council. Accounts were still creeping in, and there was no knowing when they were going to cease.

The president said there were 4300 assessments in the shire. Mr. R. Dettman, who recently valued the shire, maintained there were 4,400 and complained about the shire secretary dumping the assessments together.

Ex-Cr. Cornfoot did not approve of Cr. Clarke's suggestion to suspend work by the daymen, as he considered it was a penny wise and pound foolish policy.

Cr. Scott had no apologies to make for what he had done. He was of the same opinion as Cr. Fergusson as regards the £50 for secretarial assistance.

Insult to Councillors' Intelligence.

A meeting such as that called that night was an insult to the intelligence of the councillors. He would use his own judgment regarding affairs, and was willing to resign if the ratepayers were not satisfied. He had gone into the council inexperienced in municipal matters, and was following councillors who had long experience, and whom the ratepayers had returned again and again.

Later Mr. Dettman remarked that Cr. Scott reminded him of one of a mob of sheep given a prod—one takes the lead and they all follow.

Questions.

Question time proved lively, and there were many queries.

Question by Mr. Dettman—What was the total amount paid to engineer last year?

Answer—Travelling allowance £250, retaining fee £25, and commission £330/13/-, a total of £605/13/-.

What was the secretary's salary?—£416, the award rate.

Mr. Dettman remarked that if the secretary was unable to do work for the award rate, fresh applications should be called for the position. Later it was suggested that the chairman take an expression of opinion from the meeting as to the extra money for secretary's assistance. The president refused.

When was agreement with engineer renewed?—About six months ago.

Cr. Fergusson was of the opinion that when the time expired the agreement needed revision.

Mr. H. E. Hayes moved a vote of thanks for the privilege of meeting councillors at such a meeting.

Cr. Clarke said he was rather pleased to be in the chair during this term, as it was to be his last year of public life.

MEETING AT MERNDA

One of the largest meetings in the district was held in the council chamber on Monday evening, when nearly 300 ratepayers and residents attended the public meeting called by the shire council.

The president (Cr. Clarke) said they had met to consider the interests of the shire and to try and undo harm to the shire which might be done by adverse reports in the press. He had personally gone to the press and had paragraphs contradicted. He said the finances were not in a serious condition. The shire had made real progress and we were better off than this time last year. He repeated figures given at the Whittlesea meeting on Friday. Reference was made to the matter of the Separation water, and vague promises made that it would be dealt with, although one councillor said the cost would be borne by the people who immediately benefited. It would not be a burden to the whole shire.

Cr. Fergusson vigorously repudiated what Cr. Downie had said at the Whittlesea meeting. Cr. Downie had said that cheques were signed by councillors, and they did not know what they were for. He had also said that he had signed a cheque at the last meeting, and had said before all councillors that he did not know what it was for, and the councillors had made no comment.

Cr. Fergusson said all other councillors would deny that Cr. Downie had said this when the cheque was signed.

Cr. McCormack interjected and said the cheque was for commission spread over a number of years. (Uproar).

Cr. Downie said he would stand by what he had said. (Applause). He would say again that councillors did not know what they were signing for. They might know it was for commission, but what was the commission for and who got it? (Uproar).

Cr. Orgill said he wanted to read the paragraph reporting the Progress Association's meeting in the local press of January 9, which had been criticised by Cr. Fergusson at Whittlesea. The paragraph from the Preston "Leader" was then read and applauded. He said that at the last meeting of the council, although they had no money and had refused to undertake urgent public work, yet they had granted £50 to the shire secretary over and above his salary for clerical assistance. They had no money for urgent work, but could pay what was tantamount to an increase of salary above award rates.

Cr. Hurrey said one of the great causes of trouble in finance was the Country Roads Board, which was ruining the country, as it forced councils to take over expensive roads which often were constructed parallel to the railways, and so became a menace to railways revenue.

Cr. Fergusson said he was prepared to attend the council office to explain any difficulties in the balance sheet to ratepayers who could not understand it. It was a simple matter for accountants. He hoped the Progress Association might then pass some sort of resolution admitting the integrity of the council.

The secretary of the Progress Association said he resented the innuendo that the association distrusted the integrity of councillors. They all knew the councillors and officers were honorable men, whose integrity could be trusted. They were doing their best, but the meeting was trying to help them to do it better. He thought events at the meetings had justified all that had been adversely criticised in the press.

Thanks were expressed to the president for calling the meeting, and to all the councillors who attended for so courteously answering questions and trying to meet a difficult situation.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—Would you permit me to comment on a paragraph appearing in your last issue under Mernda news. It seems rather a sneer at the Progress Association. We are not an elective body because we represent ourselves, and are not, therefore, dependent upon representatives. Every member is a voting and effective subscriber. In all democratic communities every rational person has the right to express opinions, to criticise actions of public persons affecting public affairs, and to join with others to give corporate expression to opinions, ideas and suggestions. This is the way in which communities may defend themselves from abuses of power on the part of elected representative bodies, whether individual or corporate. To state "we seem inclined to rule" is surely an indication of at least lack of intelligent appreciaiton, for we cannot rule. And if we produce expressions of opinion in the form of motions which are passed on in constitutional ways, that is merely our right as citizens, but does not confer effective ruling power upon us. The reason for progress associations and other revolutionary organisations is the patent inability of some of our elected representative bodies to rule on our behalf. When constitutional organisation bound by hard and fast regulation fails to do its duty, common sense requires those represented to take action to rectify the wrong, and corporate action must always be more effective than that which is purely individual. The paragraph complained of is not so much a news item as a comment, which apparently is written by a non-member of the association criticised.—Yours etc.,

HERBERT E. E. HAYES,
Hon. Secretary,
Mernda & District Progress Assn.

SEPARATION DRAINAGE.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—At a meeting at Whittlesea last week it was stated that many years ago the Whittesea Shire Council paid about £1,500 in legal expenses in relation to the drainage of Separation township. This statement is a great exaggeration. There were two actions against the council about 40 years ago, one by Shanks, which was decided against the council, and later one by Miss Thomas for permitting concentrated water to pass through her property, which the council won. The actions cost the council not more than about £120 altogether, and not £1,500 as alleged by a ratepayer. I represented the council in both cases.—Yours, etc.,

J. SABELBERG,
Shire Solicitor.

January 19, 1931.

WHITTLESEA SHIRE AFFAIRS.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—The enclosed is an open letter to the Whittlesea Ratepayers' Association. I shall be grateful if you will publish it in your valuable paper.—Yours, etc.,

M. A. FERGUSSON.

The letter is as follows:—
The Secretary,
Whittlesea Ratepayers' Association.

Dear Sir,—When the shire's balance-sheet has been published I shall be pleased to attend a meeting of your association and explain it, if anything of a suspicious nature is discovered. I will then analyse the account or accounts in question; and either attend another meeting armed with all the relative vouchers, receipts, etc., or visit the shire office accompanied by, say, two members of the association and go through the relative documents with them to scrutinise.

There will be some hours of work involved, and as a reward I would ask, providing suspicions are not confirmed, that a motion of confidence in the integrity of the councillors be passed. May I underline the word "integrity," as I feel that I could not ask for a motion of confidence. It is very well known that councillors, ipso facto, have none of the virtues generally connected with business ability.—Yours, etc.,

M. A. FERGUSSON.

Toorouroong Park, Whittlesea.
January 18, 1931.

WOMAN KILLED IN ST. GEORGE'S ROAD

KNOCKED DOWN BY CONSTABLE ON BICYCLE.

WAS HE ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD?

Louisa Hope Hyden, 34 years, of 127 Smith street, Thornbury, was killed on January 13 by a bicycle ridden by Constable G. C. Linton, of the Russell street police depot.

At the inquest on Tuesday the question whether the constable, who was riding a bicycle along St. George's road, Thornbury, when he knocked down and killed Mrs. Hyden, was on his wrong side of the road, was raised. The solution involved a Northcote city by-law, and the Coroner (Mr. Grant, P.M.) was faced with the problem whether the regulation had been proved or not.

Constable McDonald, of Thornbury, read by-law 16, which provides for one-way traffic along either side of the centre plantation in St. George's road, but Mr. R. G. Green, appearing for deceased's relatives, said the by-law should be shown in the interests of both parties. The coroner decided that a copy of the by-law must be proved before the inquest could be continued.

Albert Hyden, a schoolboy, said he was walking with his mother through the gardens in the centre of St. George's road, Thornbury. As he was nearing the roadway he saw a cyclist travelling north fairly fast. They continued walking, but stopped at the side of the road, when they noticed a car travelling south. When the bicycle was about three yards away it seemed to wobble, and the next thing he knew was that his mother had been knocked down by it. His mother had not seen the bicycle, as she was watching the car. They had only looked north along the road for danger, as traffic was supposed to come from north to south along that portion of the road. There was a notice to that effect in the reserve in the middle of the road.

Constable McDonald said he asked Linton why he had ridden on that side of the road, and he replied that he wanted to get into Smith street.

The Coroner: If the by-law has been correctly stated the constable was guilty of travelling on the wrong side of the road, and according to evidence he was travelling fairly fast. If that is so I propose to adopt a certain course.

Mr. Green: I suggest that if you take that certain course he should be represented by counsel.

The Coroner: I am not concerned about that. The question is whether the by-law has been proved.

The Coroner adjourned the inquest until Monday, February 2, when a copy of the by-law would have to be proved, and a plan of the locality produced.

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB

The annual meeting of the Preston Football Club will be held in the town hall next Wednesday evening. Apparently the local supporters are well satisfied with the administrative officers of the club, as the nominations received do not exceed the required number, consequently there will be no need for an election. The following nominations have been received:—President, Mr. H. P. Zwar; vice-presidents, Dr. Hartley Walker, Cr. G. Robinson, Messrs. A. Howse, T. Ralph, W. Anderson and J. G. W. Shaw; trustees, Messrs. W. H. Davis and R. O. Owen; auditors, Messrs. L. G. Punch and R. A. Crowe; committee, Messrs. R. H. Clark, R. Clements, E. A. Conybeare, L. F. Green, J. Holliday, L. Hoober, R. E. Jackson, E. Milton, F. A. Paton, F. P. Sleith, G. Timms and W. Ward; treasurer, Mr. P. Clements; assistant secretary, Mr. W. E. J. Bott; secretary, Mr. Ern J. Hannah, 124 Elm street, Northcote.

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PROMINENT AUSTRALIANS—NEW ZEALANDERS AT PARAMOUNT STUDIO.

The usually tight-locked gates of the Paramount studio in Hollywood opened last week to receive more than a dozen travellers from New Zealand and Australia.

Prominent among the visitors were Mr. Herbert Brookes, Commissioner General from Australia to the United States of America, Mr. E. W. P. Chinnery, anthropologist assigned by the Australian government to New Guinea, Mr. A. A. Tregea, second assistant-clerk to the House of Representatives, Canberra, Australia, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Duncan of Dunedin, New Zealand and Mr. and Mrs. O .C Mazengarb, prominent New Zealand barrister.

Ample opportunity was afforded the visitors to discover the mysteries of talkie-making as a result of the rush of production at the big Hollywood studio. Among the pictures now being filmed and stars seen by the travellers were "The Right to Love," with Ruth Chatterton, "The Gang Buster," with Jack Oakie, William Powell in his new picture, "Ladies' Man," George Bancroft in "Scandal Sheet," and Leon Errol, the Australian actor in "Finn and Nattie Abroad," a new comedy.

Comments by the visitors were in some cases amusing, in others enlightening.

Mr. Herbert Brookes, on seeing the extensive wardrobe, the quantity of dresses necessary to picture making, asked whether "The stars were selected to fit the dresses—or vice versa." All the visitors commented on the fact that infinite patience was necessary in filming the talkie as against the old fashioned silent film and were impressed by the length of time necessary to make a scene.

Robert Montgomery received the thrill of his career, he says, when he saw the posters for "Love in the Rough" in which he played the leading role for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. On the 24-sheets his name was featured for the first time.

Returning from location on "Way for a Sailor," John Gilbert was startled by his Filipino houseboy, who informed him that his hillside home had "fallen to pieces" in his absence. Investigation disclosed a broken roof tile, shaken loose by a slight earth tremor in Southern California.

The SCREEN and its STARS

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WHAT IS A STAR?

RIGHTFUL TITLE OF FEW HOLLYWOOD FILM PLAYERS.

The name "star," when applied to motion picture players, is probably used with more profusion and less discrimination than any other known title. To the average movie fan, every important player on the screen is known as a star, regardless of the manner in which his name is billed with the picture titles or the prominence of his parts. But the studio executives in Hollywood attach far greater significance to that appellation.

A film star, be it explained, is a player whose popularity is such that his name precedes the title of the picture in which he appears on all main titles and in all advertising.

At the Paramount studios, the largest producing company in Hollywood, there are but ten such prominent players on the contract list. The remainder, many of whom are tremendously popular with the public, but not yet worthy of recognition as stars, are known as featured players.

It takes three to make a crowd, four to make a bridge game, and eleven for a cricket team, but no one has yet been able to determine the exact number of pictures required to make a featured player into a full-fledged motion picture star.

Clara Bow played minor, and then increasingly better parts, in 34 films before she was launched as a star of the first magnitude in the memorable Elinor Glyn picture "It." Nancy Carroll's rise to stardom was faster; she was announced as a star after featuring in but 12 films. Ruth Chatterton was made a star after five featured roles.

Among the men of Hollywood Maurice Chevalier is unique, for Paramount announced him as a star in his first American-made picture, "Innocents of Paris." It took eight pictures to build up Charles Rogers as a star, and as many more for George Bancroft. Jack Oakie achieved the top after eleven. Gary Cooper reached stardom after fourteen featured roles. William Powell had a longer road. He played in 33 pictures before stardom came, principally as the result of his work as Philo Vance in the popular S. S. van Dine detective mystery stories.

In this connection Hollywood is watching with intense interest the career of Marlene Dietrich, the beautiful German actress recently imported by Paramount. Even bets are being placed that Miss Dietrich will win her way to stardom after her first Hollywood picture, the spectacular love story "Morocco," in which she appears with Gary Cooper and Adolphe Menjou.

If Marlene Dietrich does the expected it will be the first time in the history of the talking screen that any foreign actress has won her way to stardom "overnight," as is the Hollywood expression. In her new film, "Dishonored," she is listed as being co-featured with Victor McLaglen. However, if "Morocco" achieves the success anticipated before "Dishonored" is completed, the billing of names may be considerably changed.

The hard and fast rule for billing star names is broken for the really big specials. In such cases they are subjected to the title of the picture, and the stars are spoken of as being featured in the production. "The Spoilers," "Morocco" and "Fighting Caravans" are films of this nature. They are known as spectacle pictures and in each Gary Cooper, actually the star, is listed beneath the film title.

In a few cases, pictures are produced without a genuine star in the leading role. In such instances no player name precedes the title of the film. Claudette Colbert's picture, "Manslaughter," and her current production, "Strictly Business;" Clive Brook's current, "Her Past," and Fredric March's "The Royal Family" are films of that kind.

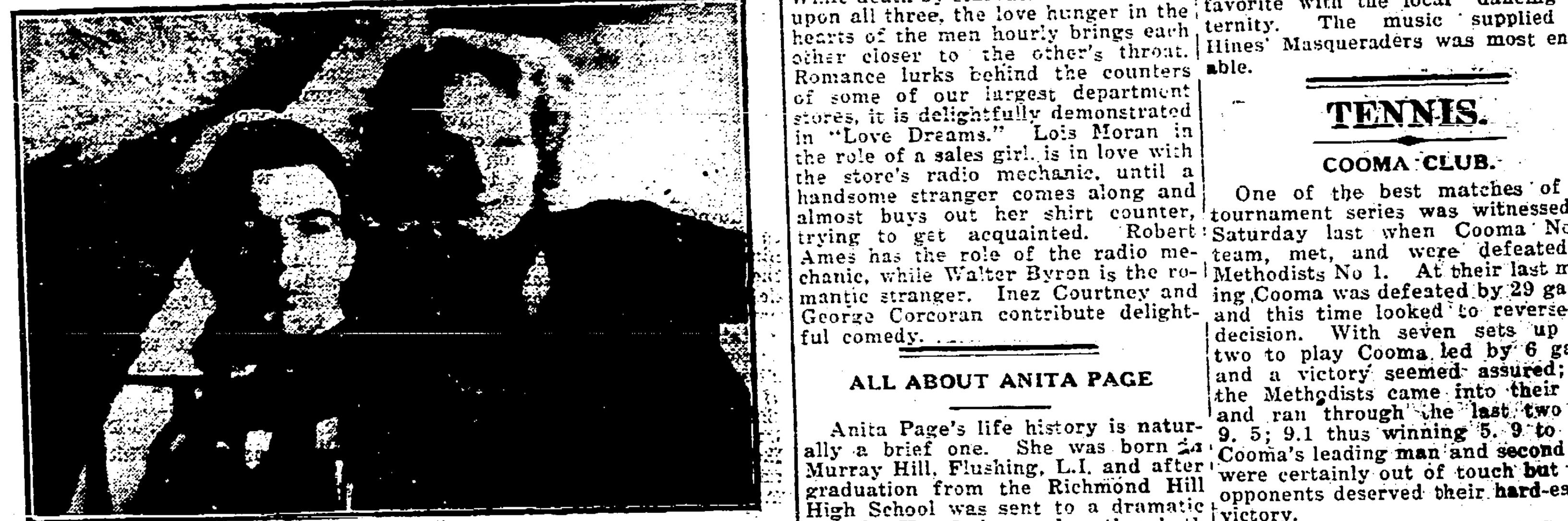
The title of star is of even more significance within the studio walls The genuine star enjoys many privileges denied the ordinary featured player. His dressing rooms, for one thing, are conveniently placed on the first floor of the main building; the featured players' are on the second. He is always consulted about the stories he is about to make. He may criticise and make suggestions, or he may refuse to play certain characterisations. Furthermore, his salary is considerably above that of featured players.

Yet, in spite of salary, privileges and prominence, the average motion picture star is less to be envied than the lowly contract player. The former has position to uphold His every movement on or off the screen is subject for conversation and criticism. The few intermittent weeks throughout the year when he is not working on pictures, he must pose for dozens, sometimes hundreds, of press and fan magazine photos. He must be on the lot every day from eight a.m. till five in the evening. At night he must make some show of entertaining, or attend a motion picture or stage premiere. It's expected of him. It's part of the work of a star.

On the other hand, the contract player is subjected to considerably less criticism for his behavior in public. His life is more natural, more orderly. On his smaller salary he can live unostentatiously and cheaply, and his photos are much less in demand.

Clara Bow and Guy Oliver are splendid examples in this connection. Every movement of the former becomes a scandal and front page news on any paper, while the latter never gets a "break." Practically every day throughout the year Miss Bow must appear at the studio, to work, rehearse, study lines or wrangle over future stories. Oliver put in an appearance when needed and spends the rest of his time fishing.

However, in spite of complexities, hard work and strife, stardom is the goal of every player in Hollywood. To see one's name in electric lights and heading a piece of advertising material brings an enigmatic feeling of satisfaction that is difficult to describe. This desire for personal glory is a weakness of the flesh to which even the most phlegmatic of mortals succumb.



STARS IN THE ASCENDANCY.—Gary Cooper and Marlene Dietrich, new German beauty, who appear together in Paramount's adventure romance, "Morocco." Cooper is a full-fledged star, while Miss Dietrich is expected to ascend to that sphere following the release of the new picture, her first Hollywood production.

WESTGARTH TALKIES.

This week-end, "So This is London" is being screened. Will Rogers is perfect in his portrayal of a wealthy owner of a cotton mill in Texas. He has decided views regarding the English, but when he is compelled to go to London on business he finds that many Britons have exaggerated ideas of Americans. How this little thing is ironed out and peace reigns and also a better understanding, is delightfully enacted on the screen. Irene Rich as Roger's wife and Frank Alberson as his son and Maureen O'Sullivan form an excellent cast. Bernice Claire and Alexander Gray play the leads in "Spring is Here," supported by Lawrence Gray, Ford Sterling and Louise Fazenda.

On Monday next, "Song of the Flame," the all color operetta, will be screened. Based on the stage success of the same name this lavish spectacle uses the Russian revolution as a back ground for a love story, involving a prince of royal blood and the feminine leader of the mob. The music is one of the outstanding features. Alexander Gray, Bernice Claire and Noah Beery form an excellent cast. Heartaches against the gay background of lively night clubs form an effective portion of "She Couldn't Say No," with the gay, singing comedienne, Winnie Lightner, in the star role.

One of the greatest romantic thrill pictures of the talking screen will be presented on Thursday next. It is "The Storm," with Lupe Velez in the leading role, supported by Paul Cavanagh and William Boyd. The central situation of "The Storm" is sufficiently dramatic in itself. Two men, old friends, are penned up in a snow bound cabin in the Canadian wilds with the girl whom both love. While death by starvation closes down upon all three, the love hunger in the hearts of the men hourly brings each other closer to the other's throat. Romance lurks behind the counters of some of our largest department stores, it is delightfully demonstrated in "Love Dreams." Lois Moran in the role of a sales girl, is in love with the store's radio mechanic, until a handsome stranger comes along and almost buys out her shirt counter, trying to get acquainted. Robert Ames has the role of the radio mechanic, while Walter Byron is the romantic stranger. Inez Courtney and George Corcoran contribute delightful comedy.

ALL ABOUT ANITA PAGE

Anita Page's life history is naturally a brief one. She was born at Murray Hill, Flushing, L.I. and after graduation from the Richmond Hill High School was sent to a dramatic school. Her father and mother both of whom she lives with, are of Spanish descent, and Anita, strangely enough, is the first blonde in the family. Her little brother, who also lives with her in Hollywood, is as dark as any Mexican.

In appearance Anita is striking. She has gorgeously gold blonde hair and a delicate white skin with a peach bloom cast. Howard Chandler Christy calls her "the Dresden China Girl," and she does in real life give the effect of being a fragile little figurine. On the screen she appears more robust.

The most striking thing in regard to Anita's beauty is it's chameleon like quality. She never looks the same girl twice. Many people have noticed this, and one enthusiastic admirer of hers could not believe that the girl he had seen playing a spoiled and careless actress in "The Broadway Melody" was the same breezy outdoor girl whom he had seen with Ramon Navarro in "The Flying Fleet." Anita is a person to be watched by the fan who delights in saying that he admired so-and-so long before she became a star. For it is only a question of a short period before Anita achieves stardom. This dainty little lady is a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer player and her latest appearance is with Joan Crawford in "Our Blushing Brides."

When Dorothy MacKail was making the final scenes for "The Love Racket," she slipped while crossing a creek on a log and turned her ankle. The company was in Verduga Woodlands, some miles from the nearest doctor, and the star was in considerable pain. The electricians on the set quickly hooked up a huge studio lamp, turned the heat upon the injured ankle and Miss MacKail was soon able to resume her work before the cameras and microphones.

There have been numerous instances of the healing power of the studio lamps, but this is the first time one has been used on a star. The suggestion originated from Sidney Blackmer, Miss MacKail's leading man in "The Love Racket."

Maurice Chevalier has had a piece of German shrapnel in his lung ever since the "taxi-cab drive" from Paris in August of 1914.

EAST PRESTON SOCIAL CLUB.

PREPARATIONS FOR CARNIVAL.

Saturday, January 17, saw the close of a busy and most successful week. Mr. Hines (carnival organiser) and his staff of district officers have been working both hard and late, and have much to report as a result of their efforts. They have addressed secretaries and numerous meetings of churches, schools, lodges and sporting bodies, etc. The sympathy, interest and reception everywhere accorded the delegations have been, to say the least of it, far above expectations, and supply further proof of the traditional generosity of the citizens of Preston. It is cheering to hear that already there is a demand for tickets for the carnival. There is no doubt that the much talked of queen carnival is now on. Much of the success of any social effort depends very largely upon the preliminary work of the organising committee, and on this work we have an exceptionally live and efficient body in the East Preston Social Club, who are the sponsors of this worthy movement. Anyone desiring any information relating to activities of the club may obtain same by addressing enquiries to F. A. Paton, hon. sec. East Preston Social Club, 4 Collier St., Preston N.18, or simply to "Carnival, Preston."

Last week terminated with the club's first social event of the year—a dance at the city hall, and considerably more than 200 dancers were present. This was most gratifying to the organisers, as the financial result should be highly satisfactory. Those present had a very pleasurable time. The position of M.C. was ably carried out by Mr. Harry Parsons, of Preston footballers, who is a great favorite with the local dancing fraternity. The music supplied by Hines' Masqueraders was most enjoyable.

TENNIS.

COOMA CLUB.

One of the best matches of the tournament series was witnessed on Saturday last when Cooma No. 1 team, met, and were defeated by Methodists No 1. At their last meeting Cooma was defeated by 29 games, and this time looked to reverse the decision. With seven sets up and two to play Cooma led by 6 games and a victory seemed assured; but the Methodists came into their own and ran through the last two sets 9. 5; 9.1 thus winning 5. 9 to 5. 3. Cooma's leading man and second lady were certainly out of touch but their opponents deserved their hard-earned victory.

Results.—G. Jackson and C. Burgess d. R. Gray and J. Delaney, 9—8; G. Jackson and G. Crawley lost to R. Gray and L. Mackarlie, 4—9; C. Burgess and G. Crawley d. J. Delaney and L. Mackerlie, 9—7; T. Jenyns and N. Capper d. C. Gray and E. Johnson 6—3; T Jenyns and M. Mc Leod d. E. Johnson and M. Mackerlie, 6—2; N. Capper and M. McLeod lost to C. Gray and M. Mackerlie 4—6; N. Capper and C. Burgess lost to L. and M. Mackerlie, 5—9; G. Crowley and M. McLeod lost to C and R. Gray, 1—9; T. Jenyns and G. Jackson d, J. Delaney and E. Johnson, 9—6. Cooma 53 games lost to Methodists 59 games.

Match Postponed.

Owing to Baptists not being able to field a team the match Cooma 2 v Baptists was postponed until January 31.

The teams selected for Saturday January 24 are as follows.—Cooma 1 v St. Andrews.—Misses T. Jenyns M. Stevenson, Mrs. M. McLeod, Messrs C. Burgess, G. Jackson, C. A. Jones. Cooma 2 v Returned Soldiers —Misses P. and N. Lewis, N. Tuppen, Messrs O. Dolphin, E. A. Jones, D. J. Sykes.

Mixed Doubles Competition.

Last Sunday afternoon's mixed doubles competition was won by Miss T. Jenyns and E. A. Jones, who defeated Mrs. M. McLeod and C. Burgess, 9—8, after an even and exciting contest

PRESTON ASSOCIATION

Results of matches played on Saturday:—

A Grade.—All Saints (62) d South Preston (48); Regent Park (63) d Cranross (48).

B Grade.—Oakover (60) d Reservoir (50); Murray (60) d Cranross (44); Regent Baptists (66) d Hill (53); East Preston (67) d South Preston (36); Regent Park d All Saints.

Points scored to date are as follow: —A Grade—Murray 20, All Saints 16, Cranross 16, Rothsay 14, Regent Park 12. B Grade—Oakover 28, Murray 26, Regent Park 20, Reservoir 18, Cranross 16, Regent Methodists 12.

"In time of trial," inquired the speaker, "what brings us the greatest comfort?" "An acquittal," interrupted a man at the back of the hall.

History of the Submarine

(By Jas. Seabrook, late H.M.A.S. Sydney).

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Australia's Part in Submarine Warfare during the Great War—Story of the Sydney-Emden action.

No. III.

"Naval Superstitions."

H.M.A.S. Sydney and Melbourne arrived back safely in Rosyth on December 21, and the senior officer reported to the senior officer Second Light Cruiser Squadron the loss of life and damage sustained while at sea. Commodore Lambert, who had been appointed as senior officer of the Second Light Cruiser Squadron, on receiving this report advised the "Sydney" and "Melbourne" that on the next occasion the squadron put to sea, he would go himself and show ships how to go, properly "prepared for sea." Commodore Lambert [illegible] necessary for him to carry out an appointment afloat before he could be promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral. If the Commodore had any influence in receiving the appointment to the second Light Cruiser Squadron, then he had certainly picked a winner in having allotted to him the command of our "suicide squadron." Commodore Lambert, in making this statement, had not taken into consideration the Forth Bridge and the ships' companies were quite content to wait and see whether the Forth Bridge would have some say in the matter.

During the afternoon of January 17, 1917, the Second Light Cruiser Squadron was ordered to prepare for sea. An hour later the squadron sailed under the command of Commodore Lambert to carry out a sweep off the Norwegian coast. As the ships slipped from their moorings the eyes of all men on the upper deck looked expectantly upwards, waiting to see if there would be a train on the bridge as the squadron passed under. H.M.S. Birmingham, followed by H.A.M.S. Sydney, H.A.M.S. Melbourne, and H.M.S. Dublin, proceeded down the harbor. As the "Birmingham" passed under the bridge there was no sign of any train, but as the "Sydney" passed under the bridge a train commenced to cross. Once clear of the harbor the weather, which had been smooth, commenced to blow up somewhat, but it could not be called in any way rough. Just before daybreak on the following morning, January 18, ships were ordered to increase speed to 17 knots, which was the usual procedure in the Grand Fleet. The object of this is that a ship can be much more easily seen by a submarine than a submarine can be seen by a ship in the early morning light, and the increase [illegible] make it more difficult [illegible] to register a hit [illegible]. The increase of speed caused the cables on the "Birmingham" to rattle, and the navigating officer with three men went on to the forecastle to secure them. The weather at the time was smooth, with a long heavy swell, and with the increase of speed the ships were dipping their bows under the water a little. As this officer and three men reached the bows of the ship an extra heavy dip of the bows brought over a heavy wave, and the officer and three men were washed overboard. The "Birmingham" immediately signalled to the "Sydney," "Men overboard." The "Sydney" in turn signalled to the next ship astern and then, in accordance with standing orders, stood by to circle round and come back on her course, this being a quicker way in which to reach a man overboard when you are doing more than 12 knots, than to go astern. While waiting to clear these men in the water, the two signalmen on the bridge of the "Sydney" grabbed lifebuoys and, standing on the top rail of the bridge, they threw them to the men swimming in the water. The two lifebuoys thrown by the "Birmingham" and the two by the "Sydney" fell in the water in a straight line, and the men were on an average about fifteen yards distant. Having cleared the men, the "Sydney" made her circle and six minutes later came back on the same course she had previously been on, and as she came abreast of the position where the men fell in the water, there were the four lifebuoys, but no sign of the men. When the men were washed overboard they had on heavy sea boots and oilskins. What with this and the intense cold of the North Sea in the middle of the 1916-17 winter, they had been cramped and sunk within six minutes. Although Commodore Lambert stated he would take his squadron to sea "properly prepared for sea," he overlooked the superstition of the Forth Bridge, and once again that bridge had exerted its influence and claimed its victims.

On Thursday, February 14, 1918, the Second Light Cruiser Squadron left Rosyth to escort forty ships to Norway. As the squadron passed under the Forth Bridge, all eyes as usual looked upwards and all were pleased to see a train on its way across. A convoy of empty ships was picked up outside Lerwick. As it proceeded across the North Sea to Trondjhem the weather gradually got worse, so that when it did arrive at its destination the ships were unable to keep anything like station. After seeing the convoy safely inside the harbor, the Second Light Cruiser Squadron turned south to carry out the remainder of its programme, namely, to sweep a certain area for mines. The weather rapidly got worse and the sweep had to be abandoned. The squadron turned for home and tried to make some headway. While the engines were doing revolutions for sixteen knots, the ships were only actually making about four knots through the water. On board both the "Sydney" and "Melbourne" the wireless aerials were washed away, boats were stove in, and the aeroplanes in both ships were damaged sufficiently to stop them leaving the ship. During the afternoon of February 16 the signalman on board the "Sydney" reported "Zeppelin in sight." There off the port quarter of the "Sydney" a Zeppelin was seen to come below the clouds for about thirty seconds, when she commenced to rise again. Immediately she was lost sight of, low telefunken signals could be heard, later followed by much stronger telefunken signals. Admiral Beatty in Rosyth heard these telefunken messages, and they being recognised as from high powered sets of battleships or battle cruisers, he ordered the entire fleet at Rosyth to raise steam for full speed and prepare for action. It is said to have been the queerest sight imaginable to see the "Barham," "Queen Elizabeth" and other battle cruisers sliding out of the harbor crab fashion and every other way, trying to make way while they got sufficient steam up to increase speed. On board the "Sydney" and "Melbourne" anxious times were being experienced as the high-powered telefunken notes got stronger, indicating to these ships that the German High Sea Fleet was out and was gradually nearing the lone cruisers and destroyers. It certainly was a race as to who could get to the light cruiser position first—Admiral Beatty or the German High Sea Fleet. Some hours later, the "Queen Elizabeth," followed by the "Barham" and other battle cruisers, strung out in a long line, hove in sight and passed the Second Light Cruiser Squadron at 25 knots with the weather behind them. The Zeppelin again appeared and unfortunately sighted Admiral Beatty's ships. Furious further telefunken signals were heard, and the German High Sea Fleet apparently turned away, their signals getting weaker and an action was avoided. The ships' companies of the light cruisers, in discussing this question later, were convinced that the superstition of a train being on the bridge when they passed under it was truly an omen of good fortune.

On Thursday, May 3, 1917, H.A.M.S. "Sydney," H.M.S. "Dublin" and eight destroyers, under the command of the late Rear-Admiral Dumaresq C.B., M.V.O., at that time Captain Dumaresq, left Rosyth with orders to sweep a certain approach to Rosyth. This approach, or channel, was 120 miles long. As the ships passed under the Forth Bridge all eyes on the upper deck were turned upwards, looking for a train on its way across the bridge. But there was no train, and the word quickly went round: "There; no train on the bridge: what's going to happen?" Being unable to imagine what form the surprise for them would be, the men settled down to their work and just waited, as they had had to wait before. The signalman on the bridge keenly searching the horizon for anything and everything; mine and submarine lookouts each searching his own particular quarter of the compass between the ship and the horizon; the men at the guns, ready at a second's notice, to train and fire in response to a sharp order from the captain or the officer of the watch.

Nothing of any note happened during the "Sydney" and her accompanying ships' sweep until 10.28 a.m. on Friday, May 4, when H.M.S. "Dublin" reported having been fired at by a submarine, the torpedo missing astern.

The destroyer "Obdurate" next reported a submarine, and the "Sydney" and "Obdurate" steamed over the spot and let go depth charges. At 10.30 a.m. the signalman of the watch on board H.M.A.S. "Sydney" reported: "Zeppelin right ahead, sir."

A Zeppelin, which we subsequently learned was the L.43, had been sighted. Captain Dumaresq immediately ordered full speed—25 knots—and his plan of action was as follows. To rush at the Zeppelin and fire a six inch gun, with the object of making the Zeppelin engage the "Sydney." If this failed, then to pretend to run away, with the object of making him attack the "Sydney." Immediately the Zeppelin was sighted Captain Dumaresq thought that it was working in conjunction with "U" boats, the Zeppelin doing the scouting, and the "U" boats the sinking of British merchantmen. With this thought in mind the captain of the "Sydney" did not intend to rush in too far. It seemed obvious that the "Sydney" sighted the Zeppelin first, because on the "Sydney's" six inch projectile landing in the water the Zeppelin stuck its nose up and tail down, and rose rapidly. Here I may explain that the Germans claimed that their Zeppelins could rise at a speed of 500 feet per 30 seconds. The Zeppelin continued to rise and turned away, either because she did not want to fight, or else to draw the "Sydney" on, in order to get her to steam over the position on the water where the Zeppelin had been manoeuvring, which was thought to be a submarine nest or rendezvous. If such was the game, it failed, because as soon as Captain Dumaresq thought he saw through the Hun manoeuvre, he turned and ran away from the Zeppelin. As soon as the Zeppelin saw this move it turned round and chased the "Sydney," which was exactly what that good ship wanted. Just before the Zeppelin overtook the "Sydney," Captain Dumaresq ordered "Open fire" with anti-aircraft guns. The shots from the "Sydney" went as straight as a gun barrel for the Zeppelin amidships, leaving a thin trail of smoke in their wake, and appeared to those anxious eyes on the deck of the "Sydney" to reach their culminating point not many feet below the undercarriage of this mighty Zeppelin. Groans went up when it was realised that the Zeppelin could have it all its own way by keeping outside the "Sydney's" anti-aircraft vertical range of 21,000 feet, and take its time in letting go whatever bombs it had on board. Captain Dumaresq recognised this point, and tried just one more ruse to kid the Hun to come a little lower. He ordered all ships to scatter. The manoeuvre "to scatter" is used for several reasons, but had never before been used for Captain Dumaresq's reason. On the order "scatter," all ships turned away from the "Sydney" and, selecting a point on the horizon, set their various courses and steamed outwards at full speed. The result of this was that the Zeppelin and the "Sydney" were left to it, and the remaining ships were in a complete circle round them, but steaming away. Captain Dumaresq hoped that when the "Sydney" ordered the remaining ships to apparently run away the Zeppelin would close down on the "Sydney" in order to have a good shot at her with some heavy bombs. The Zeppelin fell into the trap, and as soon as she commenced to come down the "Sydney" hoisted the "Recall" to all ships and to "Open fire." The result of these signals was that the Zeppelin was the centre at which shells from two light cruisers and eight destroyers were coming. The height of the Zeppelin was at one time 14,000 feet. The Zeppelin immediately rose to a safer height and then began to act. Her first bomb of 250 pounds missed off the "Sydney's" port bow. The second missed also off the port bow, but nearer. The "Sydney" altered course and steamed over where the second bomb fell. The third bomb missed and dropped off the starboard bow. The "Sydney" then straightened her course. The Zeppelin then let go three bombs in "rapid fire," which straddled the "Sydney," two dropping to starboard and one to port. Had the "Sydney" repeated her manoeuvre of steaming over where the last bomb fell, this story could not be told. The "Sydney" next altered course to starboard, this time over where the nearer of the last two bombs to starboard fell. The Zeppelin let go two more bombs "rapid fire," missing with both off the port bow and causing Captain Dumaresq to say: "You can't drop two in one place, old chap."

(To be continued)

The cheap-jack auctioneer was trying hard to sell his stock of cigars. "You can't get better, gents," he bellowed; "twenty-five in a box! You can't get better!" Suddenly a voice put in from the back of the crowd; "He's right, folk," it said. "I had one last week and I'm not better yet."

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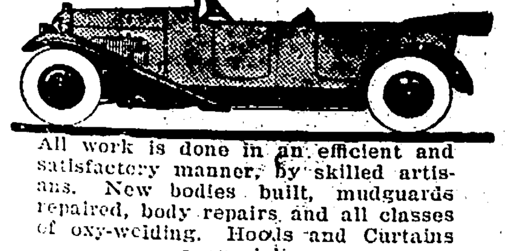

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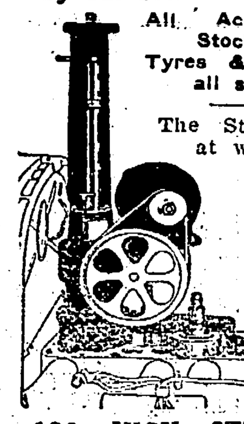

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Matins 11 a.m.
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Preacher—The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25.
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7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon
Preacher—The Rev. Harold Watson.
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ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion
10 a.m.—Children's Church
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Rev. F. Parsons.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET
Morning and Evening.
11 a.m.—Mr. J. W. Gillan
7 p.m.—Mr. J. W. Gillan

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7 p.m.—Mr. N. Acklom

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7 p.m.—Sister Edith.
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11 a.m.—Pastor E. C. Perkins.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
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COMING OF AGE AT WHITTLESEA

On Saturday, January 10, a most enjoyable evening was spent at the Eden Park hall, the occasion being the coming of age of Nelly, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. King, "Hillside," Eden Park, Whittlesea. Over 80 guests attended. Dancing and games were indulged in. During the evening Miss King was presented with three keys, one being given by little Margaret Mairs. Mr. Rowe made a speech, to which ex-Cr. Butler responded. During supper the beautiful two tier birthday cake was cut. The hostess was the recipient of many handsome presents.

NORTHCOTE NOTES

Camera Stolen

Access was gained to the studios of Mr. Cyril Stevens, High street, Thornbury, on the evening of Thursday, January 15. The intruder forced a side window, and by manipulating a key entered the front studio. A valuable camera, roll holder, films, kit bag, overcoat and £7 in cash were taken. Earlier in the day a man entered the studio and asked if the particular camera removed formed part of the studio equipment. It looks as though the camera was stolen to order! Mr. Stevens had a visit from thieves at his private residence in Oakhill avenue during the Christmas holidays, and, to put it in his own words, he now carries a comprehensive policy both at home and at the studio.

Northcote Police News

Petty thieves have recently devoted their attention to rifling cash receptacles in telephone cabinets. The cabinet at the Merri railway station was opened and the cash taken, and another in Darebin road was similarly treated.

The watchman at the shop of Mr. Mostello, butcher, of 560 High street, on going his round recently found that the back door had been broken open, but nothing was removed from the shop.

Between January 16 and 17 the drill hall at Dennis was broken into and about 16/ in silver was taken.

Northcote Fire Brigade Items

On 15th inst a street alarm called the brigade to a fire at 160 Gooch street, in a house owned and occupied by Mr. T. H. Northwood. Before it was extinguished the rear portion and some of the contents were severely damaged by fire, while portion of the front, with the contents, suffered from smoke and water.

An alarm was received from a street station in Arthurton road on 17th inst. The brigade answered the call but found that the fire was in Brunswick, and was being attended by the Brunswick detachment of the brigade.

The brigade answered a false alarm from Newcastle street on the 18th.

Sunday Night Concert.

On Sunday night the customary concerts were resumed in the Town Hall for the relief of unemployment. The Northcote Scouts' Band made their first public appearance and contributed several selections in a creditable style. The young members are to be congratulated on the rapid progress they have made in four months. Other artists were—March, "Niagara," Band; song, Miss Lilian Gray; song, Mr. Eric Smith; song, Miss Moran; cornet solo, Mr. Alfred Foletta (conductor of the band); song, Mrs. Court; duet, Misses Gray and Moran; instrumental quartette, four band members. The accompanists were Mesdames Smith and Cohen. Mr. Harry (in the absence of the Mayor) was the announcer and thanked the Band and the artists for their assistance.

Duck Season Opens on February 14.

The duck season this year will open on February 14 and will close a month later. Officials of the Fisheries and Game Department explain that the usual opening date was February 15, but that it had been decided to meet the convenience of many shooters this year by opening the season on February 14, which is a Saturday.

Community Singing.

On Thursday the Northcote Unemployed Professional Orchestra assisted. Mr. Bert Palmer rendered "My Old Shako" and "The Lilac Tree." Mr. Delaney's numbers were "A Cottage Small" and "You Alone." Messrs. Palmer and Delaney sang "Watchman, What of the Night." The orchestral music included "Parade of the Tin Soldier," "Stageland" and "If I'm Dreaming." Miss O'Halloran, the pianiste, was presented with a bouquet. Mr. Nicoll, who conducted the community singing, varied the programme by recounting amusing incidents.

GUN ACCIDENT AT SOUTH MORANG.

CLERK SHOT THROUGH HEAD.

While climbing through a fence at South Morang on Saturday afternoon, Harold Rackham, 21, clerk, of Preston, was killed by a shot from a gun which he carried in his hand.

His body was found hanging on the fence at 5 p.m. on Saturday by another Preston resident, Mr. Frank Parsons. Death had evidently been instantaneous. The bullet had entered the head through the right eye.

There were no witnesses of the fatality. Rackham left his home in Preston early on Saturday afternoon for South Morang, and went on a shooting expedition unaccompanied. His father is a Methodist local preacher at Preston.

The unfortunate young man was 21 years of age and was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rackham of High St., Preston. He was a popular member of the First Preston troop of boy scouts. The interment was made on Monday at the Heidelberg cemetery.

Mr. C. E. Yeomans, of Bastings St., Northcote, sailed for Tasmania on the "Nairana" on Monday in charge of the Colts' cricket team. A visit of ten days will be made.

UNEMPLOYMENT

THE POSITION AT PRESTON.

THE NUMBERS INCREASE.

At the end of last year there were something like 500 names on the unemployed list in Preston. Now the number has increased to between 700 and 800, with a prospect of others to come. The end is not in sight, and the relief committee will have a hard time ahead in facing and financing the situation.

A meeting of the relief committee was held on Tuesday evening, Cr. H. P. Zwar presided in the unavoidable absence of the Mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson). It was decided to concentrate on the big effort organised by East Preston Social Club to raise the sum of £5000 by various means, including euchre parties, dances, socials, queen competitions and a "Back to Preston" movement. A considerable amount of energy is being put into the venture, and many people are doing their little bit in giving it a push ahead.

The Mayor is making an urgent appeal for a supply of secondhand boots, especially for the use of men. To illustrate the necessity for making this appeal it might be mentioned that two local residents were given a couple of days' road work. One man wore sandshoes, and the other a pair of boots which let in much daylight, and were quite beyond the repairing stage. People will be doing a kindness by overhauling their supply of footwear and sending along to the relief depot anything in the cast-off line.

At Tuesday night's meeting it was decided to approach the Unemployed Board with a request for assistance to send men to Wallan, where there is a supply of firewood on from 100 to 200 acres, at 1/- per ton by measure. It is proposed to send a batch of men to fell and cut the wood, and the Unemployed Board has been asked to provide sustenance for the men and their dependents; also to supply tents and the necessary tools. The committee is awaiting a reply from the Board. The matter has been under the notice of the authorities for some time past, but they are slow in taking action. In the meantime the unfortunate men are suffering.

The relief committee is severely handicapped in not being able to list milk—a very necessary commodity—on the sustenance cards. Candles was provided, but not matches.

A meeting of West Preston Mothers' Club is to be held next Wednesday afternoon, in order to select a queen in connection with the forthcoming competitions under the auspices of East Preston Social Club.

Some time back Preston Council got in touch with the Mines Department and preferred a request that a couple of men be supplied with tools, in order that they might try their luck in prospecting. The result was the Department agreed to the request, and Messrs. Dunlop and Murray, residents of Preston, have left for Elaine to try their luck in the prospecting line. Elaine is a country town situated on the Ballarat line, and in the early days much gold was obtained there. There has been a revival of recent years, and it is hoped the prospectors from Preston will succeed in their mission. Two young men have gone on a fossicking expedition at South Morang.

It is good news to place on record that the Country Roads Board has made available a sum of £3,700 to be expended on works on Epping road. The work will be carried on under the direction of Mr. Scott, Preston's city engineer. By the undertaking of this work a number of unemployed will be taken on.

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The Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain, vicar-designate of Holy Trinity Thornbury, will be inducted to his new cure by Ven. William Hancock, M.A., Archdeacon of Melbourne, on Thursday February 12 at 8 p.m. It is fully anticipated that many friends of the new vicar will be present, including former parishioners from Kingsville together with a big muster of clergy. The event is of outstanding importance; it is generally considered that the future of this virile and progressive church is pregnant with big possibilities under the guidance and leadership of the incumbent elect, whose arrival will be awaited with much interest by all concerned.

The archbishop of Melbourne, The Most Rev. F. W. Head B.D., M.C., will visit Holy Trinity, Thornbury, and preach, on Sunday Feb 22 at the 11 a.m. service. Further particulars will be published later.

The Rev. Chamberlain entered the church comparatively late in life and served for 7½ years at Saint Bartholomew's, Burney before he went to Kingsville, where he soon established himself as a capable leader and organiser, and also gained a reputation as an extempore speaker. Rev. and Mrs. Chamberlain have also been active workers in public affairs aiding the unemployed and organising soup kitchens.

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Young Woman's Amazing Allegations of Assault

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE AT WOLLERT

SEARCHING CROSS-EXAMINATION ABOUT DRINK AND WEEK-ENDS.

"EVIDENCE MOST UNRELIABLE," SAYS J.P.

The story of happenings at an all-night dance on New Year's Eve was related at the Preston Court on January 22, when some amazing allegations were made by a young woman from Reservoir against a young man who is employed as a booking clerk at the Regent railway station. The young woman, Elaine Swanton, of Cheddar road, Reservoir, had to face a searching cross-examination.

The police case ended with dramatic suddenness when, after four witnesses had been heard, the justices on the bench (Messrs. O. A. Walker and T. J. McMahon, J's.P.) intimated that they had heard enough, and intended to dismiss the case. The chairman expressed some very strong opinions on the conduct of the young people of the present day.

George Ian Darcy Maher, 19 years, was charged with having assaulted Elaine Swanton at Wollert, with intent to commit a serious offence, on January 1.

Doctor's Evidence.

Dr. L. S. Fredman, of Reservoir, said—On January 1 I examined Elaine Swanton, and found her suffering severely from shock. There were red marks on her head and neck, skin abrasions on both arms, an abrasion on the left ear, and a cut about an inch long on her chest. Four days later she was still in a very nervous state. There were no indications that an attempt had been made to commit a criminal assault.

Mr. R. T. Cahir (for Maher)—Could the injuries have been caused by a fall?—The head injuries might, but not the abrasions, unless she had been dragged along the ground.

YOUNG WOMAN'S STORY.

Elaine Swanton, 20 years, who was becomingly attired in a dark blue costume, said—On New Year's Eve I went in a van to a dance at Wollert with a girl friend, arriving at about 9 p.m. There were a lot of others in the van, some of whom I knew.

Some time after midnight I left the hall with a Mr. and Mrs. Parsons and Maher, whom I had previously seen at the Regent railway station. We walked about 150 yards from the hall, when we met Sam Dando and another man.

Just a Little Drink.

We were standing on the road when someone produced a bottle of wine and we all had a drink. Another bottle was then brought out and we all had some too.

The others then walked away, leaving me with Maher. I was about to go too, but he spoke to me, and I stayed to hear what he was saying. He said: "My 'old man' is a bookmaker, and I am a clerk at the Regent railway station."

"I Do Feel Funny."

Then he put one hand on his head and the other round my waist and said: "I do feel funny." I said: "I'm going now; my friends have gone."

He said nothing, but struck me to the ground. Then he grasped my throat and wound his legs round my body.

I screamed out "Help," and he again caught my throat, saying: "Are you going to shut up?" and he made a suggestion.

After struggling wildly I got up, but (hopelessly) I did not get far before he caught me by the back and punched me to the ground. I again screamed "Help." He grasped my throat and threatened to choke me.

I hit at him when I got the chance, but (mournfully) I did not get much chance.

A motor cycle came along and I called out for help, but the motor cycle went on its way. Maher appeared delighted and said: "Ha! You thought you were going to get away that time."

Paralysed With Fear.

I was paralysed with fear, and I put my hands in his face. He said: "You would scratch me, would you?" and he bit my finger right through the nail.

Again I screamed for help, but no one came.

"Seemed to go Mad."

Maher said: "There is blood on my face," and he seemed to go mad and punched me on the face.

Elaine, speaking in a dramatic way, continued: "I could not have struggled much longer when a motor truck approached. He said: "I'll fix you this time. I'll not let you go back there squawking," and again seized my throat.

As the truck got nearer he released me and I got up and staggered towards it. I heard a woman scream as I collapsed.

The next thing I remember was that I was in bed in a house and there were two men present. I said: "I have been assaulted." Later I was taken home.

Searching Cross-examination.

Mr. Cahir—Whilst the bus was on the way to the dance some liquor was consumed?—We all had one drink at Thomastown, on the roadside.

You were picked up by the bus?—I was walking along the road waiting for the bus to come along.

Did you know that that van was was going to Wollert that night?—No.

What bus did you intend to go in?—One that runs from Reservoir.

And it was not running that night?—No.

Who runs the bus you intended to go in?—I don't know.

It is ten miles to Wollert from Reservoir?—About that.

It would be a fair step to walk?—Yes.

Have you ever walked there?—No.

Drinks at the Dance.

At the dance how did you have the drinks?—Out of a bottle.

The bottle was passed round?—Yes.

Mr. McMahon, J.P.—You all had a "suck?" (Laughter.)

Mr. Cahir—Good old Australian style. (Laughter.)

Mr. Cahir (to witness)—Did you feel ill as a result of those drinks?—No; a child could drink it.

Mr. McMahon, J.P.—I would not like to see a child of mine drink it.

Mr. Walker, J.P.—Nor mine either.

Mr. Cahir—You say Maher told you who he was before assaulting you?—Yes. (Theatrically) They always make the fatal slip.

You have learned elocution, it seems?—Yes; I'm good at it.

And amateur theatricals too?—No; I haven't done any of that.

I put it to you that you were intoxicated at the time of the alleged assault, and that you had to hold on to the fence to stop yourself from falling over?—No.

Did you not fall over after the others left?—No. He punched me.

Did you not say to him "I feel ill. Don't leave me now."—No.

Did you go home in the van?—Yes.

And Maher went home in it too?—Yes.

"Suit Gave Me a Fright."

At the police station did you not make a mistake in identification?—At the station there was a man who had a suit and hat like Maher's. The man had his back to me, and when I saw the suit I fainted.

Didn't you identify the wearer of that suit as the man who assaulted you?—No; the suit gave me a fright.

Are you in the habit of drinking?—I am not a girl who drinks. Only on one other occasion have I had a drink.

Where was that other occasion?—At Fairfield. I had some wine.

You have been to other dances in the district, too?—Yes, at Bundoora.

Did you ever have drink there?—No.

Did you ever walk home from Bundoora?—No.

If I produce a man who said he walked home with you then, that would be wrong?—Yes.

And if the man said that you went with him into a paddock that would be false?—Yes. Absolutely.

About a Week-end.

Now I want to see if you are the innocent girl you would have the court believe. Where did you spend last Easter?—At Chelsea.

Was it not at Bon Beach?—No, Chelsea.

What was the name of the street?—I don't remember.

Am I correct in saying that there were in the party five girls, including yourself, and six young men, all un-

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"IN THE BRAVE DAYS OF OLD".

There was a comprehensive display of motor vehicles in the pageant of transport held on Saturday afternoon. One of the novelties was a chariot drawn by four "baby" cars, which was a feature of the British car section.

THEIR EXECELLENCIES.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Isaacs seated in the State carriage after the ceremony of installation.

Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

GENERAL STRIKE PROPOSED IN SYDNEY.

FOLLOWING WAGE REDUCTION

A recommendation that the Australasian Council of Trade Unions should agree to a general strike throughout the Commonwealth as a protest against the reduction in Federal award rates by the Federal Arbitration Court was adopted at a conference on Wednesday between secretaries of the Federal unions and the disputes committee of Labor Council. A motion was agreed to that responsibility for the reduction primarily rested with the Federal Government, which had "failed signally to honor the policy speech of the Prime Minister." The meeting expressed indignation at the action of the Federal Government in "leaving the industrial fight of the workers to the Nationalist-appointed judges."

The recommendation will be considered at a meeting of the executive committee of the Australasian Council of Trade Unions in Sydney. If the recommendation be adopted a special congress of the Australasian Council of Trade Unions will be held early next month.

Organisations represented at the meeting were ship painters and dockers, timber workers, Australian Railways Union, rubber workers, tramway men, Amalgamated Engineering Union, Australian Society of Engineers, electricians, moulders, food-preserving employes, meat employes, coachmakers, storemen and packers, iron trades, boilermakers, furnishing trades, carpenters, road transport, builders' laborers and plumbers.

Importance is attached to a resolution of the Australian Workers' Union convention inviting the executive committee to confer with the delegates on the Federal wage reduction. The proposal for a general strike will be submitted to the delegates, and the co-operation of the Australian Workers' Union will be requested.

As the Australian Workers' Union and the Australian Council of Trades Unions cover the membership of most of the unions throughout Australia, any joint decision arrived at will carry much weight with the Federal and State political organisations. The invitation followed receipt of a letter from the secretary of the Australian Council of Trades Unions (Mr. Crofts), asking for a conference to discuss industrial problems arising out of the present economic position.

Let Your New Year Resolution be "Shop

What Preston People Are Doing

By The Rouseabout.

Preston Red Cross

CONSIDERABLE interest attaches to the first meeting of the year in connection with Preston Red Cross Auxiliary which is to be held next Wednesday afternoon. Two members are to be recommended for appointment as Life Governors of the Eye and Ear Hospital. Four ladies are aspiring to the coveted honor, and the voting will, it is expected be close. A large attendance of members is being looked forward to.

The State Coach

MR. Laurie Jones and the State Coach have parted company and the much talked of motor car will not be seen careering along the streets of Preston any longer, nor will it be the means of conveying municipal dignitaries to social functions in other suburbs. In future the coach will be at the beck and call of Mr. Jephart, of South Morang into whose hands it has passed.

Salvation Army

ADHERENTS of the above body are looking forward to a visit from Lieut. Col. McClure, commander for many years of the social and prison work of that organisation. He is to lecture on Prisons Ancient and Modern on Sunday, February 8. The Territorial Headquarters' Band will visit Preston and give a recital in Preston town hall in the afternoon also at the barracks in the morning and evening.

Good Cricket Record

A. MADDEN, a player for Preston Municipal Cricket Club showed up well in the match commenced last Saturday afternoon against Box Hill Municipal team on the ground of the latter. Madden secured seven wickets for 18 runs. Preston is ahead on the first innings. The match is to be resumed on the coming Saturday afternoon.

Nice Haul of Fish

A PARTY of Preston fishermen spent an enjoyable week-end at Kangaroo Ground. Fishing was indulged in and the catches of cod are reported to have been good.

Outing for Councillors

CR. L. JONES, Preston council's representative on the Metropolitan Board of Works has invited the mayor and councillors, also ex-councillors to pay a visit to the Board's watersheds during the first week in February.

Strathallan Cemetery

THERE have been seven burials up to the present in the new section of Strathallan cemetery.

Preston Court Business

FOR the quarter ended December 31 last, 421 cases were listed in Preston court. Of that number, 117 were for debt, the amount sued for being £1,281. The bench made orders for £855. There were 40 arrests, 169 persons were dealt with for various offences and 169 were convicted. 19 being discharged. In addition, there were 95 cases described as "miscellaneous" dealt with. Mr. O. Walker, J.P. heads the list of attendances with 12, Mr. McMahon following with 8, and Messrs. Hooper and Flanders with two each.

Grass Fire

ON Thursday of last week, 150 acres of grass went up in flames and smoke at Glenhard farm, Douglas street, Heidelberg, where H. Bartram carries on the business of a dairyman. Preston firemen responded to the call for assistance and extinguished the flames by means of beaters.

New Tennis Court

A TENNIS court has been laid out in grounds adjoining the Baptist Church, Preston on the corner of Cramer street and Gilbert road.

"Whiskers"

WHEN the investigation committee presented its report to Preston council on a recent occasion, reference was made to the services of many employes and the desirability of changes and removals. One employe was overlooked, viz, "Whiskers," a horse which has grown grey, coated, sad-eyed and weary in the service of the council for goodness knows how many years. "Whiskers" has done his work year in and year out and has never been guilty of refusing duty in hot summer sunshine or teeming rain. It seems now as if the time had arrived to call a halt in the animal's work and a suggestion has come to the fore that "Whiskers" be allowed to end his days in peace and quietnesss in a nice paddock where the green grass grows all round and there is a plentiful supply of water. The animal has come under the eye of Mr. Dedman, a resident of Bundoora, and that gentleman has made an offer to find a good home for the faithful animal.

Justices of the Peace

THERE are 17 justices of the peace in Preston, including two women who are entitled to sit on the bench at Preston court. Not many of the gentlemen however avail themselves of the privilege.

Preston Railway Station

PAINTERS have been busy during the last week in improving the woodwork at the local railway station with much-needed coats of paint. The poky old-fashioned building looks all the better for the belated spring cleaning.

West Preston State School

ON Thursday evening, January 22 a very pleasant gathering took place at the school when Princess Hill State School Band paid a visit and provided a delightful programme of music. West Preston school band was well to the fore and under the capable leadership of Mr. Fred Smith played selections in a meritorious manner, gaining applause from the large numbers of parents (from both suburbs) present. Marches, hymns, quartettes and lively selections from each band followed in quick succession and regret was expressed when it was time to say good-night. Mr. Goodwin is headmaster at Princess Hill school, and Mr. E. W. Milnes, head teacher was in attendance as also was Mr. Roe, who controls the West Preston school. Mr. Johnson, a member of the latter committee, thanked the visitors for the entertainment presented and he was supported in his remarks by Messrs. Ferguson, Holt, and Watt. Mr. Milnes made a suitable response on behalf of Princess Hill, then the company sat down to refreshments, all present expressing a hope that there might be a repetition of what was a really agreeable social function.

Miss M. Craigie has joined the staff of the West Preston school.

On Tuesday 1,100 pupils presented themselves at school and a good start was made by the boys and girls, also the teaching staff for the New Year.

Gower Street

COMMENT has been made by visitors to Preston at the unsightly appearance of Gower street from High street right up to the railway gates. Tall, rank weeds abound on every side, and the thoroughfare sadly needs a clean-up generally. It is in such a state as would cause one to think he was well in the back blocks of Gippsland or in a part of the country where the municipal authorities met once in a while. One expects something better in Preston.

A Step Forward

THE many friends of one-time Plain-clothes S. B. B. Seager will be pleased to learn that he has been advanced in the force to a considerable degree and that he is now attached to the C.I.B. in the city, as a fully-fledged detective and takes the place of Senior-Constable Jones—once a detecvive—and now resigned from the force. Detective Seager performed excellent work whilst stationed in Preston and there is every chance of his rising still higher in the ranks of the force. He will continue to reside in Rosebery avenue, Preston for the present. Of a quiet disposition and courteous manner he is well liked in Preston.

Theft of Ferns

TEN stag and elk ferns to the value of £2 were stolen from the rear of a house in Wood street, Preston occupied by Mrs. Myrtle Holloway.

House Entered

CHRISTOPHER Lancaster, Oakover road, Preston has reported the loss of a lady's handbag, £3/10 in notes, Swiss gun metal watch, grey overcoat, and pair of lady's gloves to the value of £15/3/6. The robbery occurred at 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning when Mrs. Lancaster was in the front garden.

Fruiterer's Loss

ABOUT 50 feet of garden hose, with fittings, two fruit baskets and five canaries were taken from the back yard of Geo. Leonard King's house in Murray road, Preston on Tuesday night or early on Wednesday morning. King, who is a fruiterer estimates his loss at £3.

Pavilion Broken Into

THE pavilion at the tennis court owned by Eileen Pearl Duffin in Shower street, Preston was entered on January 24 and 40 ft. of garden hose, valued at £1/10/- stolen.

Post Office Employe's Coat

FRANCIS Burney is a messenger at Preston P. O. On Tuesday evening at 7.20 he left an overcoat valued at £5 in a room at the Post Office and an hour or two later, the coat was missing from the room, the door of which had been left unlocked. Later, Burney left a note at the watchhouse saying the coat had been recovered.

East Preston Motor Cycle Club.

EAST PRESTON went to Stony Point over the week-end, where a very enjoyable time was spent. On the Monday the club visited the T.T. races at Cowes, where they saw some real speed and riding. The club's next run will be a beach run (on Sunday next), leaving Durrant's Garage, Plenty road, Preston, at 10 a.m. sharp.

Loss of Birds

THREE canaries, a love bird, mountain parrot and three bird cages valued at £2/15/ were stolen from the back verandah of the house occupied by Hugh Gorrie, carrier, Beauchamp street, Preston between 8 p.m. on November 26 and 8 a.m. on the following day.

Bicycle Theft

GEO. Caulfield, bacon curer, Maynard street, Preston paid a visit to the Junction Hotel on the morning of January 24, leaving his bicycle, valued at £5 10/ outside. Returning a few minutes later, the owner found that his machine had been appropriated by someone else.

At midnight on Saturday, Fred John Wilson, butcher, Bell street, Preston left two bicycles on the back verandah of his house. At 8 o'clock on Sunday morning there was no sign of the bicycles, which were valued at £12.

A bicycle valued at £5 was left alongside a fence at Hutton's factory by Norman Newton, Gilbert road Preston for 10 minutes. When he returned he found a thief had made off with his means of locomotion.

John Foster, shop assistant, Wallace street, Preston left his bicycle outside 129 High street last Friday evening. After a brief absence, he found the unpleasant discovery that his machine, valued at £5, had been taken.

Jewellery Robbery

ON Friday morning last a woman called at the house of Vera Goldberg, married woman, Oakover road, Preston and offered aprons for sale. Mrs. Goldberg who had been busying up the rear portion of the house did not make a purchase. Upon proceeding to the front bedroom the discovery was made that the following property had been made away with—3 stone diamond ring, cluster ring, diamond ring, and a purse containing silver and coppers. The loss is estimated at £50. The police are anxious to interview the woman who called at Mrs. Goldberg's house on an apron-selling expedition.

Bus Owner's Loss

LAST Friday evening a spare rim, tyre and tube were stolen from a bus, the property of Norman Castle, Wallace street, Preston.

Girls' Cricket Association Sports.

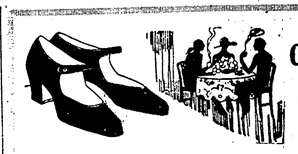
AT the Victorian Girls' Cricket Association sports on Monday, at Black Rock, J. Murray won her heat in the skipping race (50 yards); but was defeated in the final. In the 75 yards (B.), N. Baldwin (Preston) came second in her heat and also second in the final. In the 75 yards (A.), P. Edwards was second in her heat and unplaced in the final. In the sack race M. Wilson (Preston) won her heat and was third in the final. C. Francis (Preston) was second in her heat in the egg and spoon race, and H. McKeown (Preston) won her heat. Neither were placed in the final.

Preston Second Eighteen Football Club.

THE annual meeting of the Preston (Second Eighteen) Football Club will be held in the supper room at the rear of the old town hall on Tuesday evening, February 3, at 8 p.m. Nominations of office-bearers will be received at the meeting, and all members desirous of recording their votes must produce their member's ticket. The last season proved most successful, both on the playing field and financially. The club will commence operations this season with a credit balance of £30, which speaks volumes for those administering the finances.

Theft From Motor Driver.

A COUPLE of pound notes, one 10/- note, gold watch chain and Turkish watch were stolen from the home of Jos. Flynn, motor driver, Haly St., West Preston, on January 24. The loser valued the property at £7/10/-



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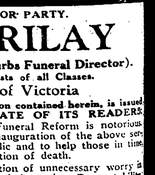

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held on December 19, when the annual report and balance-sheet were presented. The report showed that £95 was raised and handed to the Mayor's fund for the relief of unemployed; also that over 100 pairs of boots were repaired by the club for the Central Relief Committee. The appeal for toys made by the president (Mr. Clarence W. Jenner) met with a great success, the report showing that 150 toys were handed to the central body for distribution amongst the unemployed families.

Election of office-bearers—President, Mr. Clarence W. Jenner (unopposed); vice-president, Mr. L. Bushell (unopposed); hon. sec., Mr. Fred. A. Paton (unopposed); treasurer, Mr. J. Coote (unopposed); assistant secretary, Mr. J. Bruce (unopposed); auditors, Mr. G. Pike and Cr. A. E. Newton, patrons, Mr. Gerald Webber, M.L.A., the Mayor (Cr. G. Robinson), Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., Cr. A. E. Newton, Cr. J. Hemburrow, Cr. W. Spratling, Cr. R. H. Maynard, and Mr. Sheppard; publicity officer, Mr. L. Bushell; property officer, Mr. W. Hinton.

CARNIVAL ACTIVITIES.

QUEEN CANDIDATES SELECTED.

Enthusiastic co-operation is the keynote which marks the preparations being made for the club's carnival and "Back to Preston" movement, the club's aim being to raise funds for the relief of the unemployed.

At a committee meeting during the week Mr. Bushell (publicity officer) expressed himself as being very pleased with the receptions he had met with at meetings of public bodies, whose co-operation he had sought in order to bring the effort to a successful conclusion. "The response had been far beyond expectations," said Mr. Bushell. Several queens have been selected. The A.N.A. and A.W.A. have combined to support Miss White. The Reservoir school has selected Miss Flora McLeod. Arrangements are well in hand and most satisfactory reports have been received from the Bell, West Preston and South Preston state schools. The sporting sections have not moved so quickly, and so far only one queen has been announced—Miss Dudgeon.

A good report was delivered by Mr. W. Jenner, who intimated that the Catholic group were most enthusiastic and that Miss Clancy would be their queen candidate, and that she will be known as the "Queen of Charity."

There is in Preston what might be called an "unattached group" of public bodies who do not come under churches, schools, progress associations or sporting bodies, and there is a movement to unite all these to form a queen. Miss Robinson, daughter of the Mayor and Mayoress, has been suggested as a candidate. In this group are the R.S.S.I.L.A., Dads' Association, Mums, Wives and Sisters' Association, Red Cross, Mayoress' Guild, Traders' Association, millinery, etc.

It must be borne in mind that all tickets for entertainments, etc., must be obtained from the secretary of the Social Club, Mr. F. A. Paton, 4 Collier St., Preston.

Queen of Amateur Athletics.

At a specially convened meeting of the combined Ladies' and Men's Amateur Athletic Clubs of Preston, Miss Dudgeon was enthusiastically elected as a candidate as Queen of Amateur Athletics in the £5000 carnival for funds in aid of the Unemployed relief. After Mr. Hines, carnival secretary, was thanked by the chairman, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Butcher conveyed the clubs' thanks. The clubs decided to co-operate in the carnival. Both clubs are young, the men's club being still in its first year, and the ladies' club was formed last November. Miss Dudgeon is a daughter of Mrs. Dudgeon, who has been a hard worker in various organisations connected with the district, and who is a vice-president of the women's club.

A sub-committee was formed to control the activities of the competition, and although the larger and well established clubs may outrun the athletic queen, it will not be for want of trying. The meeting ended with plans being made, thus getting it early.

BACK TO PRESTON" CARNIVAL.

During the "Back to Preston" carnival week a sports carnival will be held. Both the men's and women's athletic clubs will give wholehearted support. Attempts will be made to give the public the opportunity of seeing Australia's leading athletes and Empire Games representatives.

A SUCCESSFUL DANCE.

The outstanding event of the week was the dance at the Preston city hall, held last Saturday, when upwards of 200 dancers assembled to enjoy a pleasant evening. A feature was the lighting effect (dimmed) for the dream waltz. Mr. J. Coote was M.C., and the music, by Hines' Masqueraders, was excellent.

CENTRAL PRESTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Haigh, of Spring street, Preston, who have been on a tour of England, returned during the week.

Mrs. H. May and Mrs. E. G. Green have returned from their holiday at Cowes.

An accident occurred at the corner of Murray road and Plenty road last Saturday afternoon, when two cars collided. A tree was almost knocked over by one of the cars.

To augment the funds of the social service club of the Preston Church of Christ, a concert was held at the residence of Mr. Chipperfield, in High street. The programme was organised and presented by ten children, whose efforts were well received. A collection realised 10/6.

At the Jika Cricket Association on Monday next a deputation from East Preston Social Club will seek co-operation in their scheme for assisting the unemployed.

The Preston Diggers' Cricket Club last Monday held a picnic at Warrandyte when a good number of players and supporters made the trip.

Owing to the unfavorable weather the picnic arranged for last Monday at the Maribyrnong tea gardens by the Preston and Northcote Scottish Society was postponed.

A committee meeting of the Preston United Football Club was held on Wednesday night, when several important recommendations were drawn up for submission to the annual meeting, which will be held in the second week in February. It is proposed that the club enter B Grade this season.

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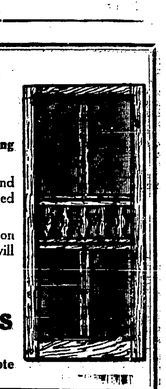

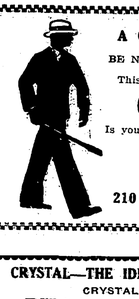

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The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1931

New Bankrupt.—Edward Michael Keating, wood and coal merchant, of Preston St., Preston. Causes of bankruptcy—Loss of trade and pressure of creditors. Liabilities, £219/1/; assets, £12/19/; deficiency, £206/2/.

Westleigh College. James St., Northcote, re-opens on February 10. The principal (Mrs. I. Flynn) may be interviewed by new and intending pupils at the school on February 7 and 9.

Mr. J. Jenkins, secretary of the Regent Pirates' Motor Cycle Club, has advised us that N. Delany, who was concerned in a court case at Preston last week, is not a member of the Regent Pirates' Club.

A notable instance of parochial effort and confidence, remarkable in present conditions, will occur on Saturday, February 14, at 3.30 p.m., when the Archbishop of Melbourne, at the request of the vicar of the parish, Rev. W. Alfred Shaw, will lay the foundation stone of the new Church of St. Cuthbert, Brunswick East. The church is now being built on a commanding site, on part of the former Sumner Estate, at the corner of Glenlyon road and Nicholson St., Brunswick.

A motor car, the property of Mr. Frank Pyke, of Ringwood, was stolen from a parking area in Melbourne on Saturday night. It was later recovered abandoned in Preston.

Mr. C. H. Burnham, estate agent, of 46 Arthurton road, Northcote, was on January 27, at a meeting of the Executive Council, appointed by his Excellency the Governor a sworn valuer for the counties of Bourke, Evelyn and Mornington.

BOWLING.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF PRESTON GREEN.

A great fight was witnessed at the Preston green on Wednesday afternoon, when Ser. H. A. Lang and Mr. Geo. Neville contested the final for the championship of the green.

The game was even right through and until the second last end both were running "neck and neck."

On the end mentioned the sergeant, playing deftly, had two lying close to the kitty, and victory was in his grasp.

But George Neville was not to be out, and, gathering his bowl well, put in a beautiful drive, which took off the sergeant's two timers.

The coolness of Lock then left the defensive in the lurch, and George ran out the winner.

The game was witnessed with interest by many leading citizens, and both players were congratulated on their keen sportsmanship.

Northcote Football Club.

The list of nominations for the various offices of the Northcote Football Club show that Mr. F. Trainor is unopposed as president. The committee (12 to be elected) there are 16 aspirants. Mr. G. George, retiring treasurer, is not seeking re-election but is going for a vice-presidency. Mr. W. S. Jackson will be the new treasurer. There are three aspirants for the secretaryship—Messrs. W. King, R. H. Hamilton and L. Walsh (retiring). Mr. Walsh did not intend to seek re-election and his decision to stand again was made at the last minute.

Undertaker Taken Down.

MR. Ernest Jensen is a well known Preston undertaker, and pursues the even tenor of his way in a businesslike manner. Most people are not too keen on entering his premises except under compulsion. However, at seven o'clock on Monday evening he received a visit from persons unknown, who did not place even a small order, or leave a card so that he might get in touch with them. After the unknown visitors left the High St. shop, a watch, a 6ft. steel tape, and an cigar box containing postage and duty stamps were missing. The value of the missing property was £1/17/6. Some youngsters were noticed playing near the undertakery at the time named, and they suddenly disappeared. It is not certain however that they were responsible for the theft.

PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

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

Unregistered Car

Stuart Evans, Cooper street, Preston, was charged with having driven an unregistered car on December 20. Raymond Nash, clerk, of Malvern, said on December 20 he saw defendant driving a car.

Constable J. J. Kearney said at 2.30 p.m. on December 20 he saw defendant in Murray road, near Bond street. The car was slightly damaged and he admitted that it was not registered.

Defendant: Did I tell you I was trying to sell the car?

Witness: No.

A conviction was recorded.

Nash asked for costs.

Defendant: If he had not broken the law I would not have been here. (Laughter.)

The P.M.: That is a poor argument.

Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of £2 and 10/ costs.

Ejectment Order

The Third Extended Starr Bowkett Building Society obtained an ejectment order against W. Dunk, of Rosneberry avenue, Preston.

The solicitor for the society said that at the end of last year an ejectment order was obtained against this defendant, and when the time for the issue of the warrant had almost expired representations were made to the society to allow him to stay on until he could make arrangements for another house. The society agreed, and in face of this Dunk had since refused to leave, making the further application to the court necessary.

A warrant of ejectment was made to be issued within 30 days. A stay of seven days was granted. Defendant was also ordered to pay £1/3/6 costs.

Maintenance Surety

Leslie Holt, Matlock street, Preston, was called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for failing to find a surety to comply with a maintenance order. There was also a claim for maintenance arrears.

The P.M. asked the wife (Nellie Holt) if she would give her husband an adjournment to try and get the surety.

Defendant: I would sooner not do that.

The P.M.: You know the alternative?

Defendant: Yes. I've asked my wife to come back to me; I've begged and prayed of her to return. I don't know what I have done to deserve imprisonment. I think that you two had better talk the matter over.

Later the wife asked for an adjournment of four weeks, and this was granted.

Debt

Theo Charles Cottle sued George Christian, St. George's road, Thornbury, for £3/3/9 for a quantity of piping.

Mr. A. K. Lonie (Maddock, Jamieson and Lonie) appeared for Cottle, and Mr. E. F. Norris (Norris and Norris) for Christian.

Cottle said he sold 78 feet of piping to Christian in October last. Christian said he would pay as soon as he was paid for the job he had done. Since then Christian had paid £1 and later 10/. Christian also alleged that the pipe was second hand, whereas it was new.

Continuing, Cottle said:—When I said to Christian, "Don't you know the Board of Works won't let you use second-hand piping?" he replied, "They won't be any the wiser when it gets a coat of paint."

Christian said the pipe was secondhand, and he had agreed to give Cottle only 6d. a foot for that reason. Later Cottle made a demand for the price of the piping at the rate of 1/4½ per foot.

An order was made for the amount claimed, with £3/3/6 costs.

Stanley Peter Taylor was charged with having on January 23 at Reservoir assaulted William Harbour.

Assault Charge Withdrawn

When called there was no appearance of Harbour. Inquiries were made by the police and it was ascertained that Harbour had set out to walk to Preston from Collingwood at 9 o'clock.

The case was again called at 12 o'clock, and as Harbour did not appear, on the application of the police the case was struck out.

PRESTON P.A.F.S. held its fortnightly meeting at the Scout Hall, Preston. Bro. Spivey officiated as Wor. Master in the presence of about 50 members. There was quite an animated discussion on the trip to Ballarat, which is being organised by the Grand Council for April 13. Several members promised to make the trip. The evening closed with old time and modern dancing. About 30 members of the ladies' and gents' lodges paid a surprise visit to Bro. Spivey's home on Tuesday, 13th inst. After a very pleasant evening had been spent with music and games, Bro. Peach, Wor. Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the members of the lodges, presented Bro. and Mrs. Spivey with a crystal water set as a small token of their appreciation of the manner in which he has officiated at the piano for the Preston P.A.F.S. Bro. Spivey suitably responded. The evening was brought to a close by singing Auld Lang Syne.

TURF NOTES.

The William Reid Stakes, the first weight-for-age race of 1931, provided a thrilling contest at Moonee Valley on Saturday between three sprinters, who are likely to be prominent in the bigger autumn events. Bachrach had an idea that the race was a match between Greenline and Wise Force, as they expected them to be just a little too brilliant for Mystic Peak. The race being run at a good pace and a last minute lucky run on the rails enabled Mystic Peak to upset opinions. Mystic Peak is a good horse and a brilliant finisher, but if Wise Force had not shifted out from the rails in the straight, he could not have won Saturday's race. In keeping a strong hold of Wise Force in the early stages it seemed that J. Daniels adopted wrong tactics; it would have been much better to have made full use of the natural pace of the High Force horse and attempted to steal the race. Greenline is a big horse and he did not make the turn too well. He is likely to do much better on a bigger course than the Valley.

In finishing third in the Niddrie Handicap at Moonee Valley, Lady Maude registered a promising first performance. She was well placed all the way and battled on gamely. The race will improve her considerably and she is worth watching.

It should not be long before Lord Essex makes amends for his defeats at Moonee Valley and Williamstown. At the first named course his rider was impatient and took him to the front much too soon, but even then he was beaten only in the last stride in the Australia Day Cup, at Williamstown he finished well in third place, after having suffered interference at the back of the course.

Yalgoolin easily defeated the second division of the Highweight Handicap at Moonee Valley on Saturday, and the Pleuriste gelding can be expected to run better races, in August, 1929. Yalgoolin was the medium of a big plunge for a six furlongs race at Flemington, but was beaten into third place by David Garrick and Switzerland. Subsequently he disappointed in three races and was put by. He did not race again until December last, when he finished fifth in the Aspendale Plate won by Lady Yarborough. The connections of Yalgoolin have been very patient, and it now looks as though they are going to reap full reward.

The All Black gelding Pantoni had backing at long prices for the Caldermeade Handicap at Moonee Valley last Saturday. He made a slow beginning, but from the turn he put in a great run to finish on the heels of the placegetters. That form indicates something much better ere long.

The progeny of Heroic have been very prominent in two-year-old races, which seems to indicate a most successful career as sire for the champion son of Valais. Certainly Heroic has made a better beginning at the stud than his former rival on the turf—Manfred—who also is by the Count Valais. At Williamstown on Monday Heroic gained another advertisement when La Jaconde won the Juvenile Stakes. This filly, who is out of Bronzero, has previously won at Geelong. La Jaconde on Monday gave her backers a thrill by jumping a crossing just below the distance, which caused her to fall for a few strides. She recovered quickly, however, and finished brilliantly to gain her victory. She should win other races.

Weights for the Newmarket and other autumn events will be published on Monday. A good deal of speculation has been going on as to what weight the champion Phar Lap will get. Some argue that he will get over 11.0, while others contend that he will be handicapped at a pound or two below that mark. The problem is a difficult one for the handicapper. Greenline won the Newmarket last year with the record weight of 10.2, therefore if the handicapper lets him in this year with an additional 5lbs to 10.7, he will not be accused of being harsh on the Greenstead gelding. If he does this, will he allot Phar Lap an extra 5lbs? Phar Lap is undoubtedly a wonderful horse, but it has to be remembered that he has not contested anything less than a mile since his two-year-old days. Would he be brilliant enough to defeat Greenline and more lightly weighted speedy horses over six furlongs? That is a point open to argument, but it is interesting to note that J. Pike considers that Phar Lap can defeat Greenline over six furlongs, and he should know, for he has ridden both. The handicapper (Mr. J. H. Davies) has his own ideas, and may no: go as high with Phar Lap as some people expect. Last year, when Mr. Davies handicapped Greenline at 10.2 and Amounis at 9.12, he was subjected to a lot of criticism, especially from Sydney racegoers. Shortly before the Newmarket Mr. Davis was discussing the matter with Melbourne pressmen, and he declared that he had not been harsh on Greenline, and further expressed the opinion that even with an advantage of 4lbs. Amounis had no chance of beating Greenline over six furlongs. Amounis did not run in the Newmarket, but Greenline won it easily, thus proving that the criticism of Mr. Davis' weights was not justified.

Holiday expected to leave Sydney for Melbourne this Saturday. Holiday is one of the fastest gallopers in Australia, and is highly fancied for the autumn sprint events.

WOLLERT ASSAULT CASE

(CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE)

married and without chaperones?—Yes.

How many rooms were in the house?—Three. The girls slept in one room and the men in the other.

Is it not a fact that the two rooms as you say were really one, but were divided by a flimsy partition?—There were two rooms.

Who did you go with?—A young man.

Whom you had met only the week before?—Yes.

And (ironically) you graciously accepted his invitation for the week-end?—I didn't want to accept, but was prevailed upon to go by my girl friend.

Was the conduct there decent?—Yes. I did not see anything wrong. I am a good girl.

We will see about that. Did you think the party would be decent when you accepted the invitation?—Certainly or I would not have gone.

Is it not a fact that there was a lot of drink consumed during this week end?—I did not see any.

What! None at all?—There was a bottle of wine.

And you had a taste?—Yes.

You took a half turn on the beach afterwards?—Yes.

Was it on account of the quantity of drink you had had?—No.

You took three or four of those who were there to hold you down?—No.

I suggest that you were in a drunken fit?—No.

How long were you at the place?—A couple of days.

You said before that you had only had two drinks in your life, including the dance at Wollert. What do you mean by it. You are on your oath, and I advise you to be very careful. Now what do you say about it?—I had myself accepted some wine, but (ingeniously) I don't call that drink.

Witness Warned.

Mr. Cahir expressed the opinion that Elaine was hedging and averting the questions he had put to her, and was trying to mislead the court.

Mr. Walker, J.P., warned the witness to answer questions and straightforwardly, and that if she told the truth she had nothing to fear.

Sobbing bitterly, Elaine burst out: "This is awful. They are trying to blacken me to try and save Maher."

Mr. Walker, J.P., spoke kindly to the witness, telling her to compose herself, and give straightforward answers.

At this stage Mr. Cahir put a delicate question to the witness, and she broke down and sobbed bitterly. She indignantly refuted a suggestion that she had passed the night elsewhere than with the other females in the party.

Mr. Cahir, continuing with his cross-examination, asked further questions about the week-end at the beach, and said "If I can produce a man who says that you misconducted yourself there, what will you say?—I will say that he lies. The man would say that to try and save Maher.

Then in your opinion this is a conspiracy to save Maher?—Of course it is.

Girl Friend's Story.

Ethel Maud Watkins, weaver, of Robert St., Northcote, said—I went to the dance with Elaine. When I got to Reservoir I learned that the usual bus was not running.

I wanted to return home, but Elaine said: "We might as well walk along the road, as we might strike some friends who are going up." Just then a van came along and we got a ride.

After getting to the hall, we had some dances. I missed Elaine at about a quarter to ten, and I did not see her again until the dance ended.

At about 2 a.m. I was out looking for her, and I saw a constable assisting her along the road. She was in a very nervous state. Two men put her in the van, and she was later taken home.

Mr. Cahir—Were you offered a drink in the van?—Yes, and I threw it out.

Did Elaine have any?—Not to my knowledge.

There was a plant of liquor outside at the dance?—I believe so.

When you were looking for Elaine did you go and look near the "plant?"—It was planted everywhere. (Laughter).

At this stage the court adjourned for lunch, and on resuming Mr. Walker, J.P., asked the police if there was any need to call more evidence.

Sub-Inspector Jones (prosecuting)—It is in your worship's hands.

Constable's Evidence.

Constable Wallron, of Epping, said—At about 2 a.m. I was on duty at a dance at Wollert and was told I was wanted "up the road."

About 30 yards from the hall I saw Elaine Swanton being assisted by a man. She was staggering about, and with assistance I took her to a room at Mr. Pittaway's house, which was near by.

"Why Didn't You Come Sooner?"

On the way she said—"Oh, why didn't you come sooner? I was nearly strangled, and I called for help."

I placed her on a bed, and she became very ill. She said: "I will have to tell my father. I was assaulted."

"Who Did It?"

I said: "Who did it?" She made no reply. I asked: "Who did this to you?" and again she was silent.

I said "Why try to shield the man?" She said: "I am a good girl."

Her stockings were torn at the knees, and one shoe was missing. She asked me to try and find her other shoe. I did not see her again that night.

Mr. Cahir—You asked her twice who assaulted her?—Yes.

And she did not reply?—She did not answer.

There were a number of cars at the dance?—Yes.

And there were young people in them?—Yes.

Were they drinking?—I did not see anyone drinking.

When you first went to this woman on the road was there a smell of liquor on her?—Yes; a strong smell.

She may have been sick through an excess of liquor?—Yes.

Have you any complaint to make concerning Maher's conduct at these dances?—No. I don't know Maher. If he had misconducted himself at dances at Wollert before I should have known him.

Sub-inspector Jones was about to call further evidence when Mr. Cahir submitted to the bench that up to that stage there was no evidence to sustain a criminal charge such as had been preferred. At the very outset the evidence might point to a common assault, and if the charge were one of common assault there was no corroboration.

"Evidence Most Unreliable."

Mr. McMahon, J.P., said that he believed that there was no case to answer.

Continuing, he said that the evidence of the principal witness was most unreliable.

Sub-inspector Jones said that the further evidence he had would not carry the case much further.

Disgusting!

Mr. Walker, J.P., chairman, said the evidence made him wonder what the young people of to-day were coming to. Parties of young people, going away for week-ends without chaperones, drinking beer out of a common bucket, was disgusting. It was a great pity that parents had not more control. In this case the evidence of the chief witness was that what will you say?—I will say that he lies. The man would say that to try and save Maher.

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LATE CRICKET

Municipal Association

Box Hill, 49 (W. Paterson 16, A. Madden 7/18, D. Johnson 1/2, C. Hargreaves 1/5, B. Gilchrist 1/11 and four for 11 (J. Foster 3/4), v Preston, 50 (Foster 12, S. Thomas 2/4, B. Herbert 2/12, F. Woollard 1/8, S. Mimms 1/15). The fielding of both sides was a feature of the match. No less than three of Preston's players were run out.

Northcote and Preston Churches

South Preston Methodists, 99 (R. Clarkson 29, Bott 23 n.o., Kent 16), v Epiphany, six for 57 (Pearce 2/23, Kaufman 2/14, Bott 1/11). To be concluded to-morrow.

On Monday South Preston Methodists defeated Croxton Methodists by 71 runs outright. Scores—South Preston Methodists, 80 (Bott 26, Pike 17) and eight (closed) for 115 (Clarkson 53 n.o., Dunn 23, Pike 19); Croxton Methodists, 54 and 70 (Winslade 31, Pearce 12/51, Bott 6/52, Kaufman 1/1).

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Realising this trait in human nature, one of the Berlin broadcasting companies recently broadcast an impromptu conversation from their studio. For this purpose they invited four people—a gardener, a bookbinder, a seamstress and a young housewife to have a chat, no special subject being chosen for them. They were to provide their own topic of conversation, "and they were introduced to each other for the first time, half an hour before the transmission began. Smoking and refreshments were allowed to put the four people more at their ease.

The young housewife opened the conversation by telling of a dance which she had attended the night before, and also related her experiences at a carnival which she had previously attended. The gardener turned the conversation to the time that he was a prisoner of war in Russia, and the bookbinder told of his three partners, who were all elected in the many thousands of listeners who were hearing the conversation by means of their radio. The seamstress told of a walk she had taken on a wintry night in the vicinity of Munich, and the bookbinder told how he had that morning been informed that he had won 100 marks in a competition. He said that he had often been lucky in competitions, and that his wife had at one time won a washing machine.

Listeners from all parts of the Continent were unanimous in their praise for the novel broadcast and have repeatedly demanded a repetition that it would seem that ordinary citizens will soon be taking their place beside artists and scholars before the microphone.

Philips Radio have suggested the experiment could quite easily be introduced into Australia. Imagine for instance, a conversation between a city man who is not too pleased with the betting tax—a grazier, a wheat grower, and a gold prospector. Australia would undoubtedly hear something of great interest if these people expressed their outlook of things in general in the course of an ordinary conversation held before a broadcast microphone.

CYCLING.

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS.

Five Miles Handicap.—H. Bird (1.30), J. Roadley, 2; R. Bates, 3, 13.26. Fastest, E. Brennan (scr.), 12.19.

Old Beak, a road foreman, had often been up before the Bench on petty charges, and the magistrate on each occasion had fined him. One day he got a job at the entrance of a dangerous bridge. The first car to be held up was driven by the magistrate. When Beak saw him he smiled. "I've got orders to stop all parts of the country it's yeg worship, go right ahead sir."

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"IT'S a beauty,"—a blue diamond worth a fabulous sum." "Yes," he said, "it's a sacred charm; two attempts have been made on my life since I've had it. . . . . "

TENNIS.

COOMA CLUB.

On Saturday last the No. 2 team played the Returned Soldiers at the Preston court, and ran out victors by 23 games. A most unique feature of this match was the fact that the soldiers' captain (E. Ragg) won the four nine inches, but unfortunately for the soldiers this did not indicate a further win in the sets, as they only won two sets to seven against.

For Cooma the outstanding performers were Miss N. Tuppen, who had hollow victories, 6—0, 6—3, 9—1 and D. J. Sykes, whose victories were nearly as clear cut, winning 9—3, 9—4, 9—5. The main features were the powerful and accurate driving of the men, and the solidity of the ladies. For the soldiers the two outstanding players were Miss M. Rouse and Mr. E. Ragg. The play of Miss Rouse was distinctly meritorious, as she carried both her partners in the ladies' events.

On the home court the No. 1 team met and defeated St. Andrews I. by 27 games. This team is making a bold bid for fourth and on this match were out to win every game. Having h's first game for Cooma, Mr. C. A. Jones played a splendid game, and hopes are entertained that he will prove the third man that this team lacks. A good exhibition was also given by a new player in Miss M. McLeod. Results:—

Cooma I. defeated St. Andrews I. 72—45.

Cooma 2 v Returned Soldiers:—

D. J. Sykes and E. A. Jones d E. Ragg and A. Hancock 9—5.

D. J. Sykes and O. Dolphin d C. Robertson and A. Hancock 9—3.

E. A. Jones and O. Dolphin lost to E. Ragg and C. Robertson 8—9.

N. Tuppen and N. Lewis d M. Rouse and D. Way 6—3.

N. Tuppen and E. A. Lewis d E. Gluyas and D. Way 6—0.

N. Lewis and P. Lewis d E. Gluyas and M. Rouse 6—2.

N. Tuppen and D. J. Sykes d D. Way and A. Hancock 9—4.

P. Lewis and E. A. Jones lost to M. Rouse and E. Ragg 4—9.

Cooma 2, 66 games, defeated Soldiers 43 games.

PRESTON LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

Draw for Saturday, 31/1/31:—

"A" grade—No pennant fixtures.

"B" grade—Reservoir v Regent Baptists, Cranrose v South Preston Methodists, Regent Methodists v All Saints, East Preston v Danella, Regent Park v Hill, Oakover v Murray.

HAZEL GLEN

Residents of the district nominated and approved for service on the Mernda and district charity and relief fund are messrs L. W. Clarke, L. Brook and J. Quilliam, and Messrs. M. Bassett and G. Creighton. The boundaries of the area controlled by the committee are—On the north Cemetery lane, Yan Yean; on the south, the boundary line between Whittlesea and Preston and Heidelberg municipalities; on the east, the Woollert main road; on the west, the boundary line between Whittlesea and Hurstbridge municipalities.

Ruth Chatterton started her career as a chorus girl, while she was still attending an exclusive girls' school in New York.

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Trying to do business without advertising is like winking at a pretty girl through a pair of green goggles. You many know what you are doing, but no one else does.

Reprinted from the "Leader" of January 24, 1891.

FRIDAY NIGHT CLOSING.

NORTHCOTE TRADERS ACTIVE.

The Northcote Traders' Association recently considered the proposal of the State Government to introduce a bill to Parliament to alter the hours of trading on Friday, thus interfering with the present custom of Friday night shopping.

Letters expressing the views of the association were sent to our local member, Hon. John Cain M.L.A. and also to Messrs. W. J. Beckett and E. L. Kiernan, M.L.C., and sympathetic replies were received. The Northcote City Council has also expressed itself undoubtedly in opposition to the proposed alteration.

The association has since endeavoured to obtain the mind of the shopkeepers of High street, asking them to sign a petition in favor of the present hours of trading.

Even although every trader or shopkeeper has not been asked to express his view, yet the overwhelming majority is so great that it is almost a universal opinion that no curtailment of hours should take place.

The petition, which will be presented to Mr. Cain for presentation to the Minister of Labor, is signed by 190 traders or shopkeepers.

BOY RECEIVES SEVERE SHOCK.

KITE FOULS WIRES

Philip Johnson, aged 14 years, schoolboy, of Asling street, Preston, was admitted to the Melbourne Hospital on January 23 suffering from the effects of an electric shock. His condition is critical.

Shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon the boy went to the railway reserve, west of Preston station, and began to fly a kite.

Instead of having it attached to string he used a length of fine cotton covered wire. He stood in the reserve and allowed the kite to fly above Frank street. The kite dipped slightly and the wire came into contact with the overhead wires in the street. There was a flash and a slight report and the boy fell face downwards.

Hearing screams a railway carpenter who had been working about 50 yards away ran across the reserve, and he found the boy writhing on the ground.

A doctor was summoned and the boy was sent in an ambulance to the hospital. He was suffering from shock and severe burns on the hands and feet.

Holes had been burned in the heels of his stockings, but no marks were visible on his boots.

After passing through a critical stage, Philip is now marking satisfactory progress.

BUNDOORA

At the Anglican Church service in the public hall on Sunday Padre H. E. E. Hayes nominated the following persons to serve on the committee of the Mernda and district charity and relief fund:—Messrs. B. Weir and W. Davis, Mesdames T. Attrill, Fuiy-blank and McLean. The fund is to be registered under the Relief Act so that sustenance may be claimed for residents in the district in cases of need.

Mr. Ben Weir has established a successful riding school on the Ulupna Estate. Many people have been attracted to the district for the week-end runs and training classes.

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IN THE GARDEN

THE WARATAH.

THE NATIONAL FLOWER OF N.S.W.

Telopea speciosissima, the waratah, is the most showy of Australian native plants. Anyone who has the fortune to see a large bush covered with its large, crimson blooms, growing in one of its native gullies, will never forget it. The flowers, typical of that family to which also belong the Spider flowers (grevilleas) and the Bankias (bottlebrushes) are most interesting to the botanist, and worthy of close inspection by anyone who has any botanical inclination.

Once upon a time they were called "bush tulips," but happily that name is no more, except among a few of the older generation. Waratah is the name of this imposing flower, and the New South Welshmen have adopted it for their glorious emblem as being the choicest inhabitant of their bush.

Though people will insist on picking the blooms, they are but of little use for house decoration on account of their large size, heaviness, and the stiffness of the stem. For large bowls they are ideal, but they must be large, and some dozens of flowers used.

The waratah is found growing in the gullies of the sandstone country along the coast and on the Blue Mountains. Owing to the ruthless destruction of the professional flower gatherers it has become fairly rare, and not till the last year or two had many of the younger generation ever seen a waratah growing wild in the bush. The Wild Flower Protection Act was passed in 1925, and from that time on the waratah, in common with many other of our flowers has had a more or less "fair go" from the public, though the wild flower pickers still do a lot of trade on the sly. During this last season I saw many flowers fully expanded within 20 yards of the main road.

But if the waratah is not to be seen in the bush in the quantities it was in the old days, it is to be seen in the gardens in increasing numbers. In many a Sydney garden during the spring large bushes are to be seen, carrying from 6 to 24 large flowers, like so many glowing torches set upon a Christmas tree.

Once upon a time people would assure you that it was impossible to grow native plants; they had tried and failed, and so knew all about it. Here and there a plant would grow and be a source of pride to its owner. Where lay the cause of their failure? It was not hard to seek. They attempted to transplant large plants from the bush, with the almost invariable result of their death. Thus native plants got a bad name as poor doers, and it is of recent years that they are living it down, thanks to the efforts of a few nurserymen specialists.

The only way to succeed with any native plant is either to collect a very small specimen (only a few inches high) from the bush, or to purchase a specimen established in a pot from a nurseryman. The latter method is by far the best. There is no worrying about whether it will live or not, no tramping up and down hill for hours seeking suitable specimens to move, and the certainty that it is true to name, and not a plant recognised by you by its leaves. Nursery-grown plants only cost a few shillings, and are worth it. The waratah is no exception to this rule, and practically every large nurseryman in Australia carries stock of this line in fair numbers and at a reasonable price.

As the waratah is only found growing in sandstone country, it would appear useless to endeavour to grow it in a garden where the soil is "heavy," but this does not seem to be the case, as the writer remembers seeing two very fine specimens growing in a heavy soil at Ashfield. Still, generally speaking, it is a failure in such soils, and where so planted success cannot confidently be expected.

Like all native shrubs, the waratah dislikes manure, though well rotted leaf soil from the bush can be spread around them with advantage. Dig about them as little as possible; they resent very much any disturbance to their roots.

As regards situation, the waratah, growing naturally, likes a deep wide gully, with tall gum trees well overhead. Through the leaves of the gums sunlight filters down into the gully, and encourages the waratahs and their neighbours, the Christmas Bush, to produce of their best. In the garden, of course, we cannot reproduce these conditions, nor is it in fact necessary, for so long as the burning rays of the sun do not reach the plant throughout the whole day, all will be well. Against an easterly wall, on the eastern side of a shrubbery, or in any situation shaded from the direct rays of the afternoon sun suits them A1.

Propagation.

Cuttings can be struck readily if taken from half-ripened shoots in the late spring. These should be cut clean and the lower leaves removed with a sharp knife. Then potted up in silver sand and charcoal, and well watered. Cover with a bell glass till the young plants are well on the move.

Seed germinates freely, but a very large proportion is lost after germination, when the young plants are about two inches high. This I have traced to the use of garden soil for raising the seeds in. If bush soil with a quarter of its volume charcoal (which can also be collected in the bush after a fire) is used, very few go off.

Sow the seed in July or August, about half an inch deep. The seed is quite large, and should be spaced well in the seed pan. When large enough to handle, each seedling should be potted up in a three-inch pot in the same compost in which the seeds were raised. Take care in transplanting not to injure their long tap-root, which goes deeply into the ground. See that all the pots are well drained with charcoal.

When once established, the waratah needs little attention, except one must keep its rather straggly growth into shape. This can be regulated somewhat at flowering time The writer has noticed that if a flower is cut this year the new growth which comes below where it is cut will not flower the following year, but if the flower is allowed to fade upon the plant the new growth which comes out of the flower will flower the following season. Thus by shortening back each flowering stem in alternate seasons a good, well-shaped specimen may be built up.

There are two other varieties of telopea growing in Australia, but of these I have had no experience other than seeing the flowers. One is found in Tasmania, and resembles a large edition of our popular red spider flower (grevilla punicea), and the other in Victoria. This is also small in flower as compared with the waratah, but grows into a large and handsome tree upon which the flowers show to advantage.

—"Garden Lover."

DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSE.

Science moves so fast nowadays that some remarkable pronouncement by an eminent man of science is made almost every other day. Professor Arthur Compton, a Nobel Prize winner, told the "New York Times" that science has at last something to say about such philosophical matters as free will and God. In his view the world and mankind are not developing at random out of atomic chaos. On the contrary, he believes that he has found evidence strongly suggestive of a directive intelligence or purpose back of everything, with the creation of intelligent minds as its coal. This suggests that evolution is an intelligently directed process directed by an intelligence toward a definite end. Man having been thus far perfected, what shall nature to with him? Annihilate him? "What infinite waste!" says Professor Compton.

Northcote A.W.A.

The Northcote A.W.A. held their usually fortnightly meeting on Monday, January 19. The meeting was largely attended and the pleasant gift given by Miss Davis, was won by Miss Barnett. All members are invited to the next meeting on February 8.

COLLISION BETWEEN CARS.

TWO HURT.

Following a collision between two cars a fire hydrant at the corner of Brunswick St. and Queen's Pde., Fitzroy, was broken on Saturday afternoon and two people were injured. They were Ronald Rattenbury, 4 years, and Clarence Rattenbury, 18 years, both of Clarke St., Northcote. Each sustained shock and lecerations.

The cars were driven by Mr. A. J. Lyster, of Clarke St., Northcote, and Delli Batta, of Latrobe St., Melbourne. Batta's car skidded and struck the hydrant, breaking it, causing a waterspout 30 feet high.

Community Singing

There was a good attendance on January 22 when the orchestra, under Mr. Winter played the march "League of Nations," "Dawn of Love," "Just a Memory," and "Sally," the audience joining in. The artists were Mrs. Webb and Mr. Turnley, the former singing "Awake" and "Angels Guard Thee" splendidly. Mr. Turnley contributed "Glorious Devon," "In an Old-Fashion Town," and "Tommy Lad." Community singing was led by Mr. Will Nicoll.

HOLY TRINITY VICAR DESIGNATE.

REV. WILFRED H. CHAMBERLAIN

The Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain, vicar-designate of Holy Trinity Thornbury, will be inducted to his new cure by Ven. William Hancock, M.A., Archdeacon of Melbourne, on Thursday February 12 at 8 p.m. It is fully anticipated that many friends of the new vicar will be present, including former parishioners from Kingsville together with a big muster of clergy. The event is of outstanding importance; it is generally considered that the future of this virile and progressive church is pregnant with big possibilities under the guidance and leadership of the incumbent elect, whose arrival will be awaited with much interest by all concerned.

The archbishop of Melbourne, The Most Rev. F. W. Head B.D., M.C., will visit Holy Trinity, Thornbury, and preach, on Sunday Feb 22 at the 11 a.m. service. Further particulars will be published later.

The Rev. Chamberlain entered the church comparatively late in life and served for 7½ years at Saint Bartholomew's, Burney before he went to Kingsville, where he soon established himself as a capable leader and orgainser, and also gained a reputation as an extempore speaker. Rev. and Mrs. Chamberlain have also been active workers in public affairs aiding the unemployed and organising soup kitchens.

GOLF.

HEIDELBERG CLUB.

Saturday par competition, club trophy—1 up, W. Sevier (15); square, G. Balfour (13); square, P. Medcalf (10); 1 down, A. J. Ferguson (13); 2 down, V. Bell (8); 3 down, J. H. Knell (6); 3 down, T. Lingford (17); 3 down, J. S. McCulloch (12); 3 down, F. O'Neill (17); 3 down, K. Whittle (13).

Monday's scores:—Stroke competition, sweepstake—68, G. Dyke (18); 69, H. Nicol (14); 71, G. Balfour (12); 71, J. McCulloch (11); 71, P. S. Renn (18); 72, A. J. Norris (14).

Next Saturday will be Invitation Day.

THE HOUSEWIVES' ASSOCIATION

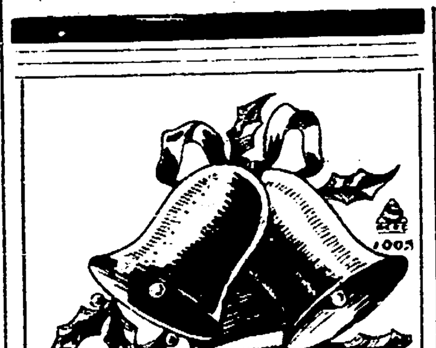
(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Will you permit me to notify members in your suburb, also the various business people, that the badges being sold to the suburban traders and displayed in their windows, are not issued from the registered office of the Housewives' Association, whose address is Temple Court. As many of the badges have been purchased under a misapprehension my executive would be glad if you would publish this letter. Such methods have never been adopted by this association, and are contrary to its principles.—Yours, etc.,

RACHEL T. ROBINSON,
Organising Secretary.

AUSTRALIA'S HINDRANCES.

There are four things hindering the development of Australia's national life, said Dean Haultain at All Saints' Pro-Cathedral, Bendigo, and they were Australian's dislike of work, the lack of sincerity and integrity in high places, the mad love of sport and the craze for gambling. Few Australians loved work for its own sake. There had been demand in abundance for "rights," but all too little thought about responsibilities.



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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

THE JUBILEE 1881—1931.

On Monday the jubilee of the Christian Endeavor movement will be celebrated throughout the world. It is a fact of history that the first society was formed by Dr. Francis E. Clarke at the Congregational Church, Williston, Maine, U.S.A., on February 2, 1881. Christian Endeavor was not born because of someone's desire for novelty or change, nor with the intention that the first society should be the first link in a world-encircling chain. It was formed to supply a felt need in the church that it was intended to serve—in other words: "not to be ministered unto, but to minister." It was not to be a mutual admiration society, but a mutual service society. Christian Endeavor has been, and is, a blessing to most, if not all, evangelical denominations. To-day societies may be found in 100 Protestant denominations and the world membership numbers over 4,000,000. In Australasia, the total is now 56,793, with 2,238 societies. In other young people's organisations membership is usually a guarantee of certain expected benefits, purchased in many cases by annual subscriptions, whereas Christian Endeavor is founded on the truth revealed by Jesus Christ—"It is more blessed to give than to receive." For in addition to the giving of money, Endeavorers are continually giving in the matter of time and service. What the cyanide process meant to the gold industry, in extracting tiny particles of gold counted as unpayable under methods formerly in use, Christian Endeavor has proved to be in the life and work of the church, in that it turns to good account the fragments of talent previously considered worthless, so that the inexperienced member, trained in various forms of service, develops into a skilled worker for the Master. In its Community Service department, the C.E. Society includes such things as hospital and home visitation, assistance in the alleviation of distress and open air preaching. On Sunday, as part of the local celebrations, the president of the Victorian C.E. Union, Pastor J. E. Thomas, who has just returned from the world's C.E. convention held at Berlin, will speak at the Wesley Church Pleasant Sunday Afternoon. This will be broadcast by 3LO. An address will also be given from 3AR on Sunday evening at 6.20.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS VISIT THE NORTH-EAST.

Over the last week-end a party of Endeavorers, consisting mainly of members of the Northcote and Preston District Union, together with others from Carnegie, Essendon and Box Hill, attended a convention of the North-east District Union held at Wangaratta. The journey was made by motor van. When several miles on the Melbourne side of Seymour, a defect was noticed in the running of the engine, and it was thought advisable for the party to alight and to make for Seymour on foot, the van, unhampered by the load, making the journey under its own power. At Seymour it was discovered that the piston was broken, and as none was available locally or at neighboring towns it was found necessary to obtain a replacement from Melbourne. A Preston Endeavorer was telephoned and he obtained the necessary part and conveyed it to Seymour, arriving at midnight. In the meanwhile local residents, hearing of the plight of the party, very kindly opened their homes to the members, and all were accommodated for the night. Immediately the new piston arrived work was commenced on the van and at 6.30 a.m. the journey was resumed to Wangaratta. A very profitable and enjoyable time was spent at the various convention meetings. Between the sessions, the members engaged in tennis, swimming, sight seeing and miniature golf. In addition, some of the party were conducted over the new Wangaratta broadcasting station—3WR. The return journey was made without interruption, the party arriving back in Melbourne, tired but happy at 3 a.m. on Tuesday.

FIVE POINTS OF WORLD CITIZENSHIP.

Comradeship, Courtesy, Sincerity, Courage Tolerance.

People say: The world has advanced enormously. It has advanced in certain ways, no doubt, but it has not advanced commensurately in other ways. We have learned how to dig out mines, how to manufacture in huge quantity, how to make earth produce in abundance, but we have not learned how to distribute to the world properly and justly. That is the whole trouble—selfishness. Let us try to show forth the quality of unselfish love which will solve the world problem. The love of a well ordered home begets a well ordered community, the love of a well ordered community begets a well ordered country, and the love of a well ordered country begets a well ordered world.

"Poor George has been kicked by a horse." "How dreadfully obsolete!"

NORTHCOTE NOTES

John Batman's Grave

The annual service held in Fawkner cemetery at the grave of John Batman, the founder of Melbourne, took place on Sunday last. The service was marred by rain. The president of the Australian Natives' Association (Mr. J. Howlett Ross) presided. A telling address on "The First White Men in Victoria" was given by Mr. Isaac Selby. A wreath was placed on the grave by Mr. S. Mauger, and the Governor (Lord Somers) sent another wreath. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. S. Mauger, J. Howlett Ross and C. Daley.

"Borrowed" Motor Lorry.

Late last Friday night a motor lorry owned by Mr. W. Cockram, master builder, was stolen from the rear of his premises, St. George's road, Northcote. It was recovered late on Saturday night, having been abandoned near Victoria and Darebin roads.

Northcote Municipal Valuations.

The North Ward Ratepayers' League has delegated Mr. Canty to associate himself with the West Ward Progress Association in its agitation for a reduction in the valuations of the City of Northcote.

Central Council of Progress Associations.

Mr. W. J. Canty, of Kellett St., was welcomed on his re-election to the Central Council of Progress Associations last Monday evening. Mr. W. Cockram, junior, of St. George's road, was also admitted as a delegate on this council.

Police Items.

The police wish to hear from the owner of a bicycle found abandoned at the Westgarth railway station. They are also looking for the owner of a lady's brown handbag, found in Yarra Bend National Park. On behalf of the owners they are also on the lookout for a bicycle stolen from the neighborhood of Dennis St., and another bicycle which was removed from the front of a grocer's shop in High St., Westgarth.

Fire Brigade Items.

During the week the Northcote Fire Brigade had no calls, but on Sunday were summoned by street alarm on five occasions. All were false alarms.

£2000 Writ for Alleged Slander.

A writ claiming £2000 damages from Henry James Kleiner, of St. Kilda St., Brighton, for alleged slander, which is said to have been uttered at a meeting of shareholders of Nudl's Patents Pty. Ltd. by defendant on December 16, was issued out of the Supreme Court on Tuesday by Messrs. R. W. Shellard & Son, solicitors, acting on behalf of Ludwig Nudl, of Bent St., Northcote, inventor. It is asked that the action be tried before a judge and jury.

Star of Northcote, I.O.R.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on January 22, Bro. T. McWilliams, C.R., presiding over a good attendance. The C.R. welcomed visiting brethren from Dandenong and Brunswick tents. The cricket club reported having sustained their first defeat of the season. In connection with the junior games competition it has been arranged to hold the presentation social in the Rechabite Hall on Friday, February 6. After the usual business had been disposed of the members took part in an enjoyable euchre tournament which was won by Bro. Towers. The next meeting will be held on February 5, and after the meeting members and friends will participate in a social evening.

Junior Rechabites' "Day Out"

Last Monday (Foundation Day) the annual gathering of junior Rechabites from the Nos. 1 and 4 Districts was held on the Maribyrnong River. There was a very large number present, the six junior tents in Northcote (Hope of Northcote, Dennis, Samuel Mauger, Croxton, John Vale and Thornbury Girls) being represented by a large contingent of over 100, which made the trip in motor vans. Although the morning broke cheerless and dismal, the conditions improved after midday, and all spent a very enjoyable outing. Apart from the picnic aspect, a lengthy sports programme was provided for the junior members, and in this the Northcote boys and girls more than held their own and won the majority of the events, the outstanding performers being members of the Hope of Northcote and Dennis Tents. All were well satisfied with the function, and although the superintendents of the numerous tents were kept busy most of the time in attending to the needs of the juveniles (especially at dinner and tea time), they were well repaid by the happiness which the youngsters derived from "their day out."

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury.

Rev. J. H. Raverty will preach his farewell sermon at Holy Trinity, Thornbury, on Sunday, February 1.

Croxton Methodist Church.

The Y.M.M.I.S. resumed on Sunday afternoon, when the president (Mr. E. A. Freeman) occupied the chair. Rev. F. J. Jennings gave an interesting travel talk, referring mainly to the church and church life and influence in other lands. A vote of thanks was accorded the speaker, on the motion of Mr. Broadbent, seconded by Mr. Birchdolt.

At a meeting in connection with the Autumn Fair in aid of the trust funds, the organising secretaries (Messrs. R. Kennelwell and E. A. Freeman), with Mr. A. J. Whyatt as treasurer were elected. The ladies are preparing for the fair, also the various societies.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist.

The Rev. J. T. Duggleby resumed his ministry last Sunday, after being absent on holidays. Next Sunday the jubilee of the Christian Endeavor movement will be celebrated. Preachers will be Pastor Perkins in the morning and Rev. Duggleby in the evening.

Congregational Church.

Last Sunday morning Mr. L. Pearce, a student of the Congregational College, took the service, and preached on "Cast your burden on the Lord." Junior choir members made their first appearance for the new year. At the evening service the pastor (Rev. Duncan Reeves) gave a Foundation Day address on "The Church's Contribution to the Life of the State." The Christian Endeavor Society will celebrate the jubilee of the movement next Sunday morning, when the pastor will deliver a special address.

THORNBURY NOTES

P.A.F.S. Social.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Dispensary Hall, Gooch St., Thornbury, on January 22, when the Loyal Lady Northcote Lodge No. 15 P.A.F.S. held a social evening and fruit soiree. Members were present from Fairfield, Collingwood and Northcote lodges.

Birthday Party.

A birthday party was held at the Plaza Theatre on January 28, and afterwards at the home of Mrs. H. R. Smith, "Warley Lodge," Thornbury, to celebrate the coming of age of her nephew E. (Ron) Laming). Mr. Laming is well known as assistant scoutmaster of 2nd Thornbury troop. He is a past master of the P.A.F.S. and a sergeant in the 57th Battalion.

Personal.

Rev. T. C. Hadley, of Thornbury Presbyterian Church, resumes his duties next week, after a three weeks' holiday.

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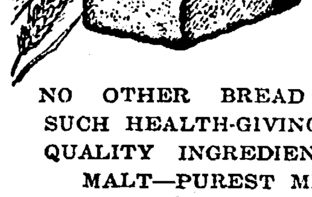

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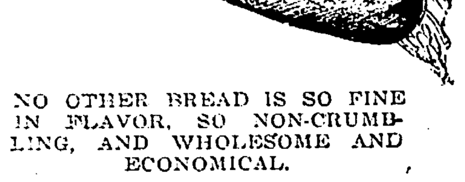

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ALLEGED ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

BEER AND "TWO-UP."

GROCER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

John Lawrence Harnett, grocer, Normanby Ave., Thornbury, was charged at Northcote court on Tuesday that on January 10 he assaulted Edward Smith with intent to rob.

Edward Smith, collector, Dundas St., Preston, said—On January 9 I was in the Crusader Hills Hall, Preston, when I knew by sight accused. I asked for 2 - 1 said - I had - I walked towards me with - I struck me - I fell - I walked towards the North-ends - I struck me - I fell - I walked towards me - I struck me - I fell - I walked towards me - I struck me - I fell - I walked towards me

CRICKET

DISTRICT ELEVENS

CARLTON v NORTHCOTE

NORTHCOTE.—First Innings

[illegible]

Total ... 175

CARLTON.—First Innings

[illegible]

Two wickets for ... 32

PREMIERSHIP POINTS

[illegible]

SECOND ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v CARLTON

[illegible] McSperrin and Kellar became associated and both soon found their stride, McSperrin especially giving a sparkling display. Kellar, who was shaping nicely, was bowled for 17. Clarkson, who is capable of making runs, was content to keep his end going for McSperrin, who was treating the spectators to a bright exhibition of hitting, but in going for a big one he was caught. His score of 53 included two 6's and six 4's. The innings closed for 205, a very fine recovery after such a poor start, especially as the bowling was the best experienced by Northcote this season. Scores:—

NORTHCOTE.—First Innings

P. Powell, b Matthews	24
F. Lawn, [illegible]	7
N. Ward, b Berryman	5
S. Warren, [illegible]	3
K. Fleming, run out	44
A. Dickens, c Matthews	9
H. Fothergill, [illegible] b Matthews	35
A. McSperrin, [illegible]	53
P. Anderson, [illegible]	1
C. Kellar, b [illegible]	17
E. Clarkson, not out	12
Extras	12
Total	205

CLUB ELEVENS

[illegible]

SUB-DISTRICTS

IVANHOE v PRESTON

[illegible]

SECOND ELEVENS

[illegible]

THE JUNIORS

LANDS DEPARTMENT v HEIDELBERG

[illegible]

FAIRFIELD v SOUTH MELBOURNE FOOTBALLERS

Fairfield met South Melbourne Footballers at Fairfield and made 72 [illegible] and McInnes (22) batting best. Gilchrist secured five wickets for 33 runs, and Canty four for 17. The Footballers have lost six wickets for 72, so the game is in an interesting position. Blake made 31 before being out lbw. Sykes made 12 and Dawson 10. Ingleman took four for 22 off eight overs.

MATTING DIVISION

Alphington had first use of a good wicket against Glenhuntly and made 131, the principal contributors being Orr 32, Kent 28, W. Naismith 20, and Piggott 16. Miller took five for 22 and Bissett two for 21. Glenhuntly has lost one wicket for 23 runs.

THIRD GRADE

Against Northcote Socials, Fitzroy Club XI. scored 160, Thomas batting well for 64 not out. Jessup, three for 15, again bowled well and now heads the Socials bowling average, hav-

[illegible] was caught attempting a big hit.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

FIRST GRADE

[illegible]

SECOND GRADE

[illegible]

THIRD GRADE

[illegible] Brighside, two for 36, v Northcote G.U.O.O.F. 161 (Hogg 51, Russell 27; Beard 5 42).

JIKA ASSOCIATION

[illegible]

HEIDELBERG DISTRICT

FIRST GRADE

[illegible]

SECOND GRADE

[illegible]

CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON

FIRST GRADE

[illegible]

SECOND GRADE

[illegible]

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

[illegible]

BAPTIST CHURCH

FIRST GRADE

[illegible]

SECOND GRADE

[illegible]

C.Y.M.S.

[illegible]

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

[illegible]

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Thornbury, walk-over from Preston. Fairfield forfeited to Lygon street.

BAND OF HOPE

West Port Juniors, 41 and 74 (Loveless 4 22, Hendy 4 32, Best 16 48), d Croxton Laurels, 41 and 49 (Wilson 6 17).

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

I.O.R.

Northcote v Collingwood.—Played on Northcote's wicket in Normanby Park (rear of Fitzroy racecourse). Collingwood batted first but were soon in trouble, the eighth wicket falling at 76. A good stand was made by Clarke and S. Jarrett, who carried the score to 108, and the last wicket fell at 109. Scott, the Northcote captain, took five for 31. Northcote's first wicket fell without a run being scored, but Mackay and Scott quickly gathered in the runs until Scott was out to a good catch for 47, the score then being 76. Dunn and Mackay continued to score freely, and at stumps the score was two for 104. The match will be continued next Saturday. [illegible]

JUNIOR COMPETITION

[illegible]

SONS OF TEMPERANCE

[illegible]

H.A.C.B.S.

[illegible]

I.N.F.

[illegible]

U.A.O.D.

[illegible]

A.O.F.

[illegible]

P.A.F.S.

[illegible]

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Northcote, 131 (Cooper 25 n.o., Anthonsen 23), v Footscray, one for 28.

Melbourne, 165 (Percell 76, Woodman 27, Gregson 27), v Preston, one for 37 (Butler 28 n.o.; Golding 6 56).

WOMEN'S CRICKET

[illegible]

OTHER MATCHES

[illegible]

MONDAY'S GAMES.

DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v PRAHRAN

PRAHRAN.—First Innings

R. J. Davie, b Chivers	13
P. H. Wallace, c Williams, b Fleming	3
N. F. Mitchell, b Chivers	10
J. Rush, c Morgan, b Fleming	44
S. F. Thomson, st Morgan, b Spoor	15
H. C. Schrader, b Spoor	1
E. L. Moran, b Fleming	17
H. R. McCrae, not out	6
W. Muir, not out	0
Sundries	7
Seven wickets closed for	116

Bowling.—Fleming, three for 22; Chivers, two for 35; Spoor, two for 41; Thorn, 0 11.

Second Innings

H. C. Schrader, not out	13
W. Muir, not out	5
Sundries	1
No wickets for	19

NORTHCOTE.—First Innings

J. Fawcett, c Moran, b Wallace	0
T. Garrett, c Ellis, b Wallace	1
G. Heron, c Wallace, b Moran	15
I. Fleming, b Schrader	0
F. Thorn, c and b Moran	0
P. Williams, lbw, b Moran	18
C. Morgan, c Rush, b Moran	1
A. Spoor, run out	0
P. Chivers, c Davie, b Mitchell	13
E. Vernon, c Mitchell, b Schrader	10
V. Ansell, not out	5
Sundries	4
Total	67

Bowling.—Moran, four for 17; Wallace, two for 12; Schrader, two for 35; Mitchell, one for 1.

Prahran won on the first innings by 49 runs.

SECOND ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v PRAHRAN

(By "Longun.")

The above match was played at Toorak Park on Monday, and was the most exciting in which Northcote have participated this season. Prahran won the toss and decided to bat on a soft wicket. Hastings and Habtarall opening to Powell and McSperrin. The start was sensational, three wickets falling with only four runs on the board. Hawkins (26) and Parker (22) made a good stand, but the remaining batsmen gave very little trouble, and the whole side was out for 81. Powell (four for 42) and McSperrin (five for 34) bowled unchanged.

With the wicket drying and still uncertain, Powell and Kellar opened for Northcote to Prentice and Simpson. With half the required runs obtained and only four men out the visitors had a good grip on the game, but a "rot" set in and when Clarkson, the last man, went in seven runs were required to win, and these were obtained amidst great excitement, the Green and Golds eventually winning by three runs. Scores:—

PRAHRAN.—First Innings

S. Hastings, b Powell	0
H. Habtarall, c Kellar, b Powell	2
A. Gray, run out	18
G. Enshaw, b McSperrin	0
C. Hawkins, b McSperrin	26
A. Parker, c Dickens, b McSperrin	22
E. Prentice, c Kellar, b Powell	4
P. Whatington, b McSperrin	0
J. House, c Powell, b McSperrin	0
T. Bowden, b Powell	2
T. Simpson, not out	0
Sundries	7
Total	81

Bowling.—Powell, four for 42; McSperrin, five for 34.

NORTHCOTE.—First Innings

P. Powell, b Simpson	10
C. Kellar, c Parker, b Prentice	2
S. Warren, c Bowden, b Simpson	15
F. Lawn, b House	18
A. Dickens, st Parker, b Simpson	6
F. Fleming, c Bowden, b Simpson	0
H. Fothergill, c Parker, b House	11
N. Ward, run out	11
A. McSperrin, b Simpson	6
P. Anderson, b Whatington	0
E. Clarkson, not out	0
Sundries	5
Total	84

SUB-DISTRICTS

IVANHOE v CAMBERWELL

The wicket at Ivanhoe was declared fit for play at a quarter past 2 o'clock. Gill and Williams put up 53 for the first wicket for Ivanhoe before Gill was bowled by Walsh for 25. Williams was out for 26, and Dodd and Dowell forced the scoring, each making 25. Dodd scored a 6 with a very fine hit. Ivanhoe closed its innings with the score at six for 123. Camberwell made a poor start, a feature being a brilliant catch by Kennedy in dismissing Walsh. Collyer (24) and Hatch (26) both played good cricket, and were not afraid to hit. Davidson took six for 23 and Dawson three for 16. Camberwell lost nine for 67, and the match was drawn.

PRESTON v PORT MELBOURNE

Preston, batting first, made 115, top scorers being Corden (26), Fothergill (22), Davis (16) and Allen (12). Marsil took five for 20 and Birkett four for 36. Port Melbourne's response was 74, Rogers (17) and Crompton (12) being the only double-figure scorers. Sparrow took six for 26 and Allen four for 32.

SECOND ELEVENS

[illegible]

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

FIRST GRADE

[illegible]

SECOND GRADE

[illegible]

THIRD GRADE

[illegible]

ing 29 and 4/76. McDonald 5/22, Selkrig 4/15).

Wardrop House, 97 and 112 (Mussell 22; Melbourne 35, Armstrong 26, Silke 39 n.o.), d Northcote G.U.O.O.F., 74 (Hogg 34; Lee 4 21, Spencer 4 17).

INTER-ASSOCIATION MATCH

WHITTLESEA v WALLAN

The first inter-association match was played at Whittlesea on Monday between representative teams from the Whittlesea and Wallan Associations. After a showery start the day turned out fine. Each side batted for two hours, Whittlesea winning by 9 runs. The ball was presented to M. Figgins, who obtained the best bowling average for the day. Scores:—

WHITTLESEA ASSOCIATION

E. J. Dea, c J. Stockdale, b Figgins	13
G. Parker, run out	9
S. Brain, b Figgins	3
T. Dawson, b Figgins	2
A. Wood, b Figgins	2
H. Barclay, c Figgins, b J. Stockdale	12
H. Beney, b Johnson	15
R. Barclay, b J. Stockdale	9
H. Ziebell, b Johnson	21
C. Clancy, not out	4
C. Rolands, not out	2
Sundries	11
Nine wickets for	94

Bowling.—M. Figgins, 4/20; J. Stockdale, 2 11; J. Johnson, 2/37; W. Patten, 0/12.

WALLAN ASSOCIATION

Dr. Keane, c Parker, b Wallis	14
T. Dumaresq, b Beney	5
R. Stockdale, b Beney	0
B. Stockdale, c Dea, b Parker	33
J. Stockdale, c Clancy, b Parker	6
S. Holmes, c Parker, b Wallis	1
W. Patten, not out	14
J. Johnson, not out	3
Extras	9
Six wickets for	85

Bowling.—G. Parker, 2/11; J. Wallis 2 14; H. Beney, 2 7; C. Clancy, 0/7; H. Ziebell, 0 18.

PROMISING CRICKETER.

A junior cricketer in Bob Horsfield, of Preston Presbyterian cricket team, is showing exceptional form, and is very promising. He is 15 years of age. Last Saturday he topped the score of 120 with an individual score of 82. His older brother held the fort with him. Bob is expected to be a champion in a few years, if success does not spoil him.

MANY CARS AND CYCLES STOLEN LAST YEAR

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According to statistics prepared by the police 1,445 motor-cars and 374 motor-cycles were stolen in the city and suburbs last year. All but 133 motor-cars were recovered, and of the 374 motor-cycles stolen 248 were recovered; but 29 of the recovered cars had been stripped and 17 had been burned. More than 100 persons were arrested last year for having stolen or illegally used motor-cars or motor-cycles, but in most of the cases fines were imposed. Police officials said that the penalties imposed on "joyriders," many of whom were youths, were not sufficiently severe to act as a deterrent to others. Stolen motor-cars were invariably ill-treated, and the cost of repairing them after they had been recovered was usually borne by insurance companies, not by the persons who had caused the damage.

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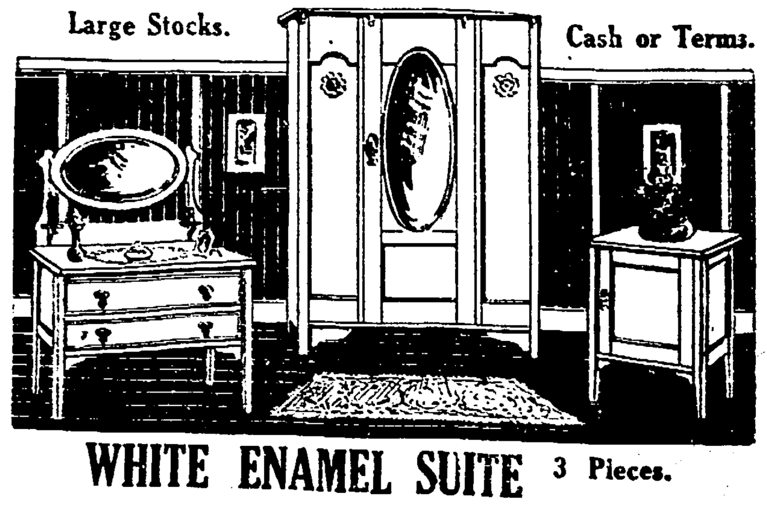

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LOOKING BACK.

There can be few people who take their New Year resolutions at all seriously these days. And this is perhaps all to the good. It is possible that we are all the more likely to keep them if they are not made with the old-time flourish of trumpets.

Better than all the resolutions in the world is the ability to look back on the past year dispassionately. If you can look back not too pessimistically you are almost sure to benefit from your past experiences and derive from them inspiration for meeting the coming year with a happy heart. If the reviewing brings with it a sense of dissatisfaction, and you can bear to face the fact that the cause of your dissatisfaction rests largely with yourself, so much the better. Carry your review further, and, as truthfully as you can, review yourself.

If you can say "I was foolish over that," "I was a little catty over that," "I was too impetuous one time and not quite kind enough another," you have at least benefited from your mistakes, particularly if in seeing them they can put you on your guard for the "next time." To realise that once you lacked understanding, is bound to make you all the more ready to understand next time.

To know all may be to forgive all, and we can, of course, apply this rule to our judgments—if we are so rash as to make them—on other people. So often when the full facts of any case, or the other side of any story, is put before us, we are forced to temper our criticism. But when we turn to ourselves the proverb must be changed a little—to know all should be to remedy much. If we can see that we are not making progress one way or another, we should be well on the way to seeing also the reason why.

Look back, then, if by looking back you can help yourself in the New Year. But if looking back makes you feel sad, or, worse, if you cannot bear to look back at yourself—only look forward.

ROMANTIC CIRCLE

O'BRIEN—MASON.

Miss Rita Monica Mason made a very charming bride at her wedding, which was celebrated with Nuptial Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Northcote, on Wednesday, January 14. Rev. J. Gallivan officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S Mason, of Beaver's road, Northcote, and the bridegroom the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. O'Brien, of St. George's road, Northcote. The beautifully made wedding gown was of ivory bridal satin. The long sleeved bodice was fashioned to mould the bride's slender figure, and the skirt flared into full folds from the waist line. A lovely old Limerick lace veil was arranged in cap fashion over her pretty Titian hair. A bouquet of white gladioli, cactus dahlias and water lillies completed the striking toilette. The charming bridesmaids were Misses Maureen Mason (sister of the bride), Mary O'Brien (sister of the bridegroom), and Alma Neville. Their very dainty and most unusual ankle length frocks were of soft green georgette. The bodices were pin tucked and the skirts were composed of French flares. Coatees with a flared frill covered the frocks. Shoes and hats of similar tone, with sheafs of beautiful pink gladioli, were most effective complements. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Tom O'Brien, as best man, and the groomsmen were Mr Joe O'Brien (brother of bridegroom) and Mr. Tom Hewitt. A reception was held at Normanby Hall, Thornbury, where the bride's mother attended by the bridegroom's mother, received the guests. The bride's mother wore a frock of navy crepe rah, with hat to tone, and she held a posy of red cactus dahlias. The bridegroom's mother was gowned in a black silk marocain ensemble, fine biege lace being inlet in the bodice of the frock and the sleeves of the coat. Her hat was of black panamalac. She carried a posy of orange tiger lillies. The bride when leaving wore a gown of figured marocain, with plain black coat, and hat of black baku. The honeymoon is being spent in Tasmania. The couple will make their home in East Preston.

BRYANT-BATTISSON

St. James Church, Newcastle street, Thornbury was tastefully decorated by friends of the bride with Christmas lilies on December 20, 1930 when Rev. J. W. Briggs celebrated the marriage of Mr. Herbert William Bryant and Miss Annie Elizabeth Battisson. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Battisson of Rossmoyne street, Thornbury and the groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant of Darebin road, Thornbury. The bride was given away by her father and wore a white satin gown with silver tissue train and her beautiful Limerick lace veil was held by orange blossom. Both the train and veil were lent by kind friends. Christmas lilies and water lilies formed the bridal bouquet. Misses M. Green and L. Battisson (sister of the bride) were the attendants and little Miss N. Battisson (sister of the bride) proudly bore the train. Master K. Bryant (nephew of the groom) was page boy. The maids wore charming frocks of delphinium blue satin cut in simple yet smart modes. Messrs N. Peters, (as best man) and A. Rainbow (as groomsman) supported the groom. The service was fully choral. At the church hall, the reception and breakfast were held and games and dancing followed. The catering in the hands of Mr. J. Ferrie, of Thornbury was carried out capably and efficiently. A beige lace and georgette ensemble gowned the bride's mother and her flowers were pansies. The bridegroom's mother chose a navy satin ensemble suit and carried a posy of agapantheus. A navy blue satin ensemble with hat and shoes to match formed the bride's travelling costume. The future home of the couple will be "Rushden", Darebin street, Thornbury.

Dried fruit, when required quickly should be covered with boiling water, and a little baking soda added. Stand for an hour, then cook. It will be just as tender as if soaked overnight and not so much sugar will be required.

BLACK VELVET GOWN.

A gown absolutely designed for blondes is shown by Carol Lombard in Paramount's picture, "Fast And Loose." Of unrelieved black velvet, the frock is adaptable for either formal evening or dinner wear, and sweeps the floor in an uneven hemline falling from a fully flared skirt at the natural waistline. The neck is a small V in front, but the gown is backless, and the arms are cut very close.

Black Velvet Gown featured by Carol Lombard in the Paramount Picture "Fast and Loose"

Treatment for Hair that is Dull.

The dull condition of your hair might be due to general health, or to the way in which it is washed and dried. Never rinse the hair in cold water, for this is apt to chill the roots and take away the natural sheen. Don't be in a great hurry to dry the hair, either by natural or artificial heat, but spend a little time on it with towels, massaging the scalp well. This will tone up the roots and give a nice gloss to the hair. Finish off with a good hair tonic, and part the hair frequently so that plenty of air may get to the scalp.

Dislike to the use of forks persisted for generations, and even as late as 1617 forks were almost unknown among the nobility. It is said that the fork grew out of the chopsticks of the East.

Preston Mums', Wives' and Sisters' Association

THE annual dinner was held in the Memorial Hall, Preston, on December 31, the proceeds being donated to the Distressed Diggers' fund and the Christmas tree for distressed and totally incapacitated soldiers' children. There was a splendid attendance of ladies, and an excellent programme was rendered by the following artists:—Misses Beatrice Oakely (Melba scholarship winner 1928-1929), Gwen Batty (soloists), Dora Sutherland (pianist), Doris Nickels, A.L.C.M. and Thelma Hamilton (elocutionists). During the evening presentations were made to the past president (Mrs. Higgins), Mrs. Larsen, hon. secretary, Mrs. A. Howse, hon. treasurer, and past assist. secretary, Mrs. H. Williamson. The first meeting for 1931 will be held in the Memorial Hall, Preston, on Tuesday, January 27.

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MEETING BREAKS UP IN DISORDER.

Probably one of the "maddest" meetings ever held in Epping eventuated last Friday (January 24), when the last of the series of Riding public meetings called by the Whittlesea Shire Council was held in Epping Shire hall.

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PERSONAL

Mr. J. F. Cooper and family are visiting at Carrum.

Mrs. Horsfield, of Dimmond street, Preston, is spending a few weeks' holiday at Fern Tree Gully.

Mrs. Karkeek, of Euroa, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Neelands, of Gower street, Northcote.

Rev. A. J. Stewart, of the Presbyterian Church, Preston, has returned from a vacation at Mt. Dunoen.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ogden and family of Christmas street Northcote, are spending their summer vacation at Cowes.

The engagement is announced of Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gillies, Glencairn, Heidelberg, to [illegible] F. J. Thomas, of Ormond College, Carlton.

There passed away on January 23 Mr. James Morse, of High street Northcote, at the age of 52 years. He leaves a widow and a family of [illegible].

Mr. L. W. Williams, town clerk at Preston, has resumed duty, after having spent an enjoyable holiday in that way.

After spending a very enjoyable holiday at the "Continental", Cowes, Miss Hattie Tait, 285 Tyler street Preston, returned home this week. She will resume teaching on February [illegible].

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Murphy, of St. David street Northcote, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Joan Marie.

There passed away on January 23 Mrs. Barbara Johnstone, relict of the late Walter Johnstone of Victoria road Northcote.

The death occurred on January 22 of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sweetman, of Bastings street Northcote. The boy was aged two years and 10 months. The interment was made privately in the Heidelberg cemetery on January 23.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. G. E. Robinson) have returned home after holidaying at Frankston.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Batten and Miss Olive Batten, of Ilma Grove, Northcote, toured to Queenscliff, where they spent the A.N.A. week-end at The Grand."

The death occurred on Tuesday of Mrs. Hilda Allen, wife of Mr. Joseph A. W. Allen, of Ballantyne street, Thornbury. She leaves a family of two (Claude and Ellen). The interment was made in the Fawkner cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

At her residence, 407 Murray road, West Preston, there passed away on Tuesday Mrs. Hannah Grace Clowes, wife of Mr. H. C. Clowes. Deceased leaves an adult family. The interment was made at Kyneton.

The death occurred on Thursday, January 22, of Mr. Frederick Stevens, of 17 Auburn avenue, Northcote, relict of Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens. He leaves a family of seven children, one of whom is a member of the Royal Australian Air Force.

The death occurred on Monday at his residence, "Thalassa," Whalley street, Northcote, of Mr. Sidney Leaver, at the age of 63 years. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the interment being made at the Coburg cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. H. J. R. Lack.

Mr. and Mrs. Pethard, of 109 Victoria road, Northcote, lost their little daughter, Joan (the only child), and only daughter of Mr and Mrs. Pleass.

There passed away at a private hospital the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kerlin, of 43 Green street, Ivanhoe, Mr. Patrick Kerlin. Deceased, who was married, was only 28 years of age.

There passed away on January 23 at her residence, Lantara avenue, Ivanhoe, Mrs. Charlotte Ada Simondson, at the age of 61 years. Members of the family are, Clarence, Frank, Ethel (deceased), Herbert Ernest, Ada, Wilfred and Grace. The interment was made privately.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith, of Shaftesbury parade Thornbury, who have been spending their Christmas holidays in Tasmania, returned home on Saturday. Mr. Goldsmith is hon. Life Saving Instructor to the Northcote Life Saving Club.

Mr. Will King, for many years head trainer of the Northcote Football Club, has signified his intention of contesting the position of secretary at the annual meeting on February 4. See announcement elsewhere.

Mr. V. J. Bradley, C.E., city surveyor to the Northcote City Council, will resume duty on Monday next after spending his annual holiday.

Last Tuesday morning the death occurred at Murray road, Preston, of Mrs. Clowes, wife of Mr. Horace Clowes, dairyman. The burial took place in Kyneton cemetery on Wednesday. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Clowes was formerly a member of the teaching staff at West Preston State school. Mrs. Clowes was ill for a considerable time.

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan, Thornbury, presented three candidates for Government scholarships in the junior technical division, and it is pleasing to note that two of these youths, namely, John Fox, of Fyffe St., Northcote, and John Desmond Aitchner, of Raleigh St., Thornbury, were successful. This gives further evidence of the high standard of education by the Sisters at Thornbury, particularly Sisters Claire and Rose. Each certificate carries a three year course.

The Controller of Stores, Stores Branch of the Metropolitan Board of Works, at Arthurton road, Northcote, Mr. John Bethel, is retiring from the board next month. One of the highest officers of the board, Mr. Bethel has the long term of 37½ years' service to his credit, starting in the Board's employ as a clerk. His ability was recognised, and he rose to stock-taker, thence to his present position, first at South Melbourne depot, and on the transfer of this depot to Northcote, Mr. Bethel still was in charge. Mr. Bethel, who resides at Lower Heidelberg road, Ivanhoe, is a relative of Sir Robert Best. His son, whose marriage took place recently, and who is following in his father's footsteps in the board, is stationed at Northcote branch.

A number of plumbers, inspectors, stockmen of the staff at the Metropolitan Board on January 28 assembled to say farewell to Mr. W. Fleming, who is retiring, and to show their appreciation and the esteem in which he is held. Mr. S. Hick, in presenting him with an inscribed wallet, expressed the above sentiments, which Mr. W. Brady, A. Anderson supported, also Mr. W. Brady. A present was handed to Mr. Fleming for his good lady for acts of kindness at the depot. In his early career Mr. Fleming was a popular player of the "Same Old Essendon" F.C., and for many years took an active interest in the working of that club. He has been in the employ of the board for 34 years, coming over from Langlands to supervise the working of the automatic cleaner for water mains. He was later appointed head turncock for the northern districts. Regret was expressed that both Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were not enjoying the best of health. Mr. Fleming, in reply, thanked all for the presentations and good wishes, and said he had at all times endeavored to do the right thing to those who worked with him.

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FEDERAL ELECTORATES.

REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS.

Details of the proposed redistribution of Federal electorates in Victoria were issued by the Commonwealth Electoral Office for Victoria. The redistribution is necessary owing to the great excess of enrolments over the prescribed quotas in various electorates, which has been brought about by the increased population, especially in certain of the industrial suburbs. The Federal Electoral Act prescribes a redistribution after the Board on January 28 assembled to say census which was to have been taken this year was postponed as an economy measure, the redistribution is still necessary in order to comply with the Electoral Act. The redistribution will also take place in Queensland, New South Wales and West Australia.

In the Batman electorate the enrollment in 1922 was 44,367; in the new enrolment it will be 65,625, an increase of 20,758.

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PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

ENTHUSIASTIC ANNUAL MEETING

DESPITE NO ELECTIONS.

The annual meeting of the Preston Football Club was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening. The president of the club (Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P.) presided over an enthusiastic gathering. Generally speaking the meeting was most gratifying.

In opening the meeting the president extended welcomes to the Hon. Gordon Webber, M.L.A., and Cr. J. Dennis (Williamstown), treasurer of the V.F.A.

In moving the adoption of the report Cr. Zwar gave a brief resume of the club's activities during the season, making special mention of the liberal donations of Mr. W. Anderson throughout the year, and eulogising the efforts of the officers who were responsible for administering the funds and working to the general welfare of the club. It has been claimed by some people that the council had given too much consideration to the club, but he would like to remind those ratepayers that whilst the council had invested a large sum of money in the park, it was to their advantage to give the club every consideration. Last season the club paid to the council £369.

Cr. Zwar also paid a glowing tribute to the interest displayed by the various members of the committee who manned the gates each Saturday, and who handed back to the club their salaries, which amounted to £57. Special mention was made of the services rendered by the secretary (Mr. Ernie Hannah), and the assistant secretaries (Messrs. E. Costigan and W. E. J. Bott), and the treasurer (Mr. H. Millen), who did not seek re-election. The president intimated that he did not think the club would be able to pay the players as much this season as last, and he trusted that, should such action be decided upon, the players would not withdraw their services but would stand to the club, which had stood to them.

In closing his remarks the president made reference to the association selecting a League ground to play their semi-final and final matches on, and expressed the hope that the V.F.A. in their wisdom would play their final games on Association grounds.

Mr. Gordon Webber, M.L.A., seconded the motion. In doing so he said that in perusing the report it was significant to note the points scored for and against the team. This revealed the fact that out of their nine defeats several of them were by a narrow margin, which could be taken as an evidence of the merits of the side the club placed in the field. The balance-sheet also revealed that the supporters paying at the turnstiles was the same as in previous seasons, but unfortunately the main source of revenue (the selling of membership tickets) had not come up to that of the previous year. In congratulating the club on their year's efforts, Mr. Webber concluded by making a special appeal to all to push the sale of members' tickets, by which means the club profited most.

Cr. J. Dennis (Williamstown), and treasurer of the V.F.A., supported the motion. He also defended the attitude of the V.F.A. in seeking the North Melbourne ground for the purpose of playing the final games on. Cr. Dennis said the Association, in doing so, were inspired by the highest motives for the interest of the V.F.A. teams, and not for the Parks Management Committees. Very few clubs, said the speaker, were treated as liberally by their councils as the Preston club, and he felt certain that if the other councils were prepared to mete out the same treatment to their respective clubs, the V.F.A. would have no hesitation in playing their final games on the Association grounds, though he believed that the North Melbourne ground was more centrally situated than any of the Association grounds.

Rough Play to be Stopped.

The V.F.A. were determined to put a stop to rough play, and stringent efforts were being made to raise the standard of football and do their utmost to eliminate all wilful acts endangering an opposing player. The Association were anxious to bring all the clubs to one level.

Exploiting of Players.

No permits or clearances would be accepted by the League unless they were granted by the clubs concerned and endorsed by the Association. This was considered a move in the welfare of the V.F.A. Cr. Dennis terminated his address by wishing the Preston club every success in the incoming season.

The Financial Statement.

For the first time since the club joined the V.F.A. their balancesheet revealed a debit balance of £95/17/2. The total receipts amounted to £1,912/9/5, whilst the expenditure totalled £2,008/6/7. The main item of expenditure was payments to players and coach, trainers, attendants and post mortuder, which amounted to £1,301/13/-. The main sources of revenue comprised donations £181/12/-, members' tickets £283/13/-. The general committee (through Messrs. E. Costigan and W. E. J. Bott) raised £283/18/6; the weekly dances arranged at the town hall realised £166/6/6, and the Ugly Man Competition was responsible for £120/10/8. The balance-sheet was adopted.

Presentation of Trophies.

The president made the following presentations—Best player for the season, Mr. Bert Taylor (gift of Cr. H. P. Zwar). In handing over the presentation Cr. Zwar said that Mr. Taylor was one of the finest players in the game.

On receiving the presentation Mr. Taylor was most enthusiastically greeted. He said he was pleased to come from Geelong to be present at the annual meeting, and he was very grateful to Cr. Zwar for his gift.

Mr. Taylor said he greatly appreciated the reception accorded him, though he was not unmindful of the efforts of his colleagues, who had assisted him in securing the gift. For selling the most membership tickets Mr. Roy Clarke was awarded the president's trophy.

On behalf of Mr. Anderson, an ardent supporter of the club, who had selected three players whom he considered had shown best form throughout the season, Cr. Zwar presented cheques of £5 each to Messrs. Bert Taylor and Harry Davie, and to W. Summers trophies to the same value were presented.

A gold medal donated by Mr. J. Holliday also went to Mr. Taylor. In responding Mr. Taylor said that he and his colleagues sincerely thanked Mr. Anderson for his generosity, and as much as expected to again play for Preston during the coming season.

General Business.

Mr. Geo. Timms moved that he life member be allowed to vote on the committee.

Mr. E. Madden seconded.

Mr. Geo. Hendrie (a delegate for 20 years) vigorously opposed the motion. He said that for a member to win the honor of a life membership he must have given appreciated service and he felt that it would be an injustice to deprive him of his vote.

Mr. Andrews supported Mr. Hendrie.

Mr. Hannah moved an amendment to the effect that the incoming committee be appointed to revise the rules, and that a special meeting be summoned later to hear their report.

Mr. Gormley seconded.

On Mr. Timms withdrawing his motion, the amendment became the motion and was carried.

Life Members.

Mr. Hannah moved that Mr. Harry Miller be elected a life member of the club for valued services rendered covering almost a decade.

Mr. Crowe (auditor) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. H. Miller said he gratefully appreciated the kindly references made on his behalf. Though he did not seek re-election, owing to his going away for a lengthy holiday, on his return he would be prepared to do all he could to further the interests of the club. (Applause.)

Mr. Hendrie moved that the matter of an honorarium to the secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer be referred to the finance committee, with power to act when funds become available.

Mr. Ray Clements seconded.

Mr. E. Madden moved an amendment that the secretary be paid an honorarium of £40, the treasurer £15/15/-, and the assistant secretary £5.

Mr. R. A. Crowe moved an amendment to the effect that the secretary be paid an honorarium of £30, the treasurer £15/15/-, and the assistant secretary £5/5/-.

There was no seconder.

Election of Officers.

The returning officer declared the following officers duly elected for the forthcoming season, viz.:—President, Cr. H. P. Zwar; vice-presidents, Dr. Hartley Walker, Cr. G. Robinson, Messrs. A. Howse, T. Ralph, W. Anderson and J. G. W. Shaw; trustees, Messrs. W. H. Davis and R. G. Owen; auditors, Messrs. L. G. Punch and R. A. Crowe; committee, Messrs. R. H. Clark, R. Clements, E. A. Conybeare, L. F. Green, J. Holliday, L. Hoober, R. E. Jackson, E. Milton, F. A. Paton, G. P. Sleith, G. Timms and W. Ward; treasurer, Mr. P. Clements; assistant secretary, Mr. W. E. J. Bott; secretary, Mr. Ern. J. Hannah, 124 Elm St., Northcote.

Mr. Webber moved a vote of thanks to the returning officer (Mr. W. Gibbs), also the retiring officers, whose services were not again available, and to the president (Cr. Zwar) for presiding.

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WHITTLESEA SHIRE AFFAIRS

MUCH EXCITEMENT AT EPPING.

MEETING BREAKS UP IN DISORDER.

Probably one of the "rowdiest" meetings ever held in Epping eventuated last Friday (January 24), when the last of the series of Riding public meetings called by the Whittlesea Shire Council was held in Epping Shire Hall.

The hall was crowded and many people who were not able to gain admission stood in the porch outside. Const. Waldron was present in uniform and this probably exercised a restraining effect on some who were present.

The shire president (Cr. L. W. Clarke, J.P.) indicated that the meetings had been called at the instigation of Cr. Fergusson to give an answer to statements in the press on the "serious state of the shire finances."

The president said that some of the trouble was due to Cr. Downie, whom he described as a "scaremonger" and who misunderstood some of the items in the balance-sheet. (Uproar.)

That Personal Guarantee.

Cr. Clarke said he was also perturbed by what Cr. Hurrey had said with reference to personal guarantees made to the bank. Cr. Hurrey had stated that the action of the president in giving the guarantee was binding on the whole council, and he as president had denied that that was so. He also wished to correct press statements which indicated there were two guarantors, when there were actually three—Cr. Thomas, Cr. Downie, and the president.

Continuing Cr. Clarke said: "A lot of capital has been made out of the grant of £50 to the shire secretary for clerical assistance. That is no new thing, as it has been going on for three or four years.

Further, Cr. Clarke said the council was going to economise in every possible direction. He had been at the Municipal Association and had ascertained that the 10 per cent. wages cut ordered by the Arbitration Court did not apply to municipal employes, but the Association was taking immediate steps to approach the court to have the reduction applied to all municipal employees.

No Cause For Alarm.

He assured ratepayers that there was no cause for alarm. The shire was better off than it had been, and had made great progress in the last ten years.

A Difference of Opinion.

Cr. Hurrey reiterated his statement that the whole council was responsible for any shortage, and for the amount by which the overdraft was exceeded.

Cr. McCormack said he was not responsible, as he had not voted.

C.R.B. Responsible for Shire's Difficulties.

The president added that he had had the shire registered under the Relief Act, and so the shire could claim sustenance where it was needed. He supported Cr. Hurrey's view that the Country Roads Board was responsible for difficulties in municipal finance. The board was supreme and the shires were helpless. He hoped all roads would be nationalised, so that the shires would be free from the burden of costly roads.

Cr. McCormack spoke on the Epping Riding, which he said had always paid its way. He admitted that he was responsible for the grant of £50 to the shire secretary, and said it was only a fair thing, as the secretary was overworked. (Uproar.)

Cr. Fergusson said he was totally opposed to allowing the overdraft to be exceeded.

Cr. Scott said he had been opposed at first to the decision to call public meetings, but had altered his opinions owing to the intense interest they had aroused. He hoped the interest would continue. He thought Cr. Downie talked in a "wild way before he stopped to think."

Cr. Downie's Statement.

Cr. Downie, who rose in a tumult of applause, said that although he had been condemned by fellow councillors as a "liar," he would continue to say there were grave irregularities in methods of signing cheques. On one occasion he had left the table for a few minutes and when he returned a cheque had been signed in his absence, and he did not know what it was for. (Uproar.) He would definitely say cheques had been signed even after the meeting. (Uproar.)

Uproar and Excitement.

It was because of his inquiries about such matters that Cr. McDonald was ousted from the council by the ex-president. (Prolonged uproar).

At this stage the meeting became very excited and difficult to control.

Continuing, Cr. Downie said that the ouster proceedings had involved the council in heavy expense and "God alone knew whether the council would get costs from ex-Cr. McDonald."

The council had appointed Crs. Thomas and Butler to assist the valuer in defending his valuations, but they had made a hopeless muddle of it. The council did not know when the expense involved was going to end. Costs and accounts of one sort and another were still coming in.

Cr. Orgill referred to the Separation flood water, and said it was a disgrace that little children were not able to go direct to school owing to the water. Others were forced to make detours of from 1½ to two miles.

Question time proved very lively, a tremendous amount of interest being shown. Questions were fired from all angles, until at last Mr. R. C. Dettman was just about able to make himself heard. He began to ask some questions of the ex-president (Cr. McCormack), who did not answer. This caused a noisy uproar, and feeling began to run high.

Mr. Dettman continued to speak, and the disturbance increased.

At last Cr. McCormack shouted through the din that he proposed a vote of thanks to the president. Cr. Fergusson rose and seconded. The ex-president declared the vote of thanks carried as the meeting broke up in noisy disorder.

WHITTLESEA COUNCIL AND DAY LABOR.

PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE MADE CLEAR.

In the course of the reported remarks of the shire president of Whittlesea Shire (Cr. L. W. Clarke) appeared the paragraph—"As a means of economy he considered that all day work should be suspended for 12 months."

The president points out that what he meant to convey was that the only way in which the council could economise would be to do away with day labor (£1800) and conserve the contingency fund (£700), or approx £2,500 to £2,600 in all. He also indicates that if the council adopted this course, it would be most unfair to ratepayers on the by-roads, as the roads would soon be ruined, and the people would be unable to get their produce to market; and then again the council never knew when circumstances such as a flood or bush fire would force it to draw on its contingency fund.

The president states that he is absolutely opposed to the withdrawal of the day men, and is under the impression that his attitude in this regard was perfectly understood by the meetings.

WHITTLESEA.

Humevale Cricket Club held a dance at the parish hall on Saturday night.

On A.N.A. night the Whittlesea Cricket Club held a successful dance.

Mr. W. H. Watkins, who has been in charge of Whittlesea Presbyterian Church for twelve months, has been transferred to Heywood. Mr. Mitchell, of Heywood, is coming to Whittlesea.

Bread has been reduced to 9d. per 4lb. loaf.

All men employed in the forest north of Whittlesea were put off last week, when work was suspended.

Mr. Ben Owens, of Humevale, is recovering from the injuries recently received to his eye. The injury was caused by bluestone from a bursting spray pump at Mr. Dawson's vineyard.

Sporting bodies are of the opinion that the ban on Sunday sport in the Whittlesea recreation reserve is a bar to progress of the district. Mr. J. Gibbs has been delegated by the Whittlesea Ratepayers' League to confer with sporting bodies with the object of getting the recreation ground committee to permit Sunday sport.

Flying Officer Dalton, who did such good work in locating the lost airmen in Central Australia, is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dalton, of Whittlesea.

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PERSONAL

Mrs. J. F. Cooper and family are camping at Carrum.

Mrs. Horsfield, of Diamond street, Preston, is spending a few weeks' holiday at Fern Tree Gully.

Mrs. C. Karkeek, of Euroa, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Neelands, of James street, Northcote.

Rev. A. J. Stewart, of the Presbyterian Church, Preston, has returned after a vacation at Mt. Duneen.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ogden and family, of Christmas street Northcote, are spending their summer vacation at Chelsea.

The engagement is announced of Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gillies, Glencairn, Heidelberg, to Mr. P. J. Thomas, of Ormond College, Carlton.

There passed away on January 23 Mr. James Morse, of High street, Northcote, at the age of 52 years. He leaves a widow and a family of two.

Mr. L. W. Williams, town clerk at Preston, has resumed duty, after having spent an enjoyable holiday in a quiet way.

After spending a very enjoyable holiday at the "Continental", Cowes, Miss Hattie Tait, 285 Tyler street Preston, returned home this week. She will resume teaching on February 2.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Murphy, of St. David street Northcote, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Joan Marie.

There passed away on January 23 Mrs. Barbara Johnstone, relict of the late Walter Johnstone of Victoria road Northcote.

The death occurred on January 22 of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Twentyman, of Bastings street Northcote. The boy was aged two years and 10 months. The interment was made privately in the Heidelberg cemetery on January 23.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. G. E. Robinson) have returned home after holidaying at Frankston.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Batten and Miss Olive Batten, of Ilma Grove, Northcote, toured to Queenscliff, where they spent the A.N.A. week-end at "The Grand."

The death occurred on Tuesday of Mrs. Hilda Allen, wife of Mr. Joseph A. W. Allen, of Ballantyne street, Thornbury. She leaves a family of two (Claude and Ellen). The interment was made in the Fawkner cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

At her residence, 407 Murray road, West Preston, there passed away on Tuesday Mrs. Hannah Grace Clowes, wife of Mr. H. C. Clowes. Deceased leaves an adult family. The interment was made at Kyneton.

The death occurred on Thursday, January 22, of Mr. Frederick Stevens, of 17 Auburn avenue, Northcote, relict of Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens. He leaves a family of seven children, one of whom is a member of the Royal Australian Air Force.

The death occurred on Monday at his residence, "Thalassa," Whalley street, Northcote, of Mr. Sidney Leahey, at the age of 63 years. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the interment being made at the Coburg cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. H. J. R. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Pethard, of 109 Victoria road, Northcote, lost their little daughter, Joan (the only child), and grand-daughter of Mr and Mrs. Pleass.

There passed away at a private hospital the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kerlin, of 43 Green street, Ivanhoe, Mr. Patrick Kerlin. Deceased, who was married, was only 28 years of age.

There passed away on January 23 at her residence, Lantara avenue, Ivanhoe, Mrs. Charlotte Ada Simondson, at the age of 61 years. Members of the family are, Clarence, Frank, Ethel (deceased), Herbert Ernest, Ada, Wilfred and Grace. The interment was made privately.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith, of Shaftesbury parade Thornbury, who have been spending their Christmas holidays in Tasmania, returned home on Saturday. Mr. Goldsmith is hon. Life Saving Instructor to the Northcote Life Saving Club.

Mr. Will King, for many years head trainer of the Northcote Football Club, has signified his intention of contesting the position of secretary at the annual meeting on February 4. See announcement elsewhere.

Mr. V. J. Bradley, C.E., city surveyor to the Northcote City Council, will resume duty on Monday next after spending his annual holiday.

Last Tuesday morning the death occurred at Murray road, Preston, of Mrs. Clowes, wife of Mr. Horace Clowes, dairyman. The burial took place in Kyneton cemetery on Wednesday. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Clowes was formerly a member of the teaching staff at West Preston State school. Mrs. Clowes was ill for a considerable time.

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan, Thornbury, presented three candidates for Government scholarships in the junior technical division, and it is pleasing to note that two of these youths, namely, John Fox, of Fyffe St., Northcote, and John Desmond Kelleher, of Raleigh St., Thornbury, were successful. This gives further evidence of the high standard of education by the Sisters at Thornbury, particularly Sisters Claire and Rose. Each certificate carries a three year course.

The Controller of Stores, Stores Branch of the Metropolitan Board of Works, at Arthurton road, Northcote, Mr. John Bethel, is retiring from the board next month. One of the highest officers of the board, Mr. Bethel has the long term of 37½ years' service to his credit, starting in the Board's employ as a clerk. His ability was recognised, and he rose to stock-taker, thence to his present position, first at South Melbourne depot, and on the transfer of this depot to Northcote, Mr. Bethel still was in charge. Mr. Bethel, who resides at Lower Heidelberg road, Ivanhoe, is a relative of Sir Robert Best. His son, whose marriage took place recently, and who is following in his father's footsteps in the board, is stationed at Northcote branch.

A number of plumbers, inspectors, turncocks of the staff at the North Fitzroy depot of the Metropolitan Board on January 28 assembled to say farewell to Mr. W. Fleming, who is retiring, and to show their appreciation and the esteem in which he is held. Mr. S. Hick, in presenting him with an inscribed wallet, expressed the above sentiments. Mr. W. Dickson supported, also Mr. W. Brady. A present was handed to Mr. Fleming for his good lady for acts of kindness at the depot. In his early career Mr. Fleming was a popular player of the "Same Old Essendon" F.C., and for many years took an active interest in the working of that club. He has been in the employ of the board for 34 years, coming over from Langlands to supervise the working of the automatic cleaner for water mains. He was later appointed head turncock for the northern districts. Regret was expressed that both Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were not enjoying the best of health. Mr. Fleming, in reply, thanked all for the presentations and good wishes, and said he had at all times endeavored to do the right thing to those who worked with him.

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FEDERAL ELECTORATES.

REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS.

Details of the proposed redistribution of Federal electorates in Victoria were issued by the Commonwealth Electoral Office for Victoria. The redistribution is necessary owing to the great excess of enrolments over the prescribed quotas in various electorates, which has been brought about by the increased population, especially in certain of the industrial suburbs. The Federal Electoral Act prescribes a redistribution after the taking of the census, which occurs every ten years, but although the census which was to have been taken this year was postponed as an economy measure, the redistribution is still necessary in order to comply with the Electoral Act. The redistribution will also take place in Queensland, New South Wales and West Australia.

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PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

ENTHUSIASTIC ANNUAL MEETING

DESPITE NO ELECTIONS.

The annual meeting of the Preston Football Club was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening. The president of the club (Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P.) presided over an enthusiastic gathering. Generally speaking the meeting was most gratifying.

In opening the meeting the president extended welcomes to the Hon. Gordon Webber, M.L.A. and Cr. J. Dennis (Williamstown), treasurer of the V.F.A.

In moving the adoption of the report Cr. Zwar gave a brief resume of the club's activities during the season, making special mention of the liberal donations of Mr. W. Anderson throughout the year, and eulogising the efforts of the officers who were responsible for administering the funds and seeing to the general welfare of the club. It has been claimed by some people that the council had given too much consideration to the club, but he would like to remind those ratepayers that whilst the council had invested a large sum of money in the park, it was to their advantage to give the club every consideration. Last season the club paid to the council £369.

Cr. Zwar also paid a glowing tribute to the interest displayed by the various members of the committee who manned the gates each Saturday, and who also handed back to the club their salaries, which amounted to £57. Special mention was made of the services rendered by the secretary (Mr. Ernie Hannah), and the assistant secretaries (Messrs. E. Costigan and W. E. J. Bott), and the treasurer (Mr. H. Miller), who did not seek re-election. The president intimated that he did not think the club would be able to pay the players as much this season as last, and he trusted that, should such action be decided upon, the players would not withdraw their services but would stand to the club, which had stood to them.

In closing his remarks the president made reference to the association selecting a League ground to play their semi-final and final matches on, and expressed the hope that the V.F.A. in their wisdom would play their final games on Association grounds.

Mr. Gordon Webber, M.L.A., seconded the motion. In doing so he said that in perusing the report it was significant to note the points scored for and against the team. This revealed the fact that out of their nine defeats several of them were by a narrow margin, which could be taken as an evidence of the side the club placed in the field. The balance-sheet also revealed that the supporters paying at the turnstiles was the same as the previous season, but unfortunately the main source of revenue (the selling of membership tickets) had not come up to that of the previous year. In congratulating the club on their year's efforts, Mr. Webber concluded by making a special appeal to all to push the sale of members' tickets, by which means the club profited most.

Cr. J. Dennis (Williamstown), and treasurer of the V.F.A., supported the motion. He also defended the attitude of the V.F.A. in seeking the North Melbourne ground for the purpose of playing the final games on. Cr. Dennis said the Association, in doing so, were inspired by the highest motives for the interest of the V.F.A. teams, and not for the Parks Management Committees. Very few clubs, said the speaker, were treated as liberally by their councils as the Preston club, and he felt certain that if the other councils were prepared to mete out the same treatment to their respective clubs, the V.F.A. would have no hesitation in playing their final games on the Association grounds, though he believed that the North Melbourne ground was more centrally situated than any of the Association grounds.

Rough Play to be Stopped.

The V.F.A. were determined to put a stop to rough play, and stringent efforts were being made to raise the standard of football and do their utmost to eliminate all wilful acts endangering an opposing player. The Association were anxious to bring all the clubs to one level.

Exploiting of Players.

No permits or clearances would be accepted by the League unless they were granted by the clubs concerned and endorsed by the Association. This was considered a move in the welfare of the V.F.A. Cr. Dennis terminated his address by wishing the Preston club every success in the incoming season.

The Financial Statement.

For the first time since the club joined the V.F.A. their balance-sheet revealed a debit balance of £95/17/2. The total receipts amounted to £1,912 9/5, whilst the expenditure totalled £2,008/6/7. The main item of expenditure was payments to players and coach, trainers, attendants and boot studder, which amounted to £1,301/13/-. The main sources of revenue comprised donations £181 12/-, members' tickets £283/13/-. The general committee (through Messrs. E. Costigan and W. E. J. Bott) raised £383/18/9; the weekly dances arranged at the town hall realised £166/6/6, and the Ugly Man Competition was responsible for £120/10/8.

The balance-sheet was adopted.

Presentation of Trophies.

The president made the following presentations—Best player for the season, Mr. Bert Taylor (gift of Cr. H. P. Zwar). In handing over the presentation Cr. Zwar said that Mr. Taylor was one of the finest players in the game.

On receiving the presentation Mr. Taylor was most enthusiastically greeted. He said he was pleased to come from Geelong to be present at the annual meeting, and he was very grateful to Cr. Zwar for his gift.

Mr. Taylor said he greatly appreciated the reception accorded him, though he was not unmindful of the efforts of his colleagues, who had assisted him in securing the gift.

For selling the most membership tickets Mr. Roy Clarke was awarded the president's trophy.

On behalf of Mr. Anderson, an ardent supporter of the club, who had selected three players whom he considered had shown best form throughout the season, Cr. Zwar presented cheques of £5 each to Messrs. Bert Taylor and Harry Davie, and to W. Summers trophies to the same value were presented.

A gold medal donated by Mr. J. Holliday also went to Mr. Taylor. In responding Mr. Taylor said that he and his colleagues sincerely thanked Mr. Anderson for his generosity, and they all expected to again play for Preston during the coming season.

General Business.

Mr. Geo. Timms moved that no life member be allowed to vote on the committee.

Mr. E. Madden seconded.

Mr. Geo. Hendrie (a delegate for 20 years) vigorously opposed the motion. He said that for a member to win the honor of a life membership he must have given appreciated service, and he felt that it would be an injustice to deprive him of his vote.

Mr. Andrews supported Mr. Hendrie.

Mr. Hannah moved an amendment to the effect that the incoming committee be appointed to revise the rules, and that a special meeting be summoned later to hear their report.

Mr. Gormley seconded.

On Mr. Timms withdrawing his motion, the amendment became the motion and was carried.

Life Members.

Mr. Hannah moved that Mr. Harry Miller be elected a life member of the club for valued services rendered covering almost a decade.

Mr. Crowe (auditor) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. H. Miller said he gratefully appreciated the kindly references made on his behalf. Though he did not seek re-election, owing to his going away for a lengthy holiday, on his return he would be prepared to do all he could to further the interests of the club. (Applause.)

Mr. Hendrie moved that the matter of an honorarium to the secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer be referred to the finance committee, with power to act when funds become available.

Mr. Ray Clements seconded.

Mr. E. Madden moved an amendment that the secretary be paid an honorarium of £40, the treasurer £15/15/-, and the assistant secretary £5.

Mr. R. A. Crowe moved an amendment to the effect that the secretary be paid an honorarium of £30, the treasurer £15/15/-, and the assistant secretary £5/5/-.

There was no seconder.

Election of Officers.

The returning officer declared the following officers duly elected for the forthcoming season, viz.:—President, Cr. H. P. Zwar; vice-presidents, Dr. Hartley Walker, Cr. G. Robinson, Messrs. A. Howse, T. Ralph, W. Anderson and J. G. W. Shaw; trustees, Messrs. W. H. Davis and R. O. Owen; auditors, Messrs. L. G. Punch and R. A. Crowe; committee, Messrs. R. H. Clark, R. Clements, E. A. Conybeare, L. F. Green, J. Holliday, L. Hoober, R. E. Jackson, E. Milton, F. A. Paton, G. P. Sleith, G. Timms and W. Ward; treasurer, Mr. P. Clements; assistant secretary, Mr. W. E. J. Bott; secretary, Mr. Ern. J. Hannah, 124 Elm St., Northcote.

Mr. Webber moved a vote of thanks to the returning officer (Mr. W. Gibbs), also the retiring officers, whose services were not again available, and to the president (Cr. Zwar) for presiding.

Maid: "I want to tell you, ma'am, that my engagement has been broken off." Mistress: "Well, I'm afraid that doesn't really interest me a very deal, Jane." Maid: "But, ma'am you told me to report on anything that got broken in the kitchen."

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HOLLYWOOD NEWSLETTER.

CIVILISED WORLD MORE DANGEROUS THAN WILDS SAYS EXPLORER

The civilised world is too dangerous to live in, it was declared by Ernest B. Schoedsack, who has just returned to Hollywood from a year in the unexplored tropics of Sumatra where he filmed "Jungle War", an adventure drama for Paramount.

Schoedsack whose daring camera ventures have brought to the screen such epics as "Grass", "Chang" and "The Four Feathers", finds it increasingly difficult to adjust himself to the hazards of civilisation after each trek into strange corners of the globe.

Although I am always anxious to get back to Hollywood, I am ready to move on to the next place after a few months of city life" admits the intrepid adventurer. "Metropolitan traffic leaves me in a state of terror, and I find that civilised comforts are far from healthful. There is too much to eat, too much indoor work, too much noise and too little exercise."

Having lived by the hand, demanding rule of the tropics for many years, Schoedsack sleeps but five hours a night usually arriving at the studio ready for the day's work at the time the night watchman is going home.

Only one month has passed since Schoedsack returned from Sumatra, but already he is making secret plans for another project that will take him many miles from a drawing-room existence.

FIVE FEATURED PLAYERS IN RADIO'S "SIN SHIP".

While there were but five featured players, Louis Wolheim, Mary Astor, Ian Keith, Hugh Herbert, and Alan Roscoe, in "The Sin Ship", Radio Pictures' nautical melodrama, nearly three hundred cameramen, electricians, "grips", property men, painters and carpenters were required because of the difficulties encountered in making talkies on the high seas.

Greta Garbo's feminine fans will be interested to know the glamorous Swedish star was hailed by style experts as one of the most exquisitely gowned women in attendance at the opening of the Los Angeles opera season this year. Greta wore a silver and white ensemble trimmed with white fox and accentuated by a corsage of red roses.

The SCREEN and its STARS

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THE BEST MOVIES OF 1930.

WHAT IS THE A.M.P.A.S.?

Moviegoers may be interested to know that every year 600 representative members of the motion picture industry in Hollywood get together and determine the year's best achievements in filmdom. This body, which is styled the American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, is looked upon as the pinnacle of authority for film accomplishment, and there is always much to-do about its annual meetings and judgments. The greatest of the stars, male and female, directors, cameramen, and even the magnates behind the various movie companies, from the biggest to the smallest, are "all of a dither" to hear the oracle speak, as all determinations or merit are by secret vote.

Would you like to know how the A.A.M.P.A.S. works? Well, in the first place the president, Conrad Nagel, invites entries from every producing company, under eight different heads, which will be detailed later. The numerous entries are tabulated, the 600 members then vote on the question: "Which do you consider the best five entries in each of the eight divisions?" This process eliminates the less worthy in one fell sweep, at the same time leaving the weighty consideration of actual best for a more favorable time: that is to

NORMA SHEARER,

The inimitable British-Canadian and M-G-M. star, outstanding for her performances in "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," "The Divorcee" and "The Lady of Scandal."

say, with five possible firsts in every division voted for, the actual first then becomes much easier to choose Later on, after considerable labor, as you can well imagine, with eight divisions of merit to deal with, the order of merit is determined.

The 1930 A.A.M.P.A.S. awards are now available, and again Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer must take a deep bow, followed by Universal, through that splendid picture, "All Quiet on the Western Front."

Here are the 1930 awards, in tabulated form, the first-mentioned under each heading being the winning entry in every case:—

Performance by Actress.—Norma Shearer (M-G-M), "The Divorcee;" Nancy Carroll (Paramount), "The Devil's Holiday;" Ruth Chatterton (Paramount) "Sarah and Son;" Greta Garbo (M-G-M), "Anna Christie;" Gloria Swanson (United Artists), "The Trespasser."

Performance by Actor.—George Arliss (Warner Brothers), "Disraeli;" Wallace Beery (M-G-M), "The Big House;" Maurice Chevalier (Paramount), "The Big Pond," "The Love Parade;" Ronald Colman (United Artists), "Bulldog Drummond," "Condemned;" Lawrence Tibbett (M-G-M), "The Rogue Song."

Achievement by Director.—Lewis Milestone (Universal), "All Quiet on the Western Front;" Clarence Brown (M-G-M), "Anna Christie;" Robert Z. Leonard (M-G-M), "The Divorcee;" Ernst Lubitsch (Paramount), "The Love Parade;" King Vidor (M-G-M), "Hallelujah."

Outstanding Production.—"All Quiet on the Western Front" (Universal); "The Big House" (M-G-M), "Disraeli" (Warner Bros.), "The Divorcee" (M-G-M), "The Love Parade" (Paramount).

Cinematograph Achievement—"With Byrd at the South Pole" (Paramount); "All Quiet on the Western Front" (Universal); "Anna Christie" (M-G-M); "Hell's Angels" (Caddo); "The Love Parade" (Paramount).

Sound Recording Achievements.—"The Big House" (M-G-M); "Case of Sergeant Grischa" (RKO); "The Love Parade" (Paramount); "Raffles" (Samuel Goldwyn); "Song of the Flame" (First National); "All Quiet on the Western Front" (Universal); "Disraeli" (Warner Bros.); "The Divorcee" (M-G-M); "Streets of Chance" (Paramount)

Writing Achievement.—Frances Marion, "The Big House" (M-G-M).

Achievement in Art Direction.—Hermann Rossel, "King of Jazz" (Universal).

With two entries voted for listing under the first head, two under the second, three under the third, two under the fourth, one under the fifth, two under the sixth, and one under the seventh, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer secured 37 per cent. of the possible score, Universal being next with 26 per cent.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is to be congratulated on this achievement, especially as the effort to produce progressively finer pictures is always appreciated by movie lovers.

LAUGHTER CONTROL.

Laughter control has become a requisite of Hollywood film extras. With comedies the demand of the hour, there is a real need for atmosphere players who can regulate their mirth. Laughter in the theatre is one thing; audible merriment on a sound stage while filming is in progress is another.

At the Paramount studios, where "Only Saps Work" was in production with Leon Errol, Mary Brian, Richard Arlen and Stuart Erwin featured, a drastic ruling was found necessary. Extra and bit players were banned from the stage except for the scenes in which they worked.

Extra players are generally well acquainted with the dialogue script and continuity of the picture on which they are working and are prepared for any of the mirthful twists in the story. Consequently, they are seldom surprised into giggles. The antics of Errol and Erwin in "Only Saps Work" however, proved too funny, and the many untimely laughs that reached the recording apparatus caused the banishment.

INIMITABLE COMEDY TRIO REAPPEAR

Hollywood's record breaking courtship goes merrily onward! The bitter rivalry between Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey for the hand of petite Dorothy Lee will continue through a multitude of comedy situations in the trio's latest screen vehicle. They will appear in a new talking comedy tentatively known as "Hook, Line and Sinker," Wheeler and Woolsey first became interested in Miss Lee in RKO Radio Pictures' "Rio Rita". The courtship was pursued through half-a-dozen reels of "The Cuckoos," with Wheeler gaining a slight advantage when Woolsey "fell" for the stately Jobyna Howland. Then, as a couple of old Southern gentlemen in "Dixiana," they fought a duel over Dorothy. The next episode in the triangle came in "Half Shot at Sunrise," when as a pair of doughboys, they met their perennial sweetheart in Paris. In "Hook, Line and Sinker," the Wheeler-Woolsey-Lee courtship continues—with odds 3 to 1 in favour of Bert!

BACK TO SCHOOL.

A movie star goes back to school! All because studio executives desire their stellar players to speak two or three different languages.

It's hard luck for lovely Evelyn Knapp, a Broadway favorite who has just finished "River's End" and "Sinner's Holiday" for Warner Bros First national; but the powers that be decreed that the blonde star become a linguist—so instead of taking a nice vacation in New York, Evelyn is spending several hours each day at the University of California, taking a comprehensive course in languages.

SUE CAROL IN "KEPT HUSBANDS".

Sue Carol has been selected by RKO Radio Pictures for a principal role in a picture tentatively titled "Kept Husbands".

The story, an original, is in its final stages of preparation by Forrest Halsey. It is strictly modern in theme and deals with the romance of a wealthy girl and a husband in modest circumstances.

WESTGARTH TALKIES.

This week-end Lupe Velez, Paul Cavanagh and William Boyd are featured in "The Storm". The central situation of "The Storm" is sufficiently dramatic in itself. Two men, old friends, are penned up in a snowbound cabin in the Canadian wilds with the girl whom both love. While death by starvation closes down upon all three, the love hunger in the hearts of the men hourly brings each other closer and closer to the other's throat, A delightful comedy romance with music, "Love Dreams", co-featuring Lois Moran and Walter Byron, will also be seen. This production presents a cross section of life in a large department store.

On Monday next, Bessie Love heads the cast in a splendid picturisation of the stage hit, "Good News", and scores of comedy triumphs with Gus Shy, of the original stage cast. The love theme is carried by Stanley Smith and Mary Lawlor and Cliff (Ukulele Ike) Edwards is a comedy football trainer. The picture retains all the original flavor and pep of the stage success, while the broader sweep of the camera permits a far greater variety of scenes, all of which have been filmed with an eye for color and taste.

Alice White is featured in "Sweet Mama".

On Thursday next, the story of "Good Intentions", tells of the attempted reformation of a famous international crook. Having amassed quite a comfortable fortune from his nefarious activities and being enamoured over a beautiful girl of society who returns his affections, he decides to give up the old life. His old gang, however, have different ideas and the ensuing battle of wits between the master crook and his underlings results in a series of daring episodes seldom seen in one picture. Edmund Lowe has the leading role. "Sailor's Holiday", with Alan Hale in the chief role, is a comedy feature which carries a great cargo of laughs giggle and guffaws.

RKO "PURCHASES" EXPENSIVE SILENCE.

The most expensive silence on record was "purchased" by RKO Radio Pictures for "The Sin Ship", nautical melodrama featuring Louis Wolheim, Mary Astor and Ian Keith.

The picture was filmed in the harbour at Catalina Island and the studio was forced to hire a fleet of six high powered speedboats at a rental of 500 dollars daily to patrol the vicinity to prevent other vessels from whistling or otherwise interrupting the recording of talking sequences.

RADIO DIRECTION

Handling Sea "Atmosphere"

Radio telephony, rapidly becoming an important factor in all branches of endeavour, has finally been extended to the direction of motion pictures. This new method of controlling the movement of actors, cameras and atmospheric effects was employed by Paramount recently during the filming of the sea sequences of "The Spoilers." To provide "off-shore atmosphere" for the picture, a large fleet of vessels, including a 6,000 ton steamer, two smaller steamers, a three masted schooner, and many large lighters were employed. The sequences were to depict the famous landing of the miners at Nome, during the early days of the gold rush. The movement of the ships at sea was controlled by a radio telephone, operating under the call "6XAR". The transmitter for this station was at Director Carewe's hand at all times during the filming, enabling him to handle this prodigious scene with consumate ease. Paramount's talking screen version of "The Spoilers," which was completed recently, features a notable cast of stage and screen stars, headed by Gary Cooper, Kay Johnson, Betty Compson, William Boyd, James Kirkwood, Slim Summerville and Harry Green.

PREVENTING CHILD CRIME

Talkies an Aid, says Court Officer

Motion pictures, by supplying the need for rational amusement, have become one of the greatest aids in the prevention of child crime, according to Mr. F. P. Morris, officer in charge of the Children's Court in Melbourne, who stressed that point in a recent address to the Victorian Women's Citizens' Movement.

"Want of rational amusement is one of the chief causes of child crime" he declared, "and motion pictures have saved the court considerable trouble by providing the juvenile with wholesome entertainment. People rail against the talkies, and yet they are a wonderful safety valve. Generally speaking, cinemas are a godsend to the crowded parts of our city, for they give the people a dreamland where they can forget all the meanness, the wretchedness and sordid conditions of their own life."

Fully cognisant with the influence of talking pictures upon the juvenile mind, Paramount is making an earnest endeavour to provide a type of screen entertainment which will meet with their approval. It was in view of this that Paramount produced "Tom Sawyer," in which Jackie Coogan, Mitzi Green and Junior Durkin are featured.

RUDY VALLEE, who, conducting his famous Connecticut Yankees, is often heard over screen and radio. He has a contract with RKO Pictures and was recently seen in "The Vagabond Lover."

History of the Submarine

(By Jas. Seabrook, late H.M.A.S. Sydney).

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Australia's Part in Submarine Warfare during the Great War—Story of the Sydney-Emden action.

NO. IV.

"Naval Superstitions."

The "Sydney" again steamed over the area of where, the last two bombs dropped, and the Zeppelin then let go a "rapid fire" of yet two more bombs, which duly missed off the starboard bow. "Sydney" continued course and the Zeppelin's seventh bomb dropped off the starboard bow. While this giant Zeppe was busy bombing the "Sydney," the destroyers were busily engaged dropping depth charges on submarines reported by various destroyers dashing around like a pack of greyhounds let off the leash. Apparently the Zeppelin had been conversing with submarines, because five submarines were sighted, and of the credit was claimed for disposing of three. The destroyers were able to get these, as it made three submarines less to sink armed merchantmen.

After the Zeppelin had let go her third bomb the destroyer "Obdurate" joined up with the Sydney and asked for orders. Captain Dumaresq replied: "Follow me round." Then with his back against the bridge screen, his face on the base of the compass, and intently watching the Zeppelin, he remarked: "This fellow is doing some good shooting, but he won't damn well hit me." The signalman of the "Sydney" had huge grins all over their faces when the captain ordered the "Obdurate" to "Follow me round," because they thought the little destroyer following behind was absolutely bound to get all the "overs." "Overs" meant those bombs that missed the "Sydney" by dropping astern. However, good fortune, or the God of Justice, or the "Sydney's" manoeuvring favored the little "Obdurate," because all she got was two punctures in her funnels and no one wounded.

While the Zeppelin was bombing the "Sydney," the commander of the "Sydney" was driving would-be spectators down a hatchway under cover, at the same time others were pouring up another hatchway to see all the fun, which by the way was causing the ship's surgeon—Surgeon-Lieutenant L. Darby—much concern, wondering how much work a "direct hit" would give him. There was one man Commander H. P. Cayley did not drive down below, and that was Able Seamon G. Leahy, who laid on his back on the upper deck striving to get a good photo of the Zeppelin, with a bomb on the way down. He got the photo of the Zeppelin, but was much annoyed because he could not catch the bomb.

An amusing incident took place on board the "Obdurate" during the time the Zeppelin was doing her best to batter our gallant light cruiser "Sydney." The commander of this destroyer only knew sufficient of the German language to be able to swear, so he trained a searchlight on the Zeppelin and by Morse code signalled to it "in German." The Zeppelin" apparently understood the language, because after letting go the eleventh bomb at the "Sydney" she saved her twelfth and last bomb for this little destroyer. Manoeuvring into position she let it go. All that could be seen from the bridge of the "Sydney" was a column of water and spray to a height of 60 to 80 feet. It was thought the Zeppelin had at last got a direct hit, but no! she hadn't. Within three seconds of the bomb exploding the little destroyer came serenely steaming through the spray.

A second Zeppelin which had been sighted during the bombing had by this time joined up with the first and signalling commenced between them. As it was most galling to see the "Sydney's" projectiles going straight for the Zeppelin and then turn over before reaching her, Captain Dumaresq ordered "Cease fire." The crew of the "Sydney" now shook hands with themselves and said their last good-byes, because they thought they had no chance in life of having the good luck to dodge another round dozen of bombs. However, after a five minutes' confab, both Zeppelins turned towards the German coast, much to the relief of all concerned, and sailed for home.

H.M.S. "Yarmouth," who carried an aeroplane, encountered L.43 some few weeks later. Her plane was sent up and succeeded in bringing this Zeppelin down.

The Zeppelins now having left the scene of this action, the "Sydney," "Dublin" and destroyers recommenced and finished the interrupted work of sweeping the channel and returned to Rosyth. To show how monotonous the members of the "Sydney's" ship's company considered life in the North Sea, I will relate a little incident which happened about four days after this action of which I have just told you. Four hours' leave was given to the ship's company on return to harbor. A certain stoker failed to return on board at the time his leave expired, and was arrested three days later and brought on board before Captain Dumaresq on a charge of desertion. The stoker, when asked what he had to say, replied: "I'm fed up, sir. Nothing ever happens." Captain Dumaresq replied: "Nothing ever happens. Why, you just had a fight with a Zeppelin; isn't that something happening?" The stoker replied: "Yes, but she couldn't hit us, sir."

H.M.A.S. "Vanguard," a 21,000 ton battleship, after refitting at Chatham, called at Rosyth and coaled. On July 6 she left Rosyth for Scapa Flow, and as she passed seawards under the Forth Bridge there was no train overhead. Those on deck of other ships smiled to themselves, wondering what was going to happen to the "Vanguard." On July 7, the "Sydney" left Rosyth, passing under the bridge with a train passing over it. She arrived at Scapa Flow on July 9 and anchored in the opposite berth to where the "Vanguard" was anchored. Those on board the "Sydney" smiled to see the "Vanguard's" safe arrival, but still they said between themselves "She has still got it to come." At 11.27 p.m. that night there was a terrific double explosion. On board H.A.M.S. Sydney there reigned silence for about one minute, then could be heard the sound of running feet on the upper deck. Later the order came down the hatchways: "Away life boats crew; everybody else get under cover." To those men below it was thought that the Germans had sent a Zeppelin over and that she was bombing the fleet, but such was not the case. Where the "Vanguard" had been was now a space with nothing but thick oil floating on the surface. 21,000 tons of iron and steel had, within two seconds, disappeared. From the "Vanguard" only three men escaped—an officer, a marine and a stoker. The "Sydney's" lifeboat which was called away arrived on the scene in four minutes. This was certainly a record when you remember that these men were all asleep at the time of the explosion, and they had to turn out, dress, lower the boat and get away. One and a half to two minutes after the explosion, lumps of steel, wood and iron were coming down, hitting the water with tremendous smacks. Two or three thousand yards inland, which would be approx. 1½ to 2 miles, some fires were started by the burning debris from the expdision. The "Sydney's" boat picked up a survivor, a stoker named Cox; another ship's boat picked up the marine; and these two survivors were taken to the hospital ship "China." The officer was picked up by another ship's boat, but he died before reaching the hospital ship. By this explosion 1020 officers and men were lost. Except for a few watchkeepers, they were all in their beds and hammocks and were killed in their sleep. Not one particle of this 21,000 ton battleship was left The two survivors, the marine and stoker Cox, were treated on board the "China," and some three to four weeks later could be seen in cots on the upper deck. The ships' companies of the light cruisers from Rosyth then realised once again the superstition of the Forth Bridge. It certainly was very hard on the dependants of those men who lost their lives. Sympathy from the outside world could not be given to them, for the simple reason that the Admiralty could not divulge to the nation the loss of this battleship with the loss of life entailed. Each of the dependents received a telegram from the Admiralty "Regretting to report the death by drowning of their relative on July 9, 1917." Whilst the two survivors were recuperating the Admiralty approved of these men being pensioned from the navy and that they and their wives and families be sent from the country to America. The marine, whose headquarters was Portsmouth, was despatched there, and Stoker Cox was sent to his home depot, Chatham, to await payment of pensions. One again the Forth Bridge had claimed the victims of its prophecy.

On August 24, 1917, i.e., 6½ weeks after the "Vanguard" blew up. H.M.A.S. "Sydney" left Rosyth for Chatham to refit, have alterations made in the ship and for the ship's company to be given three weeks' leave. All was joy on board the "Sydney," anticipating a good time after the strenuous and monotonous time they had experienced in the North Sea. Once again as the ship proceeded down the harbor all eyes were turned upwards watching for a train to appear on the Forth Bridge as the ship passed underenath. One can imagine their anxiety as the ship neared the bridge and still no train in sight. The bows of the ship passed under—still no train—the mast and funnels, and last the quarterdeck; and still no train. The ship's company were firmly convinced at that time that they would not arrive safely at Sheerness, although they had two of the fastest flotilla leaders as escort—the "Abdiel" and the "Marksman." Everybody was growling, anticipating that something disastrous would happen, and they surely had room for growls when it is known that the ship had been ten months with the Grand Fleet, the ship's company in three watches, and during that time 10,709 tons of coal and 1609 of oil had been burnt. The ship had steamed 18,440 miles doing sweeps and patrols. During the whole of this time the men had been on half rations—oft-times men had come off watch to find nothing left by the younger generation—at other times supplies had been late in arriving, with the result that the ship had had to go to sea short of provisions. On one occasion, when the ship was rolling very badly, the chief cook, who had slipped in the ship's galley several times, sitting down in ashes and dirty water, stood ready to serve out the men's dinner when he fell into it. This again caused a shortage of food. With all these thoughts, these men could be sympathised with in their fear that they were yet to be deprived of their 21 days' leave and spell in dockyard hands. Their first fears were, however, unfounded, and the "Sydney" did arrive safely at Sheerness, where she discharged coal, oil, ammunition, etc. When this work was done she proceeded up to Chatham and on the 27th was secured in No. 2 basin. On Sunday, September 2, at 11 p.m., the Germans made their first air raid on Chatham A squadron of Gothas arrived over Chatham, endeavoring to find the arsenal, in which they were unsuccessful. Not to be beaten, they searched for and found the dockyard and barracks. Then commenced a rain of bombs and aerial torpedoes. Quite a number of houses were demolished and civilians, including women and children, were killed and injured. In bombing Chatham barracks, the drill shed, which was a building about 200 yards long with a glass roof, drew their attention, and one aerial torpedo killed 107 and wounded 133. Those men nearest to where the torpedo fell were cut to pieces with glass from the roof of the drill shed. Amongst those killed was one whom it was only just possible to recognise. Once again the Forth Bridge had prophesied that if a ship passed under it without a train overhead, then disaster would follow. The "Sydney" left Rosyth, passed under that bridge with no train present, and, although delayed, disaster followed. The day after the raid the biggest funeral that has ever been seen in Chatham was recorded. The mourners walked four abreast and stretched for a distance of 2¼ miles. Ahead of those mourners were gun carriages carrying the bodies of the victims, and the man who was cut to pieces almost beyond recognition was the stoker named Cox, whom the "Sydney" saved when the "Vanguard" blew up. Surely this is sufficent proof of the superstition regarding the Forth Bridge.

(The End.)

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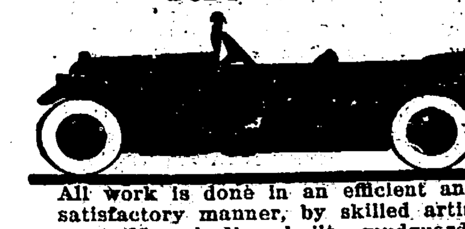

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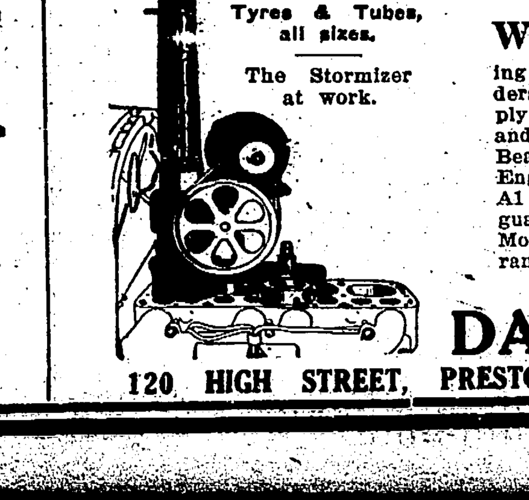

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11 a.m.—Mr. Philip Lewis (a converted Jew).
7 p.m.—Rev. A. H. Constable.

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FEBRUARY 1—SEPTUAGESIMA
Holy Communion 8 and 11.
Evensong 7
Preacher—The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
(Railway Parade)
8 a.m.—H.C. Corporate Communion Vestry and Young Men's Club
11 a.m.—H.C. Corporate Communion. G.F.S., Ladies' Guild.
7 p.m.—Musical Evensong and Sermon.
Preacher—The Vicar all services.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1
8 a.m.—Holy Communion
10 a.m—Children's Church
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
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7 p.m.—Rev. L. Walton
PRINCE OF WALES PARK
11 a.m.—Pastor Perkins
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD
11 a.m.—Mr. P. Bock
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings
CROXTON
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby
7 p.m.—Mr. S. Hanna

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J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk, Hon. Sec.

City of Northcote Relief Committee.

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CITY OF PRESTON.

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Fairfield Canoe Club

Glenmaggie Regatta.—Club members journeyed to the regatta at Glenmaggie Weir during last week-end, and although the weather was not of the best on Saturday and Sunday, the weather gods made amends on Monday, there being a beautiful day for the regatta. Fourteen canoes went from Fairfield, and several from Burnley. Canoe racing was keen, but Fairfield more than held its own and added to its prestige. Besides canoe racing there were exhibitions of canoe "bouncing" and stunting and novelty events. The Glenmaggie regatta committee has invited the club to attend again next year.

Maribyrnong Henley. — Fairfield will be represented by its strongest crews on February 7. H. de la Rue and R. Burgin will defend the club's title in the five mile pairs race on the Maribyrnong next Saturday.

Carnival.—Arrangements are well in hand, and a general meeting has been convened for Tuesday next at the clubhouse to make final arrangements. At the same meeting a new syllabus will be drawn up for club events, outings, etc.

UNEMPLOYMENT

THE POSITION AT PRESTON.

Cr. H. P. Zwar was not too hopeful in his outlook when questioned on Wednesday about unemployment. "No improvement," was his grim response, as he added there were 1,660 on the unemployed register, and between 700 and 800 on sustenance. Weekly subscriptions have fallen to nil, and the supply of vegetables has ceased, owing to shortage of funds.

Boots Wanted Urgently.

Mr. N. S. Osborne, secretary to the Relief Committee, had a similar tale to tell. He could not see many rays of sunshine peeping through the dark clouds of adversity. Mr. Osborne got down straight to bedrock, as he once more asked the "Leader" representative to stress the necessity for a supply of boots, especially for men folk, who are in dire need of footwear.

East Preston Social Club is working hard, with the objective of getting together £5000, but that is a matter of time, and much remains to be done ere success results.

The Relief Committee is ceasing to worry much about small efforts, it being considered advisable to concentrate on the big movement.

Mr. Dallman has been a good friend time after time to those in need, and he is ever ready to the fore in an endeavor to provide firewood for the needy. He has placed at the disposal of the Relief Committee his oil plant for the cutting up of the wood, and is also prepared to arrange for the cutting of logs of wood at Bundoora, but the sanction to cut the same is required from the Government. The Government is somewhat dilatory in granting the necessary permission, but it is hoped that such will be forthcoming within the next few days.

A number of men started to work on Epping road on Tuesday, where money is being spent by the Country Roads Board, and this has relieved the situation somewhat.

THE POSITION IN NORTHCOTE

Unemployment in the city has no appearance of a reduction. At the town hall where a branch of the Government Labor Bureau has been established, the number registered for December was 1300.

The new system of distribution of sustenance was introduced on Wednesday last, when nearly 700 families were issued with cards which will enable them to obtain food from the various shopkeepers in the city.

The Central Relief Committee, which has been assisting 240 families by the weekly distribution of food at the town hall and tramway engine house depots, in view of the introduction of the new system, has closed the depots. The committee has received the loyal support of a number of ladies representing various churches and organisations in the city, which has enabled the depots to be carried on with success. Shopkeepers in the city have also assisted with gifts of groceries, meat and vegetables, and donations of cash from many shopkeepers and private householders have also been received. For the time being no further calls will be made on shopkeepers for goods, but the committee will appreciate the continued support of cash gifts.

The work of the committee is, unfortunately, by no means ended, for the amount of sustenance granted by the Government only means butcher, baker and grocer, no provision being made at present for wood and milk.

The finances of the committee will not permit it to undertake the granting of further assistance at the present time, as the sum of only £120 is in hand. It is likely that some steps will be taken at an early date to approach citizens to build up the fund and the committee has no doubt that sympathetic support will be available.

At the town hall the Unemployed Association has established boot repair shop and hairdressing saloon. Four bootmakers and two hairdressers are employed, giving the whole of their time to the wants of the unemployed without any reward other than Government sustenance. The relief committee is meeting the expenses of leather, etc., necessary to carry on this work.

UNAUTHORISED COLLECTORS

It is allged that unauthorised persons are soliciting advertisements, donations, etc, purporting to be for relief funds. Citizens are cautioned against having anything to do with anyone who cannot produce the written authority of the Northcote Relief Committee. It is requested that infractions will be reported to the town clerk at once.

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