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Should Preston Municipal Engineer Resign?

FAULTY CONSTRUCTION OF HAWKER AVENUE

CR. JONES DESCRIBES IT AS "A SHOCKING PIECE OF CONSTRUCTION AND DISGRACE TO COUNCIL AND ENGINEER."

If the recent efforts in private street construction in Hawker Ave., Preston, are any indication of the way in which works of this nature are handled, and if the peculiarities in accounts of Oakhill Ave., Mason St. and other streets for crossings are read in conjunction with them, it is no wonder that private street costs in Preston are high.

If the blunders are such as to necessitate partial reconstruction—as in the case of Hawker Ave.—it is no wonder the finances of the city are in such a deplorable state.

The grounds for complaint in recent months are such that it is time the council took drastic steps to cure the trouble at its root.

Construction work in Hawker Ave., a street recently made by the Preston Council under the private street construction scheme, has come in for a good deal of criticism.

This street, which runs off Plenty road, is one of the more recent works of the Preston Council, and the drastic criticism levelled by residents and others who have occasion to use the street is well merited.

IMPOSSIBLE TO TURN.

Vehicles find it impossible to turn in the street, and the cross fall of the roadway is a menace to all who have occasion to use it.

RESIDENTS INDIGNANT.

Residents are keenly incensed, and have requested the Preston Council to take immediate action to make it possible for two way traffic to use the street and avoid danger.

Hawker Ave. is constructed right along the side of a hill, the lower or southern kerb being approximately 18 inches lower than the northern kerb. The street is about 30 feet wide from kerb to kerb, and being built with this large amount of cross fall residents have good cause for complaint.

If this is an example of the engineering ability of the city it is time the council gave up road making altogether.

Mr. Evans, a resident of Hawker Ave., strongly protests against the way in which the street is constructed, and the precipitous and dangerous angle, which is a menace to all who have occasion to do business in the locality. Speaking at the Regent Progress Association's meeting on Tuesday evening, he said it was high time a strong protest was lodged and steps taken to see that the grade was corrected.

SHOCKING PIECE OF WORK.

Cr. Jones, who was present, agreed that it was a "shocking piece of construction and a disgrace to the City of Preston and the engineer."

"To rectify the matter would cost a considerable amount of money," he said, " and the council did not at the present juncture see where that money was to come from. He agreed that something would have to be done."

ACCIDENTS PROBABLE.

Mr. Manuel pointed out that if a serious accident occurred and a verdict was given against the council, that body might be faced with finding a large sum as damages. On this score alone, he urged that no delay be allowed before proceeding to rectify matters.

Mr. A. F. Deacon said he had referred to the dangerous angle of the street some months ago, when the earthwork was being done. He had then drawn attention to the absurd construction, and requested that it be inspected, with a view to having the levels altered.

A motion that the matter be again brought before the council was withdrawn pending action which is being considered by the council in committee.

JUST CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT.

Cr. Robinson (Mayor) said he had inspected the street, and was satisfied there was just cause for complaint. The matter would have to be remedied, and at the cost of the municipality. The council could not burden the owners of the street with the extra cost. The street was a danger to all who had occasion to use it. The construction was one which would only have been carried out by a "lot of asses."

STREET COSTS HIGH.

Referring to the cost of the street making, which seemed high, Cr. Spratling said "that since Mr. Scott came the price of street making seems to have jumped up." Mr. Scott had replied that the cost of labor had also "jumped up," but he (Cr. Spratling) was of the opinion that that was not so. Cr. Spratling added that the metal from the Preston quarry was costing considerably more than the prices for which it could be procured from other sources.

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PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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

Debt

Mrs. Nora Matthews, for whom Mr. H. Marsland appeared, obtained an order against Ben Lyttleton for £1 11/, balance on a promissory note, with 15/6 costs.

Maintenance Arrears

Nellie Holt proceeded against her husband, Leslie Holt, for £8/5/ arrears of maintenance under a maintenance order.

An order was made that defendant be committed to gaol unless the arrears were paid.

£10 Fine for Assault

James Robert Alexander, Newman street, Thornbury, was charged with having, on March 2 at Thornbury, assaulted Stanley Keith Murphy.

Stanley Keith Murphy, tram conductor, said:—About 5.35 p.m. on March 2 I was on a tram going to Preston. At Holden street, North Fitzroy, Alexander and another man boarded the car. I asked Alexander for his fare and he began to fumble in his pocket. I went out again and when I came back he did not have his fare ready. He eventually paid a 3d. fare. When the end of that section was reached I told the man he would have to pay another fare and he became very abusive. He invited me to get off, saying that he would show me whether he would pay or not. He called me a "scab" and then pushed my cap over my eyes. I straightened it and he knocked it on to the road. I closed with him and gave him in charge of Constable Boyd, who was on the car. Whilst the constable was asking defendant his name and address he stepped forward and struck me on the face, cutting my eye. The man was partly under the influence of liquor.

Defendant: You never hit me at all?

Witness: No.

Then my nose started to bleed for a joke?—I put my arms around this man and held him so that he would not do any damage. His nose might have been bumped then.

Sydney William Powell, Youngman street, Preston, said:—I was on the tram sitting almost opposite Murphy. The conductor seemed to have difficulty in ascertaining where Alexander wanted to go. Later the conductor tried to collect another fare and defendant became very abusive and threw the conductor's cap on to the plantation.

Detective S. B. Seager said:—I was on the tram and saw Alexander arguing with the conductor. As the conductor left the inside of the car Alexander struck him, cutting his face.

Defendant: Was my nose bleeding?

Witness: No, but there was blood on your face.

Constable Boyd said that Alexander appeared to be so drunk that he did not know what he was doing.

Defendant: Didn't I say I wanted to give the conductor in charge?

Witness: No.

Alexander said: When I got on the tram I gave the conductor a 2/ piece for two fares, and was given 1/3 change. I complained that the change was 3d. "light" and later he gave me that money. He said, "For two pins I'd punch your nose," and he did, making it bleed. When the police came along I told them I wanted to give the conductor in charge. When they would not accede to my request I punched him.

Mr. Walker, J.P.: You took the law in your own hands?

Mr. Walker said it appeared to have been a most unwarranted and cowardly attack, and the maximum fine would be imposed.

A fine of £10 was imposed, with £1 1/4 costs, in default immediate payment, three months' imprisonment.

Assault and Indecent Language

Henry Ruben, Leveson street, North Melbourne, was charged with having on February 24 asaulted a girl aged eight years at Reservoir. There was a second charge of having used indecent language.

On the first charge a sentence of three months' imprisonment was imposed, which was suspended on a bond of £50 to be of good behaviour for two years. On the second charge a fine of £2, in default one month's imprisonment, was imposed.

DEER PARK EXPLOSION DAMAGE

One of the bedrooms of the Deer Park Hotel, which was damaged when a flash of lightning exploded 30 lb. of nitro-glycerine at Nobel's works on Tuesday. No loss of life or serious injuries were sustained.

Picture by courtesy of the "Argus, Melbourne.

SECESSION MOVEMENT GROWS

The Voice of the Country Demands Action.

"For eighteen months the Federal Labour Government has dangled vague policies and shifting decisions which are never carried out, before the eyes of the producers," asserts the weekly bulletin of the Australian Country Party. "But all the Government has produced is an unending series of abortive plans and theories caucus intrigues, and promises of action which never materialise. And the weakness of Federal Labour has given courage to Lang of N.S.W. to advocate openly the dishonest policy of repudiation of debts which even finds followers among the inner group of the Scullin Cabinet. Protestations by the Prime Minister and Treasurer that they do not favor repudiation have been followed by no action to expel from Cabinet and the Party those among them who openly support Mr. Lang and his immoral policy, or actively fight the Labour candidate at East Sydney by-election selected to fight upon the Lang platform.

"The wheat men were asked to grow more wheat. They were promised a guarantee of 6/6d. a bushel. They grew more wheat. They did not get the guarantee. All they got was a series of unfulfilled promises of future action, and the burden of increased Government expenditure, increased taxation, and increased production costs through an excessive tariff which robbed them of their just return, and of their overseas markets. The butter men, the fruit men, the other producers were asked to pull the nation out of the mess.

"They can bear the burden no longer. Action is demanded on every side. The last straw has come in the form of Lang's Repudiation policy, which no honest, right-thinking person can follow on ethical grounds, and which, on commercial grounds means ruin for many years to come.

"The primary producing State of West Australia, through its Premier, openly talks of secession. The primary producing State of Queensland, through its Premier, openly announces that action must be taken to protect Queensland from the damage done by the Lang Policy. In N.S.W. thousands have enrolled behind the Producers' Advisory Council which is demanding action. At Wagga on February 28, and at Narandera on March 7, meetings which are expected to attract 15,000 producers will openly talk secession from N.S.W., a policy advocated by Mr. W. W. Killen, M.H.R., for Riverina, as a protest against the folly of Lang and the domination of the country by extreme industrialists. The Grafton Chamber of Commerce has circularised the press, Chambers of Commerce and councils of N.S.W. demanding action for a cheaper form of self government for the country districts, and a dramatic appeal has been made by Dr. Earle Page for the country to follow him in a drastic protest against Lang domination. A definite movement for the north of N.S.W. to cut adrift from the present State and set up a Provisional Government is in full swing.

"If the Federal or any individual State Governments refuse to act and stand in the way of those States acting and who wish to act, then the producers must act for themselves."

Lecturette on Municipal Government

Before the Regent Central Progress Association on Tuesday Cr. Llewelly Jones, J.P., gave a very interesting lecturette on Local Government. Many questions were answered and Cr. Jones was thanked by members.

Buy in Preston-Help the Unemployed. Patronise

What Preston People Are Doing

By The Rousebout.

Bowling Green Under Water.

ON Tuesday evening the heavy rains submerged the green and play was out of the question.

Rainbow Cricket Club.

THE friends and members of the Rainbow Cricket Club will hold their annual outing to Kinglake on Sunday. Motors will leave the Bradford Hall at 9 a.m.

Relieving Constable.

CONSTABLE Marks, from the Depot is relieving Constable B. Higgins at Preston. The latter is an expert bricklayer and his services are being utilised by the authorities in the building of an incinerator at St. Kilda Road Depot.

West Preston State School.

A CONSIDERABLE amount of interest is being taken in the annual election of the committee, which is arranged for next Tuesday evening. It is understood that an effort is to be made to introduce new blood on the council. The annual picnic will take place at Williamstown on Saturday.

Liabilites £100, Assets 2/-

THE above represents the state of affairs in connection with Preston Ladies Benevolent Society finances. The society owes the sum of £100, and there is a credit balance in the bank account amounting to 2/-.

57th.-60th. Regiment.

THE 57th.-60th. Merri and Heidelberg Regiment entramed for Seymour on Wednesday morning. Colonel McKenna is the commanding officer. The encampment will last for eight days' training. The 57th Battalion forms part of the 15th Brigade under Brigadier General Stewart.

Preston Municipal Cricketers.

CAMBERWELL Municipal Cricket team scored a victory over Preston. On Saturday afternoon the Preston team will try conclusions with Heidelberg in the last match of the season.

Boy's Luck Changes.

IN last week's notes appeared a paragraph with reference to a horse-show thrown by a Preston lad through a shop window, for which damages had to be paid. That was bad luck for the lad. However, his luck changed as a day or two later he picked up a sum of money, which more than paid the cost of replacing the broken window.

Sustenance Accounts.

SOME Preston tradespeople will be pleased to know that accounts due to them for dealing with sustenance orders from the relief committee will now be honored. On Wednesday morning a cheque for £600 was forwarded to Mr. Williams (Town Clerk) from headquarters, and those who have sustenance accounts will merely have to call in on Mr. Williams to see whether they may receive payment of outstanding accounts.

Christian Israelites.

THE Christian Israelite denomination is making enquiries in Preston council for permission to hold religious services in Preston Park. The application will come before the next council meeting.

Mayoral Ball.

THERE is every likelihood of a mayoral ball being held in Preston this year.

Fire Brigade Items.

FIREMAN Kirkland has returned from his annual leave.

The officer in charge, Mr F Sieger, is spending a month's holiday in Sydney.

On Wednesday of last week a fire broke out in an unoccupied house on the corner of Plenty road and Flinders street. The engines called to Mount street, West Preston. Considerable damage was done to the rear portion of the premises. The property was an insurance for £600.

False alarms are again in order. During the past week one came from the vicinity of Broadhurst's tannery, one from the corner of Murray road and Gilbert street, and one from Bell and High streets intersection.

Prospective Footballers.

THE selection committee connected with Preston Football Club had a look round last Saturday in search of likely young men fit to do battle on behalf of Preston in the coming season. Some fine, lusty young Australian natives were unearthed and the committee is clearly pleased with the result of their search.

Owner Required.

PRESTON police have in their possession a dozen pairs of ladies' stockings, two pairs of gents' socks, a tin of tomatoes which were taken from Herbert Lewis, who has been convicted of unlawful possession of same. Owners of such goods are asked to have a look in at Preston watchhouse.

Lawn Mower Disappears.

HAROLD Beckett, tramway employee, Murray road, Preston, reports the loss of a lawn mower valued at £5. The mower was taken from a shed at the rear of Beckett's house.

Another Fishing Party.

PRESTON is noted for the number of men who enjoy the pastime of fishing. Mr. Watkins, an energetic member of Preston Fire Brigade, formed one of a party to visit Altona last Monday on a fishing excursion. All went well until the shades of eve began to fall. So did the rain. The fishermen were soon drenched to the skin. The hail was said to be (in some instances) "half the size of a cricket ball." The fishermen closed operations for the day with a catch of 36 schnapper. In addition, a huge stingray was hooked, also a small octopus.

Estate and Business Agents.

MR. Prowse, clerk of courts at Preston, reminds those interested that the amended laws with reference to the licensing of estate and business agents, also sub-agents come into operation on April 21. All persons doing business under either category must be licensed. Mr. Prowse mentions that it is necessary for auctioneers who carry on the business of estate agents to be also licensed as such.

A Horse Stolen.

BETWEEN 5 p.m. on Monday and 7 a.m. on Tuesday a dark bay horse, the property of Edgar Smith, carrier was stolen from Preston Park.

Larceny From a Truck.

FROM a truck in the back yard of a house occupied by Anthony Dominick, carrier, Livingstone Pde., Preston, a tire, rim and tube valued at £2 were stolen late on Monday night, or during the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Garage Breaking and Stealing.

ON Wednesday morning a motor jack, and a quantity of motor tools valued at £3 were stolen from the garage of Stanley Grey Abbey, baker, Cramer street, Preston.

Dairyman's Loss.

ON Sunday evening a leather saddle and crupper and a pair of leather traces were stolen from the premises of Alexander Cann, dairyman, Good-win and Mount Pleasant streets, West Preston. The value of the stolen property is £4 10/-.

Theft of a Jinker.

EARLY on Tuesday morning, a jinker, valued at £11 was stolen from the front of a house occupied by Geo. B. Nixon, laborer, Donovan street.

Another Garage Robbery.

A sheet of iron was removed from the rear of a garage owned by How & Co., tanners, High street, Preston, and thieves made off with a tyre and rim, also a four gallon tin of motor oil, valued at £15.

Lady Rowers for Sydney

PRESTON Ladies' Rowing Club will be represented at Henley on the Parramatta river, Sydney, on March 21, by the following girls:—Bow, P. Langley; 2, E. Lindsay; 3, S. Peters; stroke, I. Radcliff. The girls left Melbourne by the express on Monday and hope to bring home the bacon."

Trinkets Returned.

ON Tuesday Mrs. A. Swan of Oak-ley avenue, Regent, received a note, written by boy and was at a loss to understand where it came from. Upon opening Mrs. Swan was astonished to discover that it contained a pearl necklet, a crystal necklace, a brooch and other trinkets together with £3 in notes and 3 florins. Last week the house was broken into and here it sets to moved. They were returned by a person in search of money. Mrs. Swan is a happy woman as some of the trinkets were keepsakes and while not worth a great deal in money are of much value.

The police are particularly pleased and thankful that the goods have been restored.

Preston Girls' School.

EVENING classes in needlework or cookery will be started at the Preston girls' school if a sufficient number of entries be received to allow of conducting the classes. Those wishing to enrol should send their names in before March 9, as no classes will begin with an enrolment of under 10. Fees payable on first night of entry. 7/6 per term of 10 lessons.

West Preston Progress Cricket Club

ON Sunday members and friends motored to Emerald. It had been arranged to play the local cricket club but owing to the weather the game had to be abandoned. The Mechanics' Institute was engaged, and the day was spent in indoor sports, dancing and a sing-song being under the baton of Mr. Wilden, assisted by Mrs. Mc-Cormick at the piano and Messrs. J. Saunders and H. Hillyear with cornets. Mr. Wilden was M.C. Mr. H. Robertson was M.C. Rounding and Sports Race: Ladies, Mrs. C. Wilden; gents, Mr. Hillyear. Potato Race: Ladies, Mrs. Barrett; gents, Mr. O'Neil. The final events were a tug-of-war between the married and single men, the former winning the final match of the season. Refreshments were provided by the committee and an enjoyable day was spent.

Fortnightly Dances

THE Regent Central Progress Association social committee will commence their series of dances in St. Mary's hall, Tyler street, Preston, on Saturday, March 7. Good music will be provided and an enjoyable evening assured. See advertisement.

Reduction in Rates.

A LETTER was received from the Central Council of Preston Progress Associations at the meeting of the Regent Central Progress Association on Tuesday evening suggesting that the time was opportune to have a reduction of Municipal and Metropolitan Board rates, also that transway fares should receive consideration. It was decided to refer the matter to the committee for report.

National Credit Association

A BRANCH of the National Credit Association has been formed in Preston as a result of a lecture given by Mr. a'Beckett Chomley. Mr. J. Foley is president and Mr. R. Hall secretary pro tem. About 40 members have already been enrolled. A meeting will be held in the Bradford Hall, High street, Preston, on March 11. Members, intending members and the public are cordially invited. Mr. Chomley will be present to deliver a further lecture and answer any questions. A full attendance is requested. Membership is 1/ per annum. An advertisement appears elsewhere.

Preston Red Cross Auxiliary

AT a meeting on Wednesday twenty-five ladies were present. Mrs. F. Yann handed in £6 to be spent on sheets for the Eye and Ear Hospital ward. Mrs. Catnull will hold an afternoon on March 28 at 71 Kingwilliam street, and Mesdames Bedson, Yann and Callaway at 58 Leicester street in April. Things are well on the way for the forthcoming bazaar in May. The auxiliary will help the mayoress with the appeal for clothes for the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society during the coming winter instead of sending clothes to the State Relief Committee as requested previously.

House for 1 a Year.—During the hearing of a case at Prahran on Tuesday a caretaker said he was living in a house for which he paid the nominal rental of 1/ a year.

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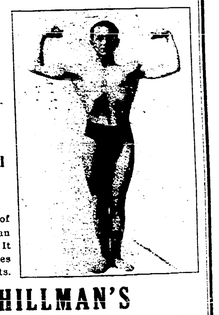

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QUEEN CARNIVAL

A meeting of delegates from the various Queen committees was held on Monday night and several important matters in connection with the carnival were discussed. It was decided to extend the preliminary contests from March 21 to April 14, and to hold a button day on March 27, when all queens hope to considerably improve their funds. Each button is numbered and the purchaser of the lucky number will receive a valuable prize. Also each button admits to carnival at any time. The secretary has communicated with every city, town and shire in the state asking for their co-operation in the Back to Preston week. The whole city is in the grip of house parties, dances, concerts, card parties etc.

The Queen of Charity is making good headway. An advertisement elsewhere notifies a euchre party and dance on her behalf in the school room. A week-end picnic realised about £9.

Those working in the interests of the Tramway Queen are running a picnic to Warrandyte, on Sunday next.

Everything in connection with the movement is working well. The foxtrot competition is proving more keen every Saturday night at the town hall. The winners of the last heat were Mr. Johnson and Miss Farry. The committee has decided on a change of orchestra for this Saturday.

Mrs. Treloar, of Preston, has donated several valuable articles to support the cricketers' queen.

RESERVOIR NOTES

The Reservoir Revellers another musical society, has commenced operations, and includes some good talent.

Mr. Evan Hardie, who is on leave, is attending the Methodist Conference.

Mr. R. J. Clinnick ("Sport"), of the Police Department, had great success at the duck season opening at Kerang. He shot well in the galah championship at Kerang, but was eliminated in the 17th round.

A brick house at Thomastown has disappeared bit by bit until only the four brick walls and chimneys remain-standing. Fencing, tiles, windows, doors, etc., have all disappeared on consecutive nights.

Mr. Jupp, of Ralph street, who has acquired a motor boat, obtained a nice haul of fish last week.

Heavy thunderstorms caused a big flow of water from riverside streets into the lake, and consequently flooding over the spillway.

Harvest festival services at St. George's Church of England were very successful. The gifts were sent to the Melbourne Mission.

Edwardes Park and Lake.—A deputation of progress associations consisting of Reservoir United (Messrs. Teite and Bradford), West Reservoir (Messrs. Clinnick, Crittenden and Marshall), and Edwardes Lake (Messrs. Ray, Walker and Turner), waited on the Preston council last Monday to request improvements. The speakers were Messrs. Twite, Walker and Clinnick, who urged that if the park and lake were made more attractive they would become the rendezvous of the northern suburbs. Schemes for improved approaches, gardens, rowing sheds, swimming pools, a water system, better lighting were presented, and the council was also asked to revise the by-law closing the park at sunset, and in place thereof to provide better supervision. It was pointed out that improvements would eventually mean a tram extension, with a consequent rise in property values. The deputation was pleased with its reception, and the support given by Crs. Jones and Henburrow. Cr. Robeson was not present when the deputation was heard.

At a representative public meeting it was resolved to honor Mr. L. Schumacher, who has been assistant studies master at Reservoir for 32 years, with a public end-off. A strong committee was formed, with Mr. R. T. Clinnick as chairman and Mr. T. Crutchfield secretary. The function will take the form of a social evening at the Preston town hall on Thursday, March 26, at which all friends are asked to be present.

WHITTLESEA.

Exceptionally heavy storms have occurred during the last few days, with about three inches of rain. At Glenvale a telephone pole was struck by lightning and all the subscribers' telephones were put out of order.

The revenue from the picnic excursion amounted to a little over £96.

The public hall was crowded on Wednesday when a successful concert was held. The arrangements were in the hands of the Whittlesea branch of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary, of which Mrs. R. Elliot is the president. The profit amounted to nearly £15. Mrs. Percy Russell spoke in terms of praise for the work of the auxiliary.

For Country Week cricket the Wallan and Whittlesea Associations have been amalgamated and the following have been selected:—E. J. Dea, T. Dea, H. Ziebell (Epping), E. Owen, R Collins (Doreen), A. Brain (Strathewen), E. Giddens (Mernda), F. Perrins, H. Beney (Whittlesea), G. Parker, J. Wallis (Humevale), Dr. A. C. Keane, B. Stockdale, E. Dumaresq, M. Figgins, F. Faulks, E. McDonald, J. Stockdale; manager, S. W. Atkinson; official scorer, W. C. Christian.

Cricket.—Whittlesea, 74 (C. Parker 23, J. Perrins 4, R. Allchin 11, G. Borton 11, F. Perrins 11; H. Mason 5/31, E. Giddens 3/19), defeated Mernda, 70 (E. Bassett 19, R. Smith 14 n.o.; C. Clancy 5/17, R. Allchin 2/4).

Tennis.—Epping being unable to get the full team for the semi-final against Wollert gave them a walk-over. On Saturday Whittlesea (minor premiers) will meet Wollert in the final.

CENTRAL PRESTON.

The West Preston State school Mothers' Club will hold a basket picnic at Williamstown beach on Saturday, a special train leaving Preston station at 9.30 a.m.

To support the Queen of West Preston (Miss Marie Newell) a hamper picnic was held at Harstbridge last Saturday. A number of events to support this queen have been arranged.

RESERVOIR STATE SCHOOL

Under the direction of the head teacher, Mr. J. H. Smith, a meeting of parents was held on Monday evening to elect members to the school committee for the ensuing three years. A report and balance sheet showed that during the past three years approximately £300 had been raised and expended on general improvements. Thirteen candidates sought appointment to the new committee, and after a ballot the head teacher declared the following lested:—Mrs. D. McLeod, Mr. F. J. Wright, Mr. E. J. Hardie, Mrs. F. Hannaford, Mr. W. F. Austin, Mr. J. Croft and Mr. E. H. Beer. The committee afterwards met and elected the following officers:—Chairman, Mr Wm. Austin; treasurer, Mr. F. J. Hardie; correspondent, Mr. F. J. Wright.

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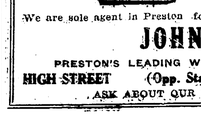

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FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1931.

At the conclusion of the Northcote council meeting on Monday evening the visiting councillors were entertained by the mayor's room. The mayor (Cr. H. Green) welcomed Cr. Cheeseman (Preston), representative of the Central board, and he was responded to. The visitors were Messrs. P. Darley, Bartlett, Thomas and J. Dunbar (councillors).

The annual meeting of the Reservoir Central Progress Association, which was to have been held on Monday night, but was abandoned on account of the weather, has been fixed for Friday, 20th (March 20). The secretary (Mr. K. Smith) asks us to state that unused tickets for the dance on Friday will be available for the altered date.

During the week-end thieves broke the show window of Mr. F. Lanteri's wine saloon, High street, Thornbury, in an attempt to get some of his high quality wines. The attempt, however, did not succeed, as the windows are dressed with labels bearing the name and do not contain wine. The window which was broken has been replaced. Although annoyed at the occurrence Mr. Lanteri is not dissatisfied. The compliment paid the well-known quality of his wine.

Miss E. Thompson, Queen's Chalet, will hold a fancy dress party on Saturday at 85 Howard street, Reservoir, to raise funds for the unemployed appeal. Donations of home-made jams, pickles, etc., will be thankfully received for the button day on March 24, and goods may be left at 14 Tregaron street, Reservoir, or with Mrs. Treloar, 701 High street, Regent. A house party will also be held at Mrs. W. Bassett's residence, 28 Gadd street, Thornbury, on Saturday next. The supper clock was won by No. 1057, Miss Bartlett, 56 Spring street, Preston. A picture night and concert will be held in Bonfield Hall, Reservoir, on March 10.

The principal of the Northcote Coaching and Business College, 901 High street, Thornbury (cable tram terminus) wishes to announce that the present rates for ticket and show card writing has been formed at the college, and that a qualified accountant has been engaged for the accountancy division. Personal supervision in all cases. Early application is advised as vacancies remaining are few.

Our advertising columns contain particulars concerning an autumn fair in aid of the trust funds of the Croxton Methodist Church. The fair will be opened by the mayor of Northcote on March 12 at 8 p.m.

The noted house for cycle tyres, tubes, etc., is the Carma-Lea Cycle and Sports Depot (E. J. Parry), 567 High St., Northcote (opposite Dane Rd.). Mr. Parry is the sole agency for the world-famed "Malvern Star" cycles. The requirements of boy scouts are also provided for, such as knives, scout knives and belts are attacked in great variety. See advertisement in another column.

Northcote Football Club directs attention to the fact that unauthorised persons are canvassing for advertisements on the club's behalf. The club and association business people against paying for same.

On February 20 an interesting address on "Christ" was given in the High street Church of Christ hall by M. Stanton, who spent some years in the Orient.

To the Thrifty Housewife.—In our business column Mr. G. Taylor, of the Preston Market, makes an appeal on behalf of the thrifty wife to the quality of a purse of butter. Bread is obtainable at 6d. a large loaf.

The Unemployed Workers' League of Northcote notifies that unemployed members will undertake and complete satisfactorily all jobs which are offered. Communications should be sent to Mr. W. McDonald or the Memorial Hall.

APPEAL FOR BOOTS AND CLOTHES

An earnest appeal is made by the inspectress of Preston (Mrs. Robinson) for donations of clothing and boots, particularly for men and infants. Many families are in very urgent need and the public is asked to respond as generously as possible. Parcels may be left at the town hall.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From the "Leader" of March 8, 1890.

At the last sitting of the police court a defendant was pleading a set-off of work done against a claim for board and lodging and plaintiff's solicitor was anxious to know what sort of work defendant had done. The defendant after some pressing stated that he swept and cleaned the rooms, "but that the beds made themselves." The plaintiff's solicitor did not ask any further questions as to the work done.

MOTORING NOTES.

Acceleration and Petrol Consumption

A most interesting and important point, which probably few motorists realise, was recently touched on by an eminent English motoring authority, in connection with the enormous increase in fuel consumption during acceleration. He states that it may seem difficult to connect the road sense which enables some drivers to know when they should cease to accelerate and prepare to apply the brakes, with petrol consumption.

When the driving effort is released the car has inertia in virtue of its speed and its weight. In the carburettor a column of petrol is drawn through at a definite speed for a particular throttle opening and as the acceleration is reduced this inertia effort results in more petrol being wasted than seems at first possible. In the ordinary course of a day's run an engine is seldom pressed to 20 per cent. of its maximum power, but rapid acceleration on gears not only allows the engine to give its rated brake-horse-power but also subjects the carburetter to serious shock. A series of tests were recently conducted to establish this point, and the results revealed some amazing figures. On the ordinary touring saloon car of approximately 20 h.p., which travelled about 20 miles to the gallon, the consumption during acceleration from 15-30 m.p.h. on top gear was only 9.6 m.p.g. When starting on second gear and running at 30 m.p.h. for less than one quarter of a mile the consumption was 11.2 m.p.g. Violent acceleration on the different gears, with the engine full throttle pedal, and jerky running considerably increase the fuel used—and wasted.

WATCH YOUR SPEEDO !

Often speedometers are blamed for noises that originate elsewhere, but rarely can a noise be traced to the speedometer itself. So-called speedometer noises occur when the flexible shaft or cable is pushed into a position where it has too sharp a bend. This can be corrected by simply reaching behind the instrument board and moving the shaft into a more favorable position. Speedometers seldom get out of order nowadays, and whenever they fail to function it is usually due to the breaking of the cable which connects the speedometer with the driving mechanism. This breakage occurs only when the cable has been sharply twisted either through carelessness or ignorance. That the speedometer is one of the most necessary devices on the automobile can be seen from a partial list of the services it performs. It tells how fast you are driving. How far you have travelled. How your car is performing on acceleration and hill climbing. Gives distance between towns. Guides you when a person gives directions as to distance. Tells when to change oil and when to have other services done in accordance with car instruction manual. Tells how much more mileage you are getting. How much mileage per gallon of petrol. Tells cost per mile of car operation. Enables you to observe speed laws. As does all this, a little checking up between mile posts occasionally, to prove the instrument is correct, would seem to be surely worth while.

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The girl who likes something original in the way of trinkets, and can afford to spend a little more than the ordinary penny or two, will just now find there are dickers of big square leather bags of various colors, and with a range of plaited leather with imitation gold clasps. These leather trinkets are particularly attractive for sports wear. It rarely happens that a sports outfit requires a tiny finishing touch. These new leather trinkets fill the breach for the sports girl.

"THE QUEEN'S HUSBAND" TUCKED INTO "THE ROYAL BED."

Is the public interested in a queen's husband? Is it more interested in the likes and dislikes of the royal canopy? This is the profound and metaphysical speculation which wrinkled the brows of the Radio Pictures showmen.

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Wherefore, and as with one voice and in general unison the Radio Pictures' forthcoming opulent opus, "The Queen's Husband" was changed to "The Royal Bed".

Mary Astor, Nance O'Neil, Lowell Sherman, Gilbert Emery, Anthony Bushell, Hugh Trevor, Alan Roscoe, Frederick Burke are in the cast. Sherman is also directing. "The Royal Bed", by the way, is another of Radio's big productions, employing approximately 2,000 extras.

UNEMPLOYMENT

NORTHCOTE TO MAKE EFFORT FOR WINTER

There was an [illegible] over a hundred at a public [illegible] by the mayor of Northcote (Cr. H. Green) on Wednesday evening, to devise ways and means of making the effort required to raise money for the winter. The mayor indicated that the Government system [illegible] was hardly sufficient to all [illegible] and children to exist on the [illegible] and in the winter months [illegible] would be worse as they [illegible] fuel and clothing [illegible] not provided by the [illegible] tenance scheme. The Central Relief Committee would, if funds were available, re-open their kitchens as had been done last winter. There were over 1200 unemployed registered. The council had been providing all [illegible] and had voted £900 over six months, and this was all [illegible] (and probably more) than that body would do in view of the acute financial position. The Unemployed Association was helping itself by a boot repair and barber's shop. In the former over 1300 pairs of boots had been repaired in 17 weeks.

It was resolved, on the motion of Crs. Olola and Dennis, to make a direct appeal to citizens for donations. By a further motion it was agreed to request all members of the council to endeavor to raise at least £10 each towards the fund.

Amongst other suggestions was a "Back to Northcote" carnival at Easter, which had supporters in Messrs. Cook, Craddock and Biggins (Unemployed Association), and Mr. J. Dunbar.

Is There Discrimination?

Mr. Rowe (West Ward P.A.) asked the secretary of the Northcote Central Relief Committee: also the position of men who were not members of the Unemployed Association, and if all moneys raised would be used for the benefit of the whole of the unemployed or only one section.

The mayor indicated the personnel of the Central Relief Committee, which embraced representatives of Northcote public bodies. In regard to relief he said that this committee recognised the unemployed as a whole and not any one section. All relief would be given to the unemployed, irrespective of what body they belonged to, or whether they were unattached.

Mr. A. V. Harry said that a proposal had been discussed for 50 members of the Unemployed Association to go out and cut wood for the benefit of the members of that association.

Mr. Deslandes: If that is so I'm afraid that the West Ward Progress Association will have little to do with this appeal. It seems as if the Unemployed Association is willing to take all it can get from other bodies and give nothing in return.

The created quite a stir, and the mayor appealed for order.

Refused to Mend Man's Boots

After some further discussion Mr. Stanley asked about repairs in the Unemployed Association's boot repair shop, and asked if all were treated alike, considering that the Central Relief Committee provided the leather.

The Mayor: I have not heard of any complaints.

A man stood up and said: I am unemployed, and when I took a pair of boots along to-day I was refused because I am not a member of the Unemployed Association.

The Mayor: I will have inquiries made.

Many Voices: Quite right.

The mayor wished for order in the excitement which prevailed, and said that as far as he was concerned every section would get a fair go. He appealed to all to work for the benefit of the needy.

A committee was formed consisting of Crs. Hills, Ede, O'Connor, Turnbull, Cook, Staff, Biggins and Mrs. Harvey to go into the question of holding a carnival.

POSITION UNCHANGED.

There have been few fresh developments during the past week. The situation has not been relieved to the extent and claims of unemployed are on the increase. There is also a step up in the number of those seeking employment.

Those having the management of affairs are somewhat concerned as to the scarcity of firing. The Government has had what is considered to be a splendid wood-cutting scheme brought under its notice, but owing to its dilly-dallying propensities the scheme is hanging fire. The only reply to hand is that the scheme is receiving "preliminary consideration." Now is the time for timber-cutting, and the sooner those in authority recognise this fact the better.

Thanks to the assistance of H. P. Zwar Pty. Ltd. for carting services, and Mr. Short for a supply of wood, 84 homes were made happy during the past week. It is hoped that others will follow the example of Mr. Short.

Early Council Meeting.

Northcote Council meeting on Monday was over by 8.50 p.m. There was little business to be done and the meeting was one of the quietest on record.

"WIFE DESERVES BETTER TREATMENT" SAYS P.M.

THE AFFAIRS OF THE KOHNS.

This woman deserved better treatment than she received from her husband, said P.M. O'Callaghan at Preston court on February 26, when granting a maintenance order re Kathleen Kohn against her husband, Stephen Edward Kohn, of Murray road, Preston.

The evidence showed that there had been trouble over money matters, and the wife also alleged she had been threatened with a razor.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for the wife and Mr. R. R. Gray for the husband.

Mr. Cahir said "The parties were married in 1919, and throughout their married life the husband was in constant work up till about 18 months ago, and although he earned £5 to £6 weekly he only gave his wife a pittance.

Cat and Dog Life.

From time to time he has threatened her cruelly and on one occasion had brandished a razor at her. Despite all this, the wife had stuck loyally to her husband until her nerves gave way. The wife had been led a cat and dog' life but had stayed with her husband for the sake of the children.

Mrs. Kathleen Kohn, now of Greensborough said my husband's habits were not what they should have been as he constantly drank and gambled and went out with other women.

Three years ago, when he was earning £6 a week he was heavily in debt to moneylenders.

Threatened to Cut My Throat.

Four years ago I left him because he chased me with a razor and threatened to cut my throat, and when the children also cried he said "I ought to do for them too." I left him.

Promised to Reform.

When he promised to reform I returned to him. His conduct did not change and he continued to drink and stay out late at nights.

A Holiday Fund.

At his place of employment the men each subscribed so much weekly for a holiday fund to be drawn for at Christmas. When the end of the year came he had spent the money (£112) and I had to raise a mortgage to replace the money.

About 18 months ago he left his job, and after got a union payment of 25/- a week. Over a period of three months at that time he only gave me £1 all told on which to keep the house going.

Children Were Hungry.

In May last year I was on good terms with my husband. The children were hungry and asked for more to eat. I used to forego my midday meal so that I would have more.

On the night before I was not feeling well and went to bed early. My husband came into the room and would not let me go to sleep. I felt my nerves giving way and went into hysterics.

Next day with the assistance of neighbours I was able to go to my mother's home at Greensborough.

A Blackened Eye.

Last Anzac Day at breakfast table I asked him for some money. He punched me on the nose and blackened my eye. He has been seen arm in arm with another woman.

Cross-Examined.

Mr. Gray (for the husband).—You first married in March, Northcote after you were married?—Yes.

In the six years there you were purchasing a house?—Yes.

What do you mean by realised £100 after everything was paid?—Yes, but we had to put down £175 deposit so we lost £75.

Then you and your husband purchased the house in Murray road?—Yes, and we were paying it off.

Tea Cup.

On Anzac Day when you say your husband hit you, you threw a tea-cup at him?—Yes.

Has he ever been cruel to you on any other occasion besides these you have already mentioned?—Six years ago he grasped me by the throat, and only released me when my sister threatened him with a poker.

The "cup of tea" was some time before you left?—A fortnight.

Did you tell your husband you were leaving?—Not exactly.

He followed you to your mother's place at Greensborough, and you refused to see him?—Yes.

Are you prepared to return to him?—Not whilst he is going out with other women.

Mr. Cahir.—Does your husband drink?—Yes, and then he is like a madman, and I am terrified of him.

The Husband's Version.

Mr. Gray (for the husband) said that whilst the husband had been working there had been no trouble. The only incidents of cruelty the wife could point to were the one in April last year and another six years ago. Kohn had been out of work for nearly twelve months and at the present time it was impossible for him to get a position. If an order were made there would be little likelihood that he would be able to comply with it.

"Gave Wife Practically All My Wages."

Stephen Edward Kohn said "During my married life I gave my wife practically the whole of my earnings, keeping only sufficient to pay fares and instalments on the house.

Last Heavily at Races.

Towards the end of 1929 I was in arrears with some moneys, and went to the races to try and make it up. I lost heavily.

Razor Incident Denied.

I deny that I have ever threatened my wife with a razor.

There was an argument last Anzac Day about me being out of work, and though I made to strike at my wife I did not hit her. She threw a cup of tea at me.

Did Not Torment Wife.

Her statement that the night before she left I tormented her is untrue. What really happened was that we had not been on very good terms, and I urged her to "kiss and make up." Next day she left while I was out looking for work.

When I was getting sustenance from the union I used to pay off pressing accounts and lived on the balance.

Impossible to Obtain Work.

It is impossible to obtain work at my trade now." continued Kohn. "Over half the members of the printing trades are out of work now, and it is simply impossible to find employment."

Wanted Wife to Return.

I still have the house, and I want my wife to return, and I will do my best to provide for her.

Mr. Cahir (to wife).—Have you sent your wife an ymoney since she left?—No.

What did you do with what you got? I paid some accounts and lived on the rest.

And do you think it is the right thing to go away while you made no provision at all for your wife?—She was being kept by her mother.

Did you write to your wife in 1927 "I am aware that I have killed all your love for me, but I still love you. I have been all that a cur could be."—Yes.

Why did you write that—To try and induce her to return.

Why did you say "I have been all that a cur could be"?—I had got into the hands of moneylenders, and she had helped me to pay them off.

The moneylenders went to the Trades Hall and garnisheed your sustenance money?—No they waited for me outside the door.

What did you say you gave your wife out of this 25/- weekly?—3 to 7/6.

Did you expect your wife to keep the house going on that?—I wanted to keep the moneylenders from breaking up the home.

How could your wife provide food for the household out of 5/- weekly—she also had some money which had been saved to pay off the quarterly instalments on the house.

You used to have a bit of a gamble—I used to, but not now.

Practically throughout your married life you have been in the hands of moneylenders?—Not always.

Your wife has been a good wife?—Yes.

Separation orders have been spoken of between you on several occasions?—Yes, but they were never served.

Is it right to say that you are addicted to drink?—Not much.

Did your wife complain of your drinking?—Not much.

You sold some furniture for go pay a moneylender?—Yes.

What did you do when you got the money?—I had a few drinks.

And two days later you were found on the Keilor road?—Yes I was "doped".

Wife Deserving of Better Treatment.

The P.M. (Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan) said that the wife had proved herself to be a very industrious woman, and deserving of much better treatment than she had received at the hands of her husband.

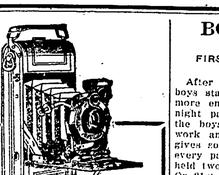
"The wife has had a wretched time but has been very patient. The bench believes the evidence of the wife, and rejects that of her husband."

An Order Made.

Kohn was ordered to pay his wife £1 weekly for herself and 10 - weekly for each of the two children. He was also ordered to find surety of £25 and to pay £2/7/- costs. The wife was granted custody of the children.

Preston Druids' Lodge

NEXT Monday evening in the Rechabite Hall, High street, Preston, under the auspices of the Preston Druids' Lodge, a respect board, bearing the names of the members who have creditably carried out the duties of A.D. of the club, will be unveiled by Past Grand President Bro. George Hayle, of the Star of Richmond Lodge, the branch who donated the board, which is of polished blackwood, the carvings being performed by hand. The Grand President (Bro. H. M. Gill), accompanied by several members of the board, have also intimated their intention of being present. During the evening a presentation will be made to Bro. Leo. Roche for services rendered.



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Visit to Board of Works Farm.

On Tuesday members of the Northcote Council paid a visit of inspection to the M. and M. Board of Works Farm at Werribee, at the invitation of Commissioner S. Dennis. The visit proved most instructive and the property, which comprises something like 25,000 acres, is most efficiently managed. The farm is used for the treatment of Melbourne's sewage.

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BOY SCOUTS.

FIRST CROXTON TROOP

After an enjoyable Xmas camp the boys started the new year with a more energetic feeling. The Friday night parades have been good, and the boys are enjoying them. The work and games are varied, which gives something new and interesting every parade. Since Xmas we have held two Saturday afternoon parades. On 21st we visited the city baths and spent a profitable afternoon teaching some of the scouts to swim; on the 28th the troop went to Albert Park lake and indulged in some rowing. Everyone came home wet but happy. The two troop leaders had the misfortune to tip their canoe over while endeavoring to paddle, much to the amusement of the others. The troop will visit South Morang on 7th for the day and on 5th a court of honor will be held at the residence of A.S.M. Bold.

PRESTON TROOP.

The 22nd annual meeting was held on Feb. 21, there being a good attendance. The annual reports were read. Several badges and service stars were presented. The following officers were appointed—Secretary and treasurer, W. Warner; assistant treasurer, M. Carthew; canteen keeper, A. Graham; librarian, V. Gilmartin; band instructor, E. Robinson; repairer of scraps and canteen keeper, A. Westcott; gym instructor, Mr. G. Greenwood; boxing instructor, Mr. D. Coutsell; hon. solicitor, Mr. Wilkinson; hon. auditor, Mr. G. Hamilton; patrol leaders, B. Colson, D. Mitchell, V. Gilmartin, E. Colson, M. Carthew, A. Westcott; Seconds, H. Rackham, R. Morton, R. Kilpatrick, K. Tasker, J. Fitzgerald and A. Graham. The cricket team lost to Northcote Junior Footballers by 36 runs. The football team is being reformed. The band is making progress under E. Robinson. The troop is making preparations for Lord Baden-Powell's visit and will be represented in the pageant of countries, in which our district represents Burma. The usual social will be held on Friday. The gymnasium will meet on Tuesday, cubs on Thursday and scouts on Saturday. It has been decided to hold an ugly man competition.

FIRST CROXTON CUBS.

The results of last Saturday's match were Croxton 64; 2nd Preston 30. Croxton's best were G. Dennis 25, A. Blackman 3/14, A. London 2/10. Preston's best were G. Ruttle 4/12, Coad 2/13. Croxton won by 34 runs. Next Saturday there will be a combined parade on the paddock at the rear of the brick works. The use of the paddock has been given us by Mr. A. Akers. Cubs to meet at hall at 2 o'clock in full uniform.

Totems.

Totem poles have become so scarce in Alaska that a Radio Pictures' company had to send 200 miles to find some for scenes in "The Silver Horde."

SWIMMING.

ALPHINGTON CLUB'S CARNIVAL.

The Alphington club held its annual inter-club competitions in the Yarra last Saturday, and the event attracted a splendid entry. There was a good attendance and the weather was fine.

Results:—

Club Handicap, 66 yards.—F. Rogerson, 50 secs., 1; C. Schultz, 57 secs., 2; A. Simkins, 52 secs., 3. Time, 0.11.

Open Handicap, 66 yards.—Final:—K. Forge (Footscray), 15 secs., 1; H. Rust (City), 14 secs., 2; E. Turner (Y.M.C.A.), 18 secs., 3. Time, 0.41.

Women's Handicap, 66 yards.—A. Schuler (Hawthorn), [illegible], 1; M. Cooper (Fairfield), 19 secs., 2; L. Pippard (South Melbourne), 12 secs., 3.

Junior Handicap, 66 yards.—J. Duncan (Malvern), 15 secs., 1; K. Sheehan (Fairfield), 21 secs., 2; E. Munro (Footscray), 14 secs., 3. Time, 0.47.

Open Handicap, 200 yards.—Final:—F. Keys (Melbourne), 14 secs., 1; J. Rogers (Fairfield), 14 secs., 2; J. Millard (Alphington), 59 secs., 3. Time, 2.40.

Intermediate Springboard Diving Championship.—A. Streckfuss (Footscray), 104.5 points, 1; R. Knight (Y.M.C.A.), 84.7 pts., 2; A. Mott (Y.M.C.A.), 77.8 pts., 3; H. Simcox (Y.M.C.A.), 75.1 pts., 4.

Teams Handicap, 265 yards (teams of 4)—Melbourne (F. Southey, L. Phillips, R. Bennett, A. Bishop), 51 secs., 1; Footscray (H. Harris, R. Purchase, K. Forge, D. Stewart), 59 secs., 2; Y.M.C.A. (H. Orrell, G. Harrison, E. Turner, R. Knight), 58 secs., 3. Time, 2.54 1-5.

IVANHOE CLUB.

Through the efforts of club members a new movable platform and diving board have been installed. With fine facilities and life saving patrols the river is now safe for children. A children's carnival will be held on Saturday.

FAIRFIELD CLUB.

During the week-end the Fairfield club held several events. Members are training hard for the three mile handicap to be staged next Saturday. Results of week-end events:—

Women's championship, 400 yds.—E. Walters, 1; E. Adams, 2; A. Holt, 3. Time, 6.36. Women's championship, 200 yards.—E. Walker, 1; E. Adams, 2; M. Cooper, 3. Time, 2.56. Breaststroke Championship, 100 yds.—L. Scales, 1; H. Howe, 2; H. Starr, 3. Time, 1.30. Senior championship, 100 yards.—D. Fry, 1; J. Rogers, 2; E. Murphy, 3. Time, 1.7. Junior championship, 200 yards.—A. Bowen, 1; J. Murphy, 2; G. Scales, 3. Time 3.1.

WATER POLO.

Semi-finals in the B. C and D grades will be held on March 26 at North Melbourne baths, and the finals will be staged at the City baths on March 28.

In B grade Fairfield is third with 28 points, and in D grade Fairfield (38 pts.) is leading. B. C and D grades will play off for the premiership, a special meeting of the Water Polo Association has decided.

More than 200 persons witnessed the return water polo matches between the Kew and Northcote ladies' teams. Among those present were the mayor, Cr. J. H. Green, Mr. J. A. Thomson, M.E. Harrys, secretary Victorian Water Polo Association, Mr. J. Ambrose, V.A.S.A., Mr. A. D. Fraser, Kew.

The teams were.—Northcote—Misses, F. Jones, (capt.) M. Cooper, G. Taylor, E. Martin, M. Petersen, D. Strain and M. Manley. Kew.—Misses, B. Thompson, (capt.) V. Thompson, B. Gordon, L. McAuley, Nan Salter, E. Carrall, M. Lucas.

Northcote won by 4 goals to 2.

A further match was also played between the mens' teams and although the Northcote team was defeated by eight goals to two they played well against their better seasoned and experienced opponents. Teams.—Kew—A. Bell, H. King, W. and F. Pevander, J. Gray, W. Fox. B. Andrews. Northcote—Ted Harper, A. Doggett, G. and J. Fairweather, J. Stafford, R. Meredith, R. Harding.

Mr. E. Hurren acted as referee. Both teams and visitors were entertained with refreshments by the Northcote club.

THREE MILE YARRA SWIM.

This event will be held on Saturday, and local visitors are informed that the district club competitors will wear these colors on their caps—Northcote, yellow, green cross; Preston, royal blue, yellow P; Fairfield, green; Alphington, green, white cross; Ivanhoe, brown.

DOES INORTHCOTE HOLD THE RECORD?

For the three mile swim in the Yarra next Saturday the Northcote Swimming and Life Saving Club has forwarded numerous entries, among them being five members from one Croxton family. These are—Frank, Fred, Jack, Phil (brothers) and sister Nell.

There are of course a number of cases in which more than one member from the one family is competing, but surely Northcote must claim the record for the number of entries from one family.

NORTHERN DISTRICT (INLAND) CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Northern District (Inland) Life Saving championship will be held at Fairfield pool on March 22 at 2.30. When the Northcote, Fairfield, Alphington, Kew, Preston, Willsmere, and Deep Rock life saving clubs will demonstrate for the W. E. Ladner Cup. This will be the largest life saving display ever held at an inland carnival, to which the public is cordially invited.

MORE POLICE WANTED.

DEPUTATION TO CHIEF SECRETARY

REQUESTS REFUSED

On Monday a deputation from the Northcote council and Northcote Traders' Association waited on the Chief Secretary (Mr. Tunnecliffe) to request additional police protection for Northcote.

Cr. W. H. Turner said that in some parts of the city the police were never seen. In north and west Northcote the districts were much undermanned.

Cr. W. Hayes said that although there were a certain number of police stationed at Northcote, that whole number was not what might be termed effective as far as Northcote was concerned. For instance, some police were engaged in gathering statistics, and whilst others were "borrowed" and sent to race meetings and other such gatherings outside Northcote. Another policeman had been on the sick list for about 13 weeks and had not been replaced. These men who were thus taken away reduced the effective strength of the stations in Northcote.

Crs. J. O. Hughes and A. J. Cornish (also representing the Northcote Traders' Association) also made representations.

Replying to the deputation, Mr. Tunnecliffe said that the enthusiasm of the councillors for more police was out of all proportion to the urgency of the case. Other places were in far greater need of more men. Even if the Government thought that it was necessary to increase the strength of the force it could not do so because of the financial stringency.

There were two stations in Northcote, said Mr. Tunnecliffe, with a total of 21 men, which was a good force for a population of 41,000. In addition, Northcote received day and night visits by the motor cycle and wireless patrols. During 1929 only three cases of shopbreaking were reported for the whole of Northcote. The city was singularly law-abiding. The public is always clamoring for extra police. If there was a policeman on every corner there would still be crime.

Will Visit Northcote.

Mr. Tunnecliffe said he would visit Northcote to see the conditions for himself.

CLIFTON HILL AND NORTHCOTE U.F.S. DISPENSARIES.

Some Instructive Figures.

The total enrolments of financial members on the books of the Clifton Hill, Northcote and Fairfield Dispensaries for the quarter ended Nov. 30 last was 10,942, as compared with 10,123 for the corresponding quarter for 1929.

Prescriptions dispensed for last quarter to December 31, 1930, 36,857, an increase on the corresponding quarter of 1929, when the total was 26,995.

Of the total enrolments 1316 males and 197 females (total 1513) are attached to Fairfield Dispensary; 3210 males and 774 females (4093) to Clifton Hill; and 3810 males and 626 females (4436) to Northcote.

ROWING

BARWON REGATTA.

At Geelong last Saturday the Barwon regatta was held.

In the T. H. Warden maiden pairs Preston crew was defeated in the first heat by South Melbourne. South Melbourne were second in the final to Mercantile.

In the women's fours the Preston No. 2 team was defeated in the first heat by the No. 1 Albert Park team. The Preston No. 2 team defeated Albert Park No. 2 in the second heat by three lengths. Essendon defeated Preston No. 1 team in the third heat. The final went to Essendon from Albert Park No. 1.

Junior Pairs—Preston (G. Lewin and A. James) easily won the first heat from Mercantile, and followed up the success by annexing the final from Richmond.

MAN'S AWFUL DEATH.

STRANGLED BY REVOLVING SHAFT

An awful fate befell Thomas Nicholls, 40 years, of Beauchamp street, Preston, whilst working alone in the Abbotsford Brewery on Tuesday night.

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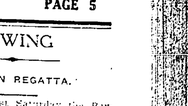

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IN THE GARDEN

THE ROSE—THE QUEEN OF FLOWERS.

ITS HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL CULTURAL HINTS

(A Prize Essay by Mrs. Ross Dowling, Bendigo Horticultural Society).

The rose has been more listed with England every since Pliny declared it the name Albion denoted the soil of white roses. In the middle ages, garlands and wreaths of roses were described as greatly in fashion. A quaint description of Bishop Waynflete's installation of Bishop Rotherham, Archbishop of York, in 1476, when the latter was invested with a garland of red roses. The Bishop wished to make a banner wrought with roses, and white and red roses to be the badges of the rival houses, York and Lancaster. The civil war which devastated England for many years was known as the War of the Roses, and reconciliation finally came with the marriage of Henry of Richmond and Elizabeth of York, which put an end to the feud. Edward IV. did not live to see the end of the civil war, but the rose appears in the Great Seal of England.

History.

There has been much controversy as to which is really the Damask Rose, the wild one of the hedgerows or the double red. Perhaps to flower a rose in a unique favorite as the Queen Queen, which is a native practically all parts of the world, in Australia and South America, Persia it reigns supreme. The many prized it above all flowers, of a Latin historian tells how Nero, one of his feasts, spent £4,000 on rose blooms alone.

In the East a white rose is planted on the grave of one who dies unmarried, and in Wales the white rose speaks the restingplace of youth; the red rose is a tribute to benevolence. The old damask rose, said to have come from Syria in 1573, is one of the parents of our hybrid perpetual roses.

The musk rose was a first favorite with our forefathers. It was a native of Northern Africa and Spain. The fragrance scent given forth bountifully in the evening was known to Lord Bacon, who placed the musk rose first among the flowers which best perfume the air. The warrior, Marshal Neil, is remembered in the name of one of the loveliest old roses, and even we think of yellow roses as reminded of Robert Fortune, who, disguised as a Chinaman, penetrated into battle

Hilda's Roguery

By JOHN RANKINE.

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While the Staggart family were on holiday the year before they had met Jim Farnham. He had shown them a kindness which Miss Staggart had never forgotten. He had never had much prospect of a matrimonial catch, but Farnham would be a particularly good one. For months he had been frequenting this view. She had been hoping for great things from it.

It was late when Jim Farnham and Sarah Staggart leave The Towers. The evening had been less successful than Sarah had anticipated. Mr. Farnham had shown an irritating desire to listen to Miss Martin and to glean information concerning her. Sarah put this extinguisher on her curiosity.

"Yes," he said, "I declare she is a very nice girl. I don't know her much. She's engaged to Dr. Tom Ainsworth, and I hear they are to be married soon."

That last remark had the desired effect. It stopped Jim Farnham's interest in Miss Martin; but it did not help Sarah Staggart. Farnham's interest in Miss Martin seemed to increase suddenly.

Under the evening there was no other subject in which Sarah could get him interested.

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Hilda Martin went out in the dusk of the following evening to post a letter to her sweetheart, Tom Ainsworth. She was still thinking of Tom Ainsworth when she collided with Jim Farnham.

"Oh, Miss Martin at home?" he asked.

"Not at the moment, but she will be all the evening. Shall I tell——"

"Oh, no, not at all. Some other time, perhaps, if I happen to be passing, I may call, you know, but I wasn't really thinking——"

"Mr. and Mrs. Martin have a town engagement to-night, but Miss Martin will not be out."

"Er—thank you—er——"

He slipped half a sovereign into the maid's hand.

"You needn't mention to Miss Martin that you saw me; I may not have time to call."

The girl nodded. Hilda's promise not to tell Miss Martin did not forbid her telling Kitty Whyte. She did so immediately.

"You must put on the silk crepe again to-night, Kitty. Jim Farnham is coming to see you."

"Jim Farnham everything."

"I shan't. You put me into the mood; you can get yourself out of it. I shall not see Jim Farnham, Mr. Farnham under false pretences."

"Don't be foolish, Kitty. Have a cry on the poor fellow. He explained that he wanted to be in my set for sociality again, you know. Was never dreaming of calling. But as soon as he said he would I knew he would call. I speak from experience. My Tom behaved in exactly the same way in the early stages of our——"

"Jim Farnham will be fumbling to the door to-night, and will come in. So, for a few minutes, you know——"

"A good-bye before the ball to-morrow. He is going back to another year spell of country life. He must find it dull sometimes. He could have enjoyed the hour he spent here last night with you. You ought to——"

"Be the poor fellow with another."

"You can provide it yourself."

"I would, but it isn't lawful. What would Tom Ainsworth say if he knew I was entertaining a handsome young man?"

"I don't know what Tom Ainsworth would say, but I can tell you what I am going to do. I shall put on the silk crepe, but I shall explain the matter to Mr. Farnham the moment he comes to the door, as you seem sure he will."

Kitty's indignation was pleasure. She had helped her young mistress in many a prank, but she found quite so serious as this. She was absolute in her determination to draw out.

An easy way of escape occurred to her. Immediately Mr. and Mrs. Martin went out she would slip out by the back and not return until late.

Neither girl again mentioned the matter. Each silently mastered her plans. Hilda saw her parents off at the front door. Next moment her voice was echoing through the house, calling Kitty to prepare for the reception of Jim Farnham.

She called loudly but vainly. As Mr. and Mrs. Martin had passed out at the front door, Kitty Whyte had passed out at the back door. Hilda instantly recognised what had happened, and acknowledged herself beaten in strategy.

Kitty smilingly thought the same as she hurried down the lane. Her smile was premature. In the road behind Woodlands a man loitered. It was Jim Farnham trying to screw up his courage for paying a second call on Miss Martin. Into him Miss Martin suddenly bumped.

It is always easy to pick out a man hovering around with amorous intent. His appearance proclaims his purpose. His heightens the suspicions by his efforts to conceal the signs. The signs were rich upon Jim Farnham. He was eager to see more of Miss Martin, but fearful of seeming too precipitate. The young lady's unexpected appearance utterly confused him.

But the signs of her guilt were as glaring as his own. Despite the confusion each instantly guessed the other's purpose. Jim Farnham felt foolish, but it was only the foolishness of a young man in love. Nature had not made him a fool. • Far from it.

He sized up the position instantly. Despite the ten-shilling bribe, the maid had broken faith. She had warned her young mistress that Jim Farnham was hanging around and would be sure to call. This was the young mistress escaping. He boldly expressed his thought.

"Miss Martin, I can read the situation exactly. Your maid told you I was in the neighbourhood. Dreading another night's torture you are seeking to escape. Will you be frank and admit these things are so?"

Yes, I will be frank. Last night was indeed a night of torture. But you were not the torturer. The truth is——"

She told him the truth, keeping nothing back. She wound up with a blushing expression of regret. Farnham kept a keen eye on the blushes, but brushed aside the apologies.

"You aren't, Miss Martin," he gasped.

"Yes. I am simply Kitty Whyte."

"And there is no Tom Ainsworth?"

"Dr. Ainsworth is Miss Martin's fiancé."

"Forgive me asking, but—who is yours?"

"I have none."

A great light filled Jim Farnham's eyes, a smile played round his lips.

"You were going for a walk," he said, "don't let me deprive you of it. But may I share it?"

It was before Mr. and Mrs. Martin returned, but it was late none the less when Kitty returned, Jim Farnham with her. They lingered a little drawing room together. Hilda's mind was active enough. She needed no help to interpret what it meant.

"You can put off, Hilda. I hope you will forgive me when I explain what has happened."

"It is unnecessary, my dear. Put your hat on straight and tidy your hair. How clumsy men can be when kissing!" But, tell me, have you fixed a date?"

"This day two months."

"Bless you, my children."

(The End)

Soldiers' Pensions Increasing.

ANNUAL COST £7,859,928.

The charge on Federal revenue for soldiers' pensions continues to increase. At the end of January there were 282,029 pensioners, including former soldiers and their dependents, and the dependents of deceased soldiers and sailors. The annual liability at January 31 was £7,859,928. Twelve months ago the annual liability in respect of 275,858 pensioners was £7,691,870. There has thus been an increase during the year of 6671 pensioners at a cost of £115,688. In the current financial year, however, the present financial term is estimated to exceed by more than £200,000 that of last year, the authorities consider that the peak has not yet been reached.

DRIVER KILLED IN MOTOR SMASH.

Westgarth Man Injured.

When a car in which he was travelling struck an electric light standard in St. Kilda road, near Alexander avenue, at about 4 a.m. on Sunday morning, George Dartnell, 21 years, of Yeomana street, Westgarth, received a lacerated nose, shock, and abrasions.

The driver of the car, Frederick Freeman, of Carlton, was killed, and another companion, Hugh Gough, of Brunswick street, Fitzroy, sustained a fractured wrist, shock, and abrasions.

It appears that the three men were returning home after a party. Freeman was driving and as he turned the wheel his coat sleeve caught the throttle lever and pulled it open. The car swerved and swung round in a semi-circle colliding with the electric standard.

The steering column was driven through the driver's chest, killing him instantly. Dartnell was thrown on to the roadway and was stunned.

The car was wrecked.

TURF NOTES.

When he finished second to Gyrostar at Caulfield an early victory was predicted for Mulera, but it was hardly expected to be in the Sires' Produce Stakes at headquarters. Mulera not only beat a strong field in that race, but he registered a performance which marks him a better than ordinary winner. He made a slow beginning, and entering the straight was one of the rear bunch, but in the run home he made a powerful effort on the outside and, sustaining his run like a genuine stayer, got up in time to snatch a half neck victory from the unlucky Bobi Bi. Once such performance does not, of course, definitely decide the winner of next spring classic, but Mulera's performance on Saturday was far and away superior to anything any other youngster has recorded this season, that is from the point of view of stamina. Mulera is a nice looking chestnut colt, and the shapes like a stayer is not surprising, for he is by the English horse Violoncello, winner of the 1921 Caulfield Cup, and the dam is the V.R.C. St. Leger Veilmond had his revenge on Balloon King for his defeat in the Victoria Derby. Veilmond had no easy task on Saturday, however, and up to a short distance from the post it seemed as though Balloon King would again defeat him. Had Balloon King had another race previously it is probable that he would have won. The return meeting between this pair is in the A.J.C. St. Leger, and no doubt Veilmond will be the idol of the autumn carnival at Randwick. Balloon King is likely to improve more in the next few weeks than Veilmond, but the last named shapes more freely when racing in the right-handed direction in Sydney.

Does Parkwood's victory in the Newmarket handicap mean that he has returned to the form he displayed as a youngster? Parkwood came to hand quickly as a two-year-old, and he won all his spring races, which were—Colts and Geldings' Maribyrnong Trial, Debutant Stakes and Maribyrnong Plate. After this he lost form, failing in his autumn engagements, with the exception of the A.J.C. Champagne Stakes, in which he was narrowly beaten by a head at three years. On Royal Handicap (on a wet track) at Flemington last July. The manner in which he won that race suggested that he had returned to his best form, but again he failed to realise expectations. One of the leaders all the way, he fought out a game finish to win the Newmarket on Saturday. Does this mean that he has definitely returned to form, or is it another flash in the pan?

When he won at the Melbourne Cup meeting Stephen Foster was a big betting coup, and the decisive fashion in which he scored pointed to him being a galloper above the ordinary. When he reappeared on the Caulfield a few weeks ago, he was made favorite, but gave a disappointing display, but as it was his first race for over three months, it seemed wise to give him another chance. He had it in the Sires' Produce Stakes, when he was again the elect of backers, and once more he leaped poorly. The distance was he a possibility, and his showing forces the conclusion that he has been over-rated.

Bold Bid has been unlucky in his races. His second in the Sires Produce Stakes was the third occasion on which he has been beaten by a narrow margin. This latter is one of the features on namely in his races, and it should not be long before he has a chance of luck and loses his maiden record.

The failure of Middle Watch in the Sires' Produce Stakes can be overlooked. The Night Patrol colt's defeats succeeded in Univ. exams, Grade III., practical and theory and advanced grade Associated Board R.A.M. and R.C.M.—200 Clarke St., Northcote.

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Dear Cobbers,—On Friday the housekeeper received a telegram saying that the sister was seriously ill, so we let her go to help nurse, and the Pets promised to keep things in order. Fluffy, chief cook and doctor, drew the menu, and we have had some very queer dishes since Friday. On Saturday afternoon I found a friend of mine arrived with a huge water melon, and nothing satisfied the Pets but that we should have melon fruit salad. It was a huge success, but what the making! If you could have seen both Fluffy and Jacko shrouded in big aprons, with only their heads and hands showing, you would have laughed and laughed. That's what Grandpa and I did, but we were promptly turned out of the kitchen and despatched to buy sponge cakes and cream. Well, the Pets started at 4 o'clock and cut up and cut up and cut up till half-past 5, while to skin and seed, and then there were all the other fruits, apples, pears, pineapple, bananas, oranges, and passion-fruit, and, lastly, the cracking of nuts. It was exceedingly nice, and between the six of us we ate it all and had quite a party. The Pets love messing about in the kitchen making things, but the state of the room afterwards is deplorable, and they don't care for the cooking up very much. Now is the new competition going? Send along your weekly Tria entries. The Pets send greetings and lots of love to you all.

UNCLE PHIL.

NEW COMPETITION

Put the following twelve jumbled names from the garden in proper order and send them in to Uncle Phil by March 14. The winner will be announced on March 20, and the prize will be available on Monday, March 23. (1) Etigonment, (2) reguldeseer, (3) horkibe, (4) ssoiatal, (5) ssaurs, (6) ebnie, (7) sasaurus, (8) lolgadi, (9) adasinrals, (10) lacs-slecrible, (11) omlen, (12) bagrandoare.

Tommy Craig

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the jolliest and heartiest of Birthday Wishes and Greetings to Vivien and Lindsay Osborne (Mar. 7), Mary Favier and R. de Lacy (Mar. 10), Coleen Mahony (Mar. 11), and Norma Kaufman (Mar. 19).

OUR MAIL BAG

Richard Twomey.—We have already issued a certificate to you, but are glad to welcome you back to the club. Send along your contributions as usual, also a snap of yourself, for an album piece. Thanks for the snap and letter and love.—U.P.

C. Smith.—Your snap arrived safely and the Pets are delighted with it. Thank you very much. We have selected a good position in our album for it. Send along some Tria items. Love.—U.P.

Dorothy Harris.—Bravo, Dorothy, for gaining the 100 marks. I hope the jumbled words were not too hard, but the Pets mixed them up so badly when they were writing them out. Will you call for the book on the coffee evening, please? The Pets send lots of love.—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

Trias are a class of their own, and three constitute a prize, and must not be included in your ordinary 12/6 marks. Each entry must be marked in the top "Tria Entry," so it will not be confused for this competition. The subjects chosen give a wide range of things of interest—holidays, sports, camping, motoring, about the town or country, anything about hobbies, games to play, about your gardens and things that can be made by Cobbers. Then each week you will receive a special mark, a "tria," while the other entries just get the ordinary marks. When you have three "trias" in the same as 100 marks, and a prize will be given for them. So, Cobbers, go ahead and send in your tries. If you are taking the work on a book, do not just copy it out, but add 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 DOG TELEPHONED

A man took her little dog with her to call a friend. When she left she quite forgot about it, and when she got home she found she had left it behind. She rang up her friend and asked her to send it home by the next motor-bus. Some hours passed and the dog was still not returned. So she rang up again and asked her friend why she hadn't sent the dog home by motor-bus. "Bring him home, please," she said. "One of the men on the bus will be sure to look after him." Then his mistress added, "Tell him to 'Come home at once, Dizzie!'" So when the dog arrived he found arms ready for the dog, which he waited for no longer, but then rushed home.

Lily Anthonsen

A TRIP TO MANLY

It was fine, so we decided to go to Manly. We went in a carnival with Manly, so we had to go there. We caught the boat at Circular Quay, and when we went on board some navvies and firefighters through the "Rip" current the boat was on one side to the other, and sometimes we had to go through the water. We had a lovely trip on the water, and in an hour we reached our destination, and needless to say we were very hungry. We had lunch, ice water and cocoa-cola. Then we had a ride on a camel, great fun. The camel came down on its knees, then on the back ones. We had a walk around the beach, had an ice-cream, and then we caught the boat home, but happy.

Ron Kupsch.

NOT FOR HIM

A married couple had fallen out, and had lived together for years without speaking to the wife, without speaking, to the husband. Thinking to be humorous, the husband went to his wife and called, "What's for dinner?" "Rats!" came back the reply. "Right, dear," replied hubby, "I'll help yourself, but boil me an egg."

Roy Murphy.

THE WOLF

Wolf is the biggest and fiercest of all dogs. In some countries wolves are killing in packs of as many as fifty. They will attack a wayfarer at a time. The wolf can not only run very fast, but can jump for a long time, and it will wear down the fastest horse, unless some of safety can be reached. Horses know what will happen if they are caught, and they race along as fast as possible. Wolves are cruel to each other, for if one is sick or hurt the rest tear it to pieces and eat it up. Many travellers have been chased by wolves they wait until the fierce beasts are close enough for one to be shot. As soon as the animal falls the whole pack will stop to devour their wounded friend. This gives the travellers the chance of another good start, and when the wolves come up again another is shot; and thus, if the horses can keep on their speed, they reach the shelter of a village, and the wolves have to retire without their prey.

(GOOD) Tommy Craig

A BUSY LITTLE ANIMAL

What a busy little animal is the beaver! In some parts of America, Canada and Siberia, beavers have been busy burrowing, felling trees, making canals and constructing dams, with the result that streams and rivulets have been diverted from their courses, lakes and pools have been formed, and large tracts of forest entirely cleared of timber. The beaver is only a small animal, too, measuring about 25 inches from nose to tail. Beavers used to be more numerous than they are, as they have been hunted and trapped for their beautiful fur. They are found on the slopes of the Rockies, also in Scandinavia, Russia, and on the Rhone, and at one time were common throughout Great Britain.

(GOOD) Frank O'Connor

"THERE'S ONE WANTING"

A Scottish shepherd had a very clever collie dog, who could fetch the sheep from the hills after they had been wandering for some days. When the collie arrived with the missing flock his master looked the sheep over and counted them. If any were lacking the man would look at the dog and say, "There's one wanting," or "There's two wanting," and the dog would understand, and go off again until the missing sheep were found. At last this good dog died, and the shepherd put these words over his grave: "There's one wanting."

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen

YELLOW-THROATED WREN

There are thousands of these perky little birds in Australia, and they make our bush ring with their twittering, when one settles on a bough and watches us. Their nests are domes and are built from grass and leaves, and there is no doubt that harmful insects are kept down in numbers by these little birds. They feed on small insects which inhabit well-watered gullies. They build dome-shaped nests of moss, fern roots and grasses. You can easily recognise the yellow-throated wrens, because of the yellow markings on their throats and heads.

(GOOD) Cyril Maes.

TOO SCOTCH

A customer walked into a Scotch chemist's shop, and after buying a shilling's worth of goods went out without the change. The gentleman at once ran over to the window which his late customer had just passed, and gave three sharp taps on the window with a sponge.

(GOOD) Alec Murphy

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE FAIRY POSTMAN

Here comes the Fairy Postman! Let us run and welcome him,
And meet him as he comes up through the shady glen.
Look! Mrs. Mouse is eagerly expecting news from Jim.
Her son, who's fighting with the Mouse Brigade.
So if you have some fairy friend to whom you wish to send
Buy! don't know what to do one little bit.
If you will post your letter in a hollow oak one night,
The Fairy Postman will deliver it.

(GOOD) Leslie Gordon

MORNING

Sweet is the breath of morn: her rising sweet with charm of earliest birds.—Milton.

(GOOD) Terry Power

WHEN WATTLES BLOOM

When wattles bloom, and earth and air
Are saturated by the breath of spring,
A subtle balm steals everywhere
And gladdens every living thing.

(GOOD) Kevin Power

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Walking down the street one day I saw a mad dog rushing towards me. Looking around to see where I could hide I saw a hole, so I jumped into the hole and pulled the hole in after me.

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Kathleen Birch

BUTTER SCOTCH TOFFEE

Boil 2 cupsful of sugar, 4 tablespoons of water, 2 tablespoons of vinegar and ½ cup of butter until it is a golden brown. Test by dropping a little off the spoon into cold water; when brittle it is done. Grease a plate and pour toffee on it to cool. If liked, a few and the white, clenched her small hands and sprinkled on while it is hot. Just before it will all attack a wayfarer at a time. The wolf can not only run very fast, but can jump for a long time, and it will wear down the fastest horse, unless some of safety can be reached. Horses know what will happen if they are caught, and they race along as fast as possible. Wolves are cruel to each other, for if one is sick or hurt the rest tear it to pieces and eat it up. Many travellers have been chased by wolves they wait until

Ruby Kupsch

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in foot, but not in hand,
My second is in sand, but not in sand;
My third is in cow, but not in bull,
My fourth is in empty, but not in full;
My fifth is in law, but not in parse,
My sixth is in praise, but not in curse;
My seventh is in walk, but not in bike,
My eighth is in sorry, but not in like,
My whole is a game that most boys like,
Answer: Football.

(GOOD) Enid Love

MUMMIES AND PUPPIES

It is told for a fact that a little flaxen-haired boy of five years, who had passed the afternoon at the museum, looking up to his mother's face, said: "If all the mammies, when they die, turn into mummies, do all the papas turn into puppies?"

(GOOD) Edna Southam

STORYETTES

Betty: "What would you think, dear, if I should say you were like a harp of a thousand strings?" Gerty: "I should think that you were a lyre."

(GOOD) B. Moylan.

Visitor: "I say, will you drive me around harness to fit you."

(GOOD) Jack McLennan

Stella: "I'm only third from the top of my class now, daddy." Daddy: "That's a good girl. How many are there in the class?"

Stella: "Three, daddy."

A boy was asked by his teacher to write an essay on famous sea captains of the eighteenth century, and he produced the following:—"A captain in the days of Nelson was a seafaring man who also wore a cutlas by his side."

(GOOD) Dorothy Harris

"John," said his wife, "I found some sweets looking tickets in your desk to-day."

"Ruler, 6 to 1." What does it all mean?"

"My archeological studies, dear," he answered. "Relics of a lost race."

Judge: "You are charged with stealing. What have you to say?" Tramp: "I'm under the doctor's orders, your honor. He told me (GOOD) Aileen Capper

Not There.—Ma (showing son round the British Museum): "These things are called mummies, Jimmy." Jimmy: "Yes, I see, ma. But what's worrying me is where are the daddies?"

(GOOD) Edward Grenfell

Father: "Tom, go and fetch the old horse!" Tom: "Why the old one, father?" Father: "Wear out the old one first—that's my motto."

(GOOD) George Gordon

Mamma (to clerical visitor): "Nancy loves her toy telephone! Just listen to her with it, So sweet." Nancy: "Hullo! Hullo! I'm daddy speaking. Why the hell don't you answer me."

(GOOD) Ruby Kupsch

Dad's Wife: "I hope you enjoyed the service, Binsted." Binsted: "Very much indeed, thank you, madam. Unfortunately I was advised to leave before the benediction."

(GOOD) George Joyce.

He: "Could I interest you in an auto?" She: "Perhaps you could come around in one sometime."

(GOOD) Gulla Kohn.

Sam the bank teller to the new girl, who was making a deposit: "You didn't fool us?" "No," she said innocently. "I took a bath."

Timid Customer: "Waiter, there's so many flies in my soup that I can't count them all." Tough Waiter: "Well, do you expect an adding machine with such a small order?"

(GOOD) Betty Muter

Mrs. Smith: "My husband tells me the other men at the tennis club consider Mr. Howard a racketeer." Mrs. Browne (acidly): "Rubbish! He doesn't any more than the rest of them."

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen.

"I thought Jim would marry one of those twins." "No. He said if he couldn't have an exclusive model he wouldn't have any."

(GOOD) L. Serimes.

"Johnny," said his mother, "you have outgrown your shoes. What I'd like to hear you say, mamma," replied Johnny, "is that I have outgrown your slippers."

(GOOD) Jean Moylan

Doctor: "Have you told that young man what I think of him?" Daughter: "Yes, daddy, and he says you're wrong in your diagnosis, as usual."

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen

Reading the Signs.—Very Small Cub Scout (going for an early morning walk with his Father): "How do you make that out, my boy." Cub Scout (indicating the dew): "Cause the grass is all covered with perspiration already."

(GOOD) Graham Harris

RIDDLES

How many feet have twenty sheep, a shepherd and his dog?—Two feet, because sheep have trotters and a dog has paws."

(GOOD) S. Durrant

What trade is the sun?—A tanner.

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn

Why is a proud girl like a music box?—Because she is full of airs.

(GOOD) W. Price.

Why is a baker a silly fellow?—Because he parts with what he kneads.

When is a chair badly treated?—When it is caned and sat on.

Why is a policeman like an aeroplane?—Because they both take people up.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

Why is a tree like a dog?—Because they both lose their bark when they die.

(GOOD) Nelson Sinclair

When is water not water?—When it is dripping.

Why did the crow crow?—Because the woodpecker would peck her.

(GOOD) Con Power.

COMPETITION CORNER

Stories, riddles, catches, puzzles, jokes, short verses, or anything you think will be interesting to the Cobbers' Club should be sent to Uncle Phil, "The Leader," High St., Northcote. They will be printed and marked Good, Better, Best—Good, 5 points; Better, 10 points; Best, 15 points. Cut out all your own and keep them until you have 100 marks. Then send to Uncle Phil, and say if you prefer a cash prize of 2/6 or a book. If a book, give the title.

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NORTHCOTE VAUUATION.

NEW ONE TO BE MADE.

The Northcote Council has instructed its valuer (Mr. W. Membrey) to commence a valuation of all rateable property within the city.

On last year's valuations there were about 190 appeals, all of which it is understood, with the exception of about three have been settled.

It is thought that the valuation for next year will be considerably reduced on last year's figures, on account of the depression, and the consequent unemployment and vacant shops and houses.

ROADS IN VICTORIA.

"C.Q." writing in the "Sydney Bulletin," says.—Victorian Country Roads Board, which is presided over by Major McCormack, is feeling proud of itself. Some time ago it set out to prove that lasting roads need not be costly ones. It started by taking accurate statistics of traffic on all roads, and then devised a type to meet each circumstance. "Mixed in place" surfacing was tried. It cost £780 a mile. With this method the stone and binding material are laid down and mixed afterwards. Tests by the roughometer showed that parts of the Calder Highway between Melbourne and Geelong constructed this way stood up to punishment better than portions constructed by older methods which cost £3,000-odd per mile. As a testimonial to the soundness of the board's methods, no less than three leading British road men visited Victoria last year to have a look at our highways.

REVOLT IN DEMOCRACY.

The revolt in democracy is slowly disclosing the fact that the supreme function of democracy as such is to ensure the autocracy of the wise, and that education in democracy consists first in educating youth and elders in wisdom (and wisdom is different from knowledge), and second, as a corollary from that, in educating the insight of the people to choose wisdom to place in power. These are basic principles. The revolt is due to the fact that its present forms are leading nations to ruin mainly through a serious decline in a sense of the value and dignity of citizenship. The revolt in democracy is therefore in the direction of stabilisation at a high level of such value and dignity, for as is individual citizenship, so is national citizenship.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

District Notes.—Beneficial results of the discussion at the last council meeting on the open-air work of the Union, and the subsequent decision to remove the meeting to another site at the corner of Elgin and Smith streets, Thornbury were evidenced last Friday night when the first meeting at the new position was conducted.

Last Easter, at the first North-Eastern (District) Convention at Benalla this Union was represented by 30 delegates; at the State Union Convention at Ballarat in June last, 120 delegates attended. Present indications are that a large party will attend the Daylesford Easter Convention. The Regent Baptist Y.P. and Intermediate members have booked one of the available vans for their delegation of 26, and the other vans are filling up satisfactorily.

The largest number which has attended the annual field day so far is 800. The aim this year for the South Morang outing on March 28 is at least 1,000. Tickets for the special train are now available at the C.E. Office, 288 Little Collins street. The return fares are 1/9 and 1/6d. (under 16).

The Junior Societies at Ivanhoe (Church of Christ, Methodist and Baptist were surprised on Sunday by an invasion of a combined visit from the visiting Junior superintendent for the district — Rev. D. E. Reeves and other officers of the Union.

The monthly consecration meeting of the Ivanhoe Baptist Society, was held at the home of the President (Rev. W. G. Pope) on Tuesday. A happy time of christian fellowship interspersed with vocal contributions was enjoyed.

The first of a series of monthly Young Peoples' meetings to be held in the Protestant Hall (Russell street Melbourne) is to be conducted by members of the Northcote and Preston Union next Saturday night, at 7.45 p.m.

CHILD KILLED AT IVANHOE.

When crossing Heidelberg road, Ivanhoe, near his home on Saturday night, Gordon Leopold Ridgway, aged 6 years, the son of Mr. J. S. L. Ridgway, dentist, of Collins street, and of Heidelberg road, was fatally knocked down by a motor car and received injuries which proved fatal. The car was driven by Mrs. Sarah Mc Closkey, of Inglesby road, Camberwell, who took the boy to the private hospital in Heidelberg. He died at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning.

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UNIVERSITY v. NORTHCOTE

UNIVERSITY. First Innings.

L. K. O'Leary, lbw, b Fleming	11
D. Westfield, run out	52
R. Wilson, c Fleming, b Sporer	36
L. F. Vellingi, c Ogden, b Williams	3
J. Moss, c Baring, b Sporer	19
W. F. Kinsey, b Williams	0
D. E. Lawson, lbw, b Williams	0
R. E. Cameron, b Williams	0
W. S. Norwand, lbw, b Williams	32
L. A. Davies, c Sporer, b Williams	4
J. L. Chevistaine, not out	36
Sundries	231
Total	

Bowling: Williams, 6.6/2 (including hat trick); Sporer, 2.24; Baring, 1.12; Chivers, 0.36; Ogden, 0.2; Thorn, 0.1.

NORTHCOTE. First Innings.

Seven wickets, declared for	109

Second Innings.

E. Vernon, not out	13
J. Haggitt, c O'Leary, b Davies	0
G. Ogden, c Kinsey, b Davies	0
F. Thorn, c Kinsey, b Davies	0
F. Chivers, not out	4
Three wickets for	26

Bowling: Davies, 2.1/1; Moss, 0.—

SECOND ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v UNIVERSITY

(By "Longun.")

The above match was resumed under ideal conditions, the cricket having slow and easy. The students, with one down for 32 in response to Northcote's nine declared for 99, continued batting, the not out men, Kroger and Dempster, facing Powell and Fleming and Dempster, facing Powell and Fleming and Bowden, facing Powell and Fleming and Bowden, facing Powell and Fleming and Bowden

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NEWS OF THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

NORTHCOTE—WEST WARD.

Regular attendances were gratified to see that the interest in Progress meetings were members to a large measure of success. The president (Mr. Thomas) expressed the hope that despite the unfavorable conditions at present existing the progress would be maintained when people should see the necessity not only to further band together in the interests of the district but to try and help each other for all.

The entertainment following a free copy to every householder and the wishes ably commenced that the effort would was expressed that the effort would meet with the success it deserved. It was really time that a general movement of the associations was recorded from time to time in the "Leader," a stimulus would be given to these associations by the greater publicity.

Amongst the correspondence was a letter from the Tramways Board, setting out reasons why a request from this association for a reduction in fares or, alternatively, the employment of more men, could not be complied with. It was stated that the deficit for the last financial year after meeting all outgoings, was in the vicinity of £170,000, and after allowing for the reduction in wages it is estimated there will be a substantial balance. The letter concluded that when an advancing tide of prosperity sets in, it is hoped the Board will find it possible to increase its staff proportionately to any growing improvement.

Correspondence from the town hall indicated that the request for a reduced valuation had been brought under the notice of the valuer. This matter is the subject of a special meeting of the committee to decide on certain lines of action for the future. It is hoped that a definite plan will be presented at the next general meeting.

Some weeks ago the council's attention was drawn to the density of weeds growing between and over the slabs in certain streets in the north-west portion of the ward. It is gratifying to note that these have been cleaned up, but there are still numerous places where similar work could be carried out.

This association also drew attention to the method of construction of the entrances to the gardens along the pipe track, pointing out the inconvenience women with perambulators were put to in endeavoring to enter these reserves. This matter is receiving the consideration of the Parks Committee, and it is hoped that more suitable entrances will be substituted. The association elected the president, secretary and Mr. Callender to attend the next meeting for the relief of distress. Before pledging the association to any definite agreement, the delegates were directed to report back to a general meeting, as it is expected matters of a contentious nature may be brought on which will warrant careful consideration.

The usual social evening was spent in dancing, intermingled with community singing, and after a splendid supper the meeting closed.

Next meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Hutton St., on March 12, at 8 p.m.

WEST PRESTON ASSOCIATION.

The usual meeting was held on February 25. The president (Mr. W. Burland) occupied the chair. Owing to the dispute in bakeryays employes' wages members consider that the fares should be reduced. The council have been asked to apply to the Tramway Board for a reduction. Why should the fare from Bell St. on the Regent line, be 6d to the city, whilst on the East Coburg line it is only 4d. The association is to help Miss Newell, Queen of West Preston State School, and has granted the free use of the hall. It was decided to again hold dances.

It was decided to write to the council, upholding Crs. Hemburrow and Robeson in their attack on money having been spent on private streets without the authority of the council. This is regarded as a bad practice and should be stopped.

The state of Belmont St., Cramer St. west, and Grange road, was again referred to. Three weeks have passed and nothing has been done. In some cases the water course is 15in. deep and runs across the streets. Broken springs are frequent, but something more serious will happen if attention is not given immediately. A reunion of members is to be held on March 11. The evening will take the form of a

board night. The euchre tournaments on Tuesday evenings are quite a success.

EAST PRESTON ASSOCIATION

At the usual meeting on Monday Mr. Kirby, vice-president, was in the chair. Correspondence was received from the Preston council stating that in the association's request had been referred to various committees. Preferred Hall various committees. Preferred Hall various committees. Preferred Hall various committees. Preferred Hall ladies Benevolent Society advising of their annual meeting, and several ladies promised to attend.

The affiliated Central Council of Preston Progress Associations asked that delegates be instructed on the advisability of approaching the Preston council and the M. and M. Board of Works for reductions in rates; and the Tramways Board for a reduction in fares.

The secretary was instructed to write to the council regarding complaints that garbage carts were not near the main gates to direct a number of local passengers to my car. I did not drive the car away as I stayed to see some jockeys.

Edward G. Lancaster, of Hotham street, East Brunswick, said he drive Stanway's car away from the racecourse.

A conviction was recorded in each case. On the first charge a fine of £10 was imposed, and £5 on the second, and defendant was also ordered to pay 5/ costs.

Un censed Driver

George William St. Andrew's, who was charged with having on January 2 driven a motor van without being licensed, was fined £2.

Breach of Recognisance

Percy Bains, Toorak road, South Yarra, who failed to comply with the terms of a recognisance that he would comply with a maintenance order, was ordered to be committed to gaol.

The clerk of courts said that Bains had only made one payment of £2 since he entered into the recognisance and was released from gaol. He had agreed to pay £2 a week, and the arrears were now £24.

Motor Cycle Driven Dangerously

Frank J. Berry, Newcastle street, Preston, was charged with having on February 8 driven a motor cycle in a dangerous manner in Gooch street.

Constable F. Mensch, of Thornbury, said:—About 12.15 p.m. on the day in question I saw defendant travelling at a very fast speed and on his wrong side. A crowd of people on the corner had to scatter to let him through. When spoken to defendant said, "I suppose it was a silly thing to do."

A fine of £1 was imposed.

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PERSONAL

Miss Thelma Scott, of 27 Normanby avenue, Thornbury, is on a visit to Perth.

Mrs. Gardiner, of Larne grove, Preston, left to-day for Colac, where she will be a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Westwood.

Congratulations are being received by Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Higgins, of Trail street, Northcote, on the birth of a daughter (Betty Francis).

Mrs. Charles Hollis, 1 McCracken avenue, Northcote, who has been receiving medical attention for about two years, on Wednesday morning passed and passed away from heart failure.

The death occurred on Saturday, of Mrs. Lorna Williams, wife of Mr. W. R. Williams, of 21 Railway ave., Alphington, at the early age of 22. She leaves two children, Billie and Norma.

Cr. A. E. Peters, the new member for the Central Ward, who was elected unopposed was welcomed by the Northcote council on Monday evening. He takes the place of ex-councillor H. F. Mitchell, who resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Hughes is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Zwar, of Gower street, Preston.

The death has occurred of Miss Venice Jamison Delves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Delves, of Ivanhoe, Miss Delves, who was 22 years old, was interred at Coburg on Sunday privately.

The death occurred of Mrs. Sarah Smith, relict of the late Christopher Smith, at her residence, "Tullyrone" 115 Marshall street, Ivanhoe. She was the mother of Mrs. W. Davidson who also resides in Ivanhoe.

Mr. and Mrs. George Edward Coombs, of "Arden," Gower street, Preston, celebrated their silver wedding on Saturday. The marriage took place at Oxford street, Collingwood, Congregational Church, on February 28, 1906.

Mr. Ormond Birrell, of the Union Bank, George street, Fitzroy, has been transferred to the London office and sails on March 17. Mr Birrell is the younger brother of Mrs. Gerald Tavern, of Bastings street, Northcote.

Mary Ann McLaughlin, formerly of Ring William street, Preston, but later of Flinders street, Thornbury, who died on Jaunary 19, left by will dated January 28, 1916, personal property of a gross value of £4,322 to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Grace Quinlan subject to a gift to a cousin.

A pleasant evening was spent by the members of a surprise party, was held at the home of Mrs. Mahony, Queen street, Preston, on Saturday, to celebrate her departure for England. The evening was arranged by lady members of St. Mary's Church of England, Preston.

There passed away on February 27 her residence, Plant street, Northcote, Helen, wife of Mr. J. W. Horman. Mrs. Horman was widely known and respected. The was a daughter of the late John and Martha Tainsh. She leaves a grown up family. Mr. Jessie Tainsh, of Croxton, is a brother.

Miss I. Webster, of Preston, has been chosen a member of the Victorian Cricket Team to represent this State at the cricket carnival in Sydney in March 21, 23 and 25. She is a member of the Preston Ladies' Club.

Mr. Payl Edwards, at a trial match was selected a member of the "A" team.

Mr. W. Seabrook, who was sworn in on Tuesday, March 2, as a J.P., is connected with several bodies in Preston, and is a good worker. For a member of the West Preston Progress, Mr. Seabrook has done valuable work, and was on the "Sydney" when it sunk the "Emden" at Cocos Island.

Mrs. H. S. W. Marshall, wife of Northcote Soldiers' President, is visiting a week with Mrs. J. H. Hesse, of Geelong. Mrs. Marshall's health has been causing her relatives concern for some time, and on her return from Geelong she is to undergo an operation, after which her large circle of friends are hoping she will be able to renew her many social activities in the diggers' cause.

A painful accident befell Elaine, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wood street, Preston. Elaine, on Wednesday last, struck her eye on the corner of a sewing machine and as a result had to undergo an operation to have the eye stitched. This delicate operation was carried out by the Eye and Ear Hospital. By last reports Elaine was making good progress, but it was anticipated she would be an inmate of the hospital for about three weeks.

On Saturday, February 21, at "Illawarra" Turnbull grove, Northcote, a delightful party was tendered by Mrs. F. McAuliffe to celebrate the occasion of the 21st birthday of her daughter, Kathleen. A large number of guests were entertained and dancing and games were indulged in. The supper rooms were picturesque, the tables being tastefully decorated with

tonings of pink and green. During supper the engagement was announced of Florence, the second daughter of Mrs. McAuliffe to Mr. William Brockwell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Brockwell of Northcote.

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Northcote Notes

Northcote Traders.

The Central Northcote Traders' Association have added another to their many successful efforts, the latest venture being a community singing session in the Northcote Town Hall on each Friday from 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. The leadership is under a capable and popular conductor, and visitors are assured of a good time. Admission is entirely free and the public should certainly avail themselves of the opportunity of enjoying an hour's profitable amusement, which in these times of stress should prove a welcome break in the many worries that assail the housewife. The association are to be commended on their enterprise, and deserve much greater support than is accorded the committee in their various activities. It is understood that the committee have made arrangements for Messrs. Will Nicol and Mr. G. J. Mackay, well known conductors, to lead the singing on alternate months.

Northcote Younger Set.

On Tuesday evening at the Northcote Town Hall the younger set held its monthly meeting. There was a good attendance and thirty new members were enrolled. The president (Mrs. J. H. Green) was in the chair. For the inaugural function, arrangements have been made to hold a Cinderella ball on April 14 in the Northcote Town Hall in aid of the blind appeal. A social committee of 12 was elected to arrange the supper which will be served at each meeting, and for which a nominal charge will be made. Supper and social intercourse ended a cheery and enthusiastic meeting.

Ivanhoe Auxiliary.

The first meeting of the year of the Ivanhoe branch of the Homeopathic Hospital auxiliary is to be held on Tuesday at the Rechabites' hall, Heidelberg road, Heidelberg.

Students' Annual Ball.

The students of the Northcote Coaching and Business College, 901 High St. (cable tram terminus), Thornbury, held their annual ball in the Dispensary Hall on Saturday, January 28. A large and representative gathering of parents and students, along with their friends, was in attendance. Mr. Tadish fulfilled the office of M.C. in a capable manner, while Mrs. Tadish, assisted by Mrs. Doherty (wife of the principal) and students, provided an excellent supper. During the interval Mr. Tadish, at the request of the principal, presented a large number of prizes won by students during the past year, as well as some 39 framed illuminated certificates won in the different divisions. The following were the fortunate prize winners for the year 1930:—Senior certificates for bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting—Misses Ursula Mills, Ethel Shean, Una Woods, Agnes Cookmail, Betty Almond, Molly Traynor. Intermediate Certificates for bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting—Misses Florence Taylor, Ida Prest, Merle Semple, Rona Wass; Masters Walter Speedy, Lloyd Butterfield. Bankers' division—Albert Ludlow. Merit certificate—Hazel Wilkinson. Intermediate University—Miss Robin Brown. Each of the above students also received a handsome volume as a reward for having distinguished himself or herself during the past year. So thoroughly did all present enjoy themselves that a suggestion has been made to hold a return ball at a very early date.

Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary.

The first meeting of the year was held in the Town Hall on February 26 and 26 old members attended and three new members were enrolled. The president (Mrs. S. Dennis) extended a hearty welcome to all. Mrs. Skeels, secretary of the Hospital Committee, gave a very interesting talk on the work of the hospital, and invited the members to pay it a visit. Work to the value of £5/10/- was received, and the ladies took home cut out garments to make before the next meeting.

Arrangements were made to hold a card party at the Town Hall on March 21 at 8 p.m. for auxiliary funds. Tickets may be had from the secretary, Mrs. A. W. Harley, 46 Kemp St., Thornbury.

Community Singing.

There was a very large attendance on Thursday in the Town Hall. The Northcote Professional Orchestra, under Mr. Winter, played "With Sword and Lance," "Community Band," "Whistling Rufus," and "United States Cavalry March." Mr. Nicoll conducted the singing. Miss Kathleen Hyde gave a Highland dance and hornpipe, and Mr. and Mrs. Dobbie, dressed as an aged couple, sang "Darling, We Are Growing Old" and "Let's Grow Old Together." As "Mr. Dobbie" removed his headdress the audience recognised Mr. Nicoll. His partner was Miss Cecelia Mary. After "Nearer My God to Thee" the audience stood silent in memory of Dame Nellie Melba. The collection (£5/8/-) was a record.

A Correction.

In last week's issue of the "Leader" we inadvertently stated that the name of the recipient of the P.A. diploma at the wraiths lodge smoke night was Bro. W. J. Stark, whereas it should have been Bro. W. J. Staff.

Women's Christian Temperance Union.

At the first meeting of the year on March 3 the president (Mrs. Johnson) presided over a fair attendance. Mrs. Dorman gave a helpful address from Psalm 34, and papers were read by Mesdames Hansen and Junor and Miss Hazeldene, delegates at the recent convention. A resolution was passed that the branch of the W.C.T.U. would stand behind the movement of the Christian Crusaders.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary.

Northcote-Thornbury Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Northcote Town Hall next Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., when all members are requested to attend.

Northcote Council Auditor.

Mr. H. J. Mudford has been appointed auditor to the Northcote Council for the period to September 30. He will carry out a monthly audit and the fee is £164.

Fires.

About 2 a.m. on February 26 the Northcote Fire Brigade attended a fire at 13 Murphy Gve., Preston, in an unoccupied five-roomed dwelling for which Messrs. Stott, Son and Watson are agents. The rear of the building was severely damaged.

At 7.56 p.m. on February 28 the brigade went to National Park, near Yarra Bend road. An acre of grass was destroyed.

Request For More Police.

A deputation from Northcote Council waited on the Chief Secretary (Mr. Tunnecliffe) on Monday to request additional police protection at Northcote. Cr. Cornish, in reporting to Northcote Council on the matter, said that little satisfaction was obtained.

As We Said Before.

WORTH BEARING IN MIND.

FORTUNES IN PRINTER'S INK

Don't expect an advertisement to bear fruit in one night.

Bread is the staff of human life and advertising is the staff of business.

You can't eat enough in a week to last a year, and you can't advertise on that plan either.

A thing worth doing is worth doing well. A thing worth advertising is worth advertising well.

The enterprising advertiser proves that he understands how to buy, because in advertising he knows how to sell.

People who advertise once only in three months forget that most folks cannot remember anything longer than three days.

If you can arouse curiosity by an advertisement, it is a point gained. The fair sex don't hold all the curiosity in the world.

Quitting advertising in dull times is like tearing out a dam because the water is low. Either plan will prevent good times coming.

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.

POINTED PROVERBS.

A MEMORY OF MELBA

What a pathos is attached to that last journey when the mortal remains of the great singer were taken along the Whitehorse road to Lilydale! On the tower of Coombe Cottage is inscribed the motto, "East, west, hame's best," and so Melba was brought to her last earthly resting place, having journeyed from the other side of the world. Our thoughts turned to the proverbial words of Solomon's, "Man goeth to his long home and the mourners go about the streets." Such a journey will come to us all. What sort of a home will we return to? It may not have the delight of Coombe Cottage. It may not be a palace, but if we will it can be a mansion, for the words of Christ still come with their eternal promise, "In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By James and Hobson on March 12 on property 20 Robeson St., West Preston, at 12.30 p.m., sale of furniture and effects of 5-roomed d.f. w.b. bungalow; and at 3 p.m. sale of bungalow itself on land 46 x 119. See advertisement.

By Stott, Son and Watson at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, on property 21 Powell St., Preston, mortgagee's sale of d.f. w.b. 4-roomed villa, on land 40 x 131ft. 3in. Particulars advertised.

By Stott, Son and Watson, in conjunction with Campbell and Emmett on March 9, on the property, 127 Smith St., Northcote, at 1 p.m., sale of furnishings of 4-roomed timber villa, and at 3 p.m., villa itself on land 50 x 129. Particulars elsewhere.

By Jno. Gahan, 283 Victoria St. Abbotsford, on March 11 at 3 p.m., on property, 21 Down St., Regent, land 50ft. 3in. to Down St. by depth of 100ft. 2in. and 5-roomed brick house, as advertised.

Late Advertisements

MINIATURE GOLF.

HELP THE QUEEN OF WEST PRESTON SCHOOL.

MANAGEMENT of Junction Miniature Golf Course have kindly given us the whole of the proceeds of the course on SATURDAY NIGHT, 7TH MARCH.

Roll up and swell the funds to help the unemployed,

SPECIAL PRICE FOR SATURDAY NIGHT ONLY—
8 HOLES 3d.

GOLF POOL ALSO WILL BE RUN.

QUEEN WEST PRESTON STATE SCHOOL (MARIE NEWELL).

GRAND CARNIVAL

Will be held on BRAITHWAITE'S PADDOCK, Murray Road, MARCH 9 to 14, EVERY EVENING and SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

GRAND MERRY-GO-ROUND, OCEAN WAVE and dozens of other attractions.

CRICKET MATCH & HAMPER PICNIC

WILL be held at JANEFIELD on SUNDAY, 8TH MARCH. Conveyances will leave Preston Town Hall 10.30 a.m.

SUPPORTERS OF QUEEN OF W.P. SCHOOL V PRESTON SCOUTS.

A splendid programme of Sports will also be run for young and old. Tickets 1/-; children over 5 years, 6d.

HOT WATER PROVIDED.

Tenders

FOR LEASE BY TENDER.

114 ACRES at Woodstock, 3 miles from Wollert township, being part of Crown section 9, parish Kalkallo, county Bourke, at present occupied by Geo. Doggett.

The UNION TRUSTEE COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA LTD. 333 Collin St., Melbourne, invites tenders for a grazing lease for 3 years, with right to cultivate.

Improvements.—W.B. House, four rooms, 8 bail cowsheds and usual outbuildings, etc.

Tenders returnable at office of the above company by noon 24th day of March, 1931.

A deposit of 10 p.c. of amount of rent offered must accompany the tender. Further particulars and conditions of tender obtainable upon application. Commission will be paid to any agent whose name is endorsed on the successful tender.

Public Notices.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—It has been brought under the notice of my committee that certain persons are canvassing business people for advertisements for a book containing the programme of matches of the Victorian Football Association for 1931, alleging that such advertisements are being obtained for the Northcote Football Club.

I desire to warn all business people of the City of Northcote that these persons have no authority to collect advertisements on behalf of our club, and that before paying for any advertisement they should consult any of the following members of the committee:—F. J. Trainor, c/o Commercial Hotel, High St., Northcote (phone JW3148); Reg. Cox, grocer, 334 High St., Northcote (phone JW 1502); E. Robertson, c/o Robertson & O'Donnell, 463 High St., Northcote (phone JW1408); J. F. Cooper, c/o Northern Press, 402 High St., Northcote (JW 4309); J. L. Greig, hairdresser, High St., Northcote.—Yours, etc.,

R. M. WALSH,
Hon. Secretary.

TO THE THRIFTY SHOPPER.

TO those, the spending capacity of whose purse has been greatly reduced, entire satisfaction will be achieved by shopping at

M. G. Taylor's Stall,

Preston Market (Plenty Road), who specialises in Bacon, Cheese and good Butter. Fresh Bread 6d large; also Lipton's Tea.

CARMA-LEA CYCLE & SPORTS DEPOT.

567 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.

THE NOTED HOUSE FOR CYCLE TYRES, TUBES AND ALL ACCESSORIES.

Agent for the world-famed "MALVERN" STAR CYCLES.
Models from 20/- Deposit and 5/- weekly.

REPAIRS, ENAMELLING, NICKEL-PLATING.

Bicycles Bought, Sold or Exchanged. Sheath Knives, Scout Knives and Belts in great variety. Pram Tyres and Wheels Fitted. Sporting Goods of every description.

P.S.—NOTE ADDRESS:

E. J. PARRY

567 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.
(Opposite Darebin St.).

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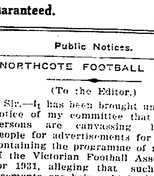

Great Reduction in Prices to Meet the Times.

SHINGLING	1/-
DYEING, TINTING	17/6
BOBBING	9d
BLEACHING	10/6
MARCEL WAVING	2/6
FACE AND HEAD VIBRO MASSAGE	2/6
WATER WAVING	3/-
SHAMPOOING	1/-
VIOLET RAY TREATMENT	2/6
CLAYPACKS (Highly recommended for cleansing and beautifying the skin; removes Wrinkles, Crow's Feet, etc)	3/6 per Setting.
PERMANENT WAVING from	15/-

Special Concessions.
TRIM, SHAMPOO & WATER WAVE 4/6.
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Note the Address:

P. FEITELBERG

(Late of Capitol House).
406 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE
Near Elm St., opp. Austral Hall
Keep this in your Handbag for Reference.

Westgarth Talkies

THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY.
MARCH 6 & 7.
CONSTANCE BENNETT and LEW AYRES in

COMMON CLAY

Children under 16 not admitted

ANN PENNINGTON AND ARTHUR LAKE in

TANNED LEGS

Children under 16 not admitted

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WED., MARCH 9, 10, 11.
ROBERT ARMSTRONG in

LOVE IN THE ROUGH

HELEN TWELVETREES and RICARDO CORTEZ in

HER MAN

Children under 16 not admitted

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SAT., MARCH 12, 13, 14.
STEWART ROME and a Bell Cast in Strong Support in

THE LAST HOUR

RICHARD DIX in

LOVING THE LADIES

For Reservations 'phone JW 2001.

WESTGARTH TALKIES.

"Common Clay"

An unmarried mother fighting to retain a place among the "decent people." This is the theme of "Common Clay," the Fox Movietone picture play, which is being screened this week-end, with Constance Bennett and Lew Ayres featured. Pleasantly, the brave fight of a young night club hostess to secure a name for her baby, this screen offering is one of the season's offerings. Ann Pennington is feature, and Arthur Lake, who starred in "Tanned Legs," a sparkling musical comedy of child youth.

On Monday and Tuesday Robert Armstrong appears in "Love in the Rough," the picturisation of the stage musical comedy success. Sports interest is fixed almost entirely indoors, with beautiful scenic backgrounds of fashionable golf links, and presents new angles in a mystery which includes love interest. The story portrays a theme of romance, which seems also to run through the drama of Helen Twelvetrees and Ricardo Cortez in "Her Man," which is the screen play which is to be shown on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The story of "Her Man" is one of the most unusual ever filmed, and the characters are all drawn from the underworld. Helen Twelvetrees plays the part of Mae Marsh, a girl who, through the influence of Ricardo Cortez, who plays the part of Jacques Zarnoff, a Frenchman who is the leader of the underworld, is induced to enter the life of a prostitute. Already [illegible]

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"Moby Dick"

When Herman Melville wrote [illegible] Moby Dick" he could not have [illegible] Beast" that was to be [illegible] recently. [illegible]

Three subjects [illegible] force a whale [illegible] the rear with Moby Dick was [illegible] tured. And even [illegible] had [illegible] had to be [illegible]

Italian Accent

John Miljan is training [illegible] wood's spaghetti [illegible] for an Italian accent, [illegible] in which he plays the [illegible] Chicago blacker. John Gilbert starred in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picturisation of the new Ursula Parrott novel.

HOLLYWOOD NEWSLETTER.

CITY MORE DANGEROUS THAN JUNGLE

Says Screen Explorer.

It is far more dangerous in a modern city than it is in the Sumatran jungle, or in the African veldt, or in remote pass in the mountain wastes of Persia, or on the wild elephant country of Siam, according to Ernest Schoedsack, Paramount's intrepid maker of "Rango", "Chang", and other pictures of native and animal life.

I feel far more nervous crossing a street in Hollywood than I do turning a crank on a charging tiger in the Asiatic jungles," Schoedsack smiles. "When I'm photographing the tiger, I know that I'm protected, and I know just what he's going to do. But you can't tell about these drivers."

Schoedsack's new picture, "Rango", is the result of fourteen months he spent in the Sumatra jungles among the natives, ourangoutangs, tigers, and other inhabitants of the deep forest. It is a dramatic story of native and animal life, and offers as its principal characters an old tiger hunter and his son. The picture gets its name from Rango, a little ape that plays almost the starring role, it is explained.

ROGERS SWELLS RADIO LIST WITH BIG NOVELS

Radio Pictures' list of productions for the season of 1930-31 is to be swelled materially by three famous novels, an original story play and six plays comprising the programme of the Charles Rogers Productions. Helen Twelvetrees and Lilly Damita are among the stars to be in the Rogers programme. Donald Cook, Henderson Clarke, Robert W. Chambers, John Farrow, and Norbert Savoy are the authors contributing. The first of the quintet is "Millie," an adaptation of Clarke's novel; then comes Chambers' "The Tree" which will start as the adaptation by John Farrow is completed. Lily Damita's new picture will be placed in production immediately following "The Common Law," and is from an original story by Farrow and Samuel Golding. Rogers was able to obtain Damita for this picture, the exclusive contract with Pathe having expired. The new star will be The Redeemed Woman," a love story by Bertrand Sylvis Shane's new novel.

What's on at the Pictures.

A PRIVATE DRESSING ROOM.

When Belle Bennett was making "Stella Dallas" for Warner Bros. First National studios, she was never caught without a place to change her costume. Besides the elaborately appointed private dressing room which the star occupies when she is working at the studios, she has a private dressing room on location. Whether she is making scenes in the desert, in the mountains, or on the beach, she always has a private dressing room. The elaborately appointed screen player carries her own dressing room with her—no matter where she may be working.

Her ingenious invention greatly resembles a shelk's desert tent, with its vivid stripes and canopy. The self-contained dressing room is staked to the stage floor, but can be moved easily and rapidly. The name "Belle Bennett" in the artiste's own handwriting is painted in large letters across the door flap. The interior is surprisingly furnished, containing a branch be formed in Northcote, and that Rev. S. E. Dorman be the convenor of the committee. Carried. A vote of thanks to Rev. Hodges concluded the proceedings.

DOLORES'S DOUBLE.

When Dolores Costello, one of the most beautiful stars, ever returns to the Warner Bros. First National studios, she will have a double. A Warner Bros. First National executive has discovered a girl who looks exactly like Miss Costello, and who will be used in scenes where Miss Costello is not required. The girl, Zandra Rhodes, is a beauty contest winner, and has been signed to a long term contract. She will be given a thorough training in acting before she appears before the camera.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Preston Church of Christ.

Last Thursday the C.W.A. Rendezvous rally was held. [illegible] Conference [illegible], delivered an inspiring address. Sunday saw the start of the Sunday school anniversary. The minister (Mr. A. J. Fisher, delivered special sermons both morning and evening, while Mr. A. W. Connor, of Prahran, addressed the children in the afternoon. The scholars sang a splendid number of special hymns, having been trained by the superintendent, Mr. F. J. Lang. On Tuesday the anniversary was continued. Mr. O. A. Walker, J.P., the first superintendent of the school, distributed the prizes. An excellent programme was rendered.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church.

An impressive service was held on Sunday, being a special dedication service in connection with the new youth movement. Presbyterian Fellowship Association. The service was conducted by the Rev. S. C. Hadley, his subject being "Wear Your Colors," taking his text from the incident of Joseph of Arimathaea, the erstwhile secret disciple who at the death of Christ bravely displayed his colors. The address was emphasised by two appropriate solos by Mr. J. Moy Ling, who sang "When the Days are Going By" and "The Rising of the Sun." The choir contributed an anthem—"Hear, O Israel," the whole being Mrs. Garner's memorial anthem. After the preacher had invested about thirty girls with their membership badges who then [illegible] the fellowship vow.

Croxton Methodist Church.

Owing to the [illegible] ministers [illegible] the pulpit last Sunday. At Croxton Rev. Roach preached in the morning, when the sermon was "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing." The Rev. Chas. Fowler, of Malvern, conducted the evening service, speaking on "The Soul Answers Me." The speaker at "Harken Unto Me." The speaker at Y.M.M.S. was Mr. A. Birchley.

High Street Methodist Church.

The Sunday anniversary will be celebrated during the next two weeks. The preachers on Sunday are Mr. C. Brown, Sunday afternoon, Rev. W. Potts, Fitzroy, Sunday evening. Rev. Alfred Missionary secretary. Rev. Alfred Milligan, of Burwood, will be the preacher on Monday, when each scholar will be specially remembered. On Tuesday the anniversary will be celebrated by the Band of Hope, under the leadership of Mr. H. E. Harris. Next Wednesday the annual public meeting will be held. Rev. F. J. Jennings will be the preacher.

National Christian Crusaders.

A public meeting in connection with the Christian Crusaders' Movement, was held on Tuesday, when 300 were present. Rev. R. C. Nicholls, the principal speaker, was addressing on his father's illness. Rev. S. E. Dorman in the chair combated the view that babies should not be dedicated very seldom. Rev. A. T. Kell, Clifton Hill, made the announcements. Rev. Hodge delivered a telling address in favor of the work of the Crusaders in service and sacrifice. Pastor Perkins moved that a branch be formed in Northcote, and that Rev. S. E. Dorman be the convenor of the committee. Carried. A vote of thanks to Rev. Hodges concluded the proceedings.

All Saints, South Northcote.

At the annual meeting there was a good attendance. The various financial statements showed credit balances. Messrs. W. Marshall, J. Preston and C. Bowden were re-elected churchwardens. The officers of the congregation were Messrs. W. Marshall, J. Preston, C. Bowden, auditors; Messrs. W. [illegible] Treasurer and Mr. D. Rendell, secretary. A proposal to appoint a [illegible] committee was carried unanimously. Messrs. A. [illegible] Railway [illegible] were elected members. The [illegible] expressed Mr. E. Lane [illegible] Sunday morning, and [illegible] the Sunday school and [illegible] Bible Class in the [illegible]

St. Alban's Church.

The annual [illegible] was held on February 2 and was well attended. Rev. Thomas [illegible] presided. Rev. J. O. Hankin [illegible] of the year's work. Mr. [illegible] balance sheet. Mr. A. E. Annis, secretary, read a [illegible] report. The following [illegible] committee: Mesdames Lamford, Simpson, Richards, McDonald and McKenzie. Mr. Simpson was appointed secretary and Mr. Bailey treasurer. Messrs. Richards, McDonald and Lamford envelope committee. Rev. Cole moved a vote of thanks to the workers, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

The Girls' Physical Culture Class has commenced under Mr. Colgrave, the lady being present. The Boys' Club are commencing physical culture under Mr. Sutton and Mr. Ziebelle as coaches in and workers, second to [illegible]

Holy Trinity Church, Shaftesbury Parade.

On Sunday the vicar took for his Lenten sermons "Fighting Against Evil" and "A Call to Decide" respectively. The Girl Guides held a church parade in the morning. The vicar (Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain) will be the celebrant and [illegible] will be preacher at 11 a.m. on Sunday, when the Girls' Friendly Society will make their corporate communion. On March 25, Mid-Lent Sunday, at the annual harvest festival, Archdeacon Lambie will preach. A parish picnic will be held on Eight Hours' Day, at Wattle Park.

Church of the Epiphany.

The service was conducted on Sunday evening by the young man who carried out their duties in an efficient manner.

Northcote Congregational Church.

Two excellent addresses were delivered last Sunday by the pastor (Rev. Duncan Reeves), the morning subject being "Is God Needed in Modern Life?" and in the evening "Faith and Science." During the week Mr. Reeves has been away at Healesville. At the Ministers' Retreat, where he delivered a special address to ministers.

Band of Hope.

On February 25 members of St. George's road Methodist Church Band of Hope held an enjoyable evening at the residence of their superintendent, Mr. J. Good, "Ellaslegh," Emmaline St.).

Farewell Social to Mr. A. E. Illingworth.

On February 25 a large congregation at the High St. Church of Christ, said farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Illingworth. Mr. Collins occupied the chair. Mr. Harvey, one of the oldest members of the church, thanked Mr. Illingworth for his always kind and sympathetic friend. Dr. W. H. Hinrickson, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. Illingworth with a wallet and purse. On behalf of with a wallet and purse. On behalf of the Ladies' Class Mrs. Hinrickson handed Mrs. Illingworth a crystal salad bowl, saying Mrs. Illingworth had endeared herself to every member by her benign and interested manner. The Girls' Club presented Mrs. Illingworth with a crystal sweet dish. Mrs. Illingworth, responding, said she had experienced a most happy time among them. The Young Men's Club presented Mr. Illingworth with a leather suit case. Mr. Illingworth, thanking his pastor for their gifts, said that his ministry had been a happy one, a pleasant fellowship, and a time of real fellowship. He had not been able to accomplish all he would like, but had always tried to be a personal friend to every member of the congregation. Solos were rendered by Miss Anderson and Messrs. Barber and Harvey. An adjournment was made to the school hall, where a pleasant social hour was spent.

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual swimming carnival was held on Wednesday, March 4, at the Northcote baths. The championship was won by Plenty House with 95 points, from Merri House (65), Diamond House (33) and Darebin House (24). The individual champions were: Senior, Roche (M.) 15; junior, Scales (P.) 20. Following are the results: M, denoting Merri; Da., Darebin; Di., Diamond; P., Plenty:—

Backstroke, under 14.—Maher (P.) 1, Bennett (M.) 2, Walmsley (M.) 3.

Backstroke, open.—Roche (M.) 1, Tramson (M.) 2, Maher (P.) 3.

Breaststroke, under 13.—Pernell (Di.) 1, Mainprize (P.) 2, Croker (P.) 3.

Free Style, under 15.—Day (M.) 1, Walker (Di.) 2, Batchelor (Da.) 3.

Breaststroke, under 16.—Scales (P.) 1, Rooke (P.) 2, Noall (Di.) 3.

Beginners' Race.—Johnson (Da.)

1, Williams (Di.) 2, Mercer (P.) 3.

Relay Race, under 14.—Plenty 1, Diamond 2, Merri 3.

Backstroke, under 15.—Scales (P.) 1, French (P.) 2, Day (M.) 3.

Free Style, under 14.—Brooks (M.) 1, Girdwood (Di.) 2, Stevens (P.) 3.

Breaststroke, under 12.—McKerrow (P.) 1, Wardell (M.) 2, Lovitt (P.) 3.

Breaststroke, open.—Roche (M.) 1, Rooke (P.) 2, Noel (Di.) 3.

Free Style, under 13.—Berry (P.) 1, Remington (Di.) 2, Mainprize (P.) 3.

Relay Race, under 15.—Darebin 1, Diamond 2, Plenty 3.

Free Style, under 16.—Rooke (P.) 1, Day (M.) 2, Walker (Di.) 3.

Diving, open.—Coe (P.) 1, Lee (M.) 2, Stevens (P.) 3.

Free Style, under 12.—Wardell (M.) 1, Lovitt (P.) 2, McKerrow (P.) 3.

Backstroke, under 14.—Scales (P.) 1, Noel (Di.) 2, Day (M.) 3.

Breaststroke, under 14.—Walmesley (M.) 1, Stevens (P.) 2, Tait (P.) 3.

Free Style, open.—Roche (M.) 1, Rooke (P.) 2, Batchelor (Da.) 3.

Relay Race, under 14.—Merri 1, Plenty 2.

Breaststroke, under 15.—Scales (P.) 1, Batchelor (Da.) 2, Pollock (Di.) 3.

Relay Race, open.—Plenty 1, Merri 2, Diamond 3.

Cork Hunt.—Lee (M.).

The winners of the Seagull swimming costumes kindly donated by the Botany Knitting Mills, Fitzroy, were Roche (M.) and Scales (P.).

BOWLING NOTES

PRESTON BOWLING CLUB.

It was a case of "Give yourself a pat on the back" amongst the members of the club on Saturday, when both pennant teams returned to the green after their victories in the post sectional games at Alphington and Fitzroy greens. The selectors have received much criticism during the season's pennant matches for the various alterations made in the teams, and Saturday's teams were the strongest possible. The selectors can rest assured that both the C teams can be relied upon to give their opponents on Saturday next a good contest in the semi-finals. The C1 played at Alphington against Fairfield (which club also has a B pennant team doing strong in the semi-finals). Preston players got quite a bump the first end played, when Fairfield led off with 10. The shock steadied the Preston team, which eventually ran out winners 78 to 51.

At Fitzroy the C2 had a very even contest against Malvern. The green seemed difficult to "get" on account of the wind, and the short end fast green. However, when the team got properly into its stride each member gave a good account of his ability to draw near the kitty. Skipper Crowe seemed to be up against a super skipper in Mr. Leslie, who played a wonderful game to win a most exciting game by 2 points. Both W. H. Howe and George Salfinger piled up sufficient points in their rinks to give Preston victory by 22, the final being 74—52.

The committee decided in view of such an important event, to give two sets of spoons for competition, and were won by rinks skipped by Crispe and Salfinger. Scores:—

C PENNANT.

Preston 1 d Fairfield, at Alphington

Preston 1 (78)—1, Wood, Fleming, Hindson, Crispe, 29. 2—Hill, Ayres, Lewis, Billyeald, 26. 3—Welch, Shepherd, Zwar, Lange, 23.

Fairfield (51).—1—Medcalf, Allan, Lupton, Hill, 13. 2—Watson, Williamson, Robinson, Brownlie, 14. 3—Mason, Beckwith, Green, Lee, 24.

Preston 2 d Malvern, at Fitzroy.

Preston 2 (74).—1—White, Bissell, Joiner, Crowe, 19. 2—Harvey, Farr, Neville, Howe, 26. 3—Allardice, McIntosh, Henshaw, Salfinger, 25.

Malvern (52).—1—Shields, Almond, Park, Leslie, 21. 2 Parker, Charlett, Adamson, Sprague, 17. 3—Hales, Chesery, Williams, Birt, 14.

On Saturday, in the semi-finals C1 plays Princes Park at Moreland, and the C2 v S.M.C.C. at the City green.

The A shire players were again in full force at the club on Saturday evening, when the competition was keen and enjoyable. Mrs. Atkin won the "double," euchre and the chocolates, and our worthy bowls secretary, Mr. Roy Watson, won the men's prize.

FOOTBALL

NORTHCOTE CLUB'S COACH.

Percy Rowe Re-Appointed.

At a meeting of the committee of the Northcote Football club on February 26, Percy Rowe was re-appointed coach for the coming season. The decision should prove very

PERCY ROWE.

popular, as Rowe is well liked by his clubmates and his worth has been proved in his team's success in the years which he has led it.

Clearance Refused.

G. Stockdale, who had been selected as a coach at Brunswick was refused a clearance from the Northcote club. He has an agreement with the Northcote club, and this was the basis of the refusal.

TENNIS.

COOMA CLUB.

By their 15 game victory over Baptists on Saturday, Cooma No. 1 team has taken third place in the No. 1 section of the north suburban competition, and with one more match to play seem to be assured of a place. The finessing for positions by two teams on Saturday provided a touch of humor to the onlookers but may end in regrets for a No. 1 team, as it is quite on the cards that they will be displaced from the final four by a decidedly unexpected result. However, it looks as if the pennant in this section is earmarked for one team, without exerting their right of challenge.

In the No. 2 section the Cooma team is lying a good second to the undefeated Capitol team, with Reservoir in third place, a very keen fight taking place for the fourth position, no less than four teams—Baptists, All Saints, Presbyterians and Methodists being in the running. On form of the evenly balanced Baptists' sextette appear the place getter. The final and grand final) seems to be a fight between the crack Capitol and Cooma, with the former perhaps the favorites.

During the week-end the rain marred the completion of the quarter finals in the championship cup competition, but one or two interesting events were decided, and some unexpected results obtained. In the men's singles a dark horse in R. Jackson has been unearthed and will take some beating off before the final post is reached. After a stirring contest with his brother Gordon, whom he defeated 7—5, he played in a very fine final against the favorite, A. Schier, and ran out an easy winner 6—2, thus forging his way into the semi-final. The other surprise result was the exceptional win 9—0 of D. J. Sykes over R. Miller, a victory for which he has to be refundicapped. The only player to receive such an honor—to him a doubtful one. In the ladies' section, the victories of Mrs. Lewis over Mrs. Capper 6—3, and Mrs. Stevenson over Mrs. Lewis 6—4, showed sparkling tennis, and augurs well for exciting tennis in the semi-final and final round. A runaway victory was that of H. Tuppen over M. Wallace 6—0, and shows that from this lady will be hard to take the title of champion of the club for the next twelve months. Results:—

Third Round.—O. Dolphin d D. Jones 9—7; R. Jackson d G. Jackson 9—7; D. Sykes d R. Miller 9—0; N. Capper d K. Hollowood 6—3; M. Wallace d J. White 7—5; N. Tuppen d M. Ellis 6—1.

Quarter Finals.—P. Lewis d N. Capper 6—3; N. Sherry d R. Wallace 7—5; M. Stevenson d N. Lewis 6—4; N. Tuppen d M. Wallace 6—0; R. Jackson d A. Schier 9—5; E. Kurban d E. White 11—9.

Draw for Sunday, March 8—11 a.m.—P. Lewis v N. Sherry; 2 p.m.—C. Burgess v L. Sterling; 2.45 p.m.—O. Dolphin v D. Sykes; 3.30 p.m.—N. Tuppen v M. Stevenson.

Teams for Saturday, March 7—No. 1 v Olympic—N. Capper, M. Stevenson, T. Parsons, C. Burgess, G. Jackson, D. Jones, No. 2 v St. Andrews—N. Tuppen, T. Jenyns, P. Lewis, H. Jones, O. Dolphin, D. Sykes.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION.

Matches played on Saturday resulted:—

D. Grade.—Ivanhoe 5—51 d Preston 3—43.

CRANROSS CLUB.

Owing to the storm on Monday evening our electric light tournament had to be postponed to March 16. The club's A grade team in the Preston Association finished the home and home matches in third position, and will play the first semi-final at Preston on March 14 against either Murray or All Saints. B grade team is fighting for fourth position. The vital match is on Saturday at Cranross against Reservoir. A win for Cranross means a chance for the four, a defeat—well, a chance next season.

PRESTON ASSOCIATION

The final round of home and home matches was played on February 28, and a keen struggle took place between the six leading teams. Murray road and All Saints have still two incompleted matched to play to decide first and second place, and they will be finalised on March 7. Semi-finals will be played on March 14. Third and fourth places were filled by Cranross and East Preston. With three matches to play East Preston were sixth and seemed in a hopeless position, but with a great effort they set out to win. First they defeated Regent Park (fifth) and next Rothesay (fourth) fell a victim to their dashing play. But their task was by no means complete. The Murray team, with only one defeat for the season, still stood in their way. Cranross were a team near the bottom of the list. After a thrilling fight East Preston defeated Murray by 20 games, and so gained fourth place on averages. Results:—

A Grade

East Preston (67) d Murray (47).
Rothesay (65) d Oakover (48).
Cranross (63) d Hill (50).

B Grade

Oakover (72) d Danella (25).
Reservoir (68) d East Preston (42)
All Saints (69) d South Preston (37).
Murray d Regent Baptists.

BASEBALL.

NORTHCOTE CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northcote Baseball Club was held in the pavilion, Northcote Park, on Feb. 23, when the following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. W. S. Stott; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. C. Yeomans, W. Heron, A. E. Johnson, J. A. Thomson; committee, Messrs. G. Heron, J. Colthrup, L. Miles, L. Watson, H. Hocking, B. Bernstein, V.B.A. delegates, Messrs. L. Rowe, A. Gibaud, W. Roxburgh; secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. Rowe. The annual report made particular reference to the fine performance of the first eleven last season in winning the B grade premiership for the second year in succession, and in winning the challenge game against University, thus earning the right to participate in A grade this coming season. The second eleven won a place in the finals, and the third eleven made a satisfactory showing for a new side. As all players are again available, the prospects for this season are again particularly bright. Mr. W. S. Stott will entertain the team at a complimentary social on March 25.

FAIRFIELD CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Fairfield Baseball club was held at the home of the coach, Mr. Ern Grigg, on February 25, and the enthusiasm portrayed augurs well for the ensuing season. The report covered all incidents in the practical social, and administrative functions of the club during 1930, while the statement of receipts and expenditure showed the club to be in a sound financial position The club has steadily grown in its nine years of existence from a small team in the lowest grade to a respected team in B grade baseball. The progress is further amplified by the fact that two years ago it was found necessary to form a second nine in E grade and after a successful season this team was elevated to D grade last season. Office-bearers elected for season 1931 are.—President, Mr. A. E. Durrant; vice-presidents, Mrs. E. Grigg, Messrs. H. Cooke, F. Collins T. Sherrin and R. Lack; delegates, Messrs. W. Gilbert and K. Olley; chairman of committees, Mr E. Grigg; assistant secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. C. Carroll, 91 South Crescent, Westgarth; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. G. Richey, 86 Charles street, Northcote. Mr. E. Grigg was elected the first life member. The captain and vice captain of the A team are W. Ludlow and W. Gilbert respectively. The captain and vice-captain of the B team are E. Grigg and J. Wall respectively. As cricket and baseball are kindred sports the club is always pleased to see cricketers join up and assure them coaching and every opportunity to learn the game. The secretary will gladly supply any information. The first practise will be held at Merri Park on the first week in April.

By-law.

A by-law to control the erection of merry-go-rounds, etc., has been agreed to by the Northcote Council.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE A.A.C.

Great Victory Over Old Wesley by 23 Points.

Preston-Northcote A.A.C. turned out in full form last Saturday to compete in their semi-final against Old Wesley. There were more Preston colors in the stand than any other club on the grounds. Alan Angus had to lower his colors to Jackson (O.W.) in the short putt, though in heaving the sphere 30 feet he was by no means disgraced. The next event was the mile walk; Dick Lewis and Cliff Owen were the Preston reps.

The field consisted of C. D. and E. grade walkers. It was like robbing the blind as Lewis and Owen strolled around the arena four times and dead heated for first place, with the Old Wesley man some 50 yards or more behind. The 100 yards was an exciting race and a blanket would have covered the four first men. Robinson defeated Berry by inches with Gatehouse (O.W.) third. The boys were surprised when Hankin was announced as finishing fourth. The official scorers of the club had him down as third. A following wind helped the runners in this event; Time 10 2/5 sec. A promising schoolboy McGinty was second in the high jump, but none of our boys were expected to beat the winner who is one of the best jumpers in the grade. Though neither of our competitors won the 120 yard hurdles they secured the majority of the points through Bruce McNabb and Hankin running second and third respectively. Angus made amends for his defeat in the short putt by winning the hop, step, and jump with 45 feet.

The mile field was a classy one consisting of such men as Best, Beat, and McLean (Sandringham) Rothque, (Chelsea), and Anderson, (Old Wesley), and our own three reps, Rothque (Chelsea) won by five yards, while Weightman though seriously challenged by Anderson, (O.W.) with only a few yards to go found a pair of wings and caught Jack Best on the tape, Dead-heat for second place, Don McEachen just behind in third place, Kirkland filled fifth place; Time 4 min. 47 sec.

The 440 yards was the thriller of the day when Aub Robinson broke his own E grade record 52 4/5 by 1 second. He ran a snappy lap in No. 2 lane, and was yards in front at the 220 yard mark. The game Rushton and James (O.W.). From that mark Robinson "stepped on the gas" and left the rest standing with Old Wesley second and third, and Lewis (P.) fourth. Ed Berry had bad luck to smash a lace (not a record) in this event; Time 51 4/5 sec.

In the relay our boys went flat out in an attempt to scare the other flatists. Right at the death-knock Robinson was taken out of the 440 section and replaced by Jack Speedy. Speedy pulled the club into second place, Hankin was next to take over for the first 220, he also picked up a good bit of ground. Then on to Wal Perry for the last furlong. This man takes some beating but was defeated by very little at the finish. Final results —Preston, 58 d. Old Wesley, 35.

Next Saturday Preston boys will have their hardest match of the season against Sandringham.

PRESTON V. SANDRINGHAM.

One mile walk, R. Lewis, C. Owen, E. Fletcher.

Short putt, A. Angus.

100 yards, E. Berry, A. Robinson, H. Hankin, W. Perry.

High jump, G. McGinty, K. Mason.

120 hurdles, B. McNabb, H. Hankin G. McGinty.

One mile, W. Weightman, D. McEachen, G. Kirkland.

440 yards, A. Robinson, E. Berry, J. Speedy, N. Orr.

Hop, step and jump, A. Angus, C. Owen.

Relay, 880 yards, J. Tannock; 440 yards, A. Robinson; 220 yards, W. Perry; 220 yards, E. Berry.

*Denotes emergencies.

The above teams are subject to alteration.

WOMEN'S CLUB.

Preston-Northcote Women's Club will commence championships on Monday with a 75 yards run and shot putt. A fine race should result between N. Cameron, N. McWilliams and S. Jones. On Wednesday 100 yards heats and high jump will be staged. Miss Hooper, of the Victorian Railways Club, is assisting in coaching.

IVANHOE DEFEAT ST. STEPHENS

Ivanhoe's performance in defeating the strong St. Stephens club by 50 points to 42 in the semi-finals last Saturday was meritorious, in the quarter mile Paddy Elsoman was clocked at 49 4-5—fastest time for Victoria for the year. Alf. Watson won the hurdles and was second in the 100 and 440 yards.

A PRESTON ATHLETE.

Cecil Willis, of Preston, is a star who shines brightly in the athletic world. He represented Victoria in Adelaide in the Australian C.C.C. and had won championships galore. He has held the 10 and 15 mile championships, and is at present champion of the militia and State 15 mile.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

PRESTON RIFLE CLUB.

Members competed for the final of the Lowery trophy from 900 yards at Port Melbourne on Saturday. The shooting created a popular win by D. Sullivan, who is well remembered as the shooter who fired the last shot that won the C grade pennant for the club last year. Scores—D. Sullivan, 45—10—50; G. Bignell, 45—6—50; N. Featherstone, 44—7—50; H. Court, 42—7—49; T. Griffiths, 46—2—48; Featherstone, 38—8—46. Next Saturday, owing to a bye, members being at Williamstown, the club will share a target with the Thistle Club at Port Melbourne.

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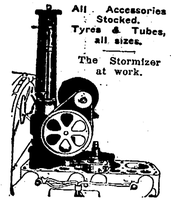

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Man Fined for Wife Assault

LOVING COUPLE

A loving couple are the Fergusons, man and wife, who recently resided in Helen street, Northcote. The wife is still a resident of that locality, but the husband, after being locked up on a charge of wife assault, removed his domicile to Richmond.

On the night of March 5, after a little misunderstanding between the parties, the wife complained that she had been struck heavily on the back of the neck. The husband then averred that his wife had caressed him with an aluminium pot.

The sequel occurred at Northcote court on Tuesday, when David Ferguson was charged with having assaulted his wife, Sertha May, on March 5.

Mrs. Ferguson said "On March 5 I was residing with my husband at Helen street Northcote. He came home for tea at about 6.10 p.m. Bringing a friend. I was having tea with my brother.

Resented Remark.

As he came in my husband made a remark which I resented, and then told me to get him some tea. I refused to do so, and he said he would get it himself.

Invited Friend to Tea.

At this stage he invited his friend to stay to tea," continued Mrs. Ferguson, "and like a good housewife I then offered to get the tea. I went into the kitchen, and my husband began to 'mag' me.

Struck on Neck.

I asked him to leave the kitchen and go into the other room whilst I got the tea, and with that he struck me a blow on the back of the neck, almost knocking me senseless.

Spoon Used in Self Defence.

He came at me again, and I hit him with a cooking spoon with which I was serving tea. I went on with what I was doing, and he came at me again.

Brother and Guest to Rescue.

My brother and my husband's guest came out then and held him. I got my hat and coat and just as I got to the gate he chased me again.

I went to the police station, and returned with a policeman,

"Will Cut Her — Throat."

As I got near the house I heard my husband say that he would "Cut her — throat." As I got closer to view me, and then threatened to smash me.

Grasped by Throat.

In front of the police man and the police he grasped me by the throat, and only had to pull him off.

Husband Put in Gaol.

Mr. Burnett (for husband) —Your husband was put in gaol?—Yes.

How long was he there?—I don't know.

You care either I suggest?—I was given bail and got to £5 of my own.

On this night you were under the influence of liquor?—No.

You drink?—Yes.

You are charged with something else?—Yes, I am charged with selling liquor without a license.

How many drinks had you on March 5?—Three "long" beers. (laughter)

Your husband will say that when he came in you were slightly "mad" that night?—That is untrue.

He says you belittled him before the others?—I did not.

He then went to get his own tea?—Yes.

About a Pot.

He will say that when he went into the kitchen you rushed out and hit him on the head with an aluminium pot—That is a lie.

He will also say that you "clawed" his face—That is a lie. I did nothing of the kind.

Then he brushed you aside?—No he grabbed my throat.

Do you bruise easily?—I do on the arms.

Were they marked?—They were very sore.

When you came back with the policeman did he not say in order to frighten you "I'll murder her"?—He said "I'll cut her — throat."

No Fight.

Who won the fight, you or he?—There was no fight as far as I was concerned.

When he was in full work he gave you £4/10/- weekly out of the £5 he earned?—Yes he was good that way.

What is the trouble then?—He gets drink in him.

He is rationed at work now, and has to take off week about?—Yes.

He says that whilst he was out at Coburg he could hear the strains from your parties. Were you celebrating his absence?—No.

Constable Newton said "I went with Mrs. Ferguson to her home and saw defendant grab her by the throat. The husband's face was scratched."

Husband's Story.

Mr. Burnett (for husband) said that probably the "fly in the ointment" was that the husband had brought home a guest. When the husband went to get his own tea after the wife had refused to do so, the wife had one of her hysterical moods and rushed at her husband striking him on the head with an aluminium pot and the "clawing" his face.

Wife Seemed to go "Mad"

Ferguson said "When I asked the man who was with me to stop to tea, my wife seemed to go mad and told me to get my tea myself. I went to do so and she hit me with a pot. I pushed her aside, and she came at me again.

"I'll Murder Her."

She then rushed out and when she returned with a policeman, in order to frighten her I said "I'll murder her."

I did not assault her at any time.

Sergeant McEniff:—When she came back from the police station you went to meet her?—Yes.

Thought She'd "go" for Me

And you grasped her by the throat? —I thought she'd "go" for me and I took her by the shoulders.

You have assaulted your wife before?—Yes under great provocation

You are fond of your wife?—Yes, Sergeant McEniff-It looks like it.

Fine of £5

A fine of £5, in default of one month's imprisonment was imposed.

PRESTON BUSINESS MAN PASSES.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN McLEAN

The death of Mr. John McLean, of High street Preston, at the Epworth private hospital last Sunday removes an old and highly esteemed business man of Preston. Last Friday deceased complained of being unwell and a doctor was summoned who ordered his removal to hospital. There did not appear to be any cause for alarm. Unfortunately, however, his condition gradually grew worse, and he passed away last Sunday afternoon in the Epworth private hospital at the age of 70. His death came as a great blow to his many friends; he had enjoyed remarkably good health. Thirty-one years ago he took over the hay and grain store, situated in Plenty road, South Preston, which was being conducted by a relative, an old identity in the person of Mr. William Hurlstone, who is at present living in Norfolk Island. This business the deceased successfully carried on up till the day of his death, though in recent years his son was his right hand man. For many years the late Mr. McLean was a prominent figure of the South Preston Methodist Church, and Sunday school, and when Penders Grove was formed as an off-shoot of the then Preston Methodist circuit, he, with Mr. W. J. Gray went over to Pender's Grove to further the cause of Methodism in that locality, divine service being held in the Penders Grove State school. After several years of work in this growing district the church progressed so favorably as to warrant the trustees building their own church.

The funeral, which was of a private nature, took place last Monday morning, the place of interment being the Coburg cemetery. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. H. Williams. Deceased leaves one son, Ivay, who will carry on the old-established business.

FATAL SMASH AT FAIRFIELD

ONE KILLED: TWO INJURED

TWO MOTOR CYCLES IN COLLISION

In a collision between two motor cycles at the corner of Heidelberg and Yarra Bend roads, Fairfield, early on Wednesday night, a man received fatal injuries, and a young woman was seriously injured, and another man was slightly injured. The victims were:—

Harold Howlett, aged 37 years, of Graham street, Port Melbourne (killed).

Videe Gange, aged 21 years, nurse, of Esplanade West, Port Melbourne. Probable fracture of the skull, broken nose and shock. Condition serious.

Mervyn Raymond Porter, of Hall street, Fairfield. Dislocated shoulder.

Miss Gange is a nurse employed at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Fairfield, and the accident occurred when, after a day off duty, she was returning motor cycle ridden by Howlett.

When turning from Heidelberg road, line to the hospital on the back of the Fairfield, into Yarra Bend road at 12 minutes to 7 o'clock their machine collided with another motor cycle ridden by Porter, who was travelling alone Heidelberg road in an opposite direction. Howlett, Miss Gange and Porter were thrown heavily to the roadway.

The victims were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital in a Civil ambulance, where Howlett died shortly after admittance. Porter was able to go to his home.

CENTRAL PRESTON.

The carnival held in Murray road to support Miss Marie Newell was well attended. The picnic to Jamieson to support the Queen of West Preston was attended by about sixty people.

A euchre party and dance was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday for the relief of unemployment.

A swimming carnival was held by West Preston State school.

The Preston United Football Club has prospects of another good season and will compete in B Grade of the V.F.A. Sub-districts.

West Preston State School Band on Wednesday night rendered several selections in High street. The music was appreciated.

On Saturday night next, March 14, at the West Preston Progress Hall, a musical and elocutionary concert will be rendered to assist the building fund of the West Preston Church of Christ. A first-rate classical programme has been arranged by Miss E. Lang, who is an efficient organiser of this type of concert.

Preston K.S.P. Club received a visit from two members of the State Chapter on Monday night. The visitors expressed surprise at the excellence of the work undertaken by the branch. The club has entered a team in the combined K.S.P. sports meeting at Essendon on Eight Hours Day.

PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12.

Before Mr. T. B. Wade P.M., and Mr. O. A. Walker J.P.

Noisy Motor Cycle.

Harry W. Wilcox was charged that on January 29 he allowed a motor cycle to emit an offensive noise, in High street.

Traffic constable Bridgeland said "That motor cycle made a very loud noise that could be heard 400 yards away. When spoken to, defendant said "The machine was like this when it was registered. There was no silencer on it."

Defendant: Did I not tell you that there were baffles on the pipe?—Yes.

Wilcox: The machine was fitted with the standard silencer for that type of machine.

A fine of £1 was imposed.

Claim for Maintenance Arrears.

Millicent Rita Kent, Radford road Reservoir, sued her husband, George Edward Kent, of Wilfred street Reservoir, for £24/-/- arrears of maintenance for herself and two children.

Mrs. Kent, under cross-examination said that both children were not with her, as one child was snatched out of her arms after the order was made.

Defendant's counsel: Have you tried to get this boy back?—I want my boy, but—

The boy is in your house belongs to your husband?—No only a few chairs.

Defendant's counsel said that the wife left the home free, and since the date of the order one of the children had lived with the grand-parents. Kent was a council employee earning £4/15/1 weekly. When he was rationed, working only week about. Out of this £4/15/1 a fortnight he had to pay his wife £2 a week and five shillings—which was an utter impossibility.

George Edward Kent, a council employee, said "The child who is living with my parents left his mother of his own free will. I kept up my payments regularly whilst I was working full time. Since I was cut down to half work I paid my wife half the amount of the order.

An order was made that arrears amounting to £16 be paid by the husband, at the rate of 5/- weekly, with £2/7/- costs. The original amount of £24 was reduced to £18 because one of the children was not in her custody.

PRESTON DADS' ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of the Preston branch of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Fathers' Association was held on Tuesday, when there was a most enthusiastic muster of members. The president (Mr. Geo. Stevens) was re-elected delegate for the annual conference. One new member was welcomed and five were proposed. "Fathers 'of Yesteryear" on Monday night. The visitors expressed surprise at the excellence of the work undertaken by the branch. The club has entered a team in the combined K.S.P. sports meeting at Essendon on Eight Hours Day.

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THREE MILE SWIM—A FAMILY AFFAIR

Miss Nell Daley, of Northcote, winner of the women's section of the three-mile swimming race in the Yarra on Saturday last, with her four brothers, all of whom took part. Left to right:—Frank, John, Nell, Philip, and Frederick Daley. The entry of 658 was a world's record. Miss Daley is an active member of the Northcote Swimming Club.

Illustrations by courtesy the "Argus"

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What Preston People Are Doing

By The Roundabout.

A Sign of the Times

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The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL

Published Every Friday Morning

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1931.

Correspondence.—We have received a letter signed "No. 1 Team," which is not printed as it does not bear the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

A number of parents were fined sums ranging form 2 - to 10 - at Northcote court on Tuesday for having failed to send their children to school.

"This council would do far better if it sat on with the business instead of throwing sarcastic remarks across the chamber. It seems that some councillors only desire to let others speak so they can chip in."—Cr. Zwar at the Preston council meeting on Monday.

Owing to pressure on our space several items, including articles on Preston's finances, 57th Battalion in camp, and others, are held over.

The Northcote fire brigade had only two calls this week, both of which were false alarms.

Three unattended bicycles were stolen this week, and the telephone cabinet at the Westgarth station was robbed of the telephone and all accessories.

"When you buy an old car, you buy trouble, and you must expect the car to be frequently in the repair shop"—Mr. T. O'Callaghan, P. M., at Northcote Court during the hearing of a debt case.

Hour cup read free any afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. at Miss Morgan's Tea Rooms, 711 High street Thornbury, and enjoy her special afternoon teas. An evening session has been arranged for every Thursday evening from 7.30. Dainty suppers are served and cup or card reading is also done free by Miss Arthur. This is an oppoutunity for business girls.

A public meeting is convened by the president of Whittlesea Shire (Cr. L. W. Clarke) to be held at the Mechanics' Institute, Whittlesea on Thursday, March 26, at 8 p.m. to elect a Board of Management for the Whittlesea Recreation Reserve. The term of the present committee has expired through effluxion of time.

Old time and modern dancing will be held every Saturday evening in the Masonic Hall, Bastings street, Northcote, where Bendall and Aumont's orchestra 3LO Old time and Modern Dance Orchestra will supply the music. Mr. Wil Nicoll is the hon. secretary.

A select old time dance is held at Reservoir Palais (Epping road, Reservoir) every Wednesday evening. Modern dancing is held on Thursdays and a popular modern dance on Saturdays. Good music at all dances.

Tenders for the supply of firewood are being called by the Northcote City council.

FOOTBALL

NORTHCOTE SECOND ELEVENS

The weekly meeting was held on March 5. Mr. Roy Morrison presided and welcomed the committee after a well-earned holiday.

The secretary reported that several of last years players were anxious to begin training, which will start this month if the ground is available.

BOB SKILTON

Many local applications for inclusion in the side are being received by the secretary. A coach was decided on at the last meeting, and, subject to an interview, the successful applicant is Bob Skilton, who was coach last year.

The social committee is on the move and many events are being arranged. Dances will start at an early date.

TURF NOTES.

An axiom of the turf is that the bookmakers are the best judges of racing. An illustration of it was given in the C. M. Lloyd Stakes at Flemington on Saturday. On the previous two weight-for-age races at the meeting, won by Phar Lap, there was no straight-out betting, the bookmakers taking the view that to accept even long odds would be simply giving money away. Phar Lap appeared to be just as big a certainty for the C. M. Lloyd Stakes, but the bookmakers were surprisingly ready to accept odds of 2 to 1 and 3 to 1, which constituted inside the distance, he appeared to be going easily, but when Waterline responded to Duncan's vigorous riding and came again, it was a great surprise to see the champion unable to take up the challenge. The penalty conditions gave Waterline an advantage of 21lbs. and Phar Lap lost a couple of lengths at the start. These were contributing factors to the defeat, but the fact that Phar Lap's previous two races had been over a mile and a half and a mile and a quarter, suggests that his brilliance to some extent had been suppled by the longer races. Waterline, on the other hand, was coming on from sprint events to a mile, and was full of brilliance, and it was that which won the race. Waterline was able to put in a little extra dash, while Phar Lap, although he showed no signs of tiring, could not go any faster. Had there been another furlong to go Phar Lap would probably have won comfortably, for Waterline would have crept up to him.

Auto Pay, who performed so well in the Sires' Produce Stakes, showed that the outing had improved him by scoring an easy win in the Ascot Vale Stakes. He was one of the leaders all the way, and over the concluding furlong gave nothing a chance. Auto Pay is a colt by Tea Tray from La Paix, breeding that suggests speed rather than stamina. This colt, however, runs out his races well and may develop into a fair stayer. He is to go to Sydney for the A.J.C. Sires' Produce Stakes, in which event he should run well.

It should not be long before Starstone returns to the winning list. In the Ascot Vale Stakes he had the worth of the start. At the half-way stage he was standing up the leaders several lengths. He came home well to gain second honors. Starstone is by Great Star from Diamond Clasp, and was formerly raced by Mr. E. M. Fearce, but now carries the colors of Mr. F. E. Shillabeer, who races Horoscope and Walter Scott.

One of the outsiders of the Leonard Stakes field, Yalsoglin, ran a good race to finish fourth. The Fleurisse gelding should be kept in mind for sprint events.

First acceptances for the A.J.C. Autumn double—Doncaster Handicap and Sydney Cup—were declared on Monday. At this stage a likely half-dozen for the Doncaster Handicap are Pavilion, Waterline, Mystic Peak, Mollison, Brazenface and First Arrow. Cup candidates fancied at the moment are Carry On, Balloon King, Veilmond, Chide, Hunting Cry and The Dimmer.

Present indications are that Victoria will be fairly well represented at the A.J.C. Autumn carnival next month. Adam Skirving intends to leave early with Waterline and Temon. Phar Lap's conqueror has been nominated for the Rawson Stakes at Rosehill on March 21, but his chief mission is the Doncaster Handicap, in which he is nicely handicapped at 9.2. W. Duncan will ride him in that race.

Had The Dimmer been handled with more patience in the Australian Cup he may have won the race instead of finishing fourth. He is to go to N.S.W. for the Sydney Cup, and with 7.12, 3lbs. less than he carried in the Australian Cup, he must have a chance.

Soulton is returning to form and is worth watching. Starissa beat him by a neck in the Farewell Handicap at Flemington, but it was a good effort on the part of Soulton, for he was hampered for galloping room for some distance at a critical stage of the race. Soulton, who, it will be remembered, was second to Amounis in the Caulfield Cup, is a six year old gelding by Paddington from Evelyn Soult, and is a first acceptor for the Sydney Cup with 8.6. Soulton, who originally raced in Sydney, is likely to meet his Cup engagement, and his trip across the Murray will be made in company with his stablemates, First Arrow, The Abbott, Princess Betty and Stephen.

Although Glare failed badly in the Australian Cup, it is the intention of his owner-trainer, J. Truskett, to take him to Sydney for the Cup. With 8.12 Glare has 2lbs. less in the Sydney two miler than he carried in the Australian Cup, but he would need to make exceptional improvement to have a chance at Randwick.

P. B. Quinlan has not yet decided whether he will take Mystic Peak to Sydney. Mystic Peak is one of the best weight-carriers in sprint events of recent years, and he performed with credit in the Futurity Stakes (second) and Newmarket Handicap (close fifth). He is a good miler, and his victories include the Cantala Stakes. With 9.9 his chance in the Doncaster Handicap is to be respected.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

St. Aidan's Church, Victoria Road.

A working bee on Saturday cleaned up the site and effected repairs to the furniture and books.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church.

The harvest thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday. The preacher will be the Rev. R. A. Green, B.A. of Burnley.

Collections for February increased from £6/16/5 to Sunday to £9/9/4.

James Street Presbyterian Church

The Harvest Thanksgiving festival was held on Sunday last, the church was decorated with sheaves of wheat, poppies, and produce. In the morning Rev. Jones preached from Acts xiv, 17; and at night the history of Ruth, the gleaner was the subject. The choir sang splendidly. "We shall dwell in the Land," "Behold He Cometh," "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem," and "The Works of God." The produce was sent to a Presbyterian Mission in Fitzroy.

Prince of Wales Methodist Church.

Pastor Perkins preached his farewell sermon on Sunday. His devoted and untiring efforts have brought success to the new Methodist Church at Croxton. Both preachers on Sunday took their text from the same verse in II. Timothy. Mr. Perkins preached from "I have fought good fight," and the Rev. J. T. Duggleby from "I have kept the faith."

Next Sunday evening a special young women's service will be addressed by Sister Edith.

Holy Trinity Thornbury

On Sunday Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain spoke on "The Importance of Christ" and the "Discipleship" respectively. Next Sunday will be the annual harvest festival. Donations of groceries and produce should be sent to the church on Saturday afternoon. They will be gratefully received. The collections will be devoted to the Clergy Provident Fund.

General

Mr. H. Watson will commence his ministry at Ivanhoe Church of Christ on March 15.

The Ivanhoe Baptist Sunday school anniversary was held last Sunday. The preachers were the Revs. F. J. Wood, J. E. Newnham and Dr. F. W. Boreham.

Preston Church of Christ.

The annual business meeting of the Preston Church of Christ was held on March 6, when a keen interest was shown by the members in the reports and elections. Mr. T. Salisbury presided over the business session after a devotional period conducted by Mr. A. J. Fisher. Each auxiliary reported progressive work, while the secretary reported a material increase in the church membership. The financial position also was very encouraging, especially in view of the existing conditions.

South Preston Methodist Sunday School

The anniversary services of the South Preston Methodist Sunday school were commenced last Sunday. Special preachers were planned for the day for the annual event which proved most successful. There was a large congregation at the evening service, whilst at all other services the singing of the children from their high vantage position was a feature. The celebrations will be continued on Sunday when the pulpit will again be occupied by special preachers. The evening service will be taken by Mr. Book (Billy Bunny).

Congregational Church.

An interesting address to the young folk on "Wings," was Rev. Duncan Reeves subject on Sunday morning. The sermon, "Faith in Relation to Science," was taken from the text "All Things are Yours," and was a fine topic. The Girl's Guild held their first assembly during the week. The Discission Group had an interesting and educative evening, the subject for debate being "Evolution." A conference of all church socities was held during the week.

St. Mary's, Preston.

The annual report of St. Mary's Church of England, Preston, states that the income was well maintained during the year and owing to the success of the Floral Fair the authorities were enabled to meet the interest and pay £60 off the debt, leaving the sum of £730 still due on the hall and £465 on the vicarage. The Home Mission Fund quota of £23 had been met and the vicar's stipend slightly increased. The election of office-bearers resulted as follows.—Churchwardens, Messrs. G. Steele, junior and senior, and E. C. Tribe (treasurer); vestrymen, Green, J. Goodridge, F. Migham, V. Jeffrey, F. Johnson, C. Pyle, D. MacKay, J. Paterson, F. Tucker and G. Sheldrick.

East Preston Congregational Church.

A young Worshippers' League has been formed in connection with the East Preston Congregational Church. Miss. Bertha B. Lacey has charge of the League which carries a membership of 25 enthusiastic children.

Salvation Army.

Colnel and Mrs. Sharpe, of North Preston, before they leave on an extended visit to Queensland, where they will be visiting their friends and relatives, will conduct a Salvation meeting in the Old Town Hall on Sunday night next. On Saturday evening the Corps Band will play their "Annual Programme" in the Town Hall.

Band of Hope Social.

The St. George's road Methodist Band of Hope held a social on Tuesday, when the chair was occupied by the superintendent, Mrs. Goad. Songs recitations, and games were indulged in, and supper was enjoyed. Mrs. Goad and the secretary (Miss Lily May) were presented with bouquets.

All Saint's Church, South Northcote.

All Saint's Girls' Fellowship and Mothers' Union commeded activities this week. At 8.30 p.m. on Sunday an open-air illustrated service was held with the vicar in charge.

High Street Methodist Church.

Last Sunday at the Sunday school anniversary services the Sunday school was packed at all three services. The sweetness and quality of the singing by the scholars of the school was commended on. Mr. Harris, the conductor, is to be congratulated in training the scholars. On Wednesday a public meeting was held when several fine vocal and elecutionary items were given, and Rev. F. J. Jennings gave a short address. The prize-giving to the scholars during the past year were presented. On March 19 the Scholars' Night Concert will be held.

Preston Church of Christ.

The annual meeting of the Preston Church of Christ was held on March 5. Reports from the auxiliaries showed that the church's affairs were very satisfactory. During the year £76/15/11 was collected for benevolent purposes, a considerable increase on previous years; while the church helped by sending 10 children to the country to be cared for. Election of office-bearers resulted.—Elders, Messrs. F. J. Lang, A. Ferris, T. Salisbury, Rennick, Reed, Crossfield, Thompson, A. Morffew, Jubb, F. Chipperfield, Quaife, Morrall; secretary, Mr. L. Morffew; assistant-secretary, Mr. B. Quaife; treasurer, Mr. Salisbury; deaconesses, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Jubb, and votes of thanks were passed to Mr. F. J. Lang (superintendant of the Sunday school) and Mr. Ellis (choirgarten).

Northcote Spiritual Church for All

The fifth Anniversary celebrations of the above will be held in the Northcote Town Hall on Sunday, March 15, 1931, at 3 p.m. in the afternoon and at 7 p.m. in the evening. Vocal and instrumental music will be given and the full orchestra will be under the baton of Mr. Dexter. An announcement appears in the church columns.

REGENT CRICKET CLUB

At the Library Hall, High street, Regent on Wednesday night the Regent C.C. held another of their popular fortnightly socials. There were 120 present and dancing and games continued till 12 p.m. Euchre prizes were won by Mrs. Forrester and Mr. Grahame, and the novelty dance was won by Mr. Newbegin and little Miss Dalcom. The winner of a box of chocolates was Mr. Scott. During the evening the vice-president (Mr. Martin) presented the prizes won at the Regent C.C.'s eighth annual picnic at South Morang on March 1 to the following:—Regent Handicap: G. McGrath 1, R. Byers 2. Single Ladies: Miss D. Perry, Married Ladies: Mrs. Saunders. Old Buffers: Mr. O'Neil 1, Mr. Robinson 2. Open Handicap: Mr. Launder. Siamese (ladies): Miss Perry and Miss Grahame. Siamese (gents): E. Newbegin and R. Ritchie. Sack Race (gents, R. Cameron; ladies, Miss D. Perry. Nail Driving: Mrs. Robinson. Egg and Spoon: Ladies, Miss D. O'Neil 1, Miss H. Cross 1; gents, O. Forrest. Stepping the Distance: O. Forrest. Throwing the Cricket Ball: D. Hamilton. Throwing at Wicket: Ladies, Mrs. Dalcam; gents, O. Forrest.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

(To the Editor)

Sir,—With reference to my letter which appeared in last week's issue of your valuable journal relating to the action of certain unauthorised persons in soliciting advertisements for a book containing the programme of matches of the Victorian Football Association for season 1931, and alleging that such book was being issued by the Northcote Football Club, for which they were acting, I omitted to mention at the time that a member of my committee has already solicited advertisements for a card with the programme of matches printed thereon. This gentleman, when again calling on those people who promised to advertise on this card, for the purpose of receiving payments, will produce an authority on our official letterhead signed by myself, and will issue a receipt for payment on the official receipt form.—Yours etc.,

R. L. WALSH,
Hon. Secretary.

March 12, 1931.

Queen of Cricket.

The Queen of Cricket, Miss. Eva Thamson, held a picture and concert night in the Byfield Street Hall on Tuesday night.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The call for assistance on the part of the unemployed appears to be as great as ever in Preston, and renewed efforts to obtain money and supplies are being put forward.

Mr. A. Zimmer, a resident of Epping, has very kindly given a tract, which is to be converted into firewood —some four or five tons—to be distributed among deserving cases. Unfortunately the Government is still delaying in making provision for the supply of fruit and vegetables collectively essential for cooking, washing and other purposes, now that gas and electric supplies are being cut off. Cr. H. P. Zwar, who is doing his best to induce the Government to move in the direction indicated, has sent another order to Cope Cope for a truck of wood to be forwarded to Preston.

Complaint has been made that a supply of fruit and vegetables collected at a church harvest thanksgiving service was not as evenly distributed among the unemployed of Preston as they should have been. There was, it is alleged, a rush for the good things, the best part of which were secured by the individuals successfully pushing their way to the front and making off with whatever they could lay hands on.

The use of the old town hall has been granted to the unemployed to hold a meeting on Wednesday afternoon each week in place of the customary open-air gathering in Preston park. Advantage was taken of the privilege last Wednesday afternoon, when a large body of men met and discussed the situation.

OFFER OF USE OF LAND

An acre of land, fronting on Steane street, Balmoral Park, East Preston, has been placed at the disposal of the unemployed men of Preston on the following conditions:—Messrs. Jubb, F. Chipperfield, Quaife, Morrall; secretary, Mr. L. Morffew; assistant-secretary, Mr. B. Quaife; treasurer, Mr. Salisbury; deaconesses, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Jubb, and votes of thanks were passed to Mr. F. J. Lang (superintendant of the Sunday school) and Mr. Ellis (choirgarten).

Mrs. Major Blaskett, Steane street, near Crevelli street, Balmoral Park, East Preston, has made this offer.

CYCLING.

PRESTON AMATEUR CYCLING CLUB.

Last Saturday ideal weather induced a bumper entry for the five mile handicap. Ken White finished an easy winner. There was a great tussle between the 40 sec. and the scratch bunches. Graham, Same, Robbins won the sprint for the time honors from P. Hutton, and in the scratch bunch H. Neumann beat A. Gichus in a close finish.

Results.—K. White, 1 min. 10 sec. 1; (time 12 min. 45 sec.) N. Fiev 2; Graham, 10 sec., 3; G. Shaw 1 min. 10 sec., 3; J. Robbins, 40 sec., fastest time, 12 min. 30 sec. H. Neumann, scratch, fastest scratch man, 12 min. 40 sec.

Preston Professionals

Last Saturday the Preston Professionals ran with from the five mile handicap on Epping road. Riding off front mark, B. Ryan managed to hold off W. Clements and H. G. Weate, who had gained considerably on the scratch men. H. G. Weate winning the sprint in for second place and time. Results.—B. Ryan, (1 min. 14 sec.) 1; H. G. Weate (15 sec.) 2; W. Clements (15 sec.)-3. Winners time, 12 min. 51 sec. Fastest time, H. G. Weate (15 sec.) 11 min. 57 sec. Fastest time unplaced, T. J. Gasgoyne, (scr.) 12 min. 7 sec.

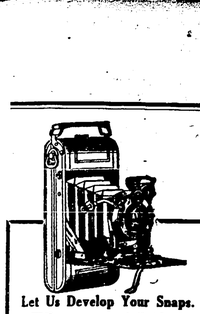
The cricket match against the Preston Amateurs, played last Saturday, resulted in an easy victory, our boys beating them by 38 runs. Scores—Preston Professionals 153; Preston Amateurs 118. The best players for the Professionals were L. White 63 n.o.; and J. Kean, who took seven wickets.

More Justices Wanted.

JUSTICES of the Peace are very scarce in Preston, particularly for the central area. We understand a movement is on foot to have at least one more appointment made. The trouble seems to be that while there are several in the city it is extremely difficult to get into touch with justices of the peace whom one can rely upon finding at any time of the day. When a further appointment is made a man having the qualification of always being readily accessible should be taken into consideration.

Community Singing.

The community singing session held on Thursday evening was well attended. The Northcote Unemployed Professional Orchestra rendered selections. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. Nicoll. Misses White and Ronald were the artists.



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Valedictory Social to Mr. and Mrs. R. Heywood

A large number of friends gathered at a social evening held in the West Preston Baptist Church on March 3 to do honor to Mr. and Mrs. R. Helwood, who are leaving to take up farming at Neerim South. Mr. and Mrs. Heywood are foundation members of the church and Mr. Heywood has been senior deacon since its inception, besides holding the following positions:—Assistant Sunday school superintendant, teacher of senior girls' classes, superintendant of junior Christian Endeavour, chaplin of men's club and vice-president of the tennis and cricket clubs. Mrs. Heywood has taken an active part in the Ladies' Guild. The pastor, in welcoming the friends to the function, explained they were gathered to do honor to splendid Christians. On behalf of the church and congregation the minister made a presentation of a beautiful mantel clock, suitably inscribed.—"Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Heywood as a token of affection from members and adherents of the West Preston Baptish Church." Mr. C. Fuller, for the donors, said that Mr. Heywood would be greatly missed, especially by his fellow workers, whom he had always loyally co-operated with. Mr. Hales in neat speech spoke of the sterling qualities that Mr. Heywood had shown in his association with the Sunday school and presented him, on behalf of the teachers and officers, with a pair of gold sleeve links. Mrs. F. Brown, for the Ladies' Guild, presented Mrs. Heywood with a hand bag. The following presentations were also made.—Senior girls class, by Miss. Esma Walton, a collar box; tennis club, Miss L. Mason, wallet; and the junior Christian Endeavour society, Miss Joyce Truran, a silver pencil, and to Master Arthur Heywood, a silver pencil. On rising to respond our friends were received enthusiastically. Mrs. Heywood thanked the friends. Mr. Heywood said though they were leaving the district they were still remaining members of the church, and hoped to come and worship from time to time. At the close refreshments provided by the ladies of the church were handed round, and an opportunity was given to all present of shaking hands with Mr. and Mrs. Heywood. The evening closed with "Auld Lang Syne", and "They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

At the meeting of the men's club, held on February 23, the pastor presented Mr. Heywood with a fountain pen on behalf of the men.

PRESTON LADIES' CRICKET CLUB.

Preston Ladies first eleven met Collingwood at Bell Park on Saturday March 7, Collingwood winning the game by 46 runs on the first innings. Scores.—Collingwood, six for 136 and seven for 25. (Q. Money 55, J. Sutton 16, and 1/14, M. Lambert 21, n.o., and 3/20, M. Byron 3/30, T. Quincey 2/15. Preston, 90 (L. Botaman 42 and 1/18, E. Bucked 14 and 3/24 and 2/10, I. Webster 1/4, E. Connell, 2/22, D. Ward 1/2.

The Preston second eleven met Labor Social Guild first eleven and won their game by 4 runs on the first innings. Scores.—Labor Social Guild, 26 and eight for 38 (V. Jones 15, M. Fletcher 5/2, R. Smythe 1/3. Preston 30, (S. Jones 14, M. Green 7 and 3/11, and 1/5, E. Hills 7/12 and 5/7. Tomorow's draw is the final match of the season for the Preston teams. The first eleven playing Seniors at Black Rock, and the second eleven playing Clarendon at home. The winner of the trophy kindly donated to the club by Mr. H. P. Crowes Mr. Bill Ward, 7 Arthur street, Preston.

Returned Soldiers at Bowls

ON Wednesday evening, Preston Bowling Club had as guests at the green members of Preston Returned Soldiers' League. Bowls were indulged in and the visitors partook of the hospitality of the club.

TENNIS.

COOMA CLUB.

With the desire to strengthen their position as second in the North Suburban competition the N. 2 team journeyed to Clifton Hill last Saturday and succeeded in their intention —allowing only 10 games to be won against them by St. Andrews, being victorious by 62 games. Although at a glance this seems an overwhelming victory, some good tennis was witnessed, notably the driving of F. Lardner, St. Andrew's captain, and the severe smashing of H. Jones and O. Dolphin of Cooma. The ladies were never at any time extended, and won their sets in hollow fashion—6—0; 6—0; 6—1.

On the home courts the No. 1 team met and were defeated by Olympic. Outclassed by this team in their first match, they nevertheless played steadier tennis than their opponents in the return, but the superior court craft of the visitors enabled them to win by 20 games. This being the last game of the first round for this No. 1 section, keen interest will be taken in the percentages to decide third and fourth place. Baptists and Olympic are first and second, respectively, and it seems as if Cooma will be displaced from the four by the two Methodist teams 1 and 2—this being the case by excellent study in tactics.

During the week-end the ladies' semi-finals and the gentlemen's quarter finals in the court championship were completed, and some interesting duels were witnessed, particularly the ladies. Miss P. Lewis had a clear cut victory over N. Sherry; but the M. Stevenson-N. Tuppen match was the best singles game seen on the courts this season. Without making an error N. Tuppen sailed through the first set 6—1, but M. Stevenson returned the compliment in the second set, winning 6—1 The third and final set was a brilliant tie service 7 all. At this stage stamina told. M. Stevenson won her service 8—7, and then broke through N. Tuppen's service after deuce had been called twice, and took the set and game 9—7. A sparkling exhibition should be witnessed in the final game on March 22.

The gents' quarter finals were noted for the decisive wins of C. Burgess and D. Sykes, defeating L. Sterling and O. Dolphin respectively 9—2. The Sykes-Dolphin match produced some clever tennis, a feature being the serving of O. Dolphin. Generally his strongest point, his overhead smashing was all as sea, and concentrating on this D. Sykes forced him into innumerable errors, and eventually took the set 9—2. The Burgess-Sterling match was a lesson in position play—C. Burgess doing exactly what he liked with his opponent and showed that he has every intention of "carrying home the bacon" and the championship.

Results.—Ladies Semi-Finals.—P. Lewis, N. Sherry, 6—0, 6—1, M. Stevenson, d. N. Tuppen, 1—6, 6—1, 9—7. Gents' Quarter Finals.—C. Burgess d. L. Sterling, 9—2; D. Sykes d. O. Dolphin, 9—2; R. Jackson d. A. Schier, 9—5; E. Kurban d. E. White, 11—9.

Draw for Sunday March 15.—2.30 p.m.—C. Burgess v. E. Kurban; 3.30 p.m.—R. Jackson v. D. J. Sykes.

COOMA v. ST. ANDREWS.

H. Jones and O. Dolphin v. F. Blythe and F. Lander, 9—3; H. Jones and D. Sykes, v. F. Blythe and H. Harrison, 9—2; O. Dolphin and D. Sykes, v. F. Lander and R. Harrison, 9—2; T. Jenyns and P. Lewis v. M. Cuttle and E. Lilley, 6—0; T. Jenyns and N. Jenyns and N. v. M. Cuttle and V. Emeny, 6—0; P. Lewis and N. Tuppen, v. E. Lilley and V. Emeny 6—1; T. Jenyns and H. Jones v. M. Cuttle and F. Lander, 9—1; P. Lewis and O. Dolphin, v. E. Lilley and F. Blythe, 9—1; N. Tuppen and D. Sykes, v. V. Emeny and R. Harrison, 9—1.

Cooma defeated St. Andrews, 72—10.

Teams for Next Saturday.

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C.Y.M.S. ELECTRIC LIGHT TOURNAMENT

Preston Branch Wins Championship

A sterling performance was registered by the Preston branch of the Catholic Young Men's Society in the recent electric light tournament conducted by that society. From an entry of 24 branches, Preston, in the first round, finished second to North Essendon, with Kew, Coburg and Northcote level for third place, Kew and Coburg taking third and fourth places respectively on percentages. Kew had left their run until very late, and it was realised that they would be the hardest team to beat.

The semi-finals—North Essendon v. Kew and Preston v. Coburg—were played at England's courts in Balaclava. Kew won rather easily from North Essendon, and Preston, after an exciting game, defeated Coburg by five games. The scores give an indication of this match—8—3, 9—5, 6—3, 9—4. With three sets completed games were 23 all, and with one to play it was anybody's game. However, in the crisis, the Preston team proved the steadier and won the last set 9—4.

The finals were played on the Milton street courts, St. Kilda. The Preston team comprised A. Shier (captain) and H. Jones, first pair; D. Burgess (vice-captain) and D. Jones, second pair; and they all looked forward to a hard contest with the Kew boys—and they were not disappointed. Burgess and D. Jones took the court against Kew's hard-hitting pair, and from the start it was game for game. Intense excitement prevailed when the score was 8 all, but D. Jones having the service Preston eventually ran out winners 9—8 after deuce had been called three times.

Having won the first set, odds were in favor of Preston, as their first pair had to meet the weaker pair of the Kew team, and they won 9—5. Preston then had a handy lead of five games. Excitement ran high when it was realised that, with the four lads displaying such splendid form, a victory for Preston was in sight. Here the captaincy of Schier displayed itself. Going on with H. Jones he decided to slow the game up against the hard-hitting Kew first pair. Playing safe all the time, they nevertheless forced the Kew boys into inumerable errors and ran out victors 9—4, thus leaving Preston 10 games up with nine games (one set) to play, thus giving Preston the championship. Little interest centred on the last set, but the Preston team carried all before them, taking the final set at 9—5, and winning the gold cup which accomplishes the coveted championship by 14 games. Scores:—

Preston defeated Kew, 9—8, 9—5, 9—4, 9—5.

An interesting point is that all four members of the winning team are members of the Cooma club. The victory is all the more meritorious as this is the first occasion that the Preston branch has entered a team in this competition.

PRESTON LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

Position of Teams.

The final round of home and home matches in the B grade was completed last Saturday.

Oakover finished at the top of the list, by going through undefeated and so gained the double chance in the final round. Murray is second with three defeats, Regent Park third; and Reservoir fourth. In the "A" grade All Saints defeated Murray and gained first place by two points. The semi-final match will be played on Saturday, March 14, and some interesting tennis is expected. The draw is as follows:—

A Grade.

All Saint's v. Cranrose at East Preston.

Murray v. East Preston at Regent Park.

B Grade.

Oakover v. Reservoir at Murray

Murray v. Regnet Far at Cranrose.

THORNBURY STATE SCHOOL

TRIENNIAL MEETING

A parents' meeting was held in the above school on Tuesday to nominate and elect a committee for a term of three years, and was well represented by parents and citizens. Mr. Hall (head teacher explained why they had met and called upon the retiring correspondent to read the triennial report and balance sheet. Several parents congratulated the retiring committee upon their successful term Mr. Rowe, secretary of the West Preston progress association, expressed his association's thanks for the assistance given. Nominations were called and following were elected.—Mrs. W. H. Turner, Mr. F. C. Kelley, Mr. C. D. Hovenden; Mr. R. F. Wall, Mr. Collatz, Mr. Tulloch; Mr. F. Rowe was elected in place of Mr. Collatz (retired) and O. Dolphin, v. E. Lilley and F. Blythe, 9—1; N. Tuppen and D. Sykes, v. V. Emeny and R. Harrison, 9—1.

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old scholars tennis club. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17.

The report shows that many improvements and repairs have been carried out at the school and social bodies have been formed and proved a great asset. Grants to relief funds and Christmas treats have been provided. The balance sheet shows that £331/19/1 has passed through the treasurer's hands and after payments for repairs, asphalting, fencing, library books, piano tuning, telephone, stationery, lighting and sundries there is a credit balance of £56/0/10: £22/0/2 larger than in 1928. The principal receipts are £121/0/8 from parents, £102/15/10 from Education department, and £48/0/6 from rents. The report and balance sheet are most satisfactory.

SWIMMING.

WATER POLO.

Fully 500 persons attended the Kew baths for the return match between the Kew and Northcote Ladies' water polo teams on the 26th inst. It was the third meeting between these teams, and Kew won by two goals to one. Northcote played Miss. M. Hennesey in place of Miss. N. Manley.

Northcote Ladies have challenged the Footscray and South Melbourne ladies' teams. Northcote ladies have played four games, won two, drawn one, and lost one.

Constable Higgins for Trentham

CONSTABLE Higgins, a member of Preston police force has left for Trentham where he will do relieving duty for four weeks. In the meantime, Preston staff will work a man short.

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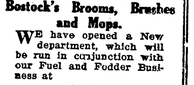

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IN THE GARDEN

HINTS ON BULB GROWING

Bulb growing is one of the easiest and most gardening duties of the year with regards to planting and after treatment, but there are a few points that deserve attention if the very best is to be obtained.

In general, all bulbs will succeed best in a medium soil—one that is neither too heavy nor too light. Stiff heavy and sticky clay soils it is advisable to lighten them by the addition of some sand well dug in.

With very light soils, on the other hand, a light application of well decayed cow manure will provide some substance and nourishment in the soil, or the addition of some good fibrous loam, should be well dug in and the bulbs should be carefully placed immediately on top of the layer.

If the soil is not all of a high quality, a little bonemeal will be found beneficial. The ground should be deep and always sufficiently open and free to allow a good drainage, so that the bulbs may not suffer from stagnant rooting conditions. A change of soil occasionally acts as a tonic to early all bulbs, or if the soil is not changed, bonemeal or light fish soil, and if your garden is on heavy ground, then add sand round each bulb at planting time.

Tulips will succeed in any soil that is not too rich, and they should not be given any manure except a little bonemeal, otherwise they become rank and produce fanciful stems. Hyacinths prefer a light rich soil, and if your garden is on heavy ground, then add sand round each bulb at planting time.

The depth to plant is a much disputed question which is governed by the size of the bulbs and also to some extent by the habit of the plant and the nature of the soil. A light soil it is a general rule to plant deeper than it heavy soil. A general plan to adopt is plant to cover the bulb with soil to a depth of diameter of bulb.

The distance between the bulbs at planting time depends on the nature of the display desired.

Daffodils should be planted about six inches apart and tulips about the same distance if a close effect is wanted. Hyacinths should be allowed between each. The smaller bulbs are best planted in drifts with plenty of room between each.

The bulbs that are grown in the variety of situations in the garden—daffodils, tulips and hyacinths in beds and borders. If daffodils are grown in clumps these should be at least half a dozen bulbs in each clump, and if grown in beds by themselves, a carpet of pansies will greatly add to their appearance. Tulips look best in beds of one variety when the effect is much more striking than if three or four varieties are grown together.

Orthodoxus and muscari are suitable for massing in the shrubbery, as a carpet or ground work for taller inmates.

Sow Sturt's Desert Pea.

Clianthus Dampieri (Sturt's desert pea) is one of the finest of all native annuals, and with a little care can be easily cultivated. This is good time to sow the seed. It requires a light sandy soil, well drained, and plenty of heat to bring out its flowers in their brightest beauty. The seed requires to be soaked in hot water before sowing. No low manure must be worked in the soil into which the plants be sown, as the bulbous roots are liable to decay. Plants have a warm place in the greenhouse are also suitable for growing through the summer, but the chief thing is to keep the roots cool and not let them get dry.

General Work.

March is the busy month in the flower garden. Large clumps of annuals and perennials can be made up of flowers to sow in patches—such as Shirley poppy, Nemophila, Clarkia, Godetia, Primula malacoides, Cineraria, Ageratum, Phlox, Pansy, Viola, Petunia, Larkspur, Salpiglossis, Dianthus, Gesm, Aquilegia, Campanula, Delphinium, Lupin, and White-flowering Sweet Peas.

Bulb planting should now be in full swing.

Trim back growing herbaceous plants so as to avoid unsightly appearances.

Violets, Pansies, Primroses, Columbines, and all similar plants can be divided and planted out.

Daphnes, Pinks, Picotees and Carnations may be layered.

Trim hedges to produce an even surface. This will induce fresh growth and look well through the winter.

Now is the time to prepare for

THE CHRYSANTHEMUM.

HOW TO GROW IT.

Those growing Chrysanthemums for the show bench should by now have selected the buds desired for show blooms. If disbudding has not already been done, Chrysanthemum lovers should lose no time in doing so.

Only three stems are allowed to each plant for exhibition purposes, each stem to produce one bloom. For garden purposes a dozen side shoots may be left, each shoot to carry a terminal bud.

Terminal buds appear after pinching out the first crown bud. The terminal bud cannot be mistaken as it is surrounded by a cluster of smaller buds which should be pinched off, leaving the terminal bud only. Any surplus lateral should be removed.

Manuring.

In order to ensure the steady growth of the flower buds, liquid manure should be applied during March. Growers must see that the ground is moistened before applying liquid manure, which should be applied once every seven days, when the bud is about the size of a pea. The liquid manure can be applied at a greater strength and twice a week towards the end of March and during April.

Liquid manure is made by placing some fresh cow manure in a bag in a barrell of water and allowing it to soak for a week before using. The liquid should be diluted to a weak amber color before using, and as mentioned above, the strength and number of applications may be increased as desired.

If the growth seems backward it is beneficial to add a little sulphate of ammonia to the liquid manure; ½ oz. to the gallon. This should be applied two or three times and discontinued when the petals begin to show color.

Control of Insect Pests.—If the leaf miner maggot appears spray with arsenate of lead, 2 oz. in four gallons of water. Use nicotine sulphate or Black Leaf 40 for aphis or other pests, which suck the sap.

Staking.—Stake each stem of the taller varieties, and the plants will be found to remain more upright. Specimen blooms will be produced if the exhibition blooms firmly, and see that the "ties" are not too tightly fastened.

Watering.—Regular and deep waterings should be given chrysanthemums, also overhead spraying to keep the leaves in good condition and free from dust.

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HYDRANGEAS.

COLOR PROBLEM SOLVED.

Hydrangea (Hydor, water; angeion a vessel—referring to the shape of the seed vessel. Incidentally an indication as to their successful cultivation, as they rejoice in moist positions). Summer flowering.

The problem of the color in Hydrangeas has at last been solved. As is commonly known, while the whites remain quite unaffected, the other varieties may be pink, or blue, according to the soil in which they grow. In some instances it has been noted that both colors have been seen on the one plant. Scientists have investigated the question thoroughly, and advise that to obtain the blue color it is necessary to have the soil in an acid condition, also that iron must be present in sufficient quantity to affect the change in color. In limestone country, or in soils in which lime has been freely used, which is the very opposite of an acid soil, the color will be pink, as lime generally makes the iron in the soil insoluble.

To ascertain whether soil is acid, or alkaline, take a small sample from the position in which the Hydrangeas are to grow, and place it in a tumbler, pouring over it a wineglassful of muriatic acid. If the liquid fizzes and bubbles freely the soil may be considered alkaline; but if only feeble bubbles appear, or none at all, it may be considered as acid. Iron, if not naturally in the soil, may be added in the form of sulphate of iron, lightly sprinkled on the surface, at the rate of one handful to two square yards, and watered in.

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INCIDENT AT SCHOOL SOCIAL

YOUNG MAN COMMITTED AND DISCHARGED.

At Northcote court on Tuesday, before Messrs. A. H. Oldis, W. Hayes and H. Evans J's.P., David Andrew Ogilvie, mailster, Victoria street Carlton, was charged that on March 7 he behaved in an offensive manner at Fairfield North State School.

Ogilvie pleaded not guilty.

John James Smith, timber merchant Kellett street Northcote, president of the state school committee, said that on March 7 at 8.30 p.m. I was at the Fairfield North State school acting as doorkeeper for a social evening and euchre party. Ogilvie, who was the worse for liquor was refused admission to the dance, and he later forced his way into the euchre room.

I ordered him to leave and he refused to go. When I put my hands on him he said "Take your hands off me. I went for the police.

Frank W. Greenfield, Rathmines street Fairfield, a member of the school committee said "I heard Smith tell defendant to go and he refused."

Constable Buchan said "At about 9 p.m. I went to the school and saw Ogilvie who was under the influence of liquor. I locked him up."

Mrs. Grace Long, Separation street Alphington, said "When Ogilvie attempted to waltz the dancers from he was pushed out. Later I saw him enter the card room and sit on a desk. He was behaving himself.

Sergeant. McEniff.—Ogilvie is a friend of yours?—Yes.

Was he under the influence of liquor?—Yes.

Who was the other man with him? —My husband.

Mrs. Atkinson, Station street, Fairfield, said "I was in the euchre room and did not consider Ogilvie's behavior offensive."

Sergeant McEniff.—Do you know Ogilvie?—Yes.

Well?—He is a friend of the family Ogilvie said "I was about to enter the dance room when Smith pulled me back. I later went to the card room where there was no one on the door. When Smith came along later my friend offered to pay, but the money was refused. The police did not come into the room they beckoned to me and I went out to them.

Sergeant McEniff.—Had you had some drink?—Yes three or four, but I was perfectly sober.

Did you have any money?—Yes, 4/-.

Sergeant McEniff.—That is strange When you were locked up there was nothing found in your pockets.

Defendant.—The money was in my pocket also a train ticket.

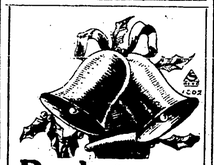
The Sergeant.—The police didn't find it then.

The bench decided to record a conviction, and Mr. Hayes J.P. said that as defendant had been locked up for several hours that would be sufficient punishment.

Ogilvie was convicted and discharged on payment of 12/6 costs.

VICTORIA'S EXPORTS RISE.

A return issued by the exports superintendent of the Department of Agriculture (Mr. R. Crowe) shows that for the period July 1, 1930, to February 19 this year produce exported overseas from Victoria under Government supervision was valued at £8,747,388, an advance of £190,411 on the total for the corresponding period of the previous financial year. For the week ended February 19 produce exports were valued at £264,821 against £204,296 in the corresponding week last year, an increase of £60,296. Principal items exported during the week were butter, £109,094; wheat, £35,476; condensed milk, £28,255; flour, £27,770; and fresh fruit, £17,787.



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Preston Council

MONDAY, MARCH 9

The usual meeting was held on Monday. Present were the mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson, J.P.) and Crs. A. E. Newton, J. W. Adams, W. T. Acheson, L. Jones, W. Spratling, W. J. Hemburrow, H. P. Zwar and R. H. E. Maynard.

Correspondence

Bell Street School Yard.—The Education Department advised that the scheme for drainage was being considered by the Public Works Department.

£1040 Loan Balance.—The Public Works Department advised that the council's request to be allowed to utilise loan balance of £1040 for unemployed relief works was being considered by the Minister.

Sales Tax.—Deputy Commissioner of Taxation, an account for £105/16/2 sales tax on account of metal obtained from quarry for five months.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Band's Desire to Use Park.—Preston Citizens' Band sought permission to play in High street park on Sunday nights.

Cr. Newton said that if people walked all over the gardens they would be ruined. He had nothing against the band, but simply wanted to preserve the park.

Cr. Zwar said the council subsidised the band and there would be no harm in giving a trial.

Cr. Jones said no one wanted to see the park mutilated, but an opportunity should be given to see if the people would protect their own property.

Permission was granted to the band to play for one night as an experiment to see if the park would suffer.

Regent Central Progress Association.—This association sought (1) attention to lane at rear of 5 Foch St. to Killara St.; (2) attention to weeds on footpath on west side of Allchin St., (3) asking that scavenging service be carried out on Monday instead of Friday for shops at corner of Tyler St. and Plenty Rd.

Cr. Newton said that if the works were not very urgent it would be a pity to have the engineer report and then for the council to say there was no money to do the work.

Items 1 and 2 were referred to the engineer for attention, and item 3 to the engineer for report.

A £5,000,000 Scheme.—City of Williamstown, outlining a £5,000,000 scheme for relief works to be submitted to the Government.

Cr. Jones: The Government has considered these schemes many times, and if the councils ask for the works the councils will be asked to pay.

No action was taken.

Garbage Carts.—East Preston Progress Association complained that garbage carts were not kept covered. —Engineer to report.

Bransgrove Park.—East Preston Progress Association suggested that this be leased so that the council might get some little revenue from it and lessen the interest burden.—Parks Committee to give consideration.

Wandering Stock.—East Preston Progress Association drew attention to complaints of wandering stock near Victoria St.—Inspector to attend.

Garnet St.—The question of erecting further lights was referred to the E.L. Committee at the request of Mrs. C. Manuel.

West Preston Progress Association —This body drew attention (1) to the state of wire fence at rear of Wine Hall, Edwardes St.; (2) electric light poles in Kelsby St. were affected by borer; (3) re state of Kelsby and Daventry Sts.—The items were referred to the P.W. Committee.

Cr. Jones said about 60 poles were now being replaced.

Authorisation of Works.—The same association sought attention to several streets, including Bellmont St. and Grandview Gve., in the area west of Gilbert Rd.

The engineer said works orders had already been issued for Bellmont St. and Grandview Gve., the cost to be under £10 each.

Cr. Robeson said that streets west of Gilbert Rd. required a lot of attention.

The mayor said the engineer should not give instructions for any works to be done without the sanction of the committee. There were many streets in the city which required some attention, but the council had not the money to spend. If the committee considered all works to be done first in private streets it would help to conserve the council's finances.

Cr. Jones said the main drain went across these streets, and no doubt if an accident happened at this point the council may be liable. The council often said that it had no control over private streets, but if an accident occurred the council might be responsible.

Cr. Hemburrow said there was a big drop in Bellmont street.

The Mayor: There was a bigger drop in Crookston road. (Laughter).

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

Committee Reports

Finance Committee. — Accounts totalling £705/6/10 were paid.

Public Works Committee. — Accounts totalling £2548/1/- were paid.

Victorian Railways, re drainage from Down St. and Crawley St., asking council to undertake drainage through railway property.—Engineer to do the work from private street construction funds.

Regent Central Progress Association, seeking attention to path west of Plenty road, from shop sites to Hubicon St.—No money available.

East Preston Progress Association, asking for attention to Rene St., from McColl St. eastwards.—No money available.

Regent Tennis Club, seeking assistance in drainage of tennis courts.—No money available.

W. J. Fanning, re footpath in Wood St., east of Plenty road.—Engineer for attention.

A recommendation that a level crossing be put in in Wood St., between Murphy Gve. and Dean St., at a cost of £7/10/-, was ruled out of order when Cr. Jones pointed out that this work should be charged to the abutting owners.

City of Northcote, seeking attention to dust from Robeson St.—Writers to be informed council has no funds available to do anything at present.

Cleaning channel west of McColl St., from Malpas to Madeline Sts.—To be done (cost £2).

Cleaning channel in Wood St., from High St. to drain.—Referred to engineer.

Construction of Frank St., between Bell St. and Oakover Rd.—Tender of C. R. Godfrey for £3947/17/5 was accepted, provided the tenderer was agreeable to use metal from council's quarry, subject to the metal passing the necessary test.

Electric Light Committee. — Accounts totalling £1625/10/3 were paid.

Street Lamps. — Applications for lamps in Wilfred and Albert Sts. were not granted.

Reports

Finance.—Collected for fortnight, £1020/11/; Municipal Account, Dr. £36,591/10/4; street construction account, Dr. £,648/13/5; electric light account, Dr. £811/1/2.

Health Inspector.—Infectious diseases reported included five cases of diphtheria, two of scarlet fever, one of infantile paralysis and one of tuberculosis. The pound enclosure had been broken into and stock removed. There was a record of wandering stock had been seized.

Meat Inspectors.—3731 pigs, 93 cattle, 2570 sheep had been branded.

Quarry Output.—813 tons of metal, etc. Number of men employed, 13.

Buildings.—Five permits were issued of an approximate value of £80.

Ordinary Business

Cr. Jones moved that the acting secretary of the Strathallan Cemetery Trust be asked to meet the council in regard to cemetery matters. "The cemetery," he said, "is not being developed as it should, because the trust has no funds. A lot of work can be provided there.

The Mayor: It is not a council matter. The council is the trust.

Cr. Jones: That's why I moved as I did. (Laughter).

The motion was carried.

Cr. Hemburrow: I would ask if it is any use bringing up a matter of flood drainage that flows across a ratepayer's lawn.

Cr. Jones: We should charge for excess water. (Laughter).

Several flood drainage matters were brought up by Crs. Hemburrow and Zwar and were referred to the P.W. committee.

Cr. Newton: Cr. Hemburrow gets up and says that he has brough up a lot of drainage work and says he supposes it is no good doing so.

Cr. Hemburrow: What has Cr. Newton got to do commenting on this? He is pretty sudden, and I'll comment on him, and pretty quick, too.

The Mayor: He had a right to comment.

Cr. Jones moved that the engineer draw up a schedule to expend £58 balance of loan under the £2 for £1 Government grant so that application for a grant could be made to the Government.—Carried.

Cr. Jones moved that the matter of plumbers' permits be referred to the committee of the council. The flat charge by the council, he said, was £1, whereas the plumber's work might only cost 7/6.—Carried.

Cr. Maynard asked if a caretaker and a gravedigger had been appointed at the cemetery.

The Mayor: That is a matter for the cemetery trust.

Cr. Zwar suggested that the council get in touch with the Government to get a share of the 50,000 tons of wood to be distributed by the Government.—To be done.

Cr. Newton asked why old metal from High street had been dumped in Railway place.

The Engineer: I heard about this but I did not know it was there.

Cr. Newton: The position is ridiculous. I asked Mr. Brennan to-day about the same matter, and he didn't know why the metal was there either. I wish it had been put in some of the holes in the East ward streets and I would not say anything.

Cr. Robeson moved that the question of the costing system in the engineer's department be referred to the committee of the council.—Carried.

Cr. Maynard moved that provision for a foot crossing at Regent street and High street be referred to the engineer for report.—Carried.

Cr. Maynard moved that re-dressing of the south footpath in Milton street, from Plenty road to the reserve, be referred to the P.W. committee.—Carried.

Cr. Robeson spoke of sundry debtors to the council, and referred the matter to the committee of the council.

He said that there was probably a leakage between departments in these amounts. In one case an employe had run up an account for between £10 and £50 for petrol, but it seemed to be no one's job to follow up and collect these amounts.

Cr. Newton moved that the construction of Rene street and Crookston road works be referred to the committee of the council.

Cr. Newton moved that outstanding accounts owing by the council to various tradespeople be referred to the committee of the council.—Carried.

West Preston State School Picnic

The children were early astir on Saturday, when the annual picnic was held at Williamstown in favorable circumstances. The sea was seductive to hundreds of swimmers, the refreshments were plentiful and appetising, the breezes cool, and everything tended to make the day thoroughly enjoyable. Mr. Roe, headmaster of the school, was well to the fore in seeing to the wants of children and adults, and was ably assisted by members of the Mothers' Club and school committee. About 500 persons took part in the outing, and the receipts were satisfactory. There were races for all—from tiny tots to grown-ups, and some who belonged to the latter brigade say 60 years ago. In the married women's race two mothers tied twice and each received a fair prize. The handicapping was carried out by Messrs. Trurin, Watt, Moore and Holliday. The picnic was organised by the Mothers' Club (Mesdames Watt, secretary; Johnson, treasurer; and Kelly). These ladies deserve credit. The mothers desire to thank Mr. Holt for a contribution of 50 gallons of milk, also fruit at a reduced rate. It was a tired but happy band of excursionists who returned to Preston after having spent a tip-top day at the seaside.

The following are the results of the races which took place during the day:—Girls—3 Years: Beverley Harrison 1, June Begelhole 2; 4 years: Betty Bryant 1, Betty Parkinson 2. 5 Years: Lorna Franks 1, Margaret Quinsey 2. 6 Years: Betty Hellings 1, Lois Eagles 2. 7 to 8: Audrey Baker 1, Myrtle Knight 2. 9 to 10: Mora Harris 1, Marjorie Hartwell. 11 to 12: Mimi Brown 1, Valda Parr 2. 13 to 15: Agnes Downie 1, Lily Moore 2. Siamese: Lily Ralph and Thora Griffiths 1, Pearl Williams and Alice Harris 2. Boot Jumble: Freda Shaw 1, Lily Ralph 2. Wheelbarrow Race: Jean Clarkson and Marjorie Hartner. Married Ladies' Race: Mrs. Buckingham and Mrs. Skipper. Mothers' Club Race: Mrs. James 1, Mrs. Bryant 2. Boys—3 Years: Billy Withey 1, Jacky Briton 2. 4 Years: Gordon Caird 1, Bobby Truran 2. 5 Years: Billy Wallace 1, Jacky Brooks 2. 6 Years: Keith Bryant 1, Billy Sax 2. 7 to 8: Reggie Flynn 1, Len Peckham 2. 9 to 10: Bert Deacon 1, Jim Francis 2. 11 to 12: Jack Harris 1, Victor Parkinson 2. 13 to 15: Douglas Parkinson 1, Billy Moore 2. Siamese Race: Doug Burton and Clem Truran 1, Doug Parkinson and Willie Moore 2. Boot Jumble: Clem Truran 1, Stan Durant 2. Wheelbarrow Race: Jack Harris and Fred Watt.

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"It's kind of you," said Dan, "but the law's against it."

"An I'm against the law," retorted Ned, truculently. "I 'ate all laws," he continued viciously, "an' this one which says you can't go round with a penny book an' beg a few pounds. Lor a friend what's broke 'imself to bits trying to save 'is country is the bloomin' limit!"

"P'raps they wouldn't look at it like that," said Dan.

"Don't suppose they would," sneered Ned. "The way I look at it is like this . . . There's you, name o' Daniel Bimper, fisherman. You go out fishin'. What for? Why, to 'elp same the country from starvin'! An' what do you get after bein' soaked to the skin three nights runnin'? Five bobs' worth of fish an' five quids' worth o' roomatics! An' what 'appens then? You 'ave to stop in bed a couple of days, for a start. Then you put up and comes a reumatics. Arf way downyou get tied up an' falls to the bottom. You black your eye, break a bone in your big toe, an' sprain your wrist. Then what 'appens then? Why, you can't 'elp the country as' you can't 'elp yourself! So I come along an' says I'll 'elp you, says I'll write out a bit of an appeal in a penny book, an' see if I can't raise a few pounds, me takin' four bob in the pound for my trouble an' you the rest, an' all of a sudden I 'ear a law's been passed against it . . . I know it's only a local law, but that makes it all the worse! Where's the sense in somethin' bein' the law in Tarsea which ain't the law everywhere? The landlord down at the Mitre says the police might give me permission to go round with the book. Yes, they might—an' they might not. I let the inspector 'ave it too 'ot three weeks ago, when he asked me 'ow much longer that dog o' mine was goin' to be under-fed. For I 'ad 'im up and 'im to do me a favor . . . No, Dan, I ain't goin' to crawl on my 'ands an' knees to no police. I'm goin' to buy that penny book, write out all your suff'rin's in it, an' go round on the quiet an' raise ten quid."

"It's kind o' you," said Dan again, "but you'll get copped."

"P'raps I will an' p'raps I won't," said Ned. "Who's goin' to cop me if I go round on a court day when all the bobbies are 'angin' about in the court waitin' to go into the witness box an' tell lies?"

Dan grinned. "I never thought o' that," he said.

"I did, though!" rejoined Ned.

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Ned duly drafted his appeal on behalf of Dan, and then waited for a "court day." He had, however, not been quite idle in the interval. Very carefully he had reconnoitred and tackled the few stray visitors there were about, and the sprinkling of "commercial gents" who put in half a day at Tarsea found themselves beckoned aside by a cheerful dark jerseyed boatman, who put a penny memorandum book into their hand and asked them to have a look at it. Those who looked read the following:—

To christian Gents and ladies

help a Por Suffering fisherman . . . your kind Helps is asked for—for Daniel Bimper aged Sixty 2 he lives by fishing and helping to fede the country at a reasonable price. He got the RUMATIX crool through being Out in all wethers and fell down a 5 stairs and Nearly blinded hisself and broke His Big tow and apraned his wrist which means he cant Work and is Nearly starved, he is on the jetty your Kind Help is asked at being more good to give than 2 reseve all contributions greatfully reseved by

Edward Gramp, is Frend,
Cove Cottage, Tarsea.

Some smiled, but didn't give. Others laughed and gave, and scribbled their initials and the amount of their contributions in the appointed column. None was aware that he was an necessary to the breaking of a local bye-law which forbeade the soliciting or canvassing for subscriptions for any object charitable or otherwise, save with the approval of the police.

On "court day" Ned got busy with the local residents. Some declined to contribute, and would not even read the appeal. Some made sarcastic references to the price of fish, and gave small donations. Others, with less prejudiced minds, read the appeal, grinned, and paid up. One or two asked if Ned had the necessary authority for what he was doing, and his pained look as he pointed to his name and address at the foot of the appeal was sufficient reply.

On the whole he didn't do at all badly, and it is not improbable that if he had been content to let well alone he would not have been—to use Dan's word—"copped."

For, by a mischance, "copped" he was.

"Sorry," said a gentleman whom Ned had stopped, "but while I've no doubt it is a deserving case, I really can't afford to give anything. I'm pretty hard hit myself."

The gentleman passed on, and P.C. Benton stepped out of a shadowing doorway.

"Solicitin' public subscriptions in a charitable place!" he snapped. "I mean," he corrected, "you was solicitin' charitable subscriptions in a public place. You'll 'ave to come along o' me, Ned Gramp!"

"Shall I walk, or would you prefer to carry me?" inquired Ned sarcastically.

The policeman, locally known as "Steamtick" on account of his height and extreme thinness, scowled, but kept the matter on a friendly footing.

"I ain't goin' to try to carry you," he said, "because I'd break in arf. You be sensible, Ned, an' come quiet. I'm obliged to do my duoty, an' you know perfectly well that after all the trouble we 'ad in the summer with them made-up nurses on the beach, an' them nuns, what wasn't nuns, beggin' for orphan children, an' that bloke rakin' cash for wounded 'orses, we 'ad a law made that there wasn't to be no beggin'—nor unless the inspector gave permission."

"I ain't never 'eard a word about it!" declared Ned. "If you adn't spoke to me first I should 'ave asked you for a tanner. That proves my innocence."

"I'll mention that," said the policeman, "if you'll come along nice and quiet. You won't be kept, seein' as we know you. It'll only be a case for a summons."

"I'll come," said Ned, "an' there ain't no more innercent man ever walked along inside a copper."

The inspector was somewhat severe. He impounded Ned's penny subscription book, and—legally or illegally—added the items up and demanded the total in cash.

"You can go now," he said. "You'll get the summons to-morrow . . . No, you needn't call for it."

On the next court day" Ned stumped forward quite cheerfully when his name was bawled, and faced the Mayor and two other of the Great Unpaid on the heinous charge of having contravened a certain bye-law.

P.C. Benton swore to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and kissed the book, or his thumb, in pledge thereof.

He stated what he had overheard, and added that Ned had asked him for a small subscription, being evidently unaware that such a request was unlawful.

"A point in defendant's favor," observed the Mayor.

The gentleman who had regretted his inability to give a donation bore unwilling testimony to the fact, and added that Ned was quite respectful and frank.

(To be Continued)

NORTHCOTE - COURT.

TUESDAY MARCH 10.

Before Mr. T. D. O' Callaghan P.M., Messrs. W. Hayes, H. Ebans, A. H. Otis, P. J. Keys, P. Carney, an Mrs. O. Deveney J.'s.P.

Unregistered Car.

James Summers, of Belgium ave, Richmond, was on January 18 drove an unreistered car in High street, Northcote, was fined £5. The evidence showed that the registration had expired a month before.

Adulterated Milk.

Percy Goddard was charged that on January 15 he sold milk that was adulterated.

Mr. A. M. Lonie (Maddock, Jamieson and Lonie) appeared to prosecute for the Northcote council, and Mr. R. R. Gray appeared for Goddard who pleaded guilty.

Rudolph Gunst, Health Inspector to the Northcote council said he purchased milk samples for analysis from the cart Goddard was driving. The analyst's certificate showed there was a deficiency of 8 per cent. in fatty solids and a slight deficiency in total solids.

A fine of £1 with £4/8/- costs was imposed.

A second charge against Goddard was withdrawn.

Consent to Maintenance Order.

Elsie May Howlett, of Westgarth street Northcote, sued Hezekiah Rex Howlett of Traralgon for maintenance.

By consent an order was made for £1 weekly for the wife and 10/- weekly for each of three children.

Debt.

H. Stewart, trading as the Croxton Car Laundry, for whom Mr. R. R. Gray appeared, obtained an order same against W. Castleton for £11/9/9 with costs. The same complainant obtained an order against F. A. Richards for £3/1/11 with £1/6/- costs in each case.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Representatives of the District Union rendered service on Saturday last at the weekly meeting of the Gospel Crusade Mission. Sensing the forward movement among the Endeavourers of our state, the authorities have decided to hold a Young Peoples' night on the first Saturday of each month for the young peoples' organisations will be responsible. The C.E. Union of this district was asked to take the opening night and although the notice was rather short, the result was gratifying. Solos were rendered by Miss. F. Risstrom and Mr. C. M. Batten, a testimony time gave other members an opportunity to take part and an address was given by Mr. Sandland who conducted the meeting and brought it to a fitting conclusion at 9.30 p.m.

The Open-air workers of the union were again encouraged on Friday night with the results attending their efforts at the corner of High and Smith street, Thornbury. A good number of attentive listeners stayed to hear the messages and singing and many accepted the offered booklets.

The progress of and interest in the Methodist Y. P. Society at Croxton is being well maintained. Two new associate members were received at the Consecration meeting last Thursday night, bringing the total membership to 34. A social was held on Wednesday by the Intermediate society when forty-seven article were received and given to the pastor for distribution to needy families in the district. The Junior society held a picnic at Brighton Beach on February 7, and an enjoyable time was spent by 60 Endeavourers and friends.

The district secretary has been advised that the special C.E. train for the South Morang field day on March 23 will stop at Northcote station for the convenience of members of this union. Tickets for this outing are now available from the district secretary at 8 Ilma grove, Miss D. Moore, 7 Lomond street Report, and Mr. F. Engdahl, 7 Linton street, Ivanhoe.

To stimulate interest in missionary efforts the Missionary committee of the Ivanhoe Methodist I.C.E. under their convenor, Mr. Gordon Serpell, took charge of the meeting of that society on Sunday last. Eleven members actively contributed to the meeting's success and papers on missionary topics were submitted by Shirley Trevena, Elsie Hackett, Reg. Whincup, and the convenor.

Golding Methodists will probably laud the course of studies which the Preston Methodist society members are following during this six months. Under the general heading of "West is Salvation" it is intended to discuss the following subjects: Justification, regeneration, adoption witness of the Spirit and sanctification.

Members of the St. Georges' road Methodist Y.P. society gathered on Wednesday night to hear lantern lectures by Mr. and Mrs. Wade. These missionaries of the United Aborigine's Mission told a stirring story of their work among the original inhabitants of our land. The presence and message of these two pioneering workers from Oodnadatta were much appreciated by the members.

Most meetings of the Methodist societies of the union were suspended last Tuesday to allow members to attend the Young Peoples' Rally arranged in connection with the Annual Conference at Wesley Church. The space reserved for the members of the various organisations was well filled, over 80 per cent. being Endeavourers, who agreed unanimously to request of the president. Dr. Francis E. Clarke's favorite hymn "Lord Speak to Me."

The High street Methodist Y.P. society, one of the oldest and not the oldest in the district, has been lately averaging one new member per week making the present membership 70. Arrangements are already being made for a "Back to High street" movement during the society's anniversary in May next, when many former members are expected to attend.

CHURCH DAMAGED BY FIRE

When an electric wire fuse is fire occurred in the sacristy of St. John's Roman Catholic Church at the corner of Cape and Yarra streets, Heidelberg, at 20 minutes to 4 o'clock on the morning of March 6. Neighbors noticed smoke and flames rising from the church and an alarm was given. Fire appliances from the Heddle street, Abbotsford, Ivanhoe and Heidelberg brigades were called out. When the fire had been extinguished it was found that damage amounting to about £150 had been done.

FEWER MARRIAGES IN VICTORIA

In Victoria in 1930 only 11,641 marriages were celebrated, compared with 12,935 in 1929, according to figures which were supplied by the Government statist (Mr. A. M. Laughton). The marriage rate was 6.52 for each 1,000 of population. This is the lowest rate, and also the lowest number, of marriages since 1918. Last year 10.5 per cent. of the marriages were performed in registry offices, compared with 2.6 per cent. in 1914. There were 3,211 marriages celebrated in the church of England, 2,238 in the Roman Catholic Church, 1,965 in the Presbyterian Church, and 1,577 in the Methodist Church.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—You will see a notice in the corner asking that all contributions be in by Monday of each week. We hope you'll remember this when sending in your stories and so save disappointment.

How are the Jumbled Words going? Send along your entries as soon as possible as the competition ends on Saturday, March 14.

We went to Sorrento by boat on Sunday and had such a jolly time. The Pets seemed restless and suggested we should visit some friends of ours at Rosebud, and as we couldn't find a convenience of any sort, we decided to walk. It's a long way, but the day was lovely and fine, not too hot and there was a sea breeze most of the time. We bought some fruit and started on our way in great spirits and Grandpa's pipe puffing like a real chimney stack. It was great fun and we thoroughly enjoyed it, chattering and watching the Pets' regrets. Arrived at Rye, we sat down on a bench opposite the Hotel, and ate our fruit and rested for a while and then off we started again. We had not gone far, when a car overtook us and offered a ride, so Weren't they surprised to see us, and then the see saw started in its wave for a lazy paddle with the sea floating us about. A brisk run along the beach, and then an exhibition of antics by the Pets and we discovered how hungry we were, so tea was the next important item. The Pets have just realised they like walking, so I can see more jaunts ahead.

Don't forget the trips and Competition. One new Cobber this week, Edna Mackay. Greetings from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL.

NOTICE.

We would like all entries for the Cobbers' Club to be in on the Monday morning of each week, as Uncle Phil is away on the Tuesday as usual. If your contributions cannot be published in the Cobbers, will you please look for them in the following week, and there you'll not be disappointed.

UNCLE PHIL.

NEW COMPETITION

Put the following twelve jumbled names from the garden in proper order and send them in to Uncle Phil by March 14. The result will be announced on March 20, and the prize will be available on Monday, March 23. (1) Hyacinth, (2) forget-me-not, (3) hollyhock, (4) quotal, (5) rulskarp, (6) chatikore, (7) sweetpea, (8) lupin, (9) asksinrad, (10) kersalerbib, (11) omlen, (12) bagandsare.

BIRTHDAYS.

At the Cobbers, Uncle Phil, and the Pets send the heartiest and happiest of Birthday Greetings and Good Wishes to Allen Cobber (March 11), R. McIntosh (March 15), Joyce Wade and Jessie O'Connell (March 16); Dorothy F. Jones (March 17), Nellie Jowett and Keith Styles (March 18), Nellie Jowett (March 20), and Edna Hibbert (March 20).

OUR MAIL BAG.

23 Robyn Grove Thornbury.

Dear Uncle Phil, I am writing you a few lines to ask you if you would have me as a cobber. I have many pals who have joined your club, so I thought I would join too. I am enclosing a few jokes with this letter, so I will close now.

(GOOD). Edna Mackay

Welcome to the Clubs Edna, and we hope you'll like being a cobber and seeing your contributions in the Corner. Will you send us a snap of yourself for our Cobbers Album please? The Pets like to receive greetings. U.P.

Jack Lowrey.—One entry only is accepted from each Cobber Jack, so send along yours now. How are the trips going? Have you three yet? The Pets send best wishes and so does

UNCLE PHIL.

Stan Durrant.—Thank you very much for the snap Stan. We were pleased to receive it and the Pets like it a lot. Now put in the Album. How is Jim going? Drawing and best wishes.—UNCLE PHIL.

Ruby Keele. Unusual with a penny stamp on the back. Are you sending it to mother, or your brother and sister going to join the Club? Try the Jumbled Words' Competition. Heaps of love. UNCLE PHIL.

"Freddy," asked the school master, "what does a leap year mean?" "One extra day at school," answered Freddy, sadly. (GOOD) Alec Murphy.

Dr. Griffin: I must say that the world is very ungrateful towards our professions." How seldom one sees a public memorial erected to a doctor! Dr. Golightly: "How seldom? Oh, doctor, think of our cemeteries! (GOOD) Phyllis Murphy.

Porter (to passenger who has just missed train): "Were you wanting to catch that train sir?" Passenger: "Oh, no, I didn't like the look of it, so I just chased it out of the station." (GOOD) Frank O'Connor.

"My husband has had indigestion for the past month." "Really! I'm so sorry! I had no idea you were without a cook."

Mary: "I'm very careful. I always send my children out of the house before I quarrel with my husband." Jane: "The little dears, they look so healthy from spending their time in the open air." (GOOD). Aileen Capper.

The pretty young kindergarten mistress had been telling her pupils all about the winds, their power, different effects and so on. "And children," she went on enthusiastically, "as I came to school this morning on the top of the bus something softly came and kissed my cheek. What do you think it was?" "The conductor" cried the children joyously.

"I say!" exclaimed a customer in a druggists shop who thought he had been overcharged. "Have you any sense of honor?" "I'm sorry" said the druggist, from force of habit, "I have not, but I have something just as good!" (GOOD) Kathleen Birch.

"Both Herbert and Harold proposed to me yesterday," said Cora. "And you refused both," declared Cynthia. "Yes, but how did you know?" "I saw them shaking hands in the street this morning." (GOOD) Roy Murphy.

RIDDLES.

What is found once in minutes, twice in moments but never in a thousand years? Answer—M.

Why did the butterfly flutter by?—Because the dragonfly drank the flagon dry. (GOOD) Ruby Keele.

Why are authors the most wonderful men in the world?—Because their tales (tails) spin out of their heads.

Why is Asia like a market in Christmas week?—Because there is always a turkey in it.

The sum of two numbers is 88. If the largest number be doubled, it would be 9 times the smaller number. Find the numbers. Answer,—16 and 72. Allan Love.

What is the difference between a soldier and a fashionable lady?—One uses the powder, and the other powders the face. (GOOD) Con Power.

COMPETITION CORNER

Stories, riddles, catches, puzzles, jokes, short verses, or anything you think will be interesting to the Cobbers' Club will 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 all your own and keep them until you have 100 marks. Then send to Uncle Phil, and say if you prefer a cash prize of 2/6 or a book. If a book, give the title.

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ADULTERATED MILK

DAIRY FARMER FINED AT NORTHCOTE.

A case of interest to dairy farmers and dairymen was heard at Northcote court on Tuesday when Alfred Henry Adams, dairy farmer, of Mernda, was charged that on February 9 he sold milk that was adulterated.

Mr. A. M. Lonie (prosecuting for the Northcote council) said that defendant Adams had a contract to deliver milk from Mernda to Frost's dairy at Northcote. On February 9 when the carter arrived with the milk at the Northcote dairy Inspector Gunst took two samples for analysis, one of these was found to be below the standard, showing a deficiency of 10per cent. in fatty solids.

Inspector Gunst said "About 10.30 p.m. I took samples from cans on a milk waggon, which had just arrived at Frost's dairy. Frost said "I'm not going to take delivery of the milk and the responsibility for it until after the inspector takes his samples".

The seals on the cans were not broken when I first saw them. The milk was thoroughly plunged and I got two samples, for which I paid the driver.

Richard Frost, dairyman, Thomson street Northcote, said "On February 9 I was obtaining milk from Adams at Mernda. The milk was to be cooled and then delivered to me. On the night of February 9. Inspector Gunst took two samples from Adams' consignment to me.

Samuel Parish said "I delivered the milk from the ice works to Frost's dairy and received payment for the samples, the money for which I gave to Adams."

The P.M. (Mr. Callaghan): These were not the only cans of milk at the ice works?—No there were hundreds more.

James McAlister, Helen street, Northcote said "I work at the Northcote ice works. On February 9 I cooled two cans of Adams' milk, and when I re-canned the milk I sealed them with my own seal. The milk was not interfered with in any way.

The P.M.: It is necessary to break the seals to brine cool the milk?—Yes.

Arthur Henry Adams, of Mernda, said "I have been a dairyman since the beginning of the year. An arrangement was made to sell milk to Frost, and the milk left me in sealed cans. I did not know that it went to the ice works instead of going straight to Frost's dairy. I did not interfere with the milk.

A conviction was recorded and a fine of £2 with £4/17/5 costs imposed.

PRESTON LODGE, U.A.O.D.

GRAND PRESIDENT VISITS BRANCH.

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One of the most interesting and successful nights held since the formation of the lodge in 1910 was held in the Rechabite hall on Monday 22 by C. B. Meadway, and 17 by "Yarraville." The first seven events were all hotly contested, and the results were.—No. 1.—O. Ridgeway and "Fred." No. 2.—"Yarraville." No. 3—Meadway and Crawford. No. 4—Crawford and Meadway. No. 5—Meadway and Crawford. No. 7—"E.A.B." and Crawford. The remaining four events were half thrown, and each lasted four rounds. Results being.—No. 8.—"Fred." No. 9—"E.A.B." and Crawford. No. 10—"Fred" and "E.A.B." No. 11—Meadway. As the Sinte starting championship will be contested at Reservoir a fortnight hence starting will be shot again next Saturday.

THROUGH FLOODS WITH URGENT SUPPLIES.

Engineer's Experience with Ford Truck.

Mr. W. B. Murphy, F.R.M.S., F.S. S.A., recently left Sydney in a new Ford truck carrying equipment and supplies required by S. Hoddle, engineer, Lismore, New South Wales, and encountered the floods along the north coast. "It rained in torrents during the night," said Mr. Murphy, "and numerous motorists returned from the northern roads as they could not pass the floods. As every village we passed through was under water at the College as soon as possible we determined to try to push on. At every village we passed through the water was deeper, but owing to our high clearance we went steadily for after mile though water 18 to 20 inches deep. At Burn's Point we had to wait four hours for the tide to turn before the punt could work. We were the only motor vehicle to travel from Grafton to Lismore for four days and we did it on the day the flood was at its highest."

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During the evening a musical programme was presented, the introduction of community singing proving very popular.

THE GUN.

NORTHCOTE CLUB.

Concentrating on starlings Northcote club had a good attendance at Reservoir on Saturday, but a small wind which struck form almost monopolised the programme. Three capital breaks were 34 by Crawford, 22 by C. B. Meadway, and 17 by "Yarraville." The first seven events were all hotly contested, and the results were.—No. 1.—O. Ridgeway and "Fred." No. 2.—"Yarraville." No. 3—Meadway and Crawford. No. 4—Crawford and Meadway. No. 5—Meadway and Crawford. No. 7—"E.A.B." and Crawford. The remaining four events were half thrown, and each lasted four rounds. Results being.—No. 8.—"Fred." No. 9—"E.A.B." and Crawford. No. 10—"Fred" and "E.A.B." No. 11—Meadway. As the Sinte starting championship will be contested at Reservoir a fortnight hence starting will be shot again next Saturday.

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DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v ST. KILDA.

Cohen won the toss for St. Kilda and sent Ponsford and Yeomans to open to the bowling of Chivers and Thorn. Off the last ball of Chivers' second over Yeomans was well caught by Williams in the slips. Oakley followed and was missed by Morgan behind. Two balls after he gave Morgan another chance, the ball flying from his gloves into the slips, and Ozden took a good catch. Guthrie came next and after making one run was clean bowled by Thorn. Cohen came in to stop the rot and he sent first ball flying to the boundary. With the score at three for 7 Spoor came on at the north end in place of Thorn. Northcote's bowlers at this stage were on top. After 45 minutes' play 50 runs appeared on the board. Shortly after Cohen was out to a doubtful decision at four for 56. Ellis joined Ponsford and both batsmen found Williams and Spoor hard to score off. Northcote was given a brilliant exhibition of fielding, Morgan in particular saved many runs. Ponsford's 50 was reached in 103 minutes and the century came up shortly after being made in 116 minutes. Ponsford was now giving the spectators some of his best cricket, his leg shots being brilliant. Ellis' innings was broken from Chivers and the whole field appealed for a catch but the umpire was in his favor. Bagguley was making several changes in the bowling but the batsmen had dug in. 150 runs came up in 152 minutes. Both Ponsford and Ellis got fifties for the runs at this stage. The next 50 being made in the short time of 28 minutes. Ponsford with a single reached his century, made in 170 minutes. When the partnership had added 197 runs Ponsford lost his wicket, being caught for a fine effort off Williams. His score included 17 4's and one six. With five minutes left to play, Ellis lost his wicket, while going for a big hit. Wilson running in from the boundary held a good catch. His score included 10 4's and a six, and was made in 145 minutes. Lahiff, after making a single was run out, and stumps were drawn. Chivers was North-cote's best bowler, he sent down 19 overs for 59 runs and two wickets.

ST. KILDA.—First Innings.

W. H. Ponsford, c sub., b Williams	110
F. Yeomans, c Williams, b Chivers	1
H. Oakley, c Austen, b Chivers	1
H. F. Guthrie, b Thorn	1
H. L. Cohen, c Chivers, b Williams	56
R. N. Ellis, c Vernon, b Baggott	43
T. Lahiff, run out	1
C. A. Adams, not out	6
Sundries	21
Seven Wickets for	271

Bowling.—Chivers, 2-59; Thorn, 4-39; Spoor, 9/9, Williams 2-35, Ozden 0-22, Baggott 1-19.

SECOND ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v ST. KILDA.

(By "Linesman.")

The above match was commenced at St. Kilda and was looked upon as the tilbit of the season, as both sides occupy a prominent position on the list, St. Kilda being first, and Northcote second. St. Kilda batted first and batted on a beautiful wicket, Brams and Batten opening to Fleming and McSperrin, McSperrin's second over there was a loud appeal off Batten for a catch behind, but the umpire disallowed the appeal. It appeared from the press box that the batsman cut the ball hard. Both batsmen went along outside the bowling being of a good length. With the total at 35 Clarkson received Fleming and off his fourth over Brams was out like the first wicket falling at 54. Watson, who had been a prominent member of the first eleven all the season, joined Batten. Although St. Kilda have the reputation of a strong batting side there were no fireworks in their display yet, as when the adjournment for tea came the score stood at 2 for 116. On resuming Wilson was run out with the board reading for 148. When the fourth wicket fell at 88 St. Kilda seemed to be in a very strong position, but the Northcote bowlers, sticking to their task and backed up by keen fielding, had 8 for 204 when time was called. Despite the roughness of the ground, the fielding of the Northcote boys was very fine, several hard shots being stopped. The game is in an interesting state, and will be concluded next Saturday.

Scores:—

ST. KILDA.

R. Brams, lbw Clarkson	20
H. Batten, c McCausland, b Powell	54
G. Wilson, run out	43
H. Hele, st McCausland, b Fothergill	33
W. Pearson, run out	27
R. Pitt, c McCausland, b Fothergill	0
W. Monteath, c McSperrin, b Clarkson	4
W. Welch, run out	7
C. Randle, not out	4
Sundries	12
Eight wickets for	204

CLUB ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v COLTS.

The above match was commenced at St. Saturday between the two club elevens, both of whom are competing for the consolation trophy of the Metropolitan League. Preston won the toss and gave the colts first use of the wicket, which proved very fast. Warren and K. Williamson took strong to the attack of Peterson and Fleming, and the latter soon began to show the colts what a bowler. He bowled Warren for 4 with the total at 7, his next ball skittled Hodges, and he narrowly missed the hat trick, C. Williamson being dropped in the slips off Jones, his third over he again missed the hat trick, dismissing L. Little and Jones off successive balls. C. Williamson got the benefit of an appeal for stumpings, only to be caught shortly in slips next over off L. Peterson. With six wickets down for 9, things were anything but good for the Colts, but Vic Peterson, Archie and Charlie Fargher for the eighth wicket brought a change in the game. Aided by a few missed chances they carried the score to 143 before Fargher was out low to Peterson. His 56 was a good fighting innings. The side was dismissed for 158, Avison carrying his bat for 54, an innings which no doubt saved the side. It ranks as the finest display given against the Club Eleven bowlers this season. A feature of his knock was the clever way he used his feet to all bowling. Fleming's bowling in the early stages of the innings was remarkable, and it is doubtful if the club has any player in its ranks who does more with the new ball than he does. He finished up with 7-49, for 29 off 15 overs. With twenty minutes left for play, Hamilton opened the innings with S. Peterson as his partner, and they were still together at stumps, with the total at 40 off five overs. Hamilton (27) scored a 4 and 6 off the last two balls of the day. Scores:—

NORTHCOTE COLTS.—First Innings.

Warren, b Fleming	4
K. Williamson, b Fleming	5
Hodges, b Fleming	2
C. Williamson, c Little, b Peterson	0
Little, b Fleming	0
Jones, b Fleming	0
Avison, not out	54
Cope, b Fleming	11
Fargher, lbw, Peterson	14
Miller, c S. Peterson, b L. Peterson	6
Norwerg c Hamilton, b Fleming	15
Sundries	22
	153

NORTHCOTE.—First Innings.

J. Hamilton, not out	27
S. Peterson, not out	11
Sundries	2
No wickets for	40

SUB-DISTRICTS

CAMBERWELL v PRESTON

Winning the toss Preston batted on a splendid wicket. A good first-wicket partnership between Fothergill and Davis was the only thing of note during the afternoon. They added 91 runs, and from that point Camberwell was on top. Rooney was the only other double-figure scorer, and made 16 not out. Camberwell fieldsmen dropped many catches. Coombe bowled well, and captured four for 40; Collyer took three for 23, Hatch two for 37, and Munro one for 32. The innings realised 11 in 135 minutes. Camberwell began poorly, and at stumps had lost five for 58, Watson made 19 and Collyer 16. Allen took four for 23 and Bott one for 23.

THE JUNIORS

The last round before the semi-finals began last Saturday.

RICHMOND CITY SCORES 252.

Richmond City and Clifton Hill A.N.A. met at the Richmond reserve, and the city, on winning the toss, opened with Donohue and McNally. Four wickets fell for 60 of which Jones made 13. McDonald was caught on the boundary for 40 (four 4's). McNally and Newman carried the total to 132 for the next wicket, Newman being bowled by Sparks for 12. Wilson and Hargreet each made 17. McNally carried his bat for a well-made 111, which took two and a half hours and included twelve 4's. The innings closed for 252. Sparks was the most successful bowler, with four for 61. The A.N.A. missed several easy chances, and at stumps had lost two wickets for 12 runs.

FLEMINGTON AND KENSINGTON IN GOOD POSITION.

Flemington and Kensington is already in a winning position against Heidelberg, having lost four wickets for 104 runs in response to its opponents' total of 78. The principal scorers for Heidelberg were Scott 13, Fisher 12, and McCormack 11. R. Smith, two for 12 Heffernan 47, J. Smith 20, R. Smith 12 not out, and Foster 10 not out, shaped best for Flemington and Kensington. Shearn took three wickets for 22 runs.

FAIRFIELD'S 193 AGAINST NEWPORT

Fairfield batted on the afternoon against Newport and lost eight wickets for 193 runs. Double figure scorers were Simkiss 42 not out, McKay 40, and Munro 36 not out. Scrivens four for 28, and Mathews two for 34, bowled best.

MATTING DIVISION

ALPHINGTON, 91 (Pigott 23, Orr 19, Kent 16, Naismith 15; McCallum, 6 56; Johnson, 2 14; Aitken, 2 17). v SOUTH PORT, eight for 99 (Hern 25, Bequest 35, Piggott, 3 42; Jewell, 2 11.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

FIRST GRADE (Semi-finals).

Brunswick I.O.O.F., nine wickets, for 193 (Short 50, Little 39, Casson 35, Duffy 22 n.o., Mackay 22 n.o.). v Northcote Scouts.

Bennett and Sons, 176 (Andrews 27, Coventry 25, Wells 6/71). v. Burnley, none for 39 (S. Begley 23 n.o.).

SECOND GRADE (Semi-finals).

Regent, 143 (McGrath 42, Langlands 22; Williams 3/50). v. North Richmond Methodist, three for 38.

THIRD GRADE (Semi-finals).

Northcote Free Gardeners, five for 291 (W. Taylor 122, Raphael 31, Whittaker 76 n.o., E. Raphael 30 n.o., Watson 20). v. Kilda, 9 (D. Alpha, 162, Thompson 39, Mackie 33; Burley 4/40, v Brightside, six for 60 (Hunter 4/29).

Clifton Hill A.N.A. 139 (Hall 50, Goastray 41, Butterfield 4/41). v. Perseverance, nine for 35, (McCracken 6/11).

JIKA ASSOCIATION

Broadhurst's, 126 (Wawn 34, Howard 32, Digby 23; J. Lockhead 4/32, v. Reservoir, two for 86 (Willard 47 n.o., G. Lockhead 21).

Northcote Printing, 193 (Prescott 69, Martin 58), v. Bell, one for 47.

West Preston, 89 (W. Punch 5/16), v. Preston Footballers, two for 94 (Smith 53 n.o., L. Punch 37 n.o.).

East Northcote, 126 (Colsen 40, Armstrong 30, Harmer 27; L. White 5/33), v. East Preston one for 39.

Fendler's Grove, 176 (Mathews 55, Bricker 52; McLaren 4/30), v. Preston United, two for 65 (Forde 27).

Preston Socery, 79, v Gowerville, 56 and two for 31 (Bahen 20 and 4/19; Colgarve 4/16).

Scouts, 44, (Forde 6/19), v. Prestonville, nine for 179 (Waller 64, Grierson 36, Albinson 5/63).

Victory, 168 (Gibaud 28, Laughton 47), v. Croxton United, one for 21 (Gracie 20 n.o. and 6/39).

HEIDELBERG DISTRICT

FIRST GRADE

Heidelberg, 71 (Woolcock 29; G. Mullinger 7/34), v. North Alphington, seven for 165 (H. Mullinger 49 n.o., Hamilton 33, E Alexander 20).

Greensborough, 88 (R. Franklin 38; Anson 4/40), v. Ivanhoe Footballers, three for 89 (C. Gonzales 33, F. Gonzales 25 n.o.).

Alphington, 117 (Renn 30; George 5/29), v Rosanna, three for 38 (McWaters 24).

Ivanhoe, eight (closed) for 276 (Tulk 109 n.o., Clough 44, Bode 31, Little 27, Stone 24 Anson 4/123), v. North Ivanhoe.

SECOND GRADE

Claremont, 88 (Anstee 31; Kyte 5/20), v Fairfield Diggers, eight for 88 (Corfield 24, Forde 22).

Greensborough, 100 (Mountford 45, Medhurst 35, W. Franklin 22, Quirk 20), v. MacLeod, three for 46 (Stephenson 33).

Eaglemont, 93, v. North Ivanhoe, nine for 109 (Tilley 37, Whittaker 34 and 4/7, Butler 4/9).

CHURCH ASSOCIATIONS

NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON.

FIRST GRADE SEMI-FINALS

Regent Presbyterians, 149 (Frobell 65 and 8/18, Underhill 27), v. Thornbury Church of Christ, four for 80 (Weir 6/26).

Thornbury Presbyterians, 123, (Love 41, Jones 28, Bowden 20, Pink 5/30, Harper 4/15). St. James' Church of England, four for 32 (Duncan 2/12, Taylor 1/3, Jones 1/15).

THIRD GRADE SEMI-FINALS.

Thornbury Presbyterians, 129 (Douglas 35, Gillies 29; Payne 8/18, Savage 2/10), v. St. George's Road Methodists, one for 117 (Risstrom 11, Nelson 20 n.o., Hammett 75 n.o.).

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

FIRST GRADE SEMI-FINALS

Holy Trinity, Thornbury, 162 and 140 (Watson 46 and 11/82, Carley 38 and 50, Breadhurst 21 n.o. and 23, Woods 34; Stevens 4/42, F. Rowe 6/26), of St. Jude's, Carlton, 147 and 53 (Peterson 36 n.o. and 18, Atkins 36, A. Rowe 32).

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

SECOND GRADE SEMI-FINALS.

Northcote, 76 (Meyer 8/31), v St. Kilda, three for 32.

CONSOLATION PRIZE

South Melbourne A, five (closed) for 194 (Murray 69, Harrison 32, Ryan 33), v Thornbury, five for 75 (Pollard 39 n.o.; Brooker 4/19.

BAPTIST.

A GRADE.

Footscray B, 76 (Wilson 20, Cunningham 3/6), v. Northcote, 124 and none for 8 (Brien for, Keeble 38, Stratten 8/34).

North Preston v North Carlton, at North Carlton.—North Preston batted first, and were all out for 97. The top score was 27, made by the captain, Fowler, while the colts, Dearing and Rasslere, made 15 and 14 respectively. North Carlton made five for 98, T. A. Haley scoring 56 not out, and Rowan 28. A. W. Haley took four wickets for 14. Scores.—North Preston, 97 (Kerr 27, Dearing 15, Rasslere 14, Pearce 11, Stickland 3/26, McGowan 2/10, A. W. Haley 4/30). North Carlton five for 98. (T. A. Haley 56 n.o., Burnell 26, Kerr 2/14).

B GRADE

Port Melbourne, five for 55, v Fairfield, 109 (Mayfield 33 not, Coventry 20, Dettman, jun. 6/32).

North Preston v Ivanhoe, at Reservoir.—Ivanhoe won the toss, and sent North Preston in to bat. They took the full allotment for 43, Grove 14 not out being the highest scorer. N. Mathews was exceedingly unplayable and took six wickets for 12 runs from seven overs. Ivanhoe started out in great style, and mainly owing to Thomas, who made 30, included five 4's and one 6, and Robertson, who made 20, and, at one stage, a score of 100 for five wickets. Then Grove and Rannon struck a purple patch and the next five wickets fell for only 7 runs. The innings closed for 116, Grove took four for 17, and Rannon three for 23. In their second attempt Preston have lost one wicket for 15. Todd having 14 not out. Scores:—Ivanhoe, 116 (Thomas 30, Robertson 20, N. Mathews 6/12, Grove 4/17, Bannon 3/23, E. O'Brien 1/15). v. North Preston, 43 (Grove 14 n.o., A. O'Brien 10, N. Mathews 6/12, Grove 4/26), and 1 for 15 (Judd 14 not out).

West Preston, eight for 68 (Nicholson 4/7), v. Clifton Hill, 103 (Edwards 34, Amos 28, Keane 2/20).

SECOND GRADE SEMI-FINAL.

Northcote Crusaders, 177 (Smith 45, Mansfield 35, Emmerson 30; Tait 3/71, MacKay 4/23), v St. Mary's Church of England, four for 25.

Northcote Methodists, 58 (Matthews 5/37), v Northcote East Baptists, six for 90 (Staples 20; Baxter 27 n.o., and 4 14).

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

U.A.O.D.

Gwalia, 149 (Richardson 58, Ashworth 19), v Pioneer, two for 78 (Lipman 20, and 4/28). Preston, 51 (Barden, 14 Lacey 11) v Trafalgar, six for 79, (Walsh 32, Hutchinson 5/32, Nuttman 1/13).

P.A.F.S.

Preston, 209 (Seebeck 43, H. Burge 24, Hastings 24, Watkins 37, C. Burge 24 n.o.), v Northcote, two for 4.

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Langridge, 134 (Webb 35, Crawley 23, Todd 19, Teede 18 n.o.), v. Boundary, three for 49 (Revill 22 and 3 22).

H.A.C.B.S.

Preston, 83 and 122 (Howard 27, Wallace 22, Lang 18, Doyle 12, Robertson 5/12, Sheahan 4/5, Mahon 3/24, v Yarraville, 77 and 108 (Corby 27, Donovan 19, Robertson 17, Tuttle 10/72, Kinsella 4/23).

I.N.F.

Northcote, 120 (Marnell 46, Day 34 and 4/31, Eade 6/46), v. Port Melbourne, seven for 74 (Hurley 36).

I.O.R.

SENIOR COMPETITION.

Sunshine, 107 J. McIntyre 23, Patten 21), v Fairfield, two for 31.

North Fitzroy, five (closed) for 124 (Muir 55, Blackburn 38, Osborne 3/39), v Ivanhoe 20 and 4 wickets, Kidden 9/40.

West Melbourne, seven (closed) for 232 (Cornish 53, Mathews 51 n.o., Potter 36, Mcrae 28, E. Smith 23), v. Clifton Hill, three for 8.

Northcote, 149 (Scott 55, Neville 31, Mence 22, Cook 6/44), v East Brunswick, two for 33.

JUNIOR SEMI-FINALS.

Samuel Maugher, 160, v Dennis, one for 25.

Sons of Temperance.

Semi-finals.

North Fitzroy, 121 (A. Denholm 46 J. Bassett 21, G. Phillips 20, R. Jones 18, G. Robinson 4/24, J. Pentelow 4/44). v Alpha, three for 73, (G. Robinson 34 n.o., J. Pentelow 14 n.o. W. Gates 11.).

Rising Star, 230 (N. Pangbourne 136 n.o., R. Carr 30, A. Hamilton 29, C. Ross 2/22) v Phoenix.

Regent Central, 7 for 144 (Newbegin 60, Walker 23, Crone 14, Manuel 12; Hughes 2/33, Radford 1/6, McCabe 1/10). v. McAlpins, 105 (Radford 30, Marshall 28, Harris 11; Nagel 2/10, Crone 2/13, Kneehone 2/23). On Saturday March 14, Regent Central will pplay the Sun-Pictorial an Darges pitch, top of Oakhill avenue.

OTHER MATCHES.

Municipal Association.—Heidelberg, four for 69, played Preston, 132 (Forster, 21, O' Donohue 27, Haryers 3/32, Cox 5/30).

Returned Soldiers'—Melbourne, 251 (King 45, Barnes 41, Cornish 41) v Northcote.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADE.

South Preston Methodists, four for 281 (Pike 133 n.o., Bott 32, Pearce 32, Curwood 27 n.o., Charlson 28) v Northcote Congregational, 31 (Bott 6/21 including hat trick. Pearce 3/4) Pike gave a brilliant display, exhibiting a fine variety of strokes.

GOLF.

HEIDELBERG CLUB.

Last Saturday fifty-six members competed for a club trophy in a competition against par. The leading scores were 3 up, L. E. Jacques, (16); 1 up, P. N. Davies, (15); square, J. Knell, (5); square, F. L. Norris, (13); 1 down, C. Dabbey, (8), 2 down, G. Dyke, (18); 2 down, A. J. Pegulean, (13); 2 down, H. S. Hart, (17).

RAINBOW CRICKET CLUB

A highly successful outing was enjoyed by members and friends of the Rainbow Cricket Club at their annual picnic at Kinglake. Arriving at Thompson's Hostel at 11 a.m. they were escorted by local guides to the beauty spots and famous scenes, which by far exceeded their expectations. Awakened by the familiar sound of the dinner gong, the picnic began, and later everyone emerged from the dining room contented and ready to enter into the fun. The Kinglake Cricket Club once more met defeat by the undefeated Rainbows, who put up a splendid performance in making Kinglake take the field after making 69 runs, and kept them all the rest of the day chasing the leather. Rainbow compiled 248, the best scorers being Howard 47, R. Smith 37, and G. Smith 37. The bowling honors went to the captain, H. Bradford, with eight for 10. Although Rainbows won easily, great interest was taken in the match, and both teams alike came in for much witty humor and repartee. Before tea footrunning events were held to decide who was the speediest colt of the club. The Kinglake Gift resulted in a comfortable win for the limit man, Tommy Ayton, from the backmarker, Jack Thorsen, the prize being a pair of ducks. At tea the genial secretary, Jimmy Potter, proposed a vote of thanks to the host, Mr. Thompson, for the manner in which he catered for the club and the efficiency of his staff, which was carried amid cheers and acclamation. Later the Rainbows wended their way homeward, all contended but tired after a strenuous but pleasant day.

RESERVOIR NOTES

Cr. Robinson J.P. (mayor of Preston) has been asked to christen the new boat acquired at a cost of £60 by the Preston Ladies' Rowing Club. The name selected is the E. Williams and E. Hannaford in honor of the President and treasurer of the club respectively. Preston Rowing club members are busily employed in rebuilding the landing for their boats.

A successful euchre party was held on Saturday night to assist Miss Mc Leod, the Queen of Reservoir school.

Rev. Cuthbert Powell delivered his second Lenten lecture "The Ungirt Loin" on Thursday last before a good attendance.

The new vestry and church wardens of St. George's Church of England met and elected Mr. Pola as treasurer and Mr. Withers as secretary.

Keen resentment is felt at the action of the Education Department, on receipt of a complaint forbidding the Citizen's committee holding dances and euchre parties in the school in aid of funds to be spent on the children. The whole cost of the picnic just held was the outcome of these revenue producing entertainments. Owing to the lack of suitable halls in Reservoir, this committee will have to curtail its activities.

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The above patterns are stocked by all the agents shown on the list appearing in another column of this issue. Send a stamp to the manufacturers, 98 Derby street, Collingwood, for a copy of Demaret's Fashions.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the Eden Park hall on January 10, 1931, at the coming of age of Nellie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. King, "Hillside" Park, Whittlesea. The hall was decorated, and over 80 guests were present. Dancing was the main item, and during the evening Miss was presented with three keys, a gift presented by little Margery Mr. Rowe spoke on behalf of ex-councillor Bulter responded. Supper the two tier birthday cake cut and handed round.

RECIPES.

Tomato Sauce.

Two tablespoons butter, 1 tablespoon flour, 1 cup tomato liquor, 1 teaspoon sugar, salt, pepper. Blend together in a saucepan, melt the butter and flour. Add tomato liquor and cook until thick and smooth. Add sugar and season with salt and pepper.

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CHINESE LIVING ROOM.

Something rather unusual in the living room has been given to Hollywood by Frances Dee, appearing in "Along Camo Youth." Miss Dee has chosen Chinese art for her room, and the walls are painted a soft peach-pink with a glaze of umber, with the ceiling a soft peacock blue. The woodwork received a coat of peacock blue-green, rubbed with a glaze of thin black paint, which, when wiped off, makes an antique finish. The floor was treated in the same manner, but varnished, and there are several beautiful Chinese rugs scattered round.

Her draperies are of lovely chintz with colorful Chinamen, pagodas and brightly hued flowers on a deep blue background, and this blue is used for the wide border. The chintz also makes the loose covers for her settee and chairs, and one wing chair has a slip cover of plain peacock blue linen. The lamps are a pair of black wooden urns with pleated shades of gold ten paper with a coat of heavy varnish, and the floor lamp has a silk shade of peach, trimmed with a narrow ribbon of black. All the brassware and ornaments are from the land of the Chinaman, also a couple of beautifully carved occasional tables with their accompanying small chairs to match in that beautiful Chinese black wood help to keep the feeling that one is transported to the East.

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"COWBOY CHAPS"

Latest for Beach Wear.

Although the surfing season is practically ended, here is something new for the next season. "Cowboy Beach Chaps" or pyjamas were devised by Paramount's stylist, Carolyn Putnam at the New York studios, for Nancy Carroll to wear in "Stolen Heaven."

The trousers are of blue silk, slit up each side in the Mexican style, with large silver buttons on each side of the slit. When standing, the wearer appears to be in a bolero skirt that reaches to the ankles, but when seated the trouser legs fall apart and the effect is that of a cowboy outfit.

Such an accessory, when combined with a suitable blouse in a complementary color, is decidedly chic, and is sure to prove very popular on our beaches next year.

ALL WHITE FOR EVENING DRESSING.

All white has never lost its keenness for the dance floor and formal dinner party. This year the all-white is most popular and the only note of color which is struck is perhaps in the jewelled bracelets which adorn the fair arms of our younger set.

Jean Arthur is a great exponent of this mode, and has a most intricately cut satin gown which she recently wore in a sequence of Paramount's "The Gang Buster."

The flared skirt comes from let in bands at the right hip line, and just reaches the toes. These bands are so arranged to give the new slim silhouette, and all slant downward from the side seam. Miss Arthur has also re-introduced the sash, and this falls in graceful loops from the natural waistline at the right. The bodice is cut rather on the full side, and is just bound round the neck and sleeves. A small jewelled fob hangs from the left shoulder, and is matched by the three wide bracelets on her left arm.

White satin court shoes and nude sheer chiffon hose carry the all-white ensemble in the new style from head to toe."

THE AUTUMN FROCK.
As worn by Marlene Dietrich in the Paramount Picture "MOROCCO"

THE NEW CURTAIN.

House furnishings have their different changes of fashion, the same as people. Kay Francis, the Paramount player in "Scandal Sheet," has recently re-decorated her windows, and made them look fresh, smart and inviting.

She has had all the curtains for her pent-house bungalow made of the same material, but in very different styles. Those in the lounge room are particularly attractive, with the curtains of cream net and the valence of taffeta. All the edges on both materials are finished by picoting, and the net curtains have added ruffles 6in. wide down each side and the bottom. The tie-backs are also of net, with narrow ruffled edges, and the curtains are tied high, following the general higher waistline trend. The taffeta valance, in apple green to harmonise with the general furnishings of the room, is finished at the top with soft box pleats. These curtains have a beauty and dignity that makes them correct with formal furniture.

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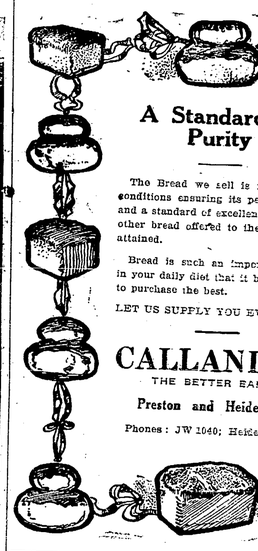

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BOWLING.

PRESTON ASSURED OF "C" PENNANT.

Preston club is assured of holding the "C" Pennant this year as both the C1 and C2 teams had wins last Saturday, and these two teams will play off for the final.

The position is rather unique and it is a long time since two teams of any one club have had to play off for the final. There have only been two previous instances—at Carlton and South Melbourne (now Albert Park).

In the semi-finals last Saturday Preston 1 won at the expense of Prince's Park by 70 to 59.

Clispe's rink, after an exciting game, drew with Pritchard's, scores being 19 all. Billyeaid skeppered wonderfully and had a bit of luck, winning by 26 to 16, a lead of 10. Skipper Lang's quartette played a hard game against Fleming's rink and the game see-sawed backwards and forwards, but the sergeant eventually won by the narrow margin of one point, giving Preston a win by 11 on the day.

Scores:—

PRESTON 1. 70.

1. Wood, Fleming, Hindson, Crispe. 19. 2—Hill, Aryes, Lewis, Billyeaid, 26. 3—Welch, Sheppard, Zwar, Lang, 25.

PRINCE'S PARK. 59.

1—McColl, Deague, A. Mitchell, Pritchard, 19. 2—McCleery, Casey, Evans, Essex, 16. 3—Mitchell, Kewish, Wilson, Fleming, 24.

Preston 11. d. S.M.C.C.

After one of the keenest games of the season Preston 11 had a win by a margin of 8 points against S.M.C.C. at the city green.

Saltinger got in early and led his rink to victory with a margin of 11. Howe kept the flag flying with a further win by 7, making Preston's margin 18. Crowe's rink had an "off" day and was trounced to the tune of 20 to 30, giving Preston a winning margin of 8.

Scores:—

PRESTON 11.. 72.

1—Allardice, McIntosh, Henshaw, Saltinger, 27. 2—Harvey, Farr, Neville, Howe, 25. 3.— White, Birchall, Joiner, Crowe, 20.

S.M.C.C. 64.

1—Quinn, Heather, Whelan, Bush, 16. 2—Kettle, Plowright, Kennewell White, 18. 3—Paulin, Wolf, Bailey, Wagstaff, 30.

Club Members Jubilant.

Naturally Preston members are delighted that one of their C teams must "bring home the bacon" and there was great jubilation at the club house when the news was received.

The fight for the pennant between the two Preston teams has now become intensified, and a very close finish is expected in the finals. The rivalry between the teams is very great, and a large attendance of Prestonites is expected to turn up at the final match.

PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

In the Bowling premiership matches Carlton, 97, defeated Ivanhoe, 77.

Gay, of Ivanhoe, led his rink to victory, scoring 10 to 0 against 21, and Chambers (Ivonhoe) was also "up" on his opponent by 3.

CARLTON, 97.

1—Sims, Nathan, Thomson, Ridgeway, 21. 2—Buckley, Solomon, Jensen, Hardham, 19. 3.—Robertson, Prout, Stanton, Buckman, 22. 4.— Kellock, Bysouth, Swain, Shelley, 35.

IVANHOE, 77.

1—Swaine, Stanbury, Terdich, Gay, 28. 2—Wild, Vagg, Bergin, Chambers, 22. 3—Grainger, Doig, Hannah, Williams, 15. 4—Blandford, Sharwood, Birchall, Walker, 12.

Section Matches

Two games were played by teams which finished level in Section1, Heidelberg, 95, defeated Brighton, 94, after a close match.

"B" PENNANT.

In the semi-finals Kew, 106, defeated Fairfield, 82.

THORNBURY CLUB.

LADIES DAY.

On March 5 the Thornbury ladies entertained visiting lady bowlers, rinks representing Alphington, Sunshine, Oakleigh, Murrumbeena, West Brunswick, Ascot Vale, Fairfield, Coburg, and Blackburn participated, in a welsh main for trophies presented by the Thornbury club. Curator Purcell had prepared the green especially, for this event, and it had never looked better. The ladies in their trim costumes of cream, with here and there a splash of color, from the blazers worn by prominent skippers, were a sight well worth seeing. The visitors were welcomed by Mrs. Roberts, President of the Thornbury Ladies Club, who in a few well chosen words made all the guests feel at home. It was a real bowlers welcome, and was appreciated by the visitors. Afternoon tea was partaken of, in the club room, the tables laden with good things, and the decorations to tone, bore eloquent testimony to the artistic taste of the Thornbury ladies.

The games were keenly fought, and the bowling was of a very high standard. At the final count, the rink representing Oakleigh was judged the winner. The organisation of the games was in the capable hands of Mr. W. Bartley, whose untiring efforts contributed in no small degree to the success of this function.

In presenting the trophies Mr. Bartley congratulated the winners on their fine performance. Suitable responses were given from representatives of the visiting clubs.

ILLEGAL SALE OF LIQUOR

WHAT HAPPENED AT NORHTCOTE PARTY.

Police Charge Fails.

Licensing police detailed events alleged to have happened at a party at Helen street Northcote, on January 10, as the result of which Bertha May Ferguson, a married woman, was charged with having sold liquor without being the holder of a license.

Senior Constable Trewarne said "I went to Mrs. Ferguson's house on January 10 about 10 p.m. with other police. We walked along a side lane and through an open window saw a woman pull up her dress and sing a most indecent song.

Mr. E. T. Cahir (for the defendant) objected.

Continuing, Trewarne said "A woman and a man went into the kitchen and nine glasses were filled with beer. We entered the premises and on searching found 24 empty bottles and seven full bottles. Those on the premises were Percy James, Josephine Jones, Frank Harrison, Eileen McDonald, Frank Thompson, May Thomas, Florence Wood, and Arthur McDonald, besides the occupants of the house. Most of these people are residents of Northcote.

"Just Having an Evening"

Asked why the people were there, Mrs. Ferguson said "I'm just having an evening and we'll be well "cutout" before midnight." She also said that some of the visitors had brought liquor with them.

Mr. Cahir: You did not see any money pass?—No.

According to explanations given there were 14 bottles brought to the place?—Mrs. Ferguson said so.

There were 10 people on the premises including defendant and her husband?—Yes.

One of the women said she didn't smoke or drink?—There was a glass of beer in front of her. (laughter).

But there were only nine glasses to 10 people?—Yes.

The full bottles were all in wrappers?—Yes.

All the people there but the occupiers said they had been invited? Yes. One man said "I'm here having a glass of ale as you can see."

Licensing constables J. J. Hamilton and G. Barrow gave similar evidence.

No Liquor Sold.

Ferguson said "The people who were at my house I knew. Some were there by the invitation of myself or my husband. Liquor was consumed, but none was sold. Some of those present brought liquor with them.

Sub-inspector Mooney: "How many bottles were consumed that evening? —about nine.

That Song.

One of the women sang?—I think so.

Mr. O' Callaghan P.M.: I suppose the attendance appreciated her effort?

Witness (grimly): "She wasn't asked to sing again (laughter).

Percival James, High street North-cote, said "I was at the party by invitation, I did not pay for any drink or towards the party." Similar evidence was given by Josephine Jones, Andrew street, Northcote.

Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan, P.M. said he was satisfied that there was no evidence of any sale, and that defendant was dismissed.

Seven Bottles to Be Returned

An order was made that seven bottles of beer seized by the police be returned to Mrs. Ferguson.

PRESTON LADIES' BENEVOLENT

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon. Twelve members were present. Mrs. Allchin presiding. It was reported that 77 families (330 adults and 502 children) had been assisted up t othe end of February, in connection with Darden Week a floral dance is to be held at an early date, Eight Hours Day. All tickets sold—in also a sports carnival at Yallourn on Preston will be credited to the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society. Every assistance is needed at the present time as outstanding accounts amount to ovr £100. Donations were received from the Charities Board, £75; Mrs. Allchin, £2; supplies of meat from Mr. Jones; pressed meat and pies from Mrs. Shepherd; 18lbs, sausages, Mrs. Stone; donations of clothes from Mrs. Keating, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. Catmull Mrs. Krietling; pick and shovel, Mrs. Sheppard.

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PERSONAL

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Mr. Leffers, senior, has made a wonderful recovery, and is able to take limited exercise.

Mr. Stevenson, of Edwardes street, has returned home after his protracted illness.

Mr. Walker has been elected president of the Edwardes Lake Progress Association.

Cr. L. Jones has been confined to his room for several days during the present week owing to illness.

Mrs. Hurford, of Preston municipal office is away on holidays.

Mr. Luke, of Preston town hall staff, has resumed duty after an enjoyable holiday at Belgrave.

Mr. T. J. Holmes, of Bastings street, Northcote, returned on March 2 after a trip to Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Lyons, of "Erica" Miller street Thornbury, have a daughter (Gavgenor Priscilla), born to them.

As the grand old age of 87 years, Mrs. Ellen Holden, relict of the late Mr. John Holden, of 25 Johnston street, Croxton, passed away last week.

The wife of Mr. John Young, Mrs. Rachel Young, of 230 Clarke street, Northcote, died last week, at the age of 59 years. She leaves seven children.

The resignation of Mr. Hardie as vice-president of the West Reservoir Progress Association was received with regret at the last meeting of the association.

Mr. Harry Marriner, of Northcote South, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in Bethesda Hospital on March 7, is improving satisfactorily.

Congratulations are being received by Mr. and Mrs R. J. Munro on the birth of twins (sons), born at their residence, Bent street, Northcote.

There passed away at St. Vincent's Hospital, Mr. William Bruce, husband of Mrs. Blanche Bruce, of 141 Perry street Alphington, at the age of 51 years.

The wedding occurred at St. James' Church, Elsternwick, of Dr. Fraser Costigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Costigan of Westgarth, to Miss Ursla Roy, of Elsternwick. Dr. Costigan is at present residing at Yea.

Mrs. Harriett Emery, wife of the late Mr. Fred Emery, of 340 High street Preston, passed away last week. Mr. Fred Emery of Thornbury, and Mr. Chas. Emery of Preston are sons.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, of Truill street Northcote will regret to learn of the death of their daughter, Ruby, which occurred last Saturday. She was 29 years of age, and the interment was made in the Strathallan cemetery on Monday.

Mr. N. Osborne, an officer connected with Preston Electric Supply Department, is carrying round with him a much discolored eye as the result of the latter appearing before a cricket ball, unexpectedly, during a game of cricket played with Preston Bowling club last Saturday.

Mr. A. J. Fisher, of Preston church of Christ, left last Friday for Tasmania, where he will conduct an Evangelistic Festival at Launceston for a period of three weeks. Mr. Wilson will fill his place at Preston during his absence.

Mrs. Francis, wife of Mr. Francis, recently transferred from Preston South State school to Ballarat, left with members of the family for the latter place on Saturday. Mr. Francis took up residence in Ballarat some weeks ago.

The death occurred on Saturday last of M. Walter George Cook, of Gurner street Preston. He leaves a widow and a son (Percy). Interment was made at the Melbourne cemetery on Monday, the cortege being followed by members of the cold storage union, of which body the late Mr. Cook was secretary.

Mr. E. W. G. Langham and his two daughters, of Westgarth, have just returned from an enjoyable holiday at "The Oaks" Upper Macedon.

The Rev. Herbert Williams, of Hotham street, South Preston, minister of the South Preston Methodist Church, is progressing favorably following his recent operation in the Epworth Hospital.

On Tuesday evening a pleasant evening was spent at the vicarage of St. Mary's Church of England, Preston, the occasion being a presentation on behalf of the vestry and tennis club to Mr. Charles Pile and Miss. Bess Hurford, who are to be married on Saturday, March 21. The vicar (Rev. Parsons) in presenting an electric toaster and Stuart crystal vase to the guests eulogised the work done for the church by Mr. Pile. Messrs. Tribe, Goodridge and Mr. Pile said it had been a pleasure to do anything he could for the church. The evening, which was spent in music and games, ended with "Auld Lang Syne."

NORTHCOTE NOTES

Lecture by Mr. K. Langford Smith.

Mr. K. Langford Smith, air pilot and missionary, gave an illustrated lecture in All Saints' Parish Hall on the 4th. inst. on the difficulties encountered in carrying on mission work in the wild and almost inaccessible country in the north of Australia. Several lantern illustrations were given, which conveyed much information. The work already accomplished among the natives was described and the natives were shown, both in their natural state and after they had received enlightenment and partial civilisation. A collection was taken up which resulted in a welcome sum being raised. Rev. A. H. Constable moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Smith which was carried by acclamation.

Traders' Association Community Singing.

The initial community singing of the Northcote Traders' Association took place at mid-day on 6th. inst., and was well attended. The mayor (Cr. Green) opened the proceedings. Many old favorite songs were sung by the company, Mr. Nicoll conducting, while Mr. Holloran presided at the piano. Mr. Eric Jones sang "Gipsy Dan" so well that he was encored, when he gave "Give a Man a Horse He can Ride." Later the same artist contributed "The Floral Dance" which was encored and "Youth" given. Miss Marjory Jurham recited "A Funny Old World" in such a finished and capable manner that the audience demanded a further contribution. Miss Durham's further recitation was a character sketch "The Three Proposals" which was carried out in a capital manner.

Valuation Appeals Settled

At the Northcote court on Tuesday the town clerk (Mr. A. Thomson) submitted a list of valuation appeals which had been settled by consent for ratification by the court. About 180 were settled in all, and in no case was the valuation contested.

Northcote and Thornbury St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

A meeting of the above was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Northcote town hall. Mrs. J. J. Ryan (president) occupied the chair. Arrangements were finalised for a card afternoon, which will be held in the Northcote town hall on Tuesday, March 17, at 2.30 p.m. Tickets are 2/6, and bridge and euchre will be indulged in. The hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames Devery, Slattery and Mahony. Mrs. J. J. Ryan was congratulated on her appointment to the position of treasurer of the Central Executive of St. Vincent's Hospital.

Choir Concert

The Northcote Congregational church will hold a concert in the church on Monday night for choir furnishings. The programme includes Mr. Kinkeley Parkes (violin), Mr. Mill on (Parkes' piano), Mr. J. C. Lang (baritone), Mrs. A. E. Racburn (soprano), Mr. Will Fanning (elocutionist), Mr. Winnie Greer, (mezzo soprano), Mr. Ben Hobby (tenor), Mr. Morgan (bass) and others. Admission will be by ticket, 1/- each, with the usual concession for children.

Lost Himself.

The young man who was found on the roadside at Templestowe early on the morning of March 5, apparently suffering from loss of memory and with a wound in his left side, was identified later at the Melbourne Hospital, where he was admitted for observation, as Harold Karl Winther, aged 21 years, of Brooke street, Northcote. The police were informed that Winther suffered from periodical loss of memory. The wound, it was stated, had been caused about a fortnight previously, when a rifle Winther was cleaning went off accidentally discharged.

Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary

The following work was sent to Melbourne for the month:—94 pillow slips, 4 patients' serviettes, 1 nightingale, medicine bottles, value £9/17/3 There were 48 members present, and one new member was enrolled. The next meeting is being a musical afternoon on April 21 in aid of the mayor's appeal for the local unemployed. The local quarterly visit to Bundoora is on March 19, when a concert will be given; also cigarettes and afternoon tea to the patients.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS.

By A. F. Deacon (A. H. Matters auctioneer) on Wednesday, March 18 at 11 a.m. on the premises, 881 High street, Preston North, furniture and effects as advertised.

By Angus McDonald Pty. Ltd. at 3 p.m. on March 21, on the property, 136 Harold street Thornbury, 4 roomed villa. Particulars advertised.

By James and Hobson at 3 p.m. on March 13 on the property, 134 Hastings street, Northcote, 4 roomed D.F. villa, on land 35 x 120. Advertised elsewhere.

The fruiterers and greengrocers held their annual picnic on Wednesday.

THOUGHTS.

(By "Mernda.")

My thoughts at present are how to put our fair State of Victoria and the Commonwealth in general in a better position financially, and my ideas are as follow.—A great reduction in the number of our public servants, same to be gradually reduced in a fair and equitable manner as opportunity offers and with due regard as to the conditions appertaining to their appointment. I would also earnestly advise either the sale or leasing of our railways. It seems to me that the railways are probably our greatest incubus, and as long as we have Government control, will remain so, I have no hesitation in saying that in private hands I honestly believe that we would have cheaper freights and fares, better service and at a less cost in every way. Personally I would sooner see the railways sold than leased, as if sold upkeep etc., would devolve on the purchasers to a greater degree than on a lessee. Legislation in the sale could provide for a good and practicable service, and if sold and the money derived from the sale paid off our national debt would be a great relief in the amount of interest we have to pay. Another crushing load on us all in the Commonwealth is the white elephant called Canberra. Millions of pounds have been sunk there, with millions more to follow, unless we cry a halt. I would cheerfully see the capital removed to Sydney if it would stay the great waste of money mislaid in an out of the way capital. The truth is our legislators wished to run before they could walk properly, and aimed big at having a capital all on their own and for that purpose solely. Now what do we see. When Parliament meets at Canberra it is a rush to get our politicians there, and just as great a rush to get away as soon as the session is over, and the Government offices are not nearly so convenient as when held in the various capitals. Another great burden that we have to bear is State Parliaments. I know that when I voted for Federation I had no idea that we were going to have so many Parliaments, with all their attendant costs. I am certain if that had been known Federation would never have been carried, and the sooner we do away with so many Parliaments the better for all concerned and the country in particular. When we consider the vast amount of money that could be saved in the things mentioned by me, and the effect of different management on our finances, we wonder at the strength and resources of the Commonwealth and States in not being in a worse position than they are. I honestly and earnestly impress on our legislators the necessity of a revision of our financial position, and the absolute necessity of retrenchment in each of the four instances mentioned by me, viz., reduction in the public service, Canberra capital its extravagance, the railways and their colossal losses, and State Parliaments and their attendant costs. I am sure, Mrs. Editor, as a sane community we cannot help seeing the unnecessary loss of millions of pounds in what I have mentioned money that would be far better spent in developing the country as a whole. In speaking of State Parliaments I also include State Governors. Personally, as a rule I have respected our Governors, especially our present Governor, Lord Somers, who is probably the most popular Governor Victoria ever had, but on the grounds of economy I don't think they are required.

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St. Patrick's Day will be observed on Tuesday next, March 17. A big display will be held at the Exhibition, which Archbishop Mannix will attend.

FAIRFIELD.

Fairfield Assemblies.

The dancing assemblies at Hammett's hall continue to attract large attendances. Last Saturday a streamer night was held when the hall presented a gay and colorful scene. A most enjoyable evening closed at midnight.

Members of the Fairfield Canoe Club, together with members of the V.A.C.A., visited the Ballarat regatta at Lake Wendouree last week-end and carried off all the trophies. The weather conditions were perfect. Exhibitions of tilting, gunwhale racing and other stunts were put on and added greatly to the amusement of onlookers. On their return journey on Sunday one car made a detour to Daylesford and Hepburn, where the mineral waters were sampled.

On the Yarra the Fairfield crew carried off the Fours Championship of Victoria and retained the cup. In their heat Fairfield defeated Elwood and won the final from North Road The winning crew was F. Taylor, G. Wild, A. Walters and L. Turner.

Results of events were:—

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Canoe Bouncing.—R. Burgin.

Tilting.—E. Granger.

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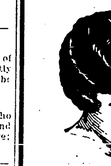

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After a great deal of speculation as to whether John Gilbert, silent screen idol, would hold his place in talkies, comes his return to the wide type of role that winged his ardent love-making to a million feminine hearts.

The picture is "The Way for a Sailor" epic of the British Mercantile Marine, and those who have seen the picture say it stamps our drawing-rooms, cities and pretty parks and moves in the middle of the ocean where men go down to the sea in ships, and things landlubbers only read about actually happen. When the waves begin to pound and the old deck lurches, you instinctively lurch with it, for it's real, thrillingly so,

John Gilbert as he appears in "The Way For a Sailor". Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's epice of the British Mercantile Marine; Wallace Beery and Leila Hyams appear in a big cast...A stupendous wreck scene is a thrilling feature of this production.

and with a dramatic story glorifying the traditions of the sea, also wives and sweethearts who stay ashore and wait for their men.

This is Gilbert's first picture for some time, and it is regarded with particular anticipation because of the

"Forward March."

Being screened this week-end, the British picture, "The Last Hour," perhaps boasts of one of the most complicated plots ever featured in a talking picture. The story roughly deals with the exploits of a band of international spies who endeavour, through every conceivable means, to obtain a deadly ray known as the "Death Ray" for the power of war that possesses the ray immediately can command the world to do its bidding. The all-star cast includes Stewart Rome, Kathleen Vaughan, and Richard Cooper.

Richard Dix and Lois Wilson also appear in "Loving the Ladies," an all-talking society farce based on the stage play, "I Love You."

On Monday next, Buster Keaton will appear in "Forward March," a picture of the World War from a decidedly humorous viewpoint. Appearing as the ever-willing dupe, who quite unexpectedly finds himself in the firing lines, Keaton runs the gamut of a long series of side-splitting situations in which he "muffs up" as the hero of the regiment without knowing what it is all about. Added laughs are guaranteed by the appearance of Cliff Edwards and his inevitable ukulele.

"The Virtuous Sin," with Walter Huston, Kay Francis and Kenneth McKenna featured, has a sensational story made into a tremendously moving drama.

On Thursday next "Wild Company" is a dynamic story of flaming youth and a prodigal son who became involved in a robbery and murder as the result of keeping wild company. After he had become intrigued with a beautiful but mendacious night club entertainer. A strong cast includes Frank Albertson, H. B. Warner and Sharon Lynn.

"The Case of Sergeant Grischa", is one of the most absorbingly human dramas ever shown on the screen, and brings to life the characters of Arnold Zweig's story of a Russian prisoner's adventures in German prison camps. A wonderful cast includes Chester Morris, Betty Compson, Alec. B. Francis, and Jean Hersholt. The picture is laid in a world war setting, but is not a war picture.

Grant Withers, husband of Loretta Young, and who plays an important role in "Scarlet Pages" the picture that will reintroduce Elsie Ferguson to the picture public, is rather a Jack of All Trades. Before he entered pictures he was a policeman, fireman, motor lorry driver and sold box lunches to office girls.

Polly Moran met Ramon Novarro on the M-G-M lot and began by congratulating him on his French picture "Call of the Flesh". "It must be great to be on the screen in three languages", she remarked. "Some day I'm going to study Chinese and be a star in that country."

WHITTLESEA COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday. Present were the president (Cr. L. W. Clarke, J.P.) and Crs. J. G. Orgill, R. Smith, Scott, M. A. Fergusson, B. McCormack, T. Hurley, D. Murphy, W. Thomas, J. Downie, R. Reid and T. M. Browne.

An Apology

Cr. Downie said that in some of the recent discussions he had evidently hurt the feelings of some of the councillors. If that were so he wished to apologise.

The President, on behalf of the council, accepted the apology and said the incident would be considered closed.

Correspondence

Fire Plugs. — Board of Works, agreeing to instal four additional fire plugs in Thomastown if council paid the cost.

Cr. McCormack said that if the insurance companies would not decrease the insurance rates. As the council had the money, he moved that the board be asked to go ahead with the work as soon as possible.—Carried.

In reply to Cr. Thomas the engineer said the Water Trust would have to bear the cost.

The motion was carried.

Eden Park Deviation. — Country Roads Board, approving of the acceptance of tender of H. Timewell for £220/3/4 for 500 feet of formation and construction on Eden Park road.

Dangerous Corners.—Shire of Eltham, stating that the council had carried out extensive repairs on the Hurstbridge—Nutfield road (towards Bourke's bridge). A couple of dangerous corners on the Eltham side required attention.

Cr. Orgill said something should be done as the road was in a dangerous state, but the council had no money.

The engineer was instructed to report.

The engineer said that as soon as the money was available the work should be done. Cloth would be required to cut down Cape Horn corner.

It was decided to inform the Eltham council that the council would attend to Cape Horn if the Eltham Council would attend to Harrison's corner.

Yard Dues.—Werribee Shire Council, seeking support in an agitation to secure a reduction of yard dues at Newmarket.—It was decided to give support.

Shire's Health.—The medical officer (Dr. F. Day), in his annual report stated that the following cases of infectious disease had occurred:—Scarlet fever, 8; diphtheria, 7; pulmonary tuberculosis, 3. Early in the year a number of cases of measles had occurred. The report concluded:—"During the year I had occasion to comment adversely upon the sanitary arrangements at State schools. There is little improvement, but taken on the whole, the word disgraceful best describes them. Great is the influence for harm is to the shire's health, we have no authority to improve the position."

The health inspector (Mr. Woodhouse) said the Education Department and the churches seemed to ignore the council, and a prosecution would do a lot of good.

Health Inspector's Report.—H. M. V. Woodhouse reported a gradual improvement in the sanitary condition of the shire.—Received.

Flood Damage.—Chas. Smaett drew attention to bad state of road between the Yan Yean railway station and the reservoir. He suggested that the State Rivers Committee be asked to clear logs, etc., from the Plenty river, which helped to cause flooding of the roads.—Engineer to report.

Unemployed Relief Works.—Secretary to the Premier, stating that council's request that a percentage of local men be employed on Kinglake work would receive consideration.

Borough of Daylesford, seeking support for a request to the Government that all unemployed relief tax be allotted to the municipality where it was raised.—No action.

The president said that Whittlesea might not do so well if it lodged a protest.

Jas. Gillions, Mernda, Jack Connell Doreen, and A. Edwards, Doreen, asking for a share of any work available. —Referred to engineer.

Cr. Fergusson said all applicants should be tabulated and a list compiled.

Constable Waldron, of Epping, who was present, said that all should register at police stations, and when applications from employers were received the men were allotted in order of registration.

Cr. McCormack said ratepayers should get preference in any council work.

The engineer asked in the event of more applications being received than men wanted, that they be taken in order of registration or by ballot; or was preference to be given to married men.

Cr. McCormack (jokingly): I don't think married men are half as good workers as single men. (Laughter).

A. E. Pugh, Whittlesea, complaining of bad state of road near (illegible) to his property.—Dayman to attend.

The noxious weeds inspector served a notice to destroy noxious weeds on council property in Epping riding. Daymen to attend.

J. Bailey, Arthur's Creek, asking that washaway on his road be given urgent attention. A bridge over the Morang Creek was in a bad state and might fall in at any time.—Daymen to give attention.

Unemployed Relief Grant.—Department of Public Works, per Mr. Everard, M.L.A., stating that the Government had allotted the following sums towards unemployed relief works:—Deveney's road, Separation drain, regrading She Oak Hill, £637 (council to spend £318 additional); formation and gravelling Black Flat £288 (£96 to be spent by council). The total grant is £925, and the council is asked to spend £414.

The president said it was very pleasing to get such a grant, and it was decided to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Everard. The president and secretary were also thanked for their efforts.

Allotment of Money. — Cr. Orgill moved that the amount allotted be apportioned pro rata between the Epping, Morang and Yan Yean ridings, according to the amounts applied for.

Cr. Murphy said if Yan Yean could not get enough to do the whole of She Oak Hill they did not want any.

Cr. Orgill said that if the department told the council to divide the money itself a month would be lost unless a special meeting was called.

The President: I'll call a special meeting within four days.

Cr. Orgill: The only way is to divide the money pro rata.

Cr. Downie said surely the council could decide on the allocation of the money without going to the Public Works Department. The work should be hurried on as many of the unemployed were anxious to get work.

This amendment was carried.

A further amendment by Cr. Fergusson that the Public Works Department be asked how the money was to be allotted was carried, and the president's motion was declared lost amidst laughter.

Cr. Browne moved a still further amendment that it be an instruction to the engineer to ask for tenders for £250 for She Oak Hill, and, say, £100 for Deveny's road, and the balance for the Morang riding. He indicated that he moved in this direction because Yan Yean members said it was essential that at least £250 be allotted to She Oak Hill.

Cr. Browne's amendment was lost, and the motion by Cr. Fergusson was carried.

Unemployed Sustenance

Mr. Everard, M.L.A., has advised the shire president (Cr. L. W. Clarke, J.P.) that £20 a month has been allotted for sustenance distribution in the Whittlesea district.

The president was thanked for his energy in obtaining this grant.

Finance

Received since last meeting (including current rates £741/11/6 and arrears £3/15/11), £807/17/10; Country Roads Board account, Dr. £4631/1/10; loan account, Cr. £84/17/11; water rate, Cr. £513/7/11; bank balance, Dr. £5541/8/4.

Riding Balances.—Whittlesea, Dr. £2128/7/3; Yan Yean, Dr. £746/10/10; Morang, Dr. £1967/7/3; Epping, Dr. £12/0/5; Trust Account, Cr. £250/17/3; Dr. balance net, £6601/8/5.

Amounts recommended for payment:—General account, £740/11/11; C.R.B. account, £702/4/3.—Adopted.

Engineer's Report

The engineer (Mr. G. J. McCormack) reported as follows:—

Morang Riding.—The box culverts in Boland's lane have been put in. Table drains cleaned out and washaways filled in on Bridge Inn road, Doreen. Doctor's Gully road and Haley's Gully road given attention. Survey for drainage at Separation well to be completed next week. Plan and specification prepared for bridge on McLean's road.

Yan Yean Riding.—Streamville Rd.: Ruts filled on McPhee's Hill. She Oak Rd.: Scours filled in and storm drains cleaned. Further attention on western side of this hill is badly needed. Brock's Lane: Drains cleaned and ruts attended to. Deep Creek Rd.: Culvert repaired.

Epping Riding: Culvert in Howard street given attention. Channels at Thomastown attended to. Cooper St.: Loose metal re-bladed. Jolley's Rd., Craigieburn: Gravelling completed and water tables opposite Cliff's attended to. Morang—Epping Rd.: The metalling 21 chains blinded and rolled to the vicinity of Eden Park school. Water tables cleaned out and ruts filled in. Grant's Rd.: Drains cleaned out, also gravelling. Drains on Main road. Drainage Easement: The survey of drainage easement through Crocker's property has been completed and plan is being prepared.

Town's Bridge at Whittlesea.—Engineer instructions for repairs. Had to have been done.—Reports adopted.

Tenders

Bridge over Diamond Creek, Morang.—No tender was accepted. Matter left in hands of engineer.

Dog Collector (Epping and Thomastown).—Tenders opened. Mr. Eden Park Deviation.—Cr. Browne reported on a deputation to the Country Roads Board re the Eden Park deviation. The deputation got a sympathetic reception, and that was about all. The deputation also asked about maintenance and was told that it (the Board) would be prepared to consider the matter. The chairman said the board was determined to go on with the work.

Cr. Smith said the chairman said in 1927 a very big deputation asked for the road.

The president said the chairman of the board had indicated that if the council did not go on with the work the board would.

Ordinary Business

Cr. Browne moved that tenders be called for 200 yards of gravel from Sherwin's gate to Beveridge lane, on the Eltham road.—Carried.

Cr. McCormack moved that 100 yards of metal be provided for Boundary road lane, West Woollert.—Carried.

Cr. McCormack said there was a dangerous scour on the Glenburnie road, between Chalmer's and Rofe's.—Dayman to attend.

Cr. Smith moved that drain through Epping, near Bean's, be cleared out.—Carried.

Cr. Smith moved that 70 yards of metal be placed on Young's road (cost £30).—Deferred.

Cr. McCormack said some of the Epping and Thomastown people would pay their water rates, because they could not get any water. He wanted a conference to see how the council stood, and as to whether the people were in Epping riding members, president and secretary to meet to consider the matter.

Cr. Downie said a credit of £16 loan money had been in hand for years about £70 belonged to Whittlesea. This might be used for the Black Flat road.

Cr. Thomas: More like 70 pence (Laughter). I claim the whole of the loan balance belongs to Morang.

It was decided to spend Whittlesea's portion of the old loan on the Black Flat road.

Cr. Fergusson moved that a sub-committee of four be appointed to decide under what conditions the applicants for employment are to be chosen from a list to be compiled by the secretary; that the sub-committee submit its report to the president, who will discuss it with the engineer and finally adopt the question; and that the list be tabled every meeting showing the work made available.

The motion was carried.

Crs. McCormack, Thomas, Hurrey and Downie were appointed as a sub-committee.

Cr. Orgill said a bad washout in Doctor Dick's Hill required attention.—Dayman to attend.

Cr. Orgill asked if the board had replied to the road at Morang, from the corner to the pipe head.

The engineer said no reply had been received.

Cr. Orgill moved that a blocked culvert opposite Edwards' be cleared.—Carried.

The president moved that the dayman attend to road in Lyndock avenue.—Carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Whittlesea council will be held on the third Wednesday in April, as the second Wednesday (which is the usual date of the meeting) will fall in Easter week.

HOLLYWOOD NEWSLETTER.

BRITISH STAGE STAR TO RECEIVE ELABORATE WELCOME.

Paramount's New York studio is making elaborate plans to welcome Tallulah Bankhead when this newest stellar cinema recruit returns to the United States from her extended stay in London.

Miss Bankhead arrived in New York early in February to start in her initial talking screen play, "The York Love," sharing the honors with Clive Brook.

Before journeying to London several seasons ago Miss Bankhead scored on Broadway in "Nice People," "Everyday," "Danger," and a number of other New York hits. Her British career includes stellar roles in "The Green Hat," "They Knew What They Wanted," "The Gold Diggers," "Hcartbreak House," "The Cardboard Lover."

"New York Love," Miss Bankhead's introductory screen vehicle, is an original story by Donald Ogden Stewart, author of last season's stage success "Rebound."

Miss Bankhead has been assigned to direct Miss Bankhead and Brook.

Richard Barthelmess, star of the Warner Bros. First National picture, "The Dawn Patrol," has worn all kinds of boots in his screen career but for the first time he dons a pair of clumsy, natural, wool-lined boots as the commander of a British air squadron. These boots, authentic war-time equipment, designed to keep the aviator's legs warm in higher altitudes, were difficult to get on and off. After spending a half hour trying to get his boots off the first day he wore them, Barthelmess said: "I wouldn't be at all surprised to find out that most wartime flyers died with their boots on."

DID YO UKNOW THAT?—

Cecil B. De Mille raises pheasants—a profitable side-line.

Lucille La Verne has eyes of different colors, one brown, one blue.

Reginald Denny once turned down an offer to become an instructor in French at an American college.

Robert Montgomery was a deck hand on the Standard Oil tanker "Caddo".

Marie Dressler is called "Sag" by her friends.

Adolphe Menjou commanded an ambulance company on both the Italian and French fronts during the war.

Constance Bennett once rehearsed a stage play and decided she liked screen work better.

Wallace Beery hires a pilot so that he can leave the controls of his plane long enough to sleep an hour or so at six thousand feet in the air.

Polly Moran never "teamed" with anyone in comedies, on stage or screen, until the formation of the famous Dresaler-Moran duo, at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

ATHLETICS

1930-31 PREMIERS

SANDRINGHAM ON THEIR KNEES TO PRESTON

Thrilling Mile by Wal Weightman

Sensational running characterised the grand final of the inter-club contests at the Motordrome last Saturday, when several records were broken in all grades. The biggest sensation was the brilliant victory of Wal Weightman (Preston), who defeated Jack Best (Sandringham) in the one mile scratch race by several yards in 1 min. 39 1/5 secs, bettering the E Grade record of 4 min. 40 secs, put up by Best, the Sandringham all round champion.

Preston had the greatest the following it has had this season. The boys deserve the highest praise. It was wonderful how every one in the team got well up on his toes for the day. Sandringham, up till last Saturday, was the only team out of all five grades that had not sustained a defeat since the track season opened, and this makes Preston's win all the more brilliant.

The opening event was the shot put, in which Alan Angus defeated C. Buckley (S.) with a putt of 30ft. 9½ins.

In the 100 yards Aub. Robinson showed Hankin the way home, with Buckley (S.) in third place and Ed. Berry fourth. Inches separated all the runners, the time being 10 3/5 secs.

McGinty jumped better than for some time and cleared five feet in the high jump, but this was not good enough to beat Cliff Owen (S.).

Up to this point Preston's score was 1? points to Sandringham's 8. The next event was the 120 yards hurdles, which Best (S.) won, with Hankin (P.) second, McNabb (P.), and Steele (S.) last. Time, 16 secs.

Mile Record Broken

The main event was the mile, and it proved a thriller. In the semi-final Weightman had met Best (S.) in the division and dead-heated with him. Don McGeachen, Wal Weightman and Gus Kirkland went to the post for Preston. To a perfect start the six runners got away smartly. The three Sandringham boys were prominent for the first couple of furlongs and led by five yards from the Preston trio. Before the end of the first quarter Weightman went to the front, with McEachen and Kirkland behind the Sandringham boys. For the next two laps Weightman had a great break on the field. It was a wonderful race, the large crowd cheering the contestants, who were providing an epic battle. With only 300 yards to go Best (S.) challenged Weightman and passed him with only 150 yards to go. Just as the onlookers were acclaiming Best as the winner Weightman shot forward and regained the lead.

Neck and Neck Finish

It was a neck and neck struggle, but Weightman was on the outside position and fought gamely. Fifty yards from home the issue was still in doubt, but Weightman eventually won by a couple of yards from Best in 4 min. 39 1/5 secs. Forty yards further back came McLean and Berry (S.), then following McEachen and Kirkland. Weightman had made a sensational run, inasmuch as in addition to defeating Best the Preston runner smashed the E Grade record.

Angus was next called on for the hop, step and jump, and with Buckley (S.) had to lower his colors to the Preston representative. Distance, 40ft. 9ins.

Robinson, Berry and Speedy were Preston's boys in the 440 yards. Sandringham secured the inside running, but with plenty of confidence and brilliance Robinson won by 25 yards, with Merrick (S.) second and Berry third. Time, 52 1/5 secs.

Walkers Disqualified

The mile walk consisted of C, D and E Grade walkers. Owen was a yard in front of Lewis for two laps, then Lewis started to move up and passed Owen before the bell. Stepping on the "gas," Dick Lewis went after the leaders of the division, and at the finish was only a few yards back in third place, Cliff Owen was in second place for Preston. Then came some bad luck, as the first three men were disqualified. This is the first time that Lewis has been disqualified since he started his walking career four years ago. The disqualification of the three leaders only gave the club first place (Owen), with Priestly (S.) second.

The last event was the relay race. Jack Tannock carried the baton over the half-mile section, and had no trouble in defeating the Sandringham representative. Aub Robinson took the next lap for the 440 yards, and the further he went the bigger became his lead. Wal Peivry next ran an even 220. Berry carried on for the last furlong and also increased the lead, Preston winning the event by over 50 yards in 4 min. 4 secs.

The final points were:—Preston 55; Sandringham, 36.

A Young Club

It is just twelve months since the club was formed, and it is a very creditable performance to win the premiership in their first year.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

It is going to be hard to find the best all round champion in the Preston and Northcote Amateur Athletic Club. A handsome cup has kindly been donated by Mr. J. Hankin Next Saturday at the Motordrome the first of the events will be held; they are.—120 Yards hurdles; Broad jump Hop, step and jump; Pole vault, and it is also hoped to get another event for all runners in the club. A small entry fee is asked from each member for every event they start in. Members are also asked to hand their names to Mr. C. Thorn, secretary, or the captain, no later than Saturday.

District Entries in Stawell Gift.

The following local athletes will compete in the famous Stawell Gift, from the following handicaps.—T. R. Little (Croxton) 7½ yards; A.N. Faull (Fairfield) 8 yards; G. W. Francis (Northcote) 8 yards; R. J. McKenzie (Northcote) 10 yards; W. W. Peart (Northcote) 9 yards; N. A. Francis (Northcote) 9½ yards; G. F. McSwain (Northcote) 9½ yards; F. Willis (Preston) 10½ yards.

PRESTON LADIES CLUB.

Enthusiasm was aroused this week in the Ladies athletic club championships, and Misses L. Cameron, N. Williams, P. Lowrey, and J. Spicer all ran wonderful races in their heats in the 75 yards. The short putt was a fine effort by Miss. E. Kruse, in putting 26 ft. 6inches. This is equal to any performance of this event in Victoria, and much improvement will be shown on this feat by Miss. Kruse. Miss Lowrey, 23 ft, 4 in., and Miss. Jones, 23 ft. 10 in., were also fine putts. An evening was given by Mrs. Anderton, the secretary, to the mens' club, to celebrate the Premiership win of the boys, and it was a bumper success.

On Monday night the high jump and 100 yards will be held, and on Wednesday the 100 yards, and final and hurdles championships will be staged.

A GRADE

UNIVERSITY V. IVANHOE.

100 Yards.—E. M. Davidson (U) 1; J. Gabriell (U), 2; A. Watson (I), 3; F. Monger (U), 4; E. Eiseman (U), 5; J. Horsfall (U), 6. 0.10 1-10

440 Yards.—E. M. Davidson (U), 1; K. Eiseman (U), 2; R. Francis (U), 3; A. Watson (I), 4; R. White (U), 5. 0.49 1-5. Mile Run.—B. Coombes (U), 1; A. Hilthouse (U) 2; R. Triado (U), 3; G. Bolwell (U), 4; O. Grafton (I), 5; McCubbery (U), 6 4.19 3-5. Australian record, Mile Relay.—University, 1, 3.44. 120 Yards Hurdles.—A. Watson (I), 1; B.Taylor (U), 2; A. Anderson (I), 3; R. White (U), 4. 0.15 4-5. Mile Walk.—B. Okes (I), 1; C. Anos (I), 2. 7.56 Hop, step, and Jump.—A. Anderson (I), 1; distance 43ft. 0½in. Victorian record. High jump.—J. Lobban (U), 1; height 5 ft. 10in. Short putt.—A. D. McIntosh (U), 1; distance 41 ft. 1in.

VICTORIAN RECORD HOLDER

A. Anderson, of Ivanhoe, who broke the Victorian record last Saturday for the hop step and jump, with a fine leap of 48 ft. 0inches, is a product of the inter-club sports, as since the 1928-1929 season, he has improved by leaps and bounds from 38 ft.

COUNTRY WEEK CRICKET

Prestonites witnessed a week of cricket at the Preston park, with the country week matches. Many even matches were seen.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE, I.O.R.

There was a large attendance of members at the fortnightly meeting on March 5, Bro. T. McWilliams, C.R., presiding. Two new members were initiated and one clearance was granted. A letter from Preston A.N.A. re bowls competition in aid of the unemployed was referred to the bowls teams. The cricket team reported another win. A report was received concerning the indoor bowls competition, which will commence early next month. Northcote has again entered two teams who are looking forward to a successful season. Encouraging reports were received from the junior tents, including the results of the opening games in the indoor games competition. The dispensary delegate gave a lengthy but interesting report of that institution's activities during the past year.

After the meeting the members participated in the half-yearly smoke night. Community singing was lustily indulged in, and a varied programme of songs, recitations and musical items contributed by Bros. Les. Gadsden, Jack Barwarg and R. Lobbe helped to while away a pleasant hour or so. Bro. E. Youl presided at the piano. Interspersed between the items various toasts were proposed and responded to, and a happy gathering broke up with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The next meeting will be held on March 19. After the usual business the annual games championships (euchre, cribbage, quoits and bowls) will be commenced, so another large attendance is anticipated.

John Vale Junior Tent

Last Saturday the members of the John Vale Tent cricket team went to Chelsea and played a match against the Mickey Mouse Club, which the visitors won outright by 47 runs. In the evening the Northcote boys were entertained at a social and subsequently were the guests of Mrs. E. M. Bray over the weekend. A very enjoyable time was spent and the John Vale cricketers returned home full of appreciation at the kind actions of their hostess in making their short sojourn at the seaside one to be remembered.

BOY SCOUTS.

First Preston Troop.

The cricket team is playing the best match of the season against Prestonite Last Saturday the Cubs attended a district Cub rally at Northcote. To help the Ugly Man competition, a social will be held in the scout hall on Wednesday (March 18), when the Parents' committee will also meet. Court of Honor will meet on Sunday, and all leaders are asked to be present. The football team are looking forward to another successful season. Cubs will meet on Thursday, scouts on Saturday, signalling on Tuesday, and the weekly social and dance will be held on Friday. Last Saturday night the scouts were in the open spaces east of Pleaty road, and spent a good evening in attack and defence in connection with Lord Baden-Powell's visit. The Upper Tarwin troop from South Gippsland, will be billetted in the scout hall. The scouts to represent our troop in the pageant of countries on the Melbourne cricket ground on April 11 have been selected. One of our old P.L's. Alec Rackham, who has been living in Sydney for three years has returned to Preston, and we extend to him a hearty welcome.

ROWING.

PRESTON LADIES ROWING CLUB.

The Preston Ladies Rowing Club crew, who visited Sydney, and competed in the heavyweight fours at the Sydney Regatta, held on the Parramatta river on Saturday, were third. The winner was Abbotsford No. 2, and as the Victorians were only 2 of a length away, they put up a creditable race. They are enthusiastic regarding their reception by the ladies of the Sydney rowing world, on their return on Monday.

THREE MILE SWIM

MISS. H. DALEY, OF NORTHCOTE, WINS WOMEN'S SECTION.

Miss. H. Daley of Northcote, was successful in winning the ladies' section of the three mile Yarra swim last Saturday. She was off the 48 minute mark and her time was 1.37.0. Miss E. Walter (Fairfield) (31.0) was fourth in 1.38.0.

There were about 100 starters.

Mens' Section.

This event was won by G. Gillam (City of Melbourne) off 1.40, his time being 1.19.30.

The total entry for the two events numbered about 700 which is a record.

Miss Daley early set up a big lead which she maintained to the finish to win easing up by 150 yards, in 1 hour 37 minutes. 10,000 people cheered her when leaving the water, and many of her club mates were the first to congratulate her. Members of the Northcote club to start and finish were Miss. H. Daley, Miss. N. Manley, Messrs. Jack Phil, Ted and Frank Daley, R. Miller, W. Pattenbury and E. Fox. Miss. N. Wynne, who finished twelfth, was also a resident of Northcote. Miss Daley's four brothers were also in the race.

(Picture on front Page.)

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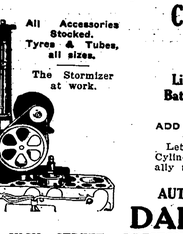

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Church Notices.

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7 p.m.: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. "The Christian."
Rev. A. H. Constable.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE

MARCH 15.—Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
—The Vicar.
Evensong, 7 p.m. Address by Young Men. Preacher Mr. F. Shann, headmaster of Holy Trinity Grammar School, Kew.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade)

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 15. Harvest Festival
8 a.m.: Holy Communion.
11 a.m.: Matins and Sermon.
3 p.m.: Children's Service (Preacher, Archdeacon Lambert).
7 p.m.: Festal Evensong and Sermon.

The Vicar
(Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain).

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Juvenile Church.
11 a.m.—Matins.
7 p.m.—Evensong
Preacher—Rev. F. Parsons.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET.

Morning and Evening: Rev. A. T. Jones.
At the evening service six-parts from Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary" will be rendered by augmented choir.

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3 p.m.: Rev. Dyson.
7 p.m.: Rev. F. J. Jennings.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.: Rev. J. T. Purchase, M.M.
7 p.m.: Sister Edith.
St. George's Road
11 a.m.: Mr. T. J. George.
7 p.m.: Pastor Perkins.
Croxton
11 a.m.: Pastor Perkins.
7 p.m.: Rev. J. T. Purchase, M.M.

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By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices,
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6/3/1931.

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SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA
PUBLIC MEETING

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Mechanics' Institute, Whittlesea, on THURSDAY, MARCH 26, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of ELECTING SIX MEMBERS to the Board of Management of the Recreation Reserve.

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11/3/31.

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Unknown Owner of ——, Defendant.
The information of James O. Iles, of Preston, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the eleventh day of February, 1931, at Preston, in the Central Bailiwick of Victoria, certain cattle of which the said owner unknown was then and there the owner to wit One Roan Pony Gelding, white blaze, both hind whits, long tail, shod, no visible brand, was found wandering on vacant land off Pine atreet there situate without anyone having charge thereof contrary to the By-law in that case made and provided.
James O. Iles, informant.
To Unknown Owner, defendant.
WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named informant before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Central Bailiwick of the said State. These are therefore to command you in His Majesty's name to be and appear on the 19th day of March, 1931, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Preston to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.
Dated at Preston the 12th day of March, 1931.
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Novel System of Finance

INTERESTING REFORMS SUGGESTED

No. 1

In the following Mr. s'Beckett Chomley, a lecturer on economics, presents a novel aspect of finance and one which he claims would rectify the troubled waters through which Australia is passing. A lecture on this subject was delivered at St. Mary's Hall, Plenty road, Preston, on February 24, and as a result a local branch of the National Credit Association has been formed. We understand that arrangements will be made to give a lecture in Northcote at an early date.

Few of those who attended the lectures given at St. Mary's Hall Preston, by Mr. A. C. s'Beckett Chomley expected to hear so much of a highly informative nature in the expounding by the lecturer of a system of financial reform which has as its object the removal of all ills to which we are subject including the menace of inflation and deflation. With a fibre of sound reasoning and logic, Mr. Chomley's address undoubtedly impressed the large gathering whether they were in accord with his scheme or not, and much food for reflection was imparted.

In opening his subject, Mr. Chomley pointed out that more than usual interest was being taken in financial affairs by the ordinary public at the present time. The world appeared to be threatened with over-production and that seemed to be largely the trouble. He expressed the view, however, that under-consumption and not over-production was our trouble. Everywhere was to be seen the spectacle of manufacturers and producers seeking feverishly for more markets, and so soon as those markets are found they are supplied. The ingenuity was to find the markets and every country was searching for them; it was a fight for markets everywhere. Sooner or later that fight must lead to fights with warships, aeroplanes and poison gas. Countries found themselves fighting against the cheap labour of other countries, and each country was engaging in an attempt to export more than it imported. It seemed as if that were the salvation of every country but is was apparent that every country could not export more than it imported. There was another alternative that some countries must be continually exporting, and some continually importing, however, had to be ruled out also, as it meant that the importing countries must be continually borrowing from the exporting countries, and that was impossible. Consider then the position of those countries exporting for a time and some importing for a time; let them change over, and the exporting countries begin to import and the importing ones commence exporting. That was another impossibility. He cited the case of the United States as an instance, which would be plunged into immediate ruin if that suggestion were possible. The only possibility was that of equal trading—each country to export and import equally. If Australia exported 100 units then she would have to import 100 units to balance that. That was the only stable condition of trade but it was only possible if all countries could buy as much as they produced. Mr. Chomley dealt with the subject of barter, pointing out that our money system was conceived for the purpose of doing away with the difficulties of exchanging say 50 tons of potatoes for a motor car. There was therefore an obvious relationship between goods and money. Incomes are composed of four classes—wages, profits, interests, and rents. They represent total incomes and they must buy the amount equivalent to Australia's total production. Therefore, wages, profits, interests, and rents must equal the total prices of production. But in that, no room is left for savings. People will, must, and should save. Therefore, if total incomes are £1000 and of that amount £100 is saved, then only £900 worth of goods can be purchased and so soon as those markets are found rid of that extra £100 worth, or it must be left unsold. If it is not exported, then there is less production and incomes drop.

From that point, Mr. Chomley went on to show that but for the fact that new money is made available, the system would have crashed itself out.

He said that banks create and destroy money. He showed by means of a blackboard the functions of a bank in relation to deposits and overdrafts. He gives to one person in the community £100 of gold. This man, "A," puts it in the bank where it goes into cash reserve. A's account consists of £70 fixed deposit and £30 current account. The bank says then that it will have £100, and B comes to the bank wanting a loan of £700. The bank then lends £100 to B, on condition that he gives to the bank as security his title and a mortgage. That money then passes to C and C deposits it in the bank in similar fashion to A and that is loaned out to D in similar fashion to B. That was a simple illustration of the manner in which the banks conducted their business—purely book entry business. To carry the illustration to its fullest extent it was necessary to know that they drew 6 per cent. on the B and D money and paid A and C at the rate of 4 per cent. Thus they were enabled to create money for themselves and draw interest to the extent of 2 per cent. That the banks did create and destroy money was not a fallacy, for authorities on banking were candid in their statements that the banks did do so. Mr. R. G. Hawtrey has written, "The banker creates the means of payment out of nothing," and Mr. Reginald McKenna has stated that "banks can and do create and destroy money." A pungent statement by Mr. McKenna is as follows: "I am afraid the ordinary citizen will not like to be told that the banks (can and do) create and destroy money. The amount of money in existence varies only with the action of the banks in increasing or decreasing deposits. Every loan or overdraft creates a deposit and every repayment of a loan or overdraft destroys a deposit." Later he added: "And they who control the credit of a nation direct the policy of Governments and hold in the hollow of their hands the destiny of hasty therefore, is not an office for the people." Another of the greatest authorities on banking, Mr. H. D. McLeod says: "The essential and distinctive feature of a bank and a banker is to create and issue credit payable on demand and this credit is intended to be put into circulation and serve all purposes of money. A borrowing and lending money; but it is a manufactory of credit." When a bank creates new money, the first thing that money buys is a mortgage over the individual or government that borrows that money. Therefore, the community can only have new money by becoming more indebted to the bankers. In times of prosperity, the swelling of current accounts constitutes a danger to banks and they have to exercise great caution and destroy money. It would seem, therefore, that the interests of the banks are diametrically opposed to the interests of the community in general which in prosperous times needs more money. The method is wrong, as is shown by the fact that England now owes the people £8,000,000,000 which they never had. That was created by the banks out of nothing and proves that the system is absurd and it ultimately means the breakdown of the banks themselves. Attributable to their system are the ills of falling prices, unemployment, and the fight for markets due to the fact of surplus of new money being irregular and inadequate. If the supplies were adequate the interest bill would be preposterous.

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THE QUAIL SEASON OPENS

Many parties were out for the opening of the quail season in Victoria on Monday. Mr. Donald MacIntosh (wearing the wide-brimmed hat) and his party with their "bag" at Koo-Wee-Rup.
Picture by courtesy of the "Argus, Melbourne.

FIRE IN FACTORY.

MACHINERY AND TIMBER DESTROYED!

Fire severely damaged the factory of Mr. W. Gibson, wood machinist, in Sackville street, Collingwood on Wednesday night. Valuable machinery installed in the building, which is a brick and iron structure, and a large quantity of timber, mostly red pine, were destroyed. Mr. Gibson, who was summoned to the fire from a picture theater at Ivanhoe, stated that he would be unable to estimate the damage until an inspection was made, but it was likely to amount to several thousands of pounds. The contents of the factory are insured for £4,000. The cause of the fire is not known.

The fire had gained a strong hold on the rear portion of the factory when detachments of firemen from Eastern Hill, Swanston street, William street, and Hoddle street stations arrived shortly after 9 o'clock. The fire was under control in half an hour, and the firemen prevented the flames from spreading to the weatherboard houses at the back of the factory.

Mr. R. Gibson, of 36 Derby street Northcote, a member of the firm and a brother of Mr. W. Gibson, is well-known in Northcote, and is the treasurer of the Northcote Horticultural Society.

CENTRAL PRESTON.

An accident occurred at 7.30 p.m. at the corner of High and David streets, on Monday night last, when Mr. F. Quaife, of Collins street Preston, was struck by a motor car while crossing High street. He was taken to Plenty Motors Garage and thence to the Melbourne Hospital where he was found to be suffering from slight concussion and shock.

The carnival in Murray road, to assist the Queen of West Preston, was successfully continued this week.

On Wednesday Preston R.S.S.I.L.A. received a visit from Oakleigh branch, an enjoyable social evening resulting.

On Wednesday afternoon the concert party paid a visit to McLeod Sanatorium. On the same night a euchre party was held at Mr. Mc-Callum's, Leicester street, for the Diggers Cricket Club.

There was the training by the Athletic Club at Preston Park on Tuesday night, owing to the death of the father of Dick Lewis, who is a member of the club.

The concert held for the building fund of West Preston Church of Christ was a remarkable success, the Progress Hall being packed by about 200 people on Saturday night.

Jika Cricket Association will commence its semi-finals on Saturday, between Footballers, Prestonite, Gowerville, and East Preston. The secretary should be notified of best batting and bowling performances by club members by March 25.

An interesting lantern lecture, "Buried Cities", was given at the West Preston Baptist Church on Tuesday night.

Preston United Football Club will commence training on Saturday. A successful house-party was held at Mr. A. Aitken's house last Saturday night.

The Preston C. of C. K. S. P. Club has challenged the P.B.P. Club to a sales competition on March 30. Four competitive groups are being formed in the K.S.P. Club, as a result of which some interesting duels are expected; this plan also covers an athletic movement, which will commence almost immediately.

A man who treats marriage as a joke is either a fool or a bachelor. If it's true, as an English professor says, that plucking eyebrows is dangerous, some of the local girls will have to take a pull.

FOOTBALL

NORTHCOTE GROUNDS ALLOTTED

Grounds have been allotted by the Northcote council to football clubs as follows:—

McDonell Park—C.Y.M.S. and Northcote Rovers.
Hayes Park—Prince of Wales Park Methodists.
Mayer Park—Croxton Methodists.
Merri Park—St. George's Road Methodists and Northcote J.O.R.

THORNBURY DISTRICT CLUB

At the last executive meeting of the Metropolitan Junior League it was decided to readmit the above club to C Grade. Owing to the season commencing later than was first announced, it has been decided to suspend training until April 4. Mr. J. Cleary, who was again re-appointed coach, predicts a successful season. A particularly strong side will be fielded, but positions that will have to be filled are at centre half-back, where a big, tall high-marking man is required; also one wingman and one rover. The team also needs two good forwards for both flanks, where there was a great weakness last season. The back line should be quite sound again, as should the half-forward line. Mr. H. Hirst has donated training oil. Subscriptions will be received by Mr. F. A. Falcke, 146 Flinders street, Thornbury.

E. WILSON'S DISQUALIFICATION

Northcote May Appeal

When asking the Victorian Football Association on Wednesday night that the committee of the Northcote club be supplied with a copy of the evidence on which E. Wilson (Northcote) was disqualified for 12 months, Mr. Frank Trainor (president of the Northcote Football Club) said that there was a possibility of Northcote appealing against the disqualification of Wilson. The meeting declined to accede to the request.

HEIDELBERG GOLF CLUB

The eighteen holes are now practically complete, and arrangements are well in hand for the official opening of the full course which is expected will take place on April 18. Mr. S. M. Bruce, who opened the nine hole course, has been invited to officially open the eighteen holes.

Northcote Council will consider the purchase of a footpath roller when its next estimates are framed.

Buy in Preston-Help the Unemployed. Patronise

What Preston People Are Doing

By The Rousebout.

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

MEMBERS of the Preston branch held a meeting in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening last. It was decided to give permission to the unemployed subsection to form a social committee to raise funds by holding euchre parties. The subsection will be pleased to receive books and any sort of clothing. The winter will soon be here and something must be done to help those in the unfortunate position as to want clothing and boots. Returned soldiers are informed that Commissioner McKenzie, otherwise known as "Fighting Mac," will give an address on Sunday. Men are asked to fall in at the memorial arch at 6.45 p.m. sharp. The branch cricket team will play the rest of the members on March 21 and 28 at Haxby's Park. Three new members joined the branch. The odd job bureau is open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Suspicious Fire in South Street

ON Thursday afternoon, March 12, a fire broke out in an unoccupied house owned by John James Boland. The back portion of the tenement, consisting of four rooms, was severely damaged by fire. The cause of the outbreak was unknown and the police made inquiries, the result being that Constable R. J. Geake, who happened to be on plain-clothes duty, saw two men loitering in the vicinity early on the morning of last Friday. He took them to the Preston watchhouse, where they were detained until the arrival of Detectives Seager and McGuffie. Subsequently a charge of having wilfully set fire to a dwelling house was preferred against two men. It is alleged that plaster was stripped off the laths in the house and motor tubes filled with petrol were found between the laths and the wall. The names of the men arrested were Horace Gordon Futcher, 44, electrician, and Jack Johns, 24, plumber. The house was insured for £600, and it is alleged fires were discovered in three different places. The two accused will appear before the Preston Court on Thursday, April 2. The two men concerned were engaged to examine the walls of the house.

Cricket Items

PRESTON municipal team played a game against Heidelberg on Saturday afternoon. The former won by 21 runs on the first innings. This brings the municipal matches to a close for the season, but Preston players intend to try and get a game on with the indoor staff at the local town hall. Failing this Preston Diggers will be invited to try conclusions with the municipal team. As a result of McCasker's fine performance during the past cricket season, it is stated that the selectors of the municipal team are looking forward to securing that player's distinguished services as a batsman for next season.

Larceny From Motor Truck

TWO tyres, with tube and rim, valued at £20, were stolen from a motor truck, the property of Watson and Paterson, bacon curers, corner of Dundas street and Plenty road, Preston, last week.

Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society

THE Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society held a successful Australian Tea on March 12 when about 150 ladies were present. The afternoon tea was provided free and the nett result approached £9. The mayoress (Mrs. G. E. Robinson) presided. A fine programme was given by Madam Ashton, Mesdames Walker, Allardyce, Moate and Page, Misses McNee, Rita Ashton, Brown and E. Ferris.

The secretary (Mrs. J. S. Bean) gave an outline of the work of the society since July 1, 1930, stating that cases relieved since that date totalled over 160 families, consisting of 320 adults and 502 children. Some of these had been on the books for months, whilst others had received temporary relief. During that time the expenditure was £570, and donations were £570—a shortage of £100. The society had received £150 from the Charities Board and no more will be available from this source until after the annual meeting. The society is grateful to the Heidelberg Golf Club for the amount of £52, though the effort of Mr. A. E. Appleton of the State Savings Bank, Preston. The sustenance relief has helped the society yet it does not meet all the requirements of needy people. There are sick women and children and convalescent people left out of hospital who need attention. The society urgently needs clothing and boots, men's, women's and children's. Also infants clothes.

The mayoress (Mrs. G. E. Robinson) moved a vote of thanks to all of the artists. This was seconded by Mrs. A. K. Allchin (president) who also gave thanks to the mayoress for presiding; to all the ladies for donations of cakes etc., and to all helpers who made the afternoon such a success. Miss Bean supporting same.

Tennis Green

A VERY enjoyable evening was given by the Reservoir Tennis Club on March 12, on their courts in Cheddar road in aid of the Queen of Cricket, Miss E. Thompson. The Reservoir Band gave their services for the night and there were many willing helpers.

Grocers Lose Goods

PACKETS of cigarettes, tobacco, etc., to the value of £6/10/, were stolen from the shop of Sharp Bros., grocers, Raglan street, Preston, between 7.30 p.m. on March 11 and 8.30 a.m. on March 12.

Diamond Ring Stolen

LETITIA Hore, married woman, of Irene street, Preston, has reported the loss of a diamond engagement ring valued at £25. The ring disappeared from the house during the time it was being kalsomined.

Show Case Broken

BETWEEN Sunday and Monday last a show case at the chemist's shop of Albert G. Davis, High street, Preston, was broken open and a pocket Kodak and other property to the value of £13/8/ was stolen.

Swimming Carnival

PRESTON council has granted permission for the holding of a swimming carnival in the local baths on Saturday afternoon in aid of unemployed funds. Motion pictures will be taken during the afternoon.

Congratulations to Preston Bowlers

MR. Geo. Allen, secretary to Thornbury Bowling Club, forwarded a letter to Preston Bowling Club conveying heartiest congratulations to the latter on the unique performance of the C teams in winning first and second places in the C pennant competition for 1930-31. Mr. W. B. Howe, who is on a visit to Sydney, sent the following wire to Preston bowlers:—"Delighted at result of pennant. Congratulations to my team and the boys."

Quail on Toast

MESSRS. J. A. Watkins, A. Watkins and H. Crutherton, a shooting party from Preston, had a good time on Monday and Tuesday at Donnybrook. As a result of the two days' outing the trio landed a good supply of birds, with the result that quail on toast has been a frequent item on the menu for the last few days.

American Tea and Dance

ON Wednesday afternoon, April 25, an American Tea will be held in Preston town hall in aid of the Blind Appeal. A programme of interesting musical items will be provided by blind artists. At a meeting of the Mayoress' Guild on Tuesday it was arranged to hold a dance in aid of the same appeal. Miss Edna Robinson and Mrs. Franklin are acting as joint hon. secretaries.

Mr. W. H. Luly Honored

A LARGE number of inspectors of noxious weeds and their families gathered at a picnic at Altona on March 15 to do honor to Mr. W. H. Luly, Chief Inspector of Vermin and Noxious Weeds, who recently retired after 42 years' service from the Department of Lands and Survey. On behalf of the inspectors Mr. J. Matthams (superintendent) made a presentation of two bag dinghies appropriately named "Bunny" and "Thistle" to Mr. Luly. Mr. E. J. Pemberton (chief inspector), in supporting Mr. Matthams, said that Mr. Luly would be greatly missed by his inspectors, with whom he had always loyally cooperated. Inspectors W. Marshall, G. H. Carter and H. J. Wheeler also spoke of the friendship which existed between Mr. Luly and all inspectors, and the generous treatment men received at all times. Mr. Luly, in responding, spoke feelingly of his appreciation, and thanked the inspectors for their willingness at all times to do their best for him. He also expressed pleasure in seeing so many present, and extended a hearty welcome for them to be his guests at any time they visited Melbourne. At the close refreshments provided by Mrs. A. H. Baylis and Mrs. H. W. Henkel were handed round, and the opportunity was taken to renew old acquaintances and make new friendships. Mr. Luly, who has resided in "Spring street, Preston, for the past 30 years, intends spending his retirement at his seaside cottage in Altona. Among the inspectors present were G. R. Carter (Milloo North), G. S. Hamilton (Pakenham), A. Gerrans (Dandenong), J. Potter (Alexandra), A. E. Cox (Healesville), W. Tolmie (Bacchus Marsh), R. Comsby (Broadford), W. Marshall (Kyneton), A. W. Smith (Seymour), A. H. Baylis (Sunbury), E. F. Allin (Brighton), H. J. Wheeler (Werribee), P. A. Whitbourn (Werribee), J. A. Brocklebank, H. W. Henkel (Preston).

Paltry Thefts

TEN small glass sugar basins and a number of afternoon tea spoons have been stolen from the Red Cross cupboard at the Preston town hall.

Diggers' Concert Party

THE above party is continuing its good work in providing musical programmes for the entertainment of inmates of various institutions. Last Monday evening the party paid a visit to Janefield Sanatorium, and on Wednesday evening the party delighted the people at Mont Park with a first-class list of items.

Construction of Road

ABOUT 20 men are at present engaged in the construction of a concrete road from Oakover road to Bell street. When completed the road will connect with St. George's road.

New Police Quarters

GOOD progress is being made with the erection of the new police quarters in Roseberry avenue, and it is anticipated they will be handed over by the contractor within the next fortnight. A neat hurricane fence has been erected round the building.

Preston Girl's School Evening Classes

NOT a sufficient number of applications for enrolment were received to warrant the commencing of night classes this week. Further enrolments during the next week may make it possible to commence next Thursday.

Annual Picnic

THE Regent Central Progress Association will hold their third annual picnic to Warrandyte on Eight Hours Day (March 23). This fixture was to have taken place on A.N.A. Day, but owing to inclement weather, was postponed. Motor vans leave Plenty road and Tyler street Preston at 9.30 a.m., so an enjoyable day's outing is assured. See amusement column for fuller particulars.

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Carnival activities are proceeding apace. Each day brings fresh evidence of the great work being accomplished by the various Queens. The secretary at the town hall is constantly engaged handing out sinews of war to the different secretaries. Several valuable donations are to hand including a gas copper, suit of clothes of costume, model yacht and an oil painting valued at £15/15/. All these are being raffled and big sums are anticipated. The organiser (Mr. Wm. Caird) has the Programme for Carnival Week at Cramer St. Park well in hand and something out of the ordinary is promised. Everything from a merry-go-round to a chocolate wheel will be on the ground from April 4 to 11.

A meeting of all Queen secretaries will be held at the town hall on Tuesday. The patrons of the Saturday night dance continue to arrive in increasing numbers at the town hall. The first heat of the Five Tron Competition will be decided on Saturday when the band straight from the Merri Palais will be in attendance.

A successful dance was held by the Queen of the P.A.F.S. Mr. J. Jenkins was successful in gaining the first prize in the cardigan draw, Miss Tennyson second, and Miss Ward third. We would like once again to remind the public that a great button drive takes place on March 27, when every Queen will be on the warpath.

A great many replies have been received from the different town and shire clerks stating that they are giving the "Back to Preston" movement every publicity. Although the week of carnival actually starts on April 4 the official opening ceremony takes place on Easter Monday immediately after the grand procession. Councillor Mayer (Cr. G. E. Robinson) has consented to perform the opening ceremony.

STREET CONSTRUCTION AT PRESTON

(To the Editor).

Sir,—Further to my letter of 10/3/31 on the above-mentioned subject in your last issue, I am writing again in the hope that the publicity given the matter will rouse the officers concerned to a sense of their responsibilities to the ratepayers, and so avoid similar errors in the future. In addition councillors might consider the advisability of instituting a check themselves on this work. Apparently the extraordinary length of time in rendering statements of cost of construction of Oakhill avenue and other streets, and the issue of contradictory statements as to the actual cost, were due, firstly to a lack of efficient control of staff, and secondly to faulty book-keeping in the Engineering Department.

But are the councillors free from blame? If councillors permit such a state of affairs to exist, that ratepayers are forced to wait over two years before being able to ascertain the actual cost of construction of a street, well, they too, must take their share of criticism. A simple method of councillors keeping a check on matters of this nature suggests itself. Let the council issue the following instruction.—(a) Six months after the council's acceptance of a tender for road construction, the Town Clerk to include the subject matter of the contract on councillor's agenda paper. (b) The engineer to submit a report as to the position of the contract at this date. (c) If the job is not finalised, the matter to be placed on each succeeding agenda paper until finality is reached.

In this way road contracts would be brought prominently under the notice of each councillor, and any undue delay, either in carrying out the work, or in finalising same, would be immediately noticed. Councillors must know that there is a weak link in the Engineering Department.—Yours etc.,

C. T. BARLING

52 Queen street, Preston.
18/3/31.

EAST PRESTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

(Contributed)

The fortnightly general meeting was held on Monday, March 16. Mr. Kirby was in the chair.

Correspondence was received from Preston City Council re Rene street, saying no money was available; also financial statement from treasurer. It was decided that owing to the finances of the municipality only very urgent work be asked for until the finances look up.

Several matters were brought up from the delegates' report of the council meeting on March 9.

The matter of the refund of £75 out of his deposit on metal carriage contract to D. J. Grogan, was brought forward, and members were astounded at the action of the council in recommending this refund.

The matter of the tender recommended for Frank street was discussed. Although the council laid down a definite precedent when letting the contract for metal carting that they were going to give absolute preference to local contractors, no matter what the price, they have let the construction of Frank street to an outside contractor, although there were several local contractors who tendered for the job, and no price great a difference in their prices. Although this street is to be made in concrete the abutting owners are only to be charged 20/ per foot frontage. This street is about 1800 feet in length, and will cost in the vicinity of £5000, and the general body of the ratepayers of the municipality will have to bear the balance. The secretary has been instructed to bring up a report on these matters at next meeting.

RESERVOIR BRANCH, A.L.P.

Mr. Croskie (president) opened the mid-monthly meeting on March 13. Mrs. Williams, of Regent street, was nominated for membership, and Mr. Sellings was accepted.

Mr. Garing received a letter re selling of concert tickets for the local queen. It was decided that the branch should buy the balance of tickets not sold. Mrs. Fletcher received a letter from Mrs. Frank Brennan re afternoon for unemployed, also cancelling arrangements for meeting on Saturday, 21st inst.

Owing to the non-arrival of Mr. Laidlaw the members indulged in a series of questions and answers.

Mr. Williams spoke on the probability of a dissolution and moved that the Federal Electoral Council be asked to arrange for a pre-selection ballot for the next Federal election in Batman.

Owing to the next meeting night falling on Easter Monday, it was decided that it should be held on March 30.

Mr. Partridge addressed the members on the facts of the International Class War Prisoners Aid, of which he is the Victorian vice-president. The next meeting of the I.C.W.P.A. is to be held on March 23 if not notified of alteration.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

DISTRICT NOTES

The Reservoir Methodist Y.P. society members combined with the Intermediates in an enjoyable social evening on Monday. At their last meeting two new male members were welcomed.

The ministry of gospel singing was enjoyed by singers and audience alike at the Greenvale Sanatorium on Saturday night when some Endeavourers from the Union paid a visit to that institution. Seven inmates had passed away since their last visit. Too much stress cannot be laid on the urgency and importance of this practical side of C.E. work.

An alteration in the train arrangements for next Monday's field day has been announced. Two special trains are now being run to South Morang, leaving Flinders Street at 8.50 and 9 a.m. The former will stop at North Carlton at 9.6 a.m., Northcote at 9.19, and Reservoir at 9.29 a.m. The second train will run through, non-stop.

The Northcote Baptist Society is shortly to lose one of its worthy members. We understand that Mr. W. Burns, of Geelong, is responsible for the loss of Miss Flo. Parker, who is to become his bride during April.

The Y.P. superintendent was presented recently with a baby daughter. The Union's congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brain, of Reservoir.

The West Preston Church of Christ Y.P. society is now three weeks old. It was formed with a membership of eleven. Mr. A. Seaife, the secretary, has had the unique experience being elected to office while lying unconscious as a result of a bicycle mishap. Mr. Seaife was active in organising the society and met with the accident on the night of the opening meeting. He is now recovering and the duties are being capably handled by Mr. P. Crowley, who is acting pro. tem.

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HUGHES.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Alfred E. Hughes, who was called home to a higher life, March 19, 1930.

So bright a gleam, so dear a dream,
So few the happy years,
But I bless the years I shared you mine
And leave the rest to God.

—Inserted by his loving wife, E. Hughes, Preston.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL

Published Every Friday Morning

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1931.

Monday, March 23, will be observed as a public holiday as Eight Hours Day. The offices of the "Leader" will be closed all day.

A concert will be held at Preston town hall next Wednesday evening in support of the candidature of Miss Jessie White, Queen of A.N.A. and A.W.A.

Bread at 6d. per large loaf is now obtainable at M. G. Taylor's dairy produce stall, Preston Market. Prime bacon and best butter are also stocked at prices to suit.

On Wednesday the Northcote Horticultural Society held a picture night at the Westgarth Theatre, which was most successful.

Meeting of Creditors.—At a meeting of the creditors of the Northcote Trading Agency Pty. Ltd. (in liquidation), held last week, the appointment of the liquidator (Mr. W. E. Spencer) was approved, and he was instructed to sell the business at the most advantageous prices offered. A statement of affairs presented to the meeting showed unsecured creditors at £1,367. Assets were estimated to realise £70, leaving an apparent deficiency of about £1,500.

An interruption in the electrical supply at Northcote occurred at 8.30 a.m. on Thursday. The electrical engineer (Mr. Hawthorn) informs us that the failure was due to a starling alighting on a choke coil at Robert street, which caused a short circuit and threw out the automatic switches. The interruption was quickly located and the current restored. It is needless to add that the starling was killed instantly.

A euchre party and dance will be held at the school room, Clifton Gve., Preston, on Saturday in connection with the queen carnival. Subscription 1/-.

On Eight Hours' Day (Monday) there will be a hamper picnic to Warrandyte, when a big sports programme will be run off.

The Young Nationalist League will hold a meeting at the corner of Regent and High streets Preston, on Friday, March 20, at 7.45 p.m. Speakers: Messrs. Anderson, Clerk, Dunn and Hooper.

Mrs. Emmerson has opened "Fairview," a rest home for ladies and gentlemen, at 81 Delaware St., Reservoir. Terms moderate.

PRESTON LADIES' CRICKET CLUB

Preston ladies played their last game of cricket for the season on Saturday, March 14, when the First Eleven met Semco at Semco Park, and the Second Eleven met Clarendon at home. Scores:—

Preston Firsts, 68 (I. Webster 33 and 3/8, H. McKeezan 2/17, H. Hills 12, I. Botsman 2/14); Semco, 70 (E. Foley 22 n.o., J. Reeve 15, J. Day 4/31, I. Cooksby 2/24, N. Cole 1/4). Semco, after a very exciting game, won by 2 runs on the first innings, leaving Preston First Eleven a close fifth on the premiership list.

Clarendon, six for 101 (N. Jervis 25, E. Mummery 16 n.o., D. Debnam 10 and 4/0, N. McLarty 4/7); Preston Seconds, 13 (N. Baldwin 5 and 0/3, N. O'Connor 3/17, M. Hills 2/33). Clarendon won by 88 runs on the first innings.

The team for the interstate carnival to the held in Sydney, will leave by the 5.30 p.m. express on Thursday. Miss Ivy Webster is Preston's only representative.

PRICE WAR AT RESERVOIR

There is a price war at Reservoir. The price of milk has been cut to 5d. and even 4½d. per quart. This week one of the bakers operating in this area announced a reduction of a penny per large loaf. Bread was being sold at 9d. per unit loaf 2 or 3 days only.

PERSONAL

Cr. L. Jones, J.P., who has been in indifferent health for the past week, intends to take a holiday in the hills.

Mr. Butterfield, of Ralph street, Reservoir, is confined to his bed with a painful malady.

A daughter (Margaret Alice) has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Forbes (formerly Miss Harry) at their residence, 40 Darebin street, Northcote.

Mr. and Mrs. Govan, of 15 Ralph street, Reservoir, have now taken up residence at 44 Swan street, Footscray.

The following appointment as a justice of the peace has been approved by the State Executive Council:—Mrs. Jessie M. Threlkeld, Northcote.

There passed away on Friday last Mr. Woolf Henry Symons, of Murray road, Preston, leaving a wife and a daughter (Shirley).

Mr. Knuckey, late S.M. at Reservoir and now at Mildura, accompanied by Mrs. Knuckey, is visiting friends at Reservoir.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright, of Gilbert road, Preston, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Wright was formerly Miss Frieda Mundy.

A wedding of interest in Ivanhoe residents will take place on April 15 —Rchald, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ashby, of Heidelberg, to Claire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of East Camberwell.

On Saturday afternoon a large crowd witnessed the christening of the Preston Ladies' Rowing Club's new boat. The afternoon was devoted to inter-club races.

The marriage of Mr. J. B. Lawrence and Miss R. E. Wild, both residents of Thornbury, will be solemnised at Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, on March 21 by Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain.

Mr. W. Tatchell, the popular secretary of the Preston Bowling Club, is confined to his room at his home in Jeffrey street. It is reported that it will be necessary for Mr. Tatchell to undergo an operation.

During the week Mr. Fogg, Northcote bathskeeper, rescued a schoolgirl who got into difficulties, and revived her with remedial measures. This is the eighth life Mr. Fogg has saved this year.

Mrs. Govan, of Ralph street, Reservoir, was taken to a private hospital for an operation for appendicitis. The operation was successful and Mrs. Govan is progressing splendidly.

The death occurred on Monday at his residence of Mr. Edmund Carter, husband of Mrs. Lillian Carter (formerly Miss Potter), of St. David St., who left two little children, Phyllis and Edmund.

The friends of Mrs. George Anderson (nee Miss Muriel Thrower) will be pained to hear that she has had a heavy fall, injuring herself to such an extent that a sojourn in a private hospital was necessary. Mrs. Anderson is now convalescent.

Frederick Rudolph Sparre, of Gillies street, Fairfield Park, who died on November 2, left by will dated July 21, 1930, real estate of a gross value of £1,200 and personal property of a gross value of £2,685 to his children.

Maurice Oswyn Kelly, retired farmer, of Waterdale road, Ivanhoe, who died on January 6, left by will dated October 6, 1930, real estate of a gross value of £600 and personal property of a gross value of £4,855 to his children.

The mayor of Northcote (Cr. J. H. Green, J.P.) is suffering from throat trouble and was absent from the meeting of the Northcote council on Monday. He has been ordered rest by his medical adviser.

Mr. Ormond McK. Birrell sailed in the R.M.S. Oronsay on Tuesday for England. He has been transferred from the Union Bank at Sydney to the London branch. Mr. Birrell is a brother of Mrs. G. J. Davern, of Northcote.

Alan F. P. Galagher, of 36 Normanby avenue, Thornbury, has passed his final pharmacy examination. He was formerly at Wesley College, which he represented in the public schools 440 yards championship, running second and beating the present champion of Victoria, Davidson, in 56 seconds.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McIntosh, of Geelong (late of Gooch street, Thornbury) entertained members of the Northcote Swimming Club. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Stonehill and J. A. Hogan, Misses G. and D. Taylor, F. Jones, A. Stonehill, Messrs. S. Searle and A. Stonehill.

On March 26 a social evening and dance will be tendered to Mr. L. Schumacher at the Preston town hall. Mr. Schumacher is retiring from the Railway Department after 32 years' service at Reservoir station. Mr. T. F. Cruttenden is the hon. secretary, from whom tickets may be obtained.

Mrs. Jackson and her daughter returned on Sunday from a week's holiday at Healesville.

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At the Helen street State school on Wednesday Josephine O'Connell, 12 Lawry street, Northcote, and Con Power, Elm street, Northcote, received their merits.

Cr. W. Olver has been appointed to represent the Northcote council on the Victorian Baby Health Centres Association to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of ex-Cr. Mitchell.

The marriage of Isabel, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moncrieff, of Cramer street, Preston, with Mr. Robert Keith Huntington, will be quietly celebrated at the Presbyterian Church, Cramer street, on Saturday evening, March 28, by the Rev. W. Stewart. The reception will be held at "Rosslyn," Fowlett street, Heidelberg.

The stork has visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Forbes, of Darebin street, Northcote, bringing them a daughter.

On Wednesday, March 11, a pleasant evening was spent at the residence of his daughter (Mrs. W. Fry, nee Miss Porter), of St. David St., who left two little children, Phyllis and Edmund.

The friends of Mrs. George Anderson (nee Miss Muriel Thrower) will be pained to hear that she has had a heavy fall, injuring herself to such an extent that a sojourn in a private hospital was necessary. Mrs. Anderson is now convalescent.

Frederick Rudolph Sparre, of Gillies street, Fairfield Park, who died on November 2, left by will dated July 21, 1930, real estate of a gross value of £1,200 and personal property of a gross value of £2,685 to his wife and children.

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The mayor of Northcote (Cr. J. H. Green, J.P.) is suffering from throat trouble and was absent from the meeting of the Northcote council on Monday. He has been ordered rest by his medical adviser.

Mr. Ormond McK. Birrell sailed in the R.M.S. Oronsay on Tuesday for England. He has been transferred from the Union Bank at Sydney to the London branch. Mr. Birrell is a brother of Mrs. G. J. Davern, of Northcote.

Alan F. P. Galagher, of 36 Normanby avenue, Thornbury, has passed his final pharmacy examination. He was formerly at Wesley College, which he represented in the public schools 440 yards championship, running second and beating the present champion of Victoria, Davidson, in 56 seconds.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McIntosh, of Geelong (late of Gooch street, Thornbury) entertained members of the Northcote Swimming Club. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Stonehill and J. A. Hogan, Misses G. and D. Taylor, F. Jones, A. Stonehill, Messrs. S. Searle and A. Stonehill.

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IN THE GARDEN

VEGETABLE CULTURE.

SET OUT CABBAGE AND CAULIFLOWER PLANTS THIS MONTH

As the ground will shortly commence to get cold it is advisable to get plants of the above vegetables set out as soon as possible, thus enabling them to make as much growth as possible whilst the ground is still warm.

The ground for cabbages should be dug as deeply as possible, adding plenty of manure, as they are gross feeders.

When planting out cabbage plants it is a good plan to cut the leaves back by half; this curtailing of the foliage relieves the root functions somewhat, with the result that the plant soon becomes thoroughly established and new growth quickly follows. If the plants are "leggy" or drawn out, set them so that the lower leaves are just above the surface.

Plant cabbages in rows two feet apart with eighteen inches between the plants. Cultivation greatly aids steady growth. Moisture is another essential and occasional light dressings of nitrate of soda will work wonders.

Cauliflowers should be planted in an open and moist part of the garden if possible. Where it is not possible to get both open conditions and culture, the latter is preferable, but care must be taken that the ground is well drained. They require more fertilisers and failures in cabbages, as only those cauliflowers are really good which are grown quickly. Copious water applications during dry weather, and light dressings of nitrate of soda and potash are of much help. Plant in rows two feet apart with eighteen inches between plants.

Two diseases which affect cabbage and cauliflower plants during autumn and winter are club-root and shot-hole leaf. Club-root is a disease of parasitic fungous growth, and there is really no remedy that would justify the assumption of subsequent expenses. Better pull up and burn the entire lot of plants and replant from an unaffected bed, planting in a different position.

Club-root is usually caused by the use of rank manure or by constant cropping the same land with cabbage.

Shot-hole leaf disease is caused on cabbage and cauliflower plants by the cabbage moth.

The use of "Grubbo," a special preparation, on the young plants will ensure them keeping clean. After planting out, give a light dusting in the centre of the plants two or three times at intervals of two or three weeks until the plants commence to show signs of making hearts. Plants treated in this way will give good results. This preparation must be applied when the dew is on the plants or if no dew, create a moisture on the plants by use of a sprinkler or hose before applying. Do not, however, use in wet weather.

Sowing Notes

For winter lettuce sow now in a sunny position the all-the-year-round variety, which stands the winter well. A couple of French beans sowings may still be chanced this month, one early in the month, and the other a fortnight later.

Make sowings of early white and silverskin onions. Give plenty of manure.

Further sowings may be made of cress, mustard and radish for use in salads.

Where the ground was prepared last month for the plantings of mushroom spawn this can now be put in. Break up the bricks into pieces about the size of a walnut and plant just level with the surface, about a foot apart. Then water, and two days afterwards put a covering of fine soil on top of the bed.

Shallots, potato and tree onions, and garlic should be planted from now onwards. They succeed best in light rich soil, not recently manured. A bed of shallots should be included in every vegetable garden, as green onions can be had in half the time required to raise from seed, and good-sized onions will be produced many weeks ahead of seed-sown varieties.

All vegetable crops should be thinned out early, partly because delay means overcrowding and weakly plants, and also because there is less disturbance of the roots of the plants that remain if the work is done while the plants are yet small.

—"Garden Lover."

NORTHCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Northcote Horticultural Society was held on the 11th inst. in the Northcote town hall. The attendance was good and a fine display of flowers was made.

Correspondence was read from the town clerk re the appeal by the mayor to assist distress. It was decided to open a subscription list among members in an endeavor to raise £10.

During the evening a euchre tournament proved very popular. The winners were:—Ladies, Mrs. Corry; gents, Mr. Munks.

Competition was keen in the monthly competition, the results being:—Cut flowers (amateur), Mr. Gibson 6 points, Mrs. Corry 3 points; cut flowers (novice), Mr. Johnson, 5; Mr. Frawley 3, Frank Birchall 1; bunches roses (amateur), Mr. Bailey 5, Mr. Beattie 4; bunches roses (intermediate), Mr. Lovelace 5; basket flowers, Mrs. Bonnell 5, Mrs. Corry 3; bunch asters, Mr. Twentyman.

The next monthly meeting will be held on April 8, when Mr. J. W. Firth, secretary of the National Rose Society, will lecture on the preparation and staging of flowers for exhibition.

The autumn show has been fixed for April 18 in the Northcote town hall. A large and varied schedule has been prepared and with the favorable weather we are now having a record show is anticipated. Schedules are now ready and may be had from the secretary, Mr. W. Beattie, 138 Smith street, Thornbury, N17.

Members of the society will hold a basket picnic in the Fitzroy Gardens to-morrow afternoon, 21st inst. They will meet outside the kiosk at 3 p.m. and make an inspection of the famous glass house.

GOLF.

HEIDELBERG CLUB

Fifty-six members competed for club trophy in a stroke round last Saturday. The leading scores were:—69, M. E. Daly (7); 69, P. F. Redcliff (9); 71, A. Chrisholm (10); 71, A. C. Holt (11); 71, P. S. Renn (16); 71, P. S. Thomas (18).

Next Saturday there will be a club trophy against par.

NORTHCOTE'S STARLING SHOOT

As the Northcote club will conduct the State starling championship on Monday next (Eight Hours Day) it arranged another all-starling programme on Reservoir on Saturday, when birds of championship calibre gave an excellent test. Though conditions were favorable there were only three double-figure breaks—17 by the president (O. R. Porter), 12 by "Pentland," and 11 by S. R. Keenan. Porter's opening was the best shooting of the day, as he divided the first three events, just lost in the fourth and scored in the fifth. His tally was 25 out of 26 in the five events. Results:—No. 1, Porter and Keenan; No. 2, Porter and "Yarraville"; No. 3, Porter and Keenan; No. 4, C. B. Meadway; No. 5, Porter and Keenan; No. 6 (with free nomination for the State starling championship), "Pentland" (who won the free nomination) and Meadway; No. 7, E.A.B.; No. 8, Meadway and "Pentland"; No. 9, E.A.B.

AUTUMN FAIR AT CROXTON METHODIST CHURCH

A successful fair was held on March 12, 13 and 14. In the absence of the mayor (Cr. J. Green) through illness, Pastor Perkins introduced the mayoress, who opened the fair, and congratulated the church on its progress. Mr. Kennewell (church secretary) moved a vote of thanks to the mayoress, seconded by Mr. Watt. Miss Joyce Cox presented a bouquet to the mayoress. The stall-holders were:—Work, Mesdames Buttler, Freeman, Greenwood, and Steel; cakes, Mesdames Smith, Perkins, Leith and tennis club; produce, Mesdames Pascoe, Broadbent, Winslade and Lovelace; sweets, Mesdames Russell, Rodd, Lancaster and Bouchier; flowers, Misses E. and S. Panther, C. Cartin and O. Green; fancy stall, Misses Jean and Jessie Dyer and Ethel Neilsen; stationery, Misses Peggy Pagdin and Olva Winslade; ice cream, Misses D. and E. Andrew and L. Panther; refreshments, Mesdames Peele, Allen, Cox, Whittaker, Hobbs, Campbell, Hobden, Blackburn, Callender, Harris and Maunder; woodwork, Messrs. A. Broadbent and A. Burchholt. The winners of the cake judging (carried out by Misses Kendall and Sherwood, of the Preston Girls' High School) were:—decorated sandwich, Mrs. Hooper; small fancy cakes, Miss E. Smith; plain scones, Mrs. W. Hobbs; lamingtons, Mrs. George. During the evening concerts were given. About £80 will be cleared.

"Anybody would think I was nothing but a charwoman!" "Especially if they saw this toast!"

MAKING A LANE

NORTHCOTE LANE TO BE PROCEEDED WITH

A recommendation was placed before Northcote council on Monday that plans for the proposed construction of a drain along an easement near of Osborne and Ford streets and north of Sutch street, be approved.

Cr. Cornish said that as the whole of the work would be done inside the properties, and as a lot of the people were out of work they should be given an opportunity of doing the excavation in their own properties at the engineer's estimate.

Cr. Dennis felt that the council should cease work in private streets and lanes unless it was very urgent. "It is of no use to go on with works of this nature if the owners are not in a position to pay," he said "and it will only store up trouble for the future. There was great opposition to this work on the last occasion when it was discussed with the owners. I move that the plans be deferred for six months."

Cr. Bird seconded the amendment.

Cr. Oldis said that when plans were last prepared they were referred back so that the engineer could consider a proposal to cover the drain instead of leaving it open. There had been no opposition to the plans in committee except from the Central Ward representatives. This was the third set of plans prepared for this work, and the council should make up its mind once and for all as to what it was going to do. The health inspector had reported that the drain was necessary from a health standpoint, as water was concentrated on the property of several unfortunate ratepayers, who should be relieved.

Cr. Turner said the cost was only 3/- per foot spread over 10 years. "I am sick of wasting time over this matter" he added, as there had been too much time spent in discussing it already."

Cr. Dennis "I moved as I did because I do not like to force unwanted works on anyone, especially in these times of stress."

The amendment was negatived.

Objections to the works will be heard by the council at its meeting on April 13.

RESERVOIR NOTES

The Reservoir Football Club held its annual meeting on Tuesday night. The balance sheet showed a credit of 5/-. The outstanding items were travelling expenses £18, and umpires' fees £50/10/. The committee has decided that the club will be disbanded for 1931.

The Ladies' Guild of St. George's Church of England held its annual meeting on Tuesday. The vicar, Rev. Cuthbert Powell was in the chair. All the officers were re-elected. Mrs. Withers as president, Mrs. Clinnick as vice-president with Mrs. Ufton as secretary and Mrs. Downie as treasurer. It was decided to continue the social functions.

A large crowd was present in St. George's Hall, when a concert was given in aid of the Queen of Cricket, (Miss Thompson). The artists were Mrs. Lloyd, Misses Bain, Rae (2), Pollock, and Mr. Harry Smeaton.

The quail season opened on Monday, and a few birds were obtained close in by local sportsmen. Those who went further afield scored well. Mr. Cruttendon bagging 13 brace and "Sport" (Mr. R. Clinnick) 11 brace.

The meeting of the Reservoir A.W.N.L. was held at the house of the president (Mrs. J. G. Thrower). The president's report was received on the combined meeting of all residents of branches. St. George's hall was selected for monthly meetings.

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THE DANCE OF DEATH.

By MOLLY WOOD.

IT was perhaps because young Dr. Harker had never in all the thirty odd years of his existence been in love that his passion for Laura Dalmaine, the dancer, had reached first fever pitch, then madness with him.

Bred of poor and, in many ways puritanical people, he had never had time for women in his uphill climb to fame, and dancers had never entered his scheme of things as "women" at all until he met Laura.

It was strange that Harker, versed in most ways of life, should know so little of the backstage life so much advertised and abused in the current Press. Laura, lithe and gay, laughing at anything and everything, because she found her own life impossible unless she ridiculed it, he mistrusted as instinctively as he loved her.

Because he loved her, he put up with the company of theatrical people whom he hated, so that he might be nearer her, though the torture of that almost outbalanced the ecstacy. He saw the light marriage, the easy divorce amicably arranged more often than not because people bored with each other after weeks of marriage, the accepted order of things. Harker wanted a woman to love and protect, and a home and children of his own. He felt in love with Laura, the dancer, who might be willing enough to flirt with him, or any other presentable male, but would want nothing more.

He stood now with her card in his hand. His consulting-room had grown dark while he sat, as he so often did, thinking of her. Even the unexpected sight of her name was enough to set him trembling.

She was flying white and still on a couch; they had carried her there, then stepped back, awed, as at the presence of death. But he knew in a moment that she was not dead. He chafed her hands, got brandy, sent the crowd away. Still she did not stir.

In desperation he bowed his head on to her limp, clasped hands.

"Laura! My love! Speak to me!"

Only then did life flicker back.

"Jim?"

"Laura—my love—my dear!"

She smiled faintly.

"A day ago I'd have given my life to hear you say that. Now it's too late."

"Too late? Laura, I love you—"

She turned her head away.

"Loved me," she corrected. "There's only half of me left to love now. You said it yourself. A cripple."

He took a deep breath.

"I've got to tell the truth. When you know, you'll never forgive me. But I love you better than life itself. You are not a cripple. I lied to you. I thought that, while you could dance and live in the adulation of your public, there'd be no hope for me. I knew you'd laugh at me."

I took my chance, and hoped in your weakness—I might be your strength. It was a filthy lie, I could have bitten my tongue out after I'd said it. But it was too late—you were gone. Laura, I've sinned—but I've been punished. These last two hours, knowing how you have suffered have been hell. I don't ask you to forgive me. I only wanted you to hear the truth."

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Then he saw her eyes were filled with tears.

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"But I will help you!" the man cried eagerly. "I'll cure you! I'll make the only retribution I can. In six months you'll be well again—dancing again!"

She took his face between her hands.

"In six months I shall have something better to do. For six months you'll look after me. Then no more dancing—I'm going to take care of you!"

Two hours had passed before he realised what the time was. Nine! Her time to dance at the theatre!

He threw himself into a taxi, bought the last box in the house. He sat far back in the shadows trembling while she came on to the stage, light as a rose petal falling in a summer wind. All the house was still and wrapt and awed; only Harker the doctor saw the agony that tensed her limbs under her make-up. Not the agony of illness, but of imagination. Only Harker saw the tears dim eyes that had learnt to laugh at life; only Harker saw her laughing lips tremble. Suddenly he realised how women—strong men, even—had died of fear. He dug his nails into his hands until they drew blood.

The audience were spellbound. She danced as she had never danced before; but Harker saw every muscle tense, contract—saw her stop dead still—saw her face working pitifully—saw her pitch forward to the ground.

It was a death-dance, and he was her murderer.

But he pulled himself together, pushed his way round to the stage door.

"I'm her doctor!" he told the stage door keeper tersely, and they let him through.

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She stood up, said good-bye, moved towards the door. He noticed stupidly how the perfume she used lingered behind her. His heart was crying out to him to tell her the truth, free her from the horrible burden he had laid on her, because he had thought in the moment of her weakness, she might turn to him.

Suddenly he heard the door closing, and he knew she was gone. He called her name, stumbled across the room after her, across the hall and down into the street, just in time to see her car whirl round the corner and out of sight.

Then the enormity of his lie came to him. He was sick with shame and contrition, and terrible, searing compassion for her.

He went back to the house, rang on her flat. There was no reply. In ten minutes he rang again. Madame had come back and gone out again—they did not know where. No, she had not taken the car; she had gone alone. He dropped his head on his hands, and the sweat ran cold on to them. He pictured her killing herself.

He went out of the house as if the devil were after him, to place after place where he thought she might be. Only then, when he had betrayed her, did he realise how deeply he loved her and how greatly he needed her. What did it matter if she were the wrong kind of woman for him—if she laughed in his face when he declared his love? He had played her at mad trifles that were now no might be her murderer!

NEWS OF THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

The usual fortnightly meeting was held in the school hall on March 12. The president (Mr. Thomas) occupied the chair. Correspondence from the town clerk indicated that the city engineer has been authorised to make alterations to entrances over the pipe track reserve, to make them more convenient for women with perambulators.

Another letter set out the reasons why the council was not able to make any reductions in rates, electricity charges or street construction payments. This letter was criticised from many angles, especially the portion dealing with street construction. One speaker remarked that it was common knowledge that many ratepayers were behind in their payments, and as interest on the loans borrowed for this purpose had to be met, it was quite probable that a portion would have to be paid out of revenue. The speaker went on to say that the council had had ample warning of this state of affairs, for repeatedly at council meetings, ratepayers had attended in large bodies to protest against the construction of their streets and the high costs of the work. Many owners had made no secret of the fact that they had not the slightest hope of meeting the quarterly payments—yet the council went merrily on making high priced roads and paths-as-you-pay, and to-day when prevailing conditions warrant all round reductions, the council is not in a position to grant them.

The meeting unanimously agreed to support the appeal for funds sent out by the Central Relief Committee, in order to assist the unemployed during the coming winter, and the social committee will shortly meet to decide on ways and means.

Cr. Bird who was present, was instructed to bring several matters under the notice of the council, and the secretary was instructed to forward to the council a request that a general survey be made of all trees and palms on the nature strips, with a view to having tree guards removed where they were retarding the growth of the trees. Pot holes in the road in Woolton avenue east of the railway crossing were mentioned as having been noticeable for a long time, and although we have the assurance that these would be attended to when labor and material became available, if not attended to in the near future probably that portion of the road will have to be remade. Many new members are being enrolled, and, despite the bad times, the membership of the association is considered very satisfactory. The next meeting will be held in the Hutton street school on March 26. Business will conclude punctually at 9.15 after which an old time dance will be held.

The usual monthly meeting of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Council of Progress Associations was held on Monday. Considerable business was transacted, the chief of which was as under:—

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.—The Board's Finance Committee, sitting on the 18th. inst. will consider the request for a reduction in rates or, alternatively, the employment of more labour as a result of the 10% cut in wages granted by the Federal Arbitration Court.

A letter was also received from the Board which definitely stated that the utmost consideration and leniency was given to all cases submitted to the Board, of ratepayers who were unable to meet their rate payments because of adverse circumstances.

In an interview with the Board's chief clerk it was learned that no publicity whatever was given to a courts' judgement and in no case had a defaulting ratepayer had his furniture seized.

No reply was received from either the Gas or Electric Light Undertakings concerning a request for lower tariffs as the 10% wage reduction is still before the Arbitration Court.

Through Roads, Crown, Public Park Lands.—In view of the acute unemployment and in order to create work for some of the workless, a notice of motion was tabled, suggesting that the Government cooperate with the various municipalities on a £2 for £1 basis in carrying out necessary repairs and improvements under these three heads.

Noxious Trades within the Metropolitan Area.—The council decided to write the Municipal Association with the request that it ask all municipalities to issue no further new licenses for noxious trades within their respective areas.

Reduced Tram Fares.—Although enjoying the benefits of a 10 per cent reduction in its wage bill, the Tramway Board wrote regretting its inability to reduce its fares at present, facing very difficult times and could not possibly reduce fares on a declining revenue. The Council is asking the Board to reconsider its attitude on the plea that a reduction in fares would bring an increase in passengers, which increase would counter-balance the lowering of fares.

Bank House Valuations.—A motion that valuations be written down to present parity of values was lost.

At the close of the Council's meeting the hon. sec., Mr. G. Wells J.P., expressed regret that acting under medical advice, he could no longer carry on his duties as secretary. He is to be succeeded by Mr. W. J. Canty of Northcote.

EAST PRESTON MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

The annual summer trial proved a real try-out for both riders and machines, less than half of the starters completing the course. Results:—J. Burke, B.S.A. solo, 1; A. Ludeman, A.J.S. solo, 2; J. Theisz, B.S.A. solo, 3. Burke put up a wonderful performance, as his brakes were completely out of action for more than half the course. On one occasion he had to fall deliberately to avoid a bad crash.

Next week-end the club will go to Yallourn for the sports. The club's quarter mile will be held shortly and intending entrants should seek particulars immediately.

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THE LAW AND THE PROFITS

By VINCENT EMS.

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(Continued)

Ned pleaded "Guilty," and desired to kiss the Book and call on Previous to pull his tongue out by the roots if he wasn't telling the truth when he said that although he knew now that he ought to have known about the bye-law he hadn't heard a word about it when he went round to try and help poor old Dan Bimpe'.

Said the mayor after consultation with his brother J.P.'s "The law does not recognise the plea of ignorance, but we can hardly call this case to take it into consideration. We quite see that you acted in ignorance. I may say that we are informed that the facts as set forth in your appeal are, in the main, correct. Here and there the details bear the impress of a too-sympathetic imagination, but still——"

The mayor permitted himself to chuckle, and then proceeded: "We are bound to say that although the penalty of forty shillings and five shillings costs."

"I know you've done the best you could for your poor dog worship," said Ned, putting a large red handkerchief to his eyes, "but it's 'ard on me, very 'ard. . . . What about the money? I collected £4 an' poor old Dan Bimper 'ave that? Everybody what gave was willin' givers."

His worship consulted his colleagues, and then called the inspector to help settle the point.

"I am afraid," said the mayor, when a decision had been reached, "that we should be putting ourselves to a false position if we adopted your suggestion. That is the inspector's view. The subscribers can have their money returned if they apply to him. Any balance unclaimed will go to the poor box. Perhaps"—glancing at the reporters—"the press would make that public."

Ned paid the fine and costs and smiled until the court rose, being desirous of a private word with his lady worship.

"I only want to ask you one question, sir," said Ned, when the interview was accorded him, "an' that is—are you a Christian?. . . .

"You 'ope you are?. . . . . I knew you was made mayor folks used to ask me what I thought of you, an' I always said, 'E's a real Christian. 'E's got a 'eart, 'e 'as! 'E's one of the best!. . . . . I know you was obliged to fine me in court, sir, but I ask you—what would a Christian, an' a real Christian, an' a gentleman with a 'eart full o' kindness an' 'is pockets full o' money, do out o' court? 'E've's me," continued Ned, dabbing his eyes, "what promised 'is old mother 'e'd never go inside a pawnshop, but been obliged to pawn 'is watch to pay that fine and costs. 'Ere's me——

Ned broke down and could say no more.

"I'm sorry, really sorry for you Gramp," said the mayor. "Don't give way—here's pluck for you. Here's forty-five shillings. You needn't tell anyone I gave it."

"Gawd bless you, sir!" gulped Ned, "I won't!"

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"I was sorry you was copped," said Dan mournfully, "although I said you'd be. I've heard what 'appened in court, an' I'm sorry, a bit for myself, but mostly for you. I was lookin' forward to a few pounds."

"Old your 'and out," commanded Ned, and Dan, wondering, obeyed.

"One—two—three —four—five—six—seven—eight." said Ned, counting that number of pound notes into Dan's hand, and adding four shillings in silver. "There you are! I've kept back my bit, same as we agreed. 'Ere's the subscription book, if you want to 'ave a look at it. You'll find all right an' fair an' square. I soft-soaped the old fool of a Mayor to pay the two quid fine an' costs, so they don't come into it."

"B-but," gasped Dan, tremulous with surprise and joy, "I thought they stuck to the book an' all the money down in it?"

"They stuck to one book," said Ned, grinning, "an' to one lot o' money—the littlest lot, two pounds odd. But—in case I was copped—I 'ad two books. Comin' over to the Mitre?"

(The End.)

GOLD PROSPECTING

NORTHCOTE LINKS WITH CAULFIELD COMMITTEE

Cr. A. J. Cornish, who has been appointed a representative of the Northcote council on the Caulfield Gold Prospecting Committee, told the council on Monday that that committee intended at an early date to approach the State and Federal Governments for tools, tents and blankets with which to equip parties, who would be sent out under the leadership of experienced prospectors into the areas where gold has already been found.

"Up to date," Cr. Cornish stated, "the Caulfield Committee has sent out 40 men, and the cost has been £62. Some of the parties already out have been able to carry on without further assistance after having made a strike. The Mayor of Caulfield has said that if parties of four, five, or six go where he directs, they should be able to make £3 a week a man.

Cr. Glanfield: If that is so I'll take a party of six (applause)

Cr. Cornish: My brother was near Castlemaine last week, and whilst visiting the springs got some samples. He only had a knife, tomahawk and a basin. It would be infinitely better to have our unemployed out prospecting and making enough to keep them, than to have them 'hanging round' the Town Hall looking for sustenance. In the early days there were 200,000 men in Victoria looking for gold, and if the search is stimulated now it will provide a lot of work.

"What Caulfield can do" he concluded "we can do."

It is likely that a public meeting will be arranged at an early date to discuss the matter of sending out parties and to raise funds to equip them.

KILLED BY LIFT

Shocking injuries were received by Leonard Hughes, aged 18 years, of Abbotsford grove, Clifton Hill, when his head was crushed by a goods lift at the warehouse of Messrs. Taubmans Pty. Ltd., varnish manufacturers, of Lousdale street, city, on March 13. It is thought that Hughes was greasing the under-work of the lift, the bottom of which was a few feet above the floor, when he pulled the rope, causing the lift to rise. The overhead door fell automatically and crushed his head.

Northcote Council

MONDAY, MARCH 16

The usual meeting of the Northcote council was held on Monday. Present were Crs. W. Hayes, A. H. Oldis, W. Glanfield, S. Pinkney, S. Dennis, J. O. Hughes, A. Bird, W. Oliver, A. J. Cornish, A. Peters, J. Sutch and W. H. Turner. Apologies were received from Crs. Jones and Johnsgh.

In the absence of the mayor (Cr. J. H. Green), Cr. Hayes, ex-mayor, was appointed chairman.

Unemployed Relief. Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., advised that a Government grant of £666 had been made for unemployed relief, conditional on Northcote council spending £333.

Electric Supply.—State Electricity Commission advised that all municipal undertakings had agreed to the use of standardised equipment.

Dust Nuisance.—Preston council advised that it could take no action re dust nuisance from Robeson street.

Cr. Bird: This is very unsatisfactory but we can't do anything.

Woolton Avenue Tip.—Fitzroy council asked the council to receive a deputation re depositing of rubbish on land in Woolton avenue.—P.W. committee.

Thornbury Estate Association.—This association requested the erection of a nameplate at Watt street, and drew attention to lanes on Thornbury Estate.—P.W. committee.

Street Trees and Palms.—The West Ward Progress Association asked that where guards were hampering street trees and palms they should be removed.—Parks committee.

Bastings Street Bus Route.—B. Banbury intimated having made application to the Metropolitan Tramways Board for permission to put on a third bus on this route.

Cr. Oldis said the present buses were overcrowded at peak periods and a third vehicle would prove a great convenience.

Council to support application.

Committee Reports

Public Works Committee.—General accounts £2208/12/5 and street construction accounts £1491/9/3 were paid.

W. P. Green was granted permission to erect private garage at rear of property in Bent street.

Electric Light Committee.—Accounts amounting to £537/4/6 were paid.

Parks Committee.—Accounts totalling £547/1/3 were paid.

Supervision for Parks.—The National Safety Council to be advised that, whilst the council is sympathetic to the appointment of supervisors, it cannot take any action.

Finance Committee.—Additional accounts to the foregoing totalling £363 15/10 were paid.

Ordinary Business

Cr. Dennis moved that flooding at corner of Clarke and Mason streets be referred to P.W. committee, engineer to report.—Carried.

High street footpath, west side, Walker street to Westgarth street, was referred to the P.W. committee by Cr. Dennis.

Cr. Glanfield moved that pitchers be tar grouted at the nursery in Separation street.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Oldis spoke of flooding at Andrew and Bastings streets, and moved that the engineer report.

Cr. Oldis referred to the bad condition of paling fence on council's property in Main street.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Turner spoke of "danger" signs on roadways and referred to the type of signs in use in Sydney.—Inquiries to be made.

Cr. Oliver said in the nature strip in Shaftesbury parade, near Pearl Reserve, the palms were sadly neglected.

Cr. Oliver: There is a history to that.

Cr. Oldis: An undertaking was given to keep them in order.

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

Pot holes in Woolton avenue, near the railway, were referred to the P.W. committee on the motion of Cr. Bird.

Cr. Bird said the Smith street approach to Stott street flooded and made it impossible to use the railway gates. Normanby avenue paths, near Mayer Park, also required attention.—Both matters referred to P.W. committee.

Cr. Pinkney said a seat was urgently needed at the corner of High and Westgarth streets, near the bus terminus.—Parks committee.

Cr. Dennis spoke of complaints of residents of Creek parade concerning a right-of-way being used as a tip.—Surveyor to report.

Cr. Hughes asked if anything could be done about renovating the outside of the library for unemployment relief.—Finance committee.

Cr. Olver said at the corner of Darebin road and High street the street required shifting from the north to the south side.—P.W. committee.

HOUSE FIRE AT PRESTON

INCENDIARISM ALLEGED

Following what was believed to have been an attempt to burn a house at Preston on March 12, Detectives McGuffie and Seager were deputed to make inquiries. Fires were said to have been discovered in three separate places inside the house, and petrol was found between laths and the wall. A watch was kept on the house, and on March 13 two men were detained.

At the city watchhouse Jack Johns, aged 20 years, plumber, and Horace Gordon Futcher, aged 44 years, electrician, were charged with having set fire to a dwelling-house.

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Ever Cobber,—The result of the garden jumbled names competition is in Uncle Phil's hands, and Uncle Phil is delighted, but also worried, because there were several now boy Cobbers, so Jacko is happy also. On Sunday we went to the Melbourne Botanical Gardens to hear the Conservatorium Concert and it was wonderful. These beautiful gardens were crowded with people enjoying the music, sunshine and surroundings, and everything as the Pets would say, "just gorgeous." (We came across that word in our reading and the Pets tease me by using it everywhere and always). We met Pets with some friends and had quite a happy time. Chatting together in a ring and some very amusing games, and it was as much as I could do to get Pets to come home when they were ready. As new competition is on hand, so look out for it. The Pets send their best wishes and love to all and so does your

UNCLE PHIL

JUMBLED NAMES

Cobber Uncle Phil and the Pets are hereby appointed at Birthday Cobbers from and including March 21st to and including March 27th: Ethel Sweet, Mary Hay, Roy Clarkson. (March 21st and Roy Clarkson.)

JUMBLED NAMES

Marjorie Wood. There were no correct answers to the names in a Mr. Marjorie's was the one that Flurry Knox was near call in for this competition on or after Monday. Competitors from all over—

Here are the correct names.—(1) Mignonette; (2) Kohl rabi; (3) Asparagus; (4) Lassidaria; (10) Black; (11) Lemon; (12) Guarda bean.

OUR MAIL BAG

Flett street, Preston

Uncle Phil, Would you kindly enrol a member of the Cobber's Club? We have a boy and a girl in our family and your page. I am 10 years of age, and that you will accept me as a Cobber

Yours

Glen Iris.

Birthday and Cobbers' Club. I am a coupon and am in the third grade at Hoping that you will accept me as a

Clyde Sterry.

Clyde, and we hope to both you and Alan. We will post certificates. Don't forget a scan for

Kelvin Grove, Thornbury

Phil,—Will you please enrol member of the Cobbers' Club? I am 9 years old and I am in the 4th grade at school. Wishing you a happy

Yours sincerely,

Ivy Green.

Ivy, and welcome to the Cobbers' Club. Will you send along your Cobbers' Album please. Greetings from the

Yours

Uncle Phil.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Welcome to the Cobbers and Pets' Club. Will you send along your Cobbers' Album please. Greetings from the Pets and love.—U.P.

Yours

Ben Scott.

Ben, Thank you for the nice Cobbers' Album please. Greetings from the Pets and love.—U.P.

Yours

Kathleen and Flurry is delighted to have been appointed a Cobber. Kathleen and Flurry, we are proud of all our Cobbers' Album please. Greetings from the Pets and love.—U.P.

Yours

Kevin Mackay.

Kevin, Welcome to the Cobbers' Club. I have also to go over the Cobbers' Album please. Greetings from the Pets and love.—U.P.

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HOWITZERS AND GUNS.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I am a pen-pal of Jessie Queenscliff. I was there once I was able to go over the Heads and saw the difference between a howitzer and a gun. This is that when you fire a howitzer you can see the shell leave the barrel and it drops, then you hear it. When the gun is fired you hear the shell leave, because it travels at a rate.

Jack Fullerton.

TRIA COMPETITION

as are a class of their own, and constitute a prize. Trias can be included in your ordinary 100 s. Each entry must be marked e top with "Tria Entry," so I will they are for this competition. bjects chosen give a wide range of interest—holidays, sports, ng, motoring, about the beach untry, anything about your garden t that can be made by Cob-

The best each week will re- a special mark, a "tria," while ere are duplicates just the ordinary . When you have three "trias" the same as 100 marks, and a ize will be given for them. So, go ahead and send in your s. If you are taking the work a book, do not just copy it on r over two or three times, and write it out in your own words. g your meaning clear. Start ys with a fresh line. Now for gain the first prize—a boy or a Trias, if original, should be d "original" in one corner

Uncle Phil.

DIARY

Cobbers,—I have many interesting hobbies to We have a huge aviary with ds in it, and what a lovely ey make of love birds—green, yellow ese, cockatiels, Chinese nightingale, and about 30 canaries. It ake one different shade of ches like nesting in little ake canaries nest in open tins work. The love birds are very ittle creatures but they don't like the canaries are just the opposite, to hop in and out of the water dishes, they all love thistle. Every evening they all fly to one end of the aviary, that my sister will soon be along their food. After a good picking at the they all go to their perches and sit the night.

Jean Moylan.

A SUNSET

Dear Uncle Phil,

One night while walking along the sand I looked out to sea, and saw the sun setting. When the sun had set as far as the horizon, it formed the shape of a beehive. The bees flying about the hive, and it looked beautiful. This lasted a few seconds then died away into streaks. The colors of the rainbow.

(BETTER)

Irene Whipp.

UNITY IS STRENGTH

There lived a father with three sons. One day they were quarrelling, when their father said to them, "What," he said "quarrelling again? You ought to be ashamed of yourselves." Then he called his sons to him. The father took a bundle of sticks, and giving them to his sons, asked him to break them. But he could not; and the other two tried with the same result. Then the father gave each son one stick and the sticks were broken easily. "See," said the father, "how easy each stick broke, "how easy the impossible task becomes when it is shared among you. Unity is strength. Work together, my sons, and you will achieve much."

(GOOD)

Alma Stephone.

NEWSPAPER CANDLE

Quite good candles can be made from newspaper cut into six inch pieces with pieces of cotton string for the wicks. Make the paper into a tight roll and secure it with pieces of string close to the ends. Soak it in melted candle grease, dry, and afterwards leave to dry. These paper candles will burn steadily and give out a clear light for a long time.

(GOOD)

Lily Scrimes.

BEAUTIFUL BIRDS

The peacock is a native of India, Ceylon, Assam, and Java, and is a wild bird in those lands. Just as the pheasants are wild in England. With such wonderful plumage it might easily have been exterminated by those who sought its feathers, were it not that in India it has always been regarded as a sacred bird, and no one is allowed to shoot it. The peacock goes about with its mate in flocks of 30 or 40, and lives in woods. You can see them feeding in the glades by the river banks in the morning and evening, but as soon as it is hot they retire to the shades of the denser parts of the jungle.

(GOOD)

George Joyce.

HOW TO MAKE AND USE A LASSO

Making a lasso is a simple job, and a lot of fun. First, take about 30 feet of good quality flexible rope and an iron ring about 8 inches in circumference. With a fairly deep groove round the outer rim. Fix the ring to the rope by unravelling one rope end for about 14 inches and halve the strands. Pull them tightly round the outer rim of the ring; half in each direction. Plait the strands together again around the rope and finish off with some string or wire. The other end should be bound likewise and slipped through the iron ring. The lasso is complete and ready for use. To be successful with a lasso needs constant and untiring practice. Practice on a post stuck in the ground and standing ten yards away pull the rope through the ring, making a six foot loop or noose. Coil the rest of the rope except about twelve feet. Hold the noose in your right hand roughly a foot and a half from the ring, at the same time coiling the coils in the left hand. Swing the lasso over your head first to the left, making sure that the right wrist is perfectly loose and flexible, and gradually swing the noose faster and faster. As the loop comes to the front, lean forward slightly, stretching the right arm to full length in front, letting the rope curve away towards the post. You may not lasso it first time, but stick to it and soon you'll be staging a miniature rodeo in your garden. It is more difficult to lasso moving objects, so you can have a great step between the two by throwing at an object as you run or waif towards it.

(GOOD)

Cyril Maes

A HOOK WHERE YOU WANT IT

When you are out scouting or camping at night and want to hang up your lamp, you can make a serviceable hook out of your pocket knife. Open one blade at right angles, and open the other out fully and stick that into a post or tree.

(GOOD)

Bert Moylan

POET LAUREATE

Poet Laureate is an office that dates back from the very early period. There was a Versificator Regis in the time of Henry III. Chaucer held the office in the reign of Richard II. Skelton was Poet Laureate under Henry VIII. Spenser held the position in Queen Elizabeth's times. Ben Jonson also held it. Dryden was Laureate from 1670 to 1700. In the nineteenth century Poet Laureate's were Southey, Wordsworth, and Tennyson. Sir Alfred Austin was poet laureate from 1896 to his death in 1913. When Robert Bridges succeeded to the title.

(GOOD)

Lily Craig.

A THOUGHTFUL HUSBAND

A gentleman was visiting one night at a friend's home, when a severe storm arose. He waited for a long time to see if the weather would improve, but it seemed only to grow worse and worse, so his friend asked him to accept a lodging for the night. The gentleman agreed to this, but in a short time he was found missing from the parlor. After an hour's searching, he returned drenched with rain. As he entered with the water pouring in streams from his hat and clothes, his friend in great surprise asked him where he had been. "The answer was quick and ready when he said he could and quietly replied "I have been home to tell my wife that I should not return, because the night was so bad.

(GOOD)

Joyce Membrey.

The Cobbers' Club

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

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WONDERFUL HUNTERS

(For cleverness the Australian blackfellow can be counted as one of the best hunters in the world. He is exceedingly quick with the boomerang and besides using it to catch birds and small animals, he can at a close range kill a kangaroo with it. His method in catching eels with pointed sticks is also wonderful, and wild duck are caught very cunningly. He swims under the water without showing much of his head until he is almost in the midst of the ducks. Then he suddenly grasps it from beneath, and pulls it under the water so quickly that it has no time to flap or cry, and so the remaining ducks think it has dived, and so the hunter is able to approach a second victim. When he has it under the water he strangles the bird and attaches it in his belt. The skill necessary in this kind of hunting is something to wonder at.

(GOOD)

Bessie Goldstein.

THERE WERE OTHERS

A Scotchman thought that the best method of saving money for Christmas was to put a penny in the money-box every time he kissed his wife. This he did regularly until the the holiday period came round. Then he opened the box, and out came, not only pennies, but sixpences, shillings and half-crowns. The man was amazed, and asked his wife how she accounted for it. "Well, Jock," she replied" it's no ivery man that's as stingy as you are."

(GOOD)

Leslie Craig.

VIOLETS

To get the best results from the violets, our sweet scented winter flowers, you must attend to them in the hot weather. It is best to remove the runners when they are too thick, and keep the plants well watered and free from snails during the summer months. In July and August, give the plants a good dressing of liquid manure while they are in their dormant state.

(GOOD)

Dorothy Harris.

CONTRIBUTIONS

TOFFEE RECIPE

3 Cups of sugar; ½ teaspoon cream of tartar; ½ cup water; 1 teaspoon vinegar; 1 lump butter. If liked any kinds of nuts can be added. Boil all ingredients until a few drops will harden in water. Then pour out into a greased dish and mark into squares. A nice little recipe is to pour a little into small cake containers and put hundreds and thousands on top.

(GOOD)

Enid Love.

LIMERICK

A soldier stood cleaning his sabre,
And chatting away to a neighbor;
In the midst of a clash
The sword broke in half.
So wasted was all his hard labor.

(GOOD)

Allan Love.

CROSSWORD DICTIONARY

Female of ox with pumpkin——Dogma.
A kind of red pepper——Canine.
Hebrew place of worship——Syndicate
Denoting plenty of egs——Example.
A golf course——Foreground.
Parking place for pedestrians——Cemetery.

(GOOD)

Beryal Lomas.

STORY WORDS

Why is a hen on a fence like a penny?—Because it has a head on one side and a tail on the other.

(GOOD)

Con Power.

Vicar (constuing story): "And now children would you like to ask any questions?" Bobby: "Yes, sir, please tell me how you get into your collar."

(GOOD)

Teacher: "Do you know who the Black Prince was?" Tommy: "Yes, miss, the son of King Cole."

(GOOD)

Frank O'Connor.

"Why Agnes! What a blister you have on your lip! How did you get it there?" "Oh, it jes' sumpunt." "He must have been a hot sun."

The prisoner threw the magazine across the cell in disgust. "Nothing but continued stories," he spluttered "and I'm to be hung next Tuesday."

(GOOD)

Aileen Capper.

Teacher (giving history lesson to class): Can anyone tell me where Julius Caesar landed when he came over to Britain? Jimmy "Yes miss, on his feet."

Old lady: "If you really want work farmer Grey wants a right hand man. Wanderer: "Just my luck, lady. I'm left handed."

(GOOD)

Enid Love.

Teacher: "Tell me the truth now, Tommy. Who did your home exercise?" Eric: "Father." Teacher: "Quite alone?" Eric: "Yes, I helped him with it."

(GOOD)

Leslie Gordon.

Harold was showing his grandma his wireless set. "Of course, you know who invented wireless, don't you?" he said. "It was Marconi." "Oh, Harold, you disrespectful boy!" exclaimed his grandma, raising shocked eyes. Mrs. Conl.?"

(GOOD)

Edna Mackay.

Sonny (looking thoughtfully at an egg) "Mum, how do hens know how big our egg ones are?"

(GOOD)

Ron Kupsch.

Broker: "Can you spare me a pair of very old shoes?" Lady: "But you are wearing very good ones." Beggar: "I know ma'am, quite good ones." Broker: "I know ma'am, but I'm ruining my whole business."

(GOOD)

Anthon-en.

The two tug-of-war teams heaved and pulled and strained and sweated but neither would budge. A dear old lady watched in puzzled interest. "But wouldn't it be easier for them to get a knife and cut the rope?" she asked mildly of her neighbour.

(GOOD)

Alan Gray.

Teacher: "Now Johnny, in front of you is the east, at your right is the south, at your left the north, what is behind you?" Johnny: "Please miss, it's a patch on my trousers. I had another one last week."

(GOOD)

Margery Upton.

Man (whose window has just been broken) "What's the game, eh?" Polite Boy: "Cricket, sir.

(GOOD)

Andrew Anthonsen.

The weather expert (reading over his prediction) "Monday, fine, Tuesday rain, Wednesday changeable, Thursday rain. Wife "I'm going out on Thursday Spencer." Weather expert: "Sorry dear, then I'll make Thursday fine.

(GOOD)

Stan Durrant.

Ambition.—Manager (to office boy): "Well Jimmy, what would you do if we offered to exchange positions?" Jimmy: "I'd ask the office boy right away."

(GOOD)

Clyde Birmingham.

Teacher: "Fancy a cow lying right in the middle of the road like that. Motorist: "Yes, I couldn't get over it."

(GOOD)

G. Kohn.

Teacher: "Can you tell anything peculiar about Tommy?" Tommy: "Yes, sir. When you wash in it it turns black."

(GOOD)

Jack McLennan.

What did it mean.—A notice posted outside a church in a country town read "Tomorrow we shall hear the vicar's farewell sermon, let us gather in very large numbers to show our appreciation."

(GOOD)

Jack Lowery.

The dear: "You know, I was rather taken aback when you kissed me last night. The cad: "That's all right, as long as you didn't take offence."

(GOOD)

Jack Lowery.

Customer: "I have spoilt my suit with your fresh paint." Provision merchant: "But didn't you see the notice 'Fresh Paint.'" Customer: "Yes, but I didn't take much notice You have a notice 'Fresh Eggs' but they are not fresh."

(GOOD)

George Smith.

"The boss nad come up to see how the building was getting on, Ross: "Where is Bill?" Jack: "Saw the end of that plank?" Ross: "Yes." "Well Bill didn't."

(GOOD)

Wilma Price.

When is a kettle not a kettle?—When it is boiling water.

(GOOD)

Duncan Matheson.

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.

A MAINTENANCE SURETY

At Northcote court on Tuesday, Dora M. Tyrell, married woman, was called upon to show cause why a surety she had entered into should not be forfeited. The surety was bound over after the conditions being that her brother, Arthur Dwyer would meet the payments under a maintenance order.

Mr. R. Prowse, clerk of courts, said that the arrears under the maintenance order for the support of five children were £17.

Mrs. Tyrell said "I entered into this surety to help my brother. A week after I did so, he was knocked down and assaulted and has just come out of hospital. The man who assaulted my brother is the person who ruined his home."

Mrs. Rosanove (for Mrs. Dwyer): My client denies that. She doesn't even know the man.

The P.M. (Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan) said the bench had no option but to forfeit the bond, and order that it be made for the payment of the amount £30) at the rate of £1 a week.

Whittlesea farmers have been annoyed of late by numerous visits by swaggies. One of these sons of the soil, finding a pack of dogs ineffective, stuck up a swag and a billy on his gate post. This had the desired effect, as all the swaggies passing by believed that there was already one of their number paying a call at the farm.

Jerrold: "As I was saying, I had fifty pounds on Topnotch at 100 to 1. The race was six furlongs, and Topnotch won." Harold: "What was the time?" Jerrold: "Why—er—I heard the clock strike two just as I woke up."

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CRICKET

DISTRICT ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v ST. KILDA

With seven wickets down for 274 Cohen declared.

Baring and Bowling Ellis on a soft wicket opened to the bowling of Ironmonger and Adams. Ellis got Adams away to the boundary in his first over and Baring scored 9 runs off Ironmonger's first over. With the score at 18 Ellis was clean bowled by Ironmonger off the last ball of the second over. The next three wickets fell with the score at 22. Baring was scoring freely off Adams and had sent him to the pickets on three occasions. With the score at 39 Ellis came on at the south end in place of Adams. With his second ball Baring drove one hard back to Ellis and he held a good catch. Baring had batted 45 minutes for his 30 runs and included in his score were four 4's. With only seven more runs added Northcote's innings came to a close.

Northcote's Second Innings.

At 3.15 Ellis and Heron came out to open North ote's second innings. Ironmonger and Ellis being the bowlers. When Ellis had reached double figures he gave Ponsford an easy chance the first wicket falling at 15. Bryant came next and was scamped by Guthrie before he had scored. Vernon, who was batting nicely was also jumped by Guthrie. He had batted 30 minutes for his runs. Heron and Morgan brought the score to 50, made in 71 minutes. Shortly after Heron placed Adams on to his wicket, with the score at 57, Morgan was giving a solid knock but had no one to hold the other end up. When the last wicket fell, he had batted 62 minutes for his 19 runs.

St. Kilda won by an innings and 153 runs.

ST. KILDA.

First innings, eight wickets for	274
NORTHCOTE—First Innings	
F. Baring, c and b Ellis	30
F. Ellis, b Ironmonger	9
G. Heron, c Ellis, b Ironmonger	0
G. Ogden, c Guthrie, b Ironmonger	0
J. Bagnott, bow, b Ironmonger	0
E. Vernon, c Lahiff, b Ironmonger	0
F. Thorn, st Guthrie, b Ironmonger	0
C. Morgan, c Cohen, b Ellis	19
A. Speer, c Ponsford, b Ellis	0
P. Chivers, no b	4
P. Williams, absent	2
Sundries	9
Total	73

Bowling—Ironmonger, 6.2-2; Adams, 9-12-1; Blackie, 1-7-0; Ellis, 7-5-5; Fleetwood-Smith, 6-16-0.

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SECOND ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE v ST. KILDA

(By "Longun")

The above match was continued at St. Kilda. Northcote had great hopes of winning this match, but heavy rain on Friday unset their calculations badly as on inspection of the wicket conditions were greatly in favor of the bowlers, St. Kilda, the previous week, scored eight for 294, did not continue batting, the captain declaring. Northcote were set a big task to make the necessary runs, on a bowler's wicket. Powell and Warren faced the bowling of Randle and Dunton. The start was disastrous, Powell being caught off Dunton's first ball. Randle, who was making the ball fly wickedly, had further success obtaining the wickets of Warren and Garrett with only two runs on the board, reaping a victim to Dunton. Fleming who played four for 3, a most disastrous beginning. With the exception of Ian Fleming, who played a great fighting knock for 37, the whole side were out for 67. Northcote, having to follow on, gave a most disappointing display of batting, losing eight for 54. Scores:—

ST. KILDA.

First innings, eight for 294.

NORTHCOTE.—First Innings.

T. Warren, c McCarthy, b Randle	3
E. Powell, c Monteath, b Randle	0
N. Ward, st McCarthy, b Dunton	1
T. Garrett, b Randle	0
I. Fleming, c Randle, b Welch	37
K. Fleming, b Randle	3
W. Ansell, b Dunton	1
A. McSperrin, c Ratten, b Welch	4
H. Fothergill, c Welch, b Dunton	1
A. Clarkson, st McCarthy, b Welch	0
H. McCausland, not out	9
Sundries	8
Total	67

Bowling—Randle, 4.1-0-; Dunton, 3-22; Welch, 2-19; Pearson, 0-7.

Northcote, second innings, eight for 54.

St. Kilda won by 127 runs.

CLUB ELEVENS

NORTHCOTE V COLTS

In the match between the local club elevens, the newly formed colts team managed to defeat the older team by eight runs. The Williamson brothers were mainly responsible for the victory of the colts, taking seven wickets between them, Keith having the best figures with four for 12. Hamilton, as usual, was the top scorer for the club eleven with 45, and Alex. Anderson hit five 4's in compiling 25. Scores.—Colts, 153 and seven for 111; Club eleven 145.

SUB-DISTRICTS

Whilst the semi-finals were being played, between Caulfield and Malvern, Kew and Brunswick, other teams played consolation matches.

Camberwell v Preston

Continuing its first innings at five for 53 in response to Preston's score of 167, Camberwell could manage to make only 103 (Cooper, 19; Riodian 19 not out, Walsh 13, and Watson 19; Allen 7-52, Bott 2-32). Preston began its second innings by losing three for 4, but a fine stand by two colts, Underhill and Hore, saved the day, batting steadily when the wicket was most treacherous When the wicket had become easier Allen 46, Fothergill 23 not out, Gordon 22, Davis 18, and Howse 12, made runs, and the innings closed for 196. Hatch took five for 43, Walsh two for 21, Hendrie one for 12 and Coombe one for 36. Findlay distinguished himself in the field.

THE JUNIORS

Richmond's Big Score

Richmond City and Clifton Hill A.N.A. did not begin until half-past 3, and the A.N.A. resuming with two down for 12, made 66 in an hour. Newman took five for 6 off 22 balls and Haggard three for 22. Following on, the A.N.A. could manage only 49. Exell, on making 15, Haggard secured five for 17 off 32 balls and Slattery four for 20. Richmond City, which made 232 runs, won by an innings and 117 runs.

Hard Fought Match at Heidelberg

The wicket was soft at Heidelberg, and Flemington and Kensington were quickly in difficulties. Resuming with four out for 109, the total reached only 147. Herdeman 51, Smith 26, and R. Cook 20, were the successful batsmen. Shearn took four for 27, and T. McCormack two for 14. Heidelberg's second innings was a complete collapse, the side being out for 74. Lowe, nine, top scored. Double figures for Clarke, four for 20, including the hat-trick; James two for 2, and J. Smith two for 10, took the wickets. Flemington and Kensington won by an innings and 22 runs.

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Alphington lose by Six Wickets

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BAND OF HOPE

SEMI-FINALS

Carlton Comrades A. v Clifton Hill, 261, v Croxton Laurels, two for 20.

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SECOND GRADE

Preston, 51 and 128 (Barden 32, Jones 5-27, Welsh 4 30), lost to Trafalgar, 205 (Spencer 82 and 5-60, Welch 36, Dorgan 29, Hutchinson 4-45, Lucey 4-34).

Gwalia, 149 and 89 (Richardson 38, Ashworth 24 and 3-6, F. Lancaster 18, Barden 5-64, W. McDonald's 5-32, Lipman 6-34), d Pioneer, 149 (Harrison 30, Lisle 25, Lipman 20).

P.A.F.S.

Preston, 209 (Seebeck 43, N. Burge 24 and 4-24, Hastings 24, Watkins 37, C. Burge 23 n.o.) and 4 for 84 (Lockhead 36 n.o., Seebeck 29), lost to Hastings, 9-42, Ward 25, Rowe 21).

North Fitzroy, 247 (Hawkins 60, A. Smith 30, Allen 37, Hunting 20 and 6 20, Tucker 29, Rockett 29, R. Smith 3-67), d Coburg, 53 and five for 177 (Pascoe 54 and 20 n.o.).

SONS OF TEMPERANCE

SEMI-FINALS

North Fitzroy, 121 and 32 (A. Denholm 46, R. Jones 4-27, Bassett 3-21, Phillips 19; Robinson 6 40, Pentelow 5-57, W. Hegarty 4-25, v Alpha, 121 and five for 74 (G. Robinson 47, J. Pentelow 20, R. Mills 12 n.o., G. Phillips 7-34).

Belle Star, 200 and five for 57 (N. Fangbourne 136 n.o., E. Carr 30, A. Hamilton 29 and 12 n.o., Dawson 3-26), v Phoenix, 114 (L. Dawson 17, C. Ross 16, E. Lacey 15, A. Hamilton 4-29).

UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

Northcote, 181 and two for 19 (Powell 103 retired and 6 17, G. Hosford 29) v Fitzroy Socials 171 (Hallinsford 2-71).

WOMEN'S CRICKET

The last round of premiership matches was played on Saturday.

Seniors.—Fitzroy 22 n.o.), d Preston A, 68 41 Webster 33).

Clarendon d Preston B.

Regent Central Progress Association, seven for 129 (Crone 59, Nagel 17, Manuer 16, Harris 13 n.o.; Fitzgerald 4 20, Smith 2-16, v Sun-Pictorial, 61 (Smith 13, Dunn 12, Reddan 10, Caddell 10; Crone 3/12, Walker 5/21, Smyth 2/3, Nagel 2/18).

On March 21 and 28 Regent Central will play the North Fitzroy Footballers on Barge's Pitch, top of Oakhill avenue.

SCARCITY OF J.'S.P.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—A paragraph appeared in last issue relative to the scarcity of justices of the peace in Preston, and the difficulty experienced in securing a sufficient number to take their places on the local bench. Might I be allowed to point out that a list of 20 names already appears as being in a position to take seats on the bench, and within the radius of Wood street to Bell street there are between five and six gentlemen qualified to render assistance in the adjudicating of cases listed in the Preston court. Why then add to the number? Would it not be better if those already appointed to the position did their duty as justices of the peace, and, failing such action, made way for those who are prepared to do so? - Yours etc.,

ONLOOKER.

Northcote council has agreed to draft a by-law to control the erection of merry-go-rounds and other similar forms of amusement.

A WEEK UNDER CANVAS

57th. 60th. BATTALION CAMP

By Major S. T. Grey.

The 57th. 60th. Battalion (Preston, Northcote, Heidelberg), under Lieutenant-Colonel C. J. McKenna, O.C., entrained on Wednesday, March 4, en route to their annual eight days' training at the military camp at Seymour. This was the first camp under the militia system. Troops entrained at Bell and Merri in a special which picked up the Coburg and Brunswick Regiment at Royal Park, and the Signals at Spencer street. Arriving, after a pleasant trip, at Seymour at 12.30 p.m., we marched three miles to the camp.

On arrival straw, blankets, tents, etc., were issued and all ranks were quickly bedded down.

At 4.30 p.m. the Camp Commander, (General T. C. Stewart) addressing the Brigade parade stated it was desired to make the camp as instructive and enjoyable as possible.

The first night passed very quietly. Next morning (Thursday) after breakfast the battalion prepared for a day on the range, to be followed by a bivouac.

During the day rifle, Lewis and Vickers gun practices were fired. The signal unit, under Lieutenant Pullen, had a busy day running phones to the various firing points. At the rifle mound Major Grey demonstrated the use of Aimbined sights, concentrated fire, and judging distance. Travelling kitchens were a welcome sight at midday. After lunch Corporal George and Lieutenant O'Connell practiced a platoon for the Grimwade Cup competition. Range practices were completed by 3.30 and the battalion moved round to the bivouac area. Many enjoyed a swim in the Goulburn river. After tea a night outpost position was taken up. Lieutenant Setchell, with the cadets represented Battalion Head Quarters, Lieutenant Easton had charge of the road picket and was inspected by the General and Divisional Staff at 11 p.m. After this all ranks marched to their bivouac. A cold wind, however, and the hard ground effectively kept Morpheus at bay.

The camp was astir at 5.30. Breakfast over, the lines were cleaned up and after packing stores we returned to camp.

The Grimwade Cup team went to the range to compete.

The battalion was detailed for duty being required to furnish all camp duties, commencing with a mounting retreat at 6.30 Major Grey was field officer of the day and Lieutenant Coombes was guard commander. The latter mounted a creditable fashion. Corporal Jones's bugle call of the "Retreat" being favorably commended. The evening passed quietly, everybody being thoroughly tired. Lientenant Joyce gave a lecture on gas.

During the evening news was received that our battalion had easily annexed the cup, and there was great jubilation. Captain George and Lieutenant O'Connell receiving congratulations. The widespread congratulations. The scores were.—57/60, 376; 58th., 281; 59th., 255.

On Saturday firing was again practised on the open range. As this was the first occasion on which there was any spare time, interested troops visited the scene of the recent air disaster. Saturday afternoon presented a new experience to the troops. Cas uals were explained and donned and all ranks went into a tear gas chamber, many amusing episodes being witnessed. Revolver practice was done during early morning parade resulted in some good scores.

The brigade played a local cricket team during the afternoon, and succeeded in winning by two runs, 125 to 123. Captain Gorby (25) and Lieutenant Marcien (16) were top scorers for the 57/60. Sunday morning was clear and cold and shortly after sunrise a heavy ground fog rose. After breakfast church parade was held, when Padre Ga gave a fine address.

After the service all ranks marche past, when the Brigadier (Gen Stewart) took the salute. Bac camp the new high velocity ri were issued in place of the old on After lunch, the brigade sports to place on the Seymour race cou Many stirring events were stage The tug of war final resulted in stalemate after 13 minutes, when medical officer stopped it. Both tea were exhausted.

Among guests from Preston w the mayor (Cr. Robinson) Cr. Za Mr. Williams (Town Clerk) a members of their families

Results of the sports were Signalling, 57/60, 1; 59th. 2. Ba Contest, 59th., 1; 57/60th., 2. Fi race, 57th., 1; 58th., 2. 100 Yar H. W. Percival (57/60th.,) 1; R. Percival (57/60th.,) 2. 220 Yard R. B. Percival, (57/60th.,) 1; H. Percival, (57/60th.,) 2.

mounting, 58th. 1; 57/60th. (Lieutenant Coombes) 2. Tug of wa 57/60th. and Engineers unable finish, 13 minutes pull, no divisio The re-pull took place on Mond morning. Results.—Engineers, 57/60th., 2. The final was a n contested effort. Lieutenants Jones and McDonald sports officer superintended the 57/60th. entries every success. Prizes and troph won were presented. The rest the day was spent quietly.

Sunday night's tea consisted Julienne soup, roast beef, baked a boiled potatoes, green peas, macar and cheese, bread, tea and jam. efforts of the messing officer (Li tenant D. Davey) were much a preciated. Monday was hot a dusty. Tactical exercises were carr out, blank round's being used. volver practices and demonstratio with the Vickers guns filled in m of the day. At 5.45 the battali went on duty, Lieutenant Harli being guard commander. Lieutenan Goudy had charge of the inla pickets. The officers held a gu night at the mess among the visito present were.—Majors Tickenberry Chadd, Hansen (our late medic officer), Captains Briggs (from English regiment) and Spence. I teresting accounts of the Engli tattoos and army manoeuvres we related. The band (W. O. Refsu bandmaster) rendered many se lections. Tuesday morning was e with the possibility of rain. Inste came the wind with clouds of du Pentelow tactical exercises were c ried out. Padre Foyster, donat £1/10/- prize for the best kept t during the last five days. Th two cupants were.—Corporal Gib Privates Barrow, Mitchell Sp Houghton, J. K. and J. C. Olin After lunch, trooping of the col was performed and was viewed b most of the camp. This is an i posing ceremony when the colors unfurled. Special music and ce monial customs being observed. Du ing the afternoon a plane from Pa Cook assisted in the anti-aircra gun practice. The artillery coc be heard and the high explosi shells were seen bursting on the hi side. A few smoke shells were us A demonstration was given to th infantry in the use of smoke screen and all ranks passed through a den cloud of artificial smoke. The battali again went on guard at 6.30 p.m The last night in camp was spe quietly. A boxing tournament w staged.

As orders for the morni necessitated a 5 a.m. reville, all ra were abed early. Wednesday bei cold but after returning blankets pulling down tents and floorboar etc., the cold was soon forgotten. welcome event was the pay parade The Brigadier addressed the troo on a brigade parade and presen cups and trophies won during camp We said good-bye to the camp 12 a.m. and entrained at 12.45.

We were soon in Melbourne a in company with the artillery, pioneers, Signallers, Medical sectio 58th. and 59th. marched up to Spe street to Alexander avenue, th General took the salute on Princ Bridge. We dismissed in the ave which finished one of the m pleasant camps ever held.

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Miss Ginger Rogers, the charming actress of the Paramount picture, "Follow the Leader", was a beauty to behold, in a model of deep green wool crepe with bands of green velvet ribbon at the latest in the new flat fitting hips. The gown had a full and was joined to the plain fitted bodice with t six-inch wide astrachan which was used upwards in front.

Miss Rogers had one of other models, a delicious with full skirt, and added a small off-the muff of the astrachan.

NEW EVENING GOWNS.

Two new evening gowns, both of the new shoulder flounce, recently added to Fay Wray's when she went shopping getting her role in Richard picture for Paramount, entering Hydes.

Both of white tulle cleverly with silver sequins, and in a foamy wave round the new flounce is gracefully round the shoulders, under the of the early Victorian the gown is supported by wider straps.

The lower gown is of flowered with an ivory background large clusters of gaily flowers over its surface. In to the shoulder flounce, this was the peplum and circular which are recent notes in the fashion book.

Beet Salad.

Six medium size young beets, 1 tablespoon gelatine, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 teaspoon vinegar, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, pepper if desired.

Clean beets thoroughly and boil till tender in water to cover, then drain, saving the liquid, of which there should be two cups. Peel and dice the beets. To the hot beet juice add gelatine softened in two tablespoons cold water, sugar, vinegar and seasoning. Cool till it begins to thicken, then pour over the chopped beets. Chill till firm. Cut in cubes and serve on lettuce with mayonnaise, or individual moulds may be used. Serves six.

ROMANTIC CIRCLE.

BROCKENSHIRE—DURSTON

Exceptional interest was shown at the Northcote Methodist Church, High street, on March 7, when Aubrey Hilton, F.V.O.A., of Geelong, third son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Brockenshire, of Glenisla," Ramsden street, Clifton Hill, and Isabel May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Durston, "Somerset," Clarke street, Northcote were wed by the Rev. F. J. Jennings. The choral service took place in a setting of white gladioli, belladonna lilies, shasta daisies and asparagus arranged by Mrs. W. H. Ramsay, of Northcote, and Miss Booth, of Parkville. As the bride approached the altar on her father's arm her tall youthful figure was set off to advantage in a white satin frock of intricate design mounted on palest pink. An uncommon bolero edged with silver fell from the shoulders at the back and was held in the folds at the front. The frock was moulded to the figure at the hips, from where a fully-flared skirt, falling from under a peplum, reached the ground, and long tight sleeves culminated in points over the hands. A narrow silver trimmed belt was worn at the waist, clasped in front with a buckle of diamente. Pink and white tulle, held cap fashion by a wreath of orange blossom, was worn as a veil and formed a novel and billowy train. Her shower bouquet was of white tiger lilies, pink water lilies, white cactus dahlias and white erica. Little Moira Cole, cousin of the bride and small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cole, of Mentone, in a pale blue georgette frock trilled to the toes, and a headdress of blue and pink flowers, carrying a basket of blue butterfly delphiniums and pink carnations, was a dainty trainbearer. A charming group of bridesmaids were the Misses Rena Bridgford and Dorothy Gonsal, who were dainty in ankle-length frocks of apricot georgette with bodices of blue and flared capes. Ribbon velvet at the back fell to the hem-line, and each carried a shower bouquet of blue delphiniums, pink lilies and pink carnations. Their crin hats were trimmed with velvet matching the frocks. Miss Pearl Thorpe, whose apricot frock was the same hue, carried a bouquet of apricot tinted gladioli and water lilies. Her crin hat, becomingly matched her frock. Phillip Mitchell and Sylvia Cutt (niece of the bridegroom) were dressed in frilled green georgette frocks reaching to the toes, with green shoes and wreaths of green velvet flowers to match. Each held early Victorian posies of pink carnations and green hydrangea. Each wore a crystal and bridesmaid's necklace, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was supported by his cousin, Mr. R. Dabb, as best man and Messrs. G. Andrews and H. Mitchell as groomsmen. During the signing of the register Mrs. Numa rendered "Beloved, It Is Morn." Mrs. Durston, mother of the bride, wore a black crepe de chine frock inlet with beige lace, over which was worn a chic coat of satin twill. Her hat was of black Jersey straw, trimmed with soft satin drapings, crin and foliage. She carried a bouquet of red cactus dahlias and gladioli. Mrs. Brockenshire, the mother of the bridegroom, was dressed in black marocain frock, with mastic trimmings. A smart straw hat and sprays of pink cactus dahlias and pink gladioli completed the ensemble.

After the ceremony a reception and wedding breakfast was held. Mr. and Mrs. Durston entertained a large number of friends at Normanby Hall, Thornbury, where the tables were decorated with pink gladioli, and Mrs. Olorenshaw catered with complete satisfaction. The bride and bridegroom sat in a bridal arch, decorated in blue, pink and white, and small china bells. The young couple left by car for Sydney, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a navy blue satin frock, over which she wore a navy face cloth coat trimmed with Persian lamb and a chenille hat.

BLUE—THE SHADE FOR WINTER

Shades of blue are featured in four costumes worn by Marlene Dietrich in Paramount's "Morocco," and according to the fashion stylists at the Hollywood studios, shadings of blue will be among the most popular for the winter mode.

A street suit of bright blue twill is trimmed with black for fur, and displays a blouse of multi-colored dotted swiss. Miss Dietrich also wears an afternoon frock of Mediterranean blue chiffon, and an evening gown of pale blue sequins.

TEETH BEAUTY.

We speak of beautiful mouths and we generally mean beauty of shape, beauty of color, beauty of expression. And when we talk of beautifying mouths, we think of lipsticks and lip salves and lip rouges. But mouth beauty is from within as well as from without, and a beautiful mouth will count for nothing if the mouth is not also healthy inside.

Healthy teeth help to make or mar a beautiful mouth, and most people know that neglected teeth may mean a disordered stomach and disordered general health, as well as an unhealthy mouth. Knowing this, most people are wise enough to pay more or less regular visits to their dentist. If your dentist is a good fellow he will tell you quite a number of useful things. You may not be able to persuade him to recommend any particular brand of tooth paste, but he will, nevertheless, tell you many other items of interest about your mouth.

He will tell you, in all probability, that mouth beauty depends on the health of the gums as much as on the teeth. He will tell you, too, that the health of the gums may be tested by the feel of them rather than the look of them; gums should be firm to the touch. Gums that are at all spongy, or gums that recede from the teeth at all are unhealthy gums; both conditions show a tendency, if not an actual victim, to pyorrhoea. In any event, gums are apt to recede with age, hence the expression he or she is "getting a bit too long in the tooth." In this respect people with small teeth are lucky as far as the look of the thing goes. As to the color of the gums, they should not be red or whitish. Pink is the healthiest and most usual color, but the color of even healthy gums varies, so that color cannot be said to be a true indication of the health of the gums.

Few people consider a mouthwash an essential, but it is really as essential as cleaning the teeth. The teeth will not be happy if the mouth and the gums are not happy also, and certainly those people with a susceptibility to sore throats or colds should never be without an antiseptic mouth wash that can also be used as a gargle.

Peroxide of hydrozen, though not so pleasant to the taste as some mouthwashes, has the advantage of being good for the teeth, mouth, throat and gums. Its action on the gums is a hardening one and so excellent for those with a tendency to pyorrhoea. A few drops on the toothbrush, used sometimes instead of toothpaste or powder, help to keep the teeth white. Dental floss drawn between the teeth will help to keep decay at bay, but excellent also for teeth is the use of a little wooden dental pencil, which may be dipped into peroxide and run round and between the teeth.

Wisdom teeth cause a good deal of discomfort when they are coming through, and it is very essential that the gums should be kept healthy when they are tender or sore. Tie a small piece of cotton wool on to the end of your dental pencil or on to an orange stick, dip into peroxide, and rub round the affected gum gently. The proportions of peroxide to be used in each case are usually given in a list of instructions on the bottle. If not, ask your chemist for particulars.

If a mouthwash pure and simple is required, pleasanter ones may readily be found, many with an agreeable taste and a certainty of imparting a sweetness to the breath. Providing stomach and tooth health are good, the regular use of a mouthwash should ensure you mouth beauty within. Your lipstick and your expression will make or mar the rest.

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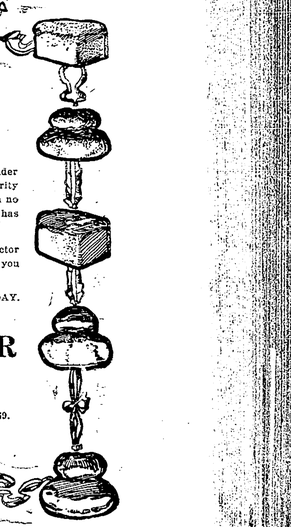

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PRESTON COUNCIL'S FINANCES

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

At the meeting of th Preston council on March 9, the mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson) presented a full statement of the council's finances and the statement showed that the present overdraft is £36,591/10/4. The council is limited to a bank overdraft to one half of the previous year's receipts, and in ordinary circumstances this does not occasion any anxiety. At the present, with nearly 2,000 unemployed, the council's revenue is likely to be lower than usual. At March 9, 1927, the overdraft was £27,032. Comparative figures for following years were.—1928, £27,431; 1929, £33,051; 1930, £39,131; 1931, £36,591. Receipts and expenditure to March 9 in the same period were.—

Year	Receipts	Expenditure
1927	£7,298	£30,182
1928	13,554	34,714
1929	10,393	38,312
1930	13,762	46,754
1931	11,227	33,178

"This expenditure does not include bank overdraft at the beginning of the year.

Expenditure budgeted for year to September 30/31 is £57,206, and expenditure to date (including overdraft £14,614) is £47,820. £47,186 is already spent or committed, and leaving £24,738 available for the rest of the year.

On a monthly average the expenditure is £4,194 ahead of what it should have been. The main over-expenditure is metal and gravel contracts £415, day labor £221, scavenging £355, and materials £624.

Of the estimated revenue (£72,547 only £11,227 has been received to date.

The following has been spent between October 1/30 and 9/3/31.—Municipal fund, £47,819; loan moneys £5,997; private street construction, £19,287; and asphalting (loans overdrawn) £600, a total of £73,703.

Private street construction liabilities are.—Balance to complete streets already in hand, £8,468/17/9; balance owing on hand funds, £1,972/10/4, total, £10,258/8/1. Liabilities —overdraft limit, £6,792, 12/1, stone in hand, £1,048/8/11; owing by municipal fund (Marshall embezzlement) £650—total, £8,492/1/0. Spent on works not started £161/18/2—grand total £8,653/19/2. Private street construction loans unredeemed, £99,772; owing by owners, £119,792/7/11. It is inadvisable to undertake further private street construction works or to borrow for that purpose as the council must provide at present find £15,680 yearly for repayment of debentures and interest.

Loans.—£305,460/3/1 is owed on loans, payable at the rate of £14,000 in each year out of revenue.

The borrowing power of the municipality is now £13,930.

The mayor said that though the position was serious, if the strictest economy were exercised, the council could pull through. All unnecessary works would have to be "cut" and no works not authorised must be done. With economy the council would be not running away on the expenditure. Approximately £1,500 had been overspent on the reorganisation of the council office staff, and Crookston road had cost £180 to £195; and there were other cases over which the council had exercised no control. No work should be done without the sanction of the council.

"The council is glad is not quick enough in "rapping its officers over the knuckles" when they show an error in judgement, but is rather inclined to be loss over the incident.

The council started the year with £14,000 overdraft, which has proved a big weight. Now we will have to grapple with the position, but by exercising business sense will pull through.

Cr. Roberson said the council now had the matter of pro rata monthly expenditure in hand. Up to the end of February it had tried to bring its expenditure into line with the amounts provided. In many cases the amounts spent were under the estimate.

On general works only £400 had been overspent, and out of this some money had been spent on unemployed relief. Also out of this account £185 had been spent on yard reorganisation under the recommendation of the Investigation committee. Then some of this over-expenditure was charged to Rene street and Crookston road. Omitting these items, the council was well within its estimate.

The mayor: The council has already exceeded the estimated amount set apart to the end of February.

Cr. Robeson: But the works done were not all provided for, and this is not right, as it leaves no money for small necessary works.

In the material account, the council has over-expended £624, and I feel that if this is watched more closely the council may be able to work within its estimates.

At the same time I would like to know if all the transfers to the various funds have been made?

The Town Clerk (Mr. A. Williams): The transfers are complete. The loan moneys and private street construction moneys are almost exhausted.

Cr. Jones said the council was not in such a frightful condition. Councillors should not get in the council was insolvent, but should simply "cut out" a lot of the small jobs.

If all the work in hand were done, the amounts expended would have been doubled.

I no not think that any councillor thought they could balance the accounts at the end of the year.

Cr. Hemburrow: More shame!

Cr. Jones: The council will no more meet its estimates than the Government will. The council must put its house in order and keep down the expenditure in the next seven months.

Cr. Adams said a good start had been made, but at almost every meeting the council authorised works up to £100 a meeting. A lot of those works he was glad to have had not been done, as the officers should see that the council did not overspend the amounts provided.

There is every possibility that a lot of owners in private streets will be unable to pay, and the council will have to meet debentures. The receipts of rates will also go down, and these alone will make the position acute, but if in addition the estimates are overspent, the council will find itself in a very bad way. Progress Associations should do all that lies in their power to assist the council in this way.

Cr. Newton said: "Talk will not get us very far. Action is needed. I can hardly understand the attitude of some councillors who sit on the investigation committee in saying that the work in the council yard was not provided for.

That committee's report was adopted and the work was done—and then some of the councillors woke up and said the work was not authorised.

Speaking of private street works, Cr. Newton asked if there was any reason why some contractors who had completed their jobs were no paid.

The engineer: All these accounts will be finalised at the next committee meeting.

Cr. Jones asked if sufficient moneys had not been paid in to meet the debentures as they fell due.

The mayor: Yes.

Cr. Jones said the council had undoubtedly passed the work of reconstructing the council yard, but he did object to the money being spent in the way it had been.

The mayor said the council was in deep water, it was not in the mire.

The crux of the whole matter would be how much in rates would be collected by June 10.

Speaking of Rene street and Crookston road, the mayor said he had gone carefully into the matter and had got a definite statement of the accounts. The work in Rene street had cost £109, and after allowing for cost of cartage, the cost was reduced to £99—This was on the request of a ratepayer for a new road, about £3—without the authority of the council.

The work in Crookston road had cost £180, and had been spent on a job not to cost more than £15. This kind of thing must be stopped, and the council's finances would have to be carefully watched carefully.

Cr. Manyard said he had made close inquiries into the cost of Rene street and was told £58. What was the position of councillors making inquiries. The council had three engineers, costing the council £1,400 yearly, and yet when councillors sought accurate information they could not get it. I raise a strong objection to this.

Cr. Jones said "No doubt the statement in the first place was correct as far as it went—and did not include the cost of cartage and material used on the job.

The report was referred to the Finance committee.

"T.P." a student of Shakespeare writing in the "Bulletin" says—Frank Tate, for 30 years the Victorian Director of Education, was a close student of Shakespeare, which enabled him to heave some clever retorts at his critics when the Melbourne dailies were attacking his far-reaching educational reforms. It was at a club function in Melbourne that he genially referred to "Purblind Argus, all eyes and no sight" (Troilus and Cressida). The hit was highly appreciated by the "Herald" chief until the received his issue—"The most mighty gods send such dreadful Heralds" (Julius Caesar"). The "Age" of the day was particularly critical, and was met with references to "Unregarded Age in corners thrown" (As You Like It"), and "As a thou art spanned" (Julius Caesar").

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Northcote Notes

Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary

The monthly meeting of the auxiliary was held on Wednesday at the Mechanics' Hall, Thornbury. Two new members were enrolled. The president (Mrs. D. H. Mott) was in the chair, and the mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. J. Green) was present. Messages to the value of £10 were sent to the Queen Victoria Hospital for the Children's Ward. A euchre party and dance in January, in the Soldier's Memorial Hall on March 21, when good prizes and refreshments will be given. A social afternoon will be held in May for the Unemployed Relief Fund. A cake, given and worked by Mrs. Jones, was won by Mrs. McMullin. All members are asked to be present at the next meeting on April 15 as business is important.

Theft of Gelegnite and Detonators

It was discovered on Wednesday that the explosives magazine at the Fairfield Quarries had been entered, forcing the door. Several pounds of gelegnite were missing, also a number of detonators. The matter was reported to the police.

Fire in Victoria Road

At 8.5 a.m. on Monday a five-roomed residence, 107 Victoria road, owned and occupied by Mrs. A. Williams, was endangered by fire caused by using a light to find a gas leakage. The repair was in progress, meter were damaged. The building was insured.

St. John's Ambulance

Classes for St. John's Ambulance will begin in earnest on Tuesday night next at the Northcote Town Hall Mr. Aitken, of 9 Aberdeen grove, is the commandant, and will be in charge, and intending members should enroll at once to take full advantage of the classes.

Northcote A.W.A.

The fortnightly meeting of the N.A. was held in the Town Hall Large room on Monday, many old members and several new ones being present. Reports were given by members who attended Richmond's evening and Prahran's At Home. Improvements for the benefit of members were discussed. An evening was given by one of the officers. The next meeting will be held on March 30.

Recent Scout Carnival

Members of the Carnival Committee of the Northcote Boy Scouts were entertained by the mayoress of Northcote on Monday evening in recognition of their recent efforts. There were employed, when about £35 was raised. Speaking of the Northcote Scouts, Cr. S. Dennis said that the carnival was started by the scouts with the debt on their building, of which five or six councillors stood guarantors to the bank. The debt was between £200 and £300. Gross carnival receipts were about £900, of which it was hoped that something like £100 would be netted for them. At the request of the mayor the carnival had been continued for the unemployed. The troop leader (Mr. A. E. Evans, of Mr. Oliver reported these remarks, and Messrs. Forgenster, (president Parents' Committee), Curtis, (organisers Bank Committee), Mr. Hetherington, (secretary of Carnival Committee) and Mrs. Hetherington, (secretary of Women's Committee) responded.

A Praiseworthy Action

A public spirited action has been taken by the scholars of the Prince of Wales' Park Methodist Sunday School. An amount of approximately £10, is spent each year on prizes, this year the scholars are foregoing their awards, and are giving the money to the Central Fund Committee for the relief of the unemployed.

Douglas Fairbanks Jnr. for "Beau Ideal."

Douglas Fairbanks Jnr. is the latest addition to the roster of RKO Radio Pictures' players. Following a seven secret screen tests given Mr. Fairbanks, he was signed to play the principle leading role in "Beau Ideal" with Ralph Forbes. This picture has no distinct leading men. Ralph Forbes, playing a romantic lead, takes the thread of the story where "Beau Geste" left off. Fairbanks shares the honors, but his is the heroic role. Forbes is the connecting link between "Beau Geste" and "Beau Ideal." Fairbanks is a new figure in the drama and one of great importance.

Marie Dressler, moving into her new home, was accosted by an agent by radio, who wanted to sell her a new model. "No", said the M-G-M comedienne—"I think I'd rather have a bulldozer". The radio man is still wondering what she was talking about.

Westgarth Central School

A large meeting of parents, convened by the head teacher (Mr. H. Singleton) was held at the school on Wednesday March 11. Mr. Singleton, in a report to the parents, mentioned that the school was filled to the capacity, 1,316 children being enrolled. The chairman (Cr. A. H. Oldis) reported on the work of the School Committee for the past three years; and on the motion of Messrs. A. E. Johnson and J. Stuchberry, the retiring committee, consisting of Cr. A. H. Oldis, Messrs. W. S. Jackson, (correspondent), T. W. Hawthorn, S. Mitchell, J. J. Paull F. Cook, and N. Scott, were elected for a further term, without opposition. A motion by Messrs. D. Brunton, and A. E. Johnson, thanking the head teacher and staff for the care and attention given the children and the results achieved, was carried by acclamation.

Chlorination at Bath

At Northcote council meeting on Monday, Cr. Hayes was told that £200/9/- covered the whole of the cost of the chlorination plant at the Northcote Baths.

Community Singing

This was wellattended in the Northcote Town Hall on Thursday. Under Mr. Winter, the Unemployed Professional Orchestra played selections. Mr. Will Nicoll conducted the singing. The artists were Mr. Moy Ling and little Miss Ruby Barton. "Lead Kindly Light" was the hymn number.

Presbyterian Church American Tea

The Ladies' Guild held an American Tea in the James Street School Hall on March 11. Mrs. A. T. Jones (convener) announced the items.—Pianoforte duet, Mrs. and Miss Cogle; character recitation. Mr. Bert Ford; violin solo, Mr. Butler; recitations, Mrs. West; ventriloquist, Mr. Belcher; song, Mr. Muir; song, Miss Rickerby; song, Mr. J. Thomson. The sale of gifts was in aid if church funds.

Northcote Traders' Community Singing

Friday's session in the Town Hall was well attended. Mr. W. Nicoll conducted with Miss O' Halloran at the piano. Mr. Ron Bohme, violinist, and Miss Beryl Cook, recitations, gave the items, and Mrs. Meekin sang "Ye Banks and Braes."

Northcote Unemployed Relief

The committee appointed to raise funds for relief purposes in Northcote have made arrangements for a carnival on Fitzroy racecourse, commencing on 21st inst., and continuing each evening until Easter Monday. A programme has been arranged consisting of numerous games and side shows. On Saturday afternoons, March 28 and April 4, and the afternoon of Easter Monday trotting and draught horse events. A special engagement has been arranged for spectacular displays by Stirling, the world-famus dare devil and aeroplanist. A charge of sixpence will be made on Saturdays and holidays, but on other nights are free. The function will be opened by the mayor on the 27th inst. at 8 p.m. Tenders are invited elsewhere for soft drinks, etc.

Anzac Day Service

Arrangements have been made for a civic memorial service on Anzac Day in the town hall at 8 p.m. Representatives of the council, Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' League, Fathers' Association and the Ministers' Fraternal will take part.

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SHOP WINDOWS

THE IMPORTANCE OF LIGHTING

The advent of the gasfilled electric lamp has brought about a notable improvement in window display lighting both overseas and in Australia.

With regard to shop lighting, the progressive shopkeeper grapples with the problem of reinforcing his display in the show windows in order to command the attention of the passers-by, as an attractive and well-lighted window is a most efficient and economical method of direct advertising. Show windows may be likened to the theatre stage where the various details must be depicted in a clear and striking manner. Stage managers never have glaring lights shining in the eyes of their patrons; they present displays in a flood of light from concealed sources and to-day the enlightened shopkeeper does the same thing.

In planning the lighting of a show window, particular problems are presented by each window. They vary according to size and height, according to whether the window is high dressing or medium, according to the color of the goods. All these are factors which have to be taken into consideration when designing the lighting system.

The intensity of light required in a show window varies according to the locality. If a shop is in the midst of several others brilliantly illuminated, care must be taken to ensure that it is not found deficient by comparison. On the other hand, a shop standing alone or in a dimly lighted area need not be lavish with light. The value of window space is apparent from the high prices obtained for rents in selected localities, and as the cost of good lighting is only a fraction of the rental value, it is no exaggeration to say that a shopkeeper cannot afford to be without this valuable sales aid. Recent tests made in Sydney demonstrate that the modernisation of certain show windows in respect of good lighting has resulted in increased business from 12 to 97 per cent. In the cases under review all the other factors were unaltered, the only change in the circumstances of the business being in the shop window lighting.

There is at present a tendency among shopkeepers to avoid dressing the window close to the glass, and this particularly lends itself to modern methods of lighting, while the use of light coloured backgrounds greatly add to the effect.

In general, windows can be adequately lighted from above, but occasionally the addition of footlights and sidelights makes an important contribution to the effect obtained These are of particular value in reducing shadows where models are displayed, especially in the case of shallow windows.

Color makes its own irresistible appeal, and the drawing power of a window is considerably enhanced by the introduction of colored lighting, either by the use of color screens attached to the reflector, or by the use of color sprayed lamps. Generally speaking, the former is more convenient since it permits a change of color media to be made more easily. This use of color involves careful consideration of the principles of display, but a little experimental work will readily produce charming effects.

Nowadays, the business community is becoming much more interested in the problem of show window lighting, and their interest will be found to be thoroughly justified, show window lighting is undoubtedly a paying proposition.

MISCHIEF OF FEAR.

In lecturing on Mental Hygiene for the young child at Melbourne University Dr. J. F. Williams spoke on "The Mischief of Fear." Nervousness, he said, was not inherent and could be largely made and unmade by training. In young children fear was usually a crude, unstable emotion. From two years onwards the child's fears increased rapidly owing to the development of the imagination, and the threats used by parents to gain obedience. Serious damage might be done to the child by making bugbeans of burglars, policemen, or even doctors. Children might be reduced to a state bordering on terror by the thought of a severe and omniscient God who would punish them for their slightest mistakes. Over solicitude or cautioning against animals might have a harmful effect. Moreover, if the child discovered that the parents' threats were empty ones it would lose confidence. This was the cause of much of the naughtiness in children. Intense fear affected the circulation of the blood; quickened the heart, and strained the muscles, also inhibited thought and led to many forms of anti-social behaviour. A growing

MOTORING & CYCLING NOTES

BETTER STREAMLINING NEEDED

BIG FACTOR IN PETROL CONSUMPTION.

Head wind resistance has a considerable effect on the speed of a motor car, and on fuel consumption. With a railway train it is the side wind which is most detrimental to speed, owing to the fact that the length of the train offers a big surface to the wind, which has the effect of driving the train to one side, materially increasing the friction of the wheel flanges on one side. Motor vehicles do not suffer in this respect, but all the same, there is yet ample scope for better streamlining of car bodies, thereby overcoming frontal wind resistance, and thus reducing fuel consumption. Striking evidence of what can be done by scientific streamlining was indicated in the building of the body for Kaye Don's "Silver Bullet." In tests it was proved that this racing body was 46 per cent. more effective in resisting a front wind, than the world famed Dunlop shod "Golden Arrow" on which the late Sir Henry Seagrave recorded the world's land speed record of 231.36 m.p.h. Australians who saw the "Golden Arrow" when exhibited in this country, greatly admired the beautiful streamlining of this car, and few imagined that 46 per cent. more efficient streamlining could be possibly effected. Yet it has been achieved. In fact motorists on our roads to-day—little or no attempt has been made to materially cut down petrol cost, by so designing bodies, that wind resistance is considerably reduced. Many of the small baby sports cars on our roads to-day owe much of their high efficiency to the fact, that owing to their relatively small power unit, the big factor of wind resistance has received more attention from body designers, than has been given to the bodies fitted to larger cars. In England and on the Continent, where petrol costs only about half what it does in many parts of the Commonwealth, considerable attention is being given to better streamlining of car bodies, and much is being accomplished without greatly departing from the present-day orthodox type of body. Yet the net result is a considerable saving in fuel consumption, and an increase of speed capabilities. It is important to realise that the engine power expended to overcome air resistance increases with great rapidity as the speed goes up. For instance, at 60 miles per hour the power needed is nearly 8 times as great as that required for 30 miles per hour. From this one may judge that wastage in fuel is entailed when travelling at any speed in a body on which little or no effort has been made to cut down wind resistance.

The existing high cost of petrol in this country makes it more necessary than even before that Australian body builders give more consideration to streamlining, not only in the front but also in the rear of body. In U.S.A., with petrol at about one third of the price it is in Australia, there is not the need to worry about high fuel consumption, consequently streamlining is not of such importance to car owners, as it is in this country with petrol ranging from 2/3 a gallon and upwards. As 77 per cent. of the cars on Australian roads are of American origin, naturally most Australian built bodies closely follow American styles.

The time has arrived when Australian body-designers can help to make motoring more economical by building better streamlined bodies.

Valve Springs.

Should any car suddenly develop symptoms of poor performance, after running some few thousands of miles, it is a good plan to look to the valve springs for the cause of the trouble. Some experienced motorists make a practice of renewing the valve springs with each decarbonising job. The improved performance is sometimes astonishing. This is not unreasonable in view of the fact that 10,000 miles of average operation means 100,000,000 cycles of operation for the valve springs. Valve springs are said to work harder than any other part of the automobile. They must operate at very high speeds under heavy pressures, receive terrific shocks and split-second reversals of motion while being subjected to a wide variation of temperatures. All these conditions combined are responsible for the valve spring's eventual loss of "springiness" and strength. The metal of which the spring is composed loses its temper and becomes fatigued or breaks. This loss of resiliency or springiness will result in a loss of power, engine overheating and backfiring at other than low speeds, due to the failure of the spring to hold the valve stem tightly on the cam. If the valve does not follow the contour of the cam closely, the valve timing will be inaccurate. This may result in both of the valves being held open at the same time, thus interfering with the proportions of the car bodies, thereby overcoming frontal wind resistance, and thus reducing fuel consumption. Striking evidence of what can be done by scientific streamlining was indicated in the building of the body for Kaye Don's "Silver Bullet." In tests it was proved that this racing body was 46 per cent. more effective in resisting a front wind, than the world famed Dunlop shod "Golden Arrow" on which the late Sir Henry Seagrave recorded the world's land speed record of 231.36 m.p.h. Australians who saw the "Golden Arrow" when exhibited in this country, greatly admired the beautiful streamlining of this car, and few imagined that 46 per cent. more efficient streamlining could be possibly effected. Yet it has been achieved. In fact motorists on our roads to-day—little or no attempt has been made to materially cut down petrol cost, by so designing bodies, that wind resistance is considerably reduced. Many of the small baby sports cars on our roads to-day owe much of their high efficiency to the fact, that owing to their relatively small power unit, the big factor of wind resistance has received more attention from body designers, than has been given to the bodies fitted to larger cars. In England and on the Continent, where petrol costs only about half what it does in many parts of the Commonwealth, considerable attention is being given to better streamlining of car bodies, and much is being accomplished without greatly departing from the present-day orthodox type of body. Yet the net result is a considerable saving in fuel consumption, and an increase of speed capabilities. It is important to realise that the engine power expended to overcome air resistance increases with great rapidity as the speed goes up. For instance, at 60 miles per hour the power needed is nearly 8 times as great as that required for 30 miles per hour. From this one may judge that wastage in fuel is entailed when travelling at any speed in a body on which little or no effort has been made to cut down wind resistance.

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THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 20 & 21

H. B. WARNER in

WILD COMPANY

JEAN HERSHOLT in

THE CASE OF SERGEANT GRISCHA

Children under 16 not admitted.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 23, 24, 25, and at the Matinee

MONDAY (Eight Hours Day) at 2.30,

HAROLD LLOYD in

FEET FIRST

SALLY STARR in

PARDON MY GUN

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 27, 28.

BILLIE DOVE and CLIVE BROOK in

SWEETHEARTS AND WIVES

MONA MARIS and ANTONIO MORENO in

ONE MAD KISS

For Reservations ring JW2033.

WESTGARTH THEATRE

Harold Lloyd in "Feet First."

This week-end, Sharon Lynn and H. B. Warner appear in "Wild Company," which is a dramatic story of flaming youth and a prodigal son who became involved in a robbery and murder as the result of keeping wild company after he had become intrigued with a beautiful but mendacious night club entertainer. "The Case of Sergeant Grischa" is laid in a world war setting, but is not a "war picture." Its action occurs far behind the front lines and offers vivid glimpses of the drama which grew out of the struggles of those unfortunates caught in the clutches of a vast military machine. The cast includes Chester Morris, Betty Compson and Jean Hersholt.

"Feet First," Harold Lloyd's latest all-talking Paramount release, will open on the matinee on Monday next (Eight Hours Day). The story deals with a boot shop assistant who has social ambitions. The early sequences of the picture were filmed in Hawaii, and much of the action takes place aboard the Matson liner, Maloa, which Kent plays opposite the star. Lovers of virile western screen comedy dramas shouldn't miss seeing the Pathe dialogue and singing picture "Pardon My Gun", starring Sally Starr.

On Thursday next, in "Sweethearts and Wives," the big incident in the story is the maid's attempt to recover a stolen diamond necklace. Billie Dove plays the part of a French maid in a little inn in the south for France where the story is laid. Sidney Buckner has the supporting role. He enacts the part of an English saint. Clive Brook is the detective. The solution is interesting and startlingly novel. Don Jose Mojica, handsome young Latin opera tenor, makes his audible screen debut in "One Mad Kiss". For movietone song romance Mona Maris, Antonio Moreno and Tom Patricola are also featured.

Four Special Stories.

RKO Radio Pictures have set a record by acquiring four stories in as many days. "Children of the Streets," an original by Robert Milton, and "Private Secretary," an original by Alan Bremer Schultz, were bought within a comparatively few hours' time; then within a period of two days came Rex Beach's novel "Recoil" and "Sour Grapes," a stage play by Vincent Lawrence.

Although William Le Baron announces all four of these stories will be in production at early dates, only "Recoil" has been assigned to a director. Melville Brown will direct and J. Walter Ruben is adapting it. Jane Murfin is writing the screen treatment for "Children of the Streets," which will be made under the supervision of Bertram Milhauser.

"The Right to Love" Introduces New Sound Recording.

HISSING AND SCRATCHING ELIMINATED.

A NEW system for the recording of talking pictures, which accomplishes the most perfect reproduction of the human voice since the inception of talking pictures, was revealed to electrical engineers and film executives in New York recently. The new recording device totally eliminates all mechanical extraneous noises from the screen and increases volume range to a point where clear-cut rendition of the faintest and loudest sounds is possible.

Introduction of the invention, to be known as the Western Electric New Process Noiseless Recording system, was made at a private screening at the Criterion Theatre of Paramount's new picture, "The Right to Love", starring Ruth Chatterton.

Following this preview, electrical engineers hailed the new process as the most important single development in sound recording since the advent of talking pictures.

Jesse L. Lasky, first vice president in charge of production for Paramount, stated that Paramount, pioneer in the use of the invention, has adopted the device for all uses and soon will be filming all of its productions with the new process.

The new process, developed in the West Coast Laboratories of Electric Research Products, is a result of many years' work on the part of sound engineers to eliminate "ground noises" which have marred the perfect enjoyment of talking pictures. Although the process was perfected several months ago, it was not announced nor put in general use until given a thorough test through the

A remarkable scene from the Paramount picture "The Right to Love" showing Ruth Chatterton playing a dual role.

recording of "The Right to Love", the first film to make use of this technique. However, now it is possible to record and reproduce in theatres the faintest of sounds without having them 'masked' or covered up by those intrusive hissing and scratching sounds. Every syllable of even the softest spoken words, whispering and the sobbing of a distressed heroine now will be clearly audible. The process produces a greater realism and is a great step forwards perfection of the talking picture, it is claimed.

"One of the major problems confronting sound engineers has been the extension of the volume range of sound recording and reproducing," according to H. G. Knox, Engineer's Vice President of Electrical Research Products. "This means the ability to reproduce both louder and softer sounds.

"There are, of course two ways of widening the volume range in recording and reproducing. One is the recording and reproducing of higher volumes, which means the handling of louder sounds. One obvious way to do this is by increasing the amplifier power and the capacity of the loud speakers to handle it. This presents practical difficulties in that it would require more powerful, new theatre equipment. The second method is to broaden the volume range by making it possible to record and reproduce sounds of lower volume. To do this necessitates reducing the extraneous electrical, mechanical, and photographic noises heretofore recorded which mask or cover up the desired sounds.

"In the theatre this means simply the refinement and better maintenance of its sound equipment. In recording it means the reduction of the electrical and mechanical background noises, commonly called "ground noises" so that every syllable of very soft sounds, such as whispering and sobbing will become clearly audible.

One hushed gasp out of utter stillness may climax a dramatic crisis. A single low word after a long silence will startle the waiting audience. It is the successful solution of this problem that makes the new Western Electric process of noiseless recording possible.

The new method of recording requires some additional equipment and changes in the present recording system, which produce a tremendous increase in sensitiveness to sounds that are to be recorded. A number of the principal producers are already equipping their studios to take advantage of the improvement.

"Motion picture audiences are well aware of the hissing or scratching sound which becomes audible as soon as the sound apparatus is switched on. In other words, during the silent introductory title of a picture everything is quiet. Just before the recorded portions of the film start listeners are warned of the coming sound by the scraping ground noise from the screen. While in good recording this ground noise is not particularly offensive, it nevertheless means that any whispers or low level sounds on the film must be raised artificially to a relatively high volume if not to be masked by the noise of the system itself. During normal dialogue or music the presence of the ground ground noises fades to relative unimportance, and, of course during loud dialogue or heavy passages of music it is competely covered up. It is, therefore, a question of making "silence" silent.

"While the problem can be simply stated, the method for its solution has been many years in the making. At last, however, the film recording machine has been so modified that all audible evidences of its mechanical nature have been removed and under the new Western Electric process it is now possible to record the lowest whispers in thrilling silence. Fortunately this information comes at a time when audiences are demanding more realistic sound and at a time when producers are using less dialogue and more silence. To be effective the silence must be complete. During dramatic periods the expression will soon be true that "it was so quiet one could hear a pin fall"—even in a talking picture theatre.

"As with every startling improvement higher standards of performance are involved. A standard of developing and printing films higher than the already exacting technique of sound pictures is demanded. The reproducing equipment in theatres will likewise require more careful grooming and maintenance it it is to handle noiselessly pictures recorded in this new way. By and large, however, noiseless recording is the greatest advance in talking pictures in the last four years.

HOLLYWOOD NEWSLETTER.

COMEDIANS ARE "BUSINESS" MEN.

"Business" is the all-important item in making a successful comedy picture, where as the success of a stage comedy depends almost entirely on the spoken word, according to Leon Errol, an authority in the laugh-provoking professional.

In other words, the camera is still the king of the comedy lots in Hollywood. The microphone is but a pretender to the throne.

"The funniest line written by the wittiest dialogician in the business will fall as flat as a custard pie under a steam roller unless it is accompanied by a funny bit of action, a funny gesture, or a funny grimace that may be seen on the screen," declares the internationally popular Australian comedian.

"These are the things impossible to write into the script. It is up to the player and to the director to supply them. Sometimes the ideas don't come so easily and then it's a headache. I've spent an hour or more many a time thinking up and working out a silly bit of business that lasted no more than a second on the screen. Yet is was the one thing that put the scene over. I guess that's why so many comedians want to play "Hamlet".

Errol is now being featured with Mitzi Green in "Finn and Hattie", a new comedy in production at Paramount's Hollywood studios.

Coincidence played a large part in the choice of a career for Jackie Coogan. If he had not accompanied his mother to the theatre one night to wait for his father, it is strongly probable that he would never have been the screen's most famous child actor. Annette Kellerman was first attracted to the boy and led him on the stage to do childish impersonations. It was there that Charlie Chaplin first met him and was impressed with his work, and gave him a part in "The Kid".

CHURCH NEWS

Harvest Festival, St. John's, Epping

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services in connection with the above will be held next Sunday, March 22. The preacher at the 2.30 p.m. service will be the Rev. Cuthbert Powell (vicar) and at 8 p.m. the Dean of Melbourne.

Croxton Methodist Church

The Y.M.I.S. had as their speaker on Sunday Mr. J. C. Newnham. The president of the society (Mr. E. A. Freeman) welcomed Mr. Newnham back to Croxton. He was the first Sunday school superintendent and spent many years at Croxton. Mr. Greenwood moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Newnham.

High Street Methodist Church

Last Sunday continued the Sunday school anniversary celebration. In the morning, Rev. Day preached an interesting address to the young people. The afternoon saw the hall packed and Rev. G. F. Dyson was the preacher. Special songs were rendered by the kindergarten and primary classes. At the evening meeting, Mr. Laity (the superintendent) thanked the many helpers. Rev. F. J. Jennings gave an excellent address on the new Western Electric process. The conductor (Mr. H. Harris) was commended for the fine singing, while the orchestra under Mr. Basil Farrell of the Northcote Symphony Orchestra contributed to the enjoyment of the celebration.

On Sunday evening, Pastor Perkins will preach for the last time at High Street, before relinquishing the position of pastor of the Croxton Methodist Church.

Next Sunday afternoon Mr. Maurice Blackburn, M.L.A. will address the Y.M.I.S. on "How Laws Have Developed."

Church of the Epiphany

The visit of the Dean of Melbourne has been postponed till April 26. A physical culture class for boys, with Mr. Zabelle as instructor, has been formed. As a meeting of the Ladies' Guild during the week Mrs. Cole was re-elected president; Mesdames Peat, Peacock and Cornwall, vice-presidents; Mrs. Taylor, treasurer, and Mrs. Johnson, secretary. A branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was formed last Friday and teams have been arranged to compete in basketball, tennis and physical culture contests.

All Saints Church, South Northcote

Next Sunday evening, Mr. T. Nelson, of the Evangelisation Society, will tell the story of his conversion. The service will be pictorial.

Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury

Harvest Festival Services were held on Sunday. In the afternoon, at a Children's Service, scholars presented their harvest gifts during the singing of the hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful." Archdeacon Lamble delivered an appropriate address. Collections throughout the day were for the Clergy Provident Fund.

Northcote Congregational Church

Through the sudden illness of the Rev. W. Moorhouse, of South Melbourne, Rev. B. Crawford, assistant minister of Collins Street Church, filled the breach on Sunday morning. His address to the children was entitled "Returned Empty," and the sermon was "God's Due. Rev. Duncan Reeves in the evening preached on "If Not Immortality,—What?"

The choir concert during the week was a great success. The Men's Club held a social for the new year opening. The Boys' Club had a gala night last Saturday.

James Street Presbyterian Church

Last Sunday morning at the Scout Rally, Rev. A. T. Jones spoke on the life of David. In the evening excerpts from "Olivet to Calvary" were rendered by the choir, the solos being taken by Mrs. Clark and Messrs. Thomson and Muir.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church

A special service conducted by Sister Edith in the evening was well attended. The subject taken was "What Think You of Christ?" Several ladies of the congregation took portions of the service, while others acted as stewards.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

On Sunday, Harvest Thanksgiving Day, the church was decorated with fruit, farm products and flowers, which were afterwards forwarded to the Presbyterian Sisterhood, Fitzroy, and Kildonan Home, North Melbourne. At night Rev. R. A. Green, B.A., of Burnley took his text from Mathew. The choir rendered "I Will Give Thanks," and Mrs. George Milne sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Great Names Feature Cast of Wolheim's Next For RKO.

Ian Keith, featured player of stage and screen, will play the principal "heavy" role in Louis Wolheim's first directorial effort for Radio. Keith will appear in a featured cast, which includes Wolheim, Mary Astor and Hubert. The latter also is writing the adaptation and dialogue of Keene Thompson's original story, an untitled drama of the sea. For years one of the leading stock and Shakespearean actors Keith has won an even greater success on the screen, having played leading roles opposite Gloria Swanson, Corinne Griffith and many other stars.

UNEMPLOYMENT

NORTHCOTE ASSOCIATION

The above association meets at the town hall on Mondays and Fridays at 1.30 p.m. Those who are unemployed and are registered at the labor Bureau, and who are not yet acquainted with the association, are cordially invited to any of these meetings.

The central investigation committee is performing good work.

The newly-formed mouth organ and string band is making rapid strides. The band has 35 players under the baton of Mr. Ryan. Donations of mouth organs to the secretary, Mr. A. Wilson, town hall, would be appreciated.

Dr. McGuire, who has given his services free on Mondays and Fridays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., desires a supply of clean medicine bottles. We appeal to all to leave any clean bottles at the town hall.

The association conducts a cobblers' class in the A.N.A. hall. The object of this class is to bring forth any member who may possess the talent of becoming a public speaker. Mr. Green, the organiser, invites the public to these meetings.

The association conducts a boot repairing shop, employing four men from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on six days per week. They have been known to also work on Sundays. These men, who are voluntarily performing this work, have in the 19 weeks during which the shop has been in operation, repaired 2000 pairs of women's, children's and men's boots.

Mr. Andrewsser, who also has given his services voluntarily, is not only performing his duties on men, but also on unemployed women and children.

The shop will leave the town hall on the 20th inst. at 7.30 p.m. and march to the corner of High and Balmoral streets, where a series of open air meetings will be conducted.

SUPPLY OF WOOD AT PRESTON

Matters are very quiet so far as the unemployed are concerned. The men met at work held their usual meeting on Wednesday afternoon near the old town hall, and it was well attended.

It is understood that the Government has promised to provide a supply of wood for the benefit of the needy in Preston during the winter months. This will prove good news to the many men and women who are dreading a workless and cheerless winter.

The number of people seeking sustenance is as large as ever, and the procuring of work is in most instances a hopeless task. Clothing and boots and shoes are needed as badly as ever.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Before Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan, P.M., and Messrs. A. H. Olds, H. Evans and F. Carney and Mrs. O. Devery, J.sP.

Drunk

Three men who pleaded guilty to charges of drunkenness were each convicted and discharged.

Insulting Language

Another man, Richard J. Robson, Beavers road, Northcote, was charged with having been drunk, and also with having used insulting language. Constable Buchan said—When I told defendant to go home he said, "Mind your own ——— business." He was drunk, and whilst I was taking him to the watchhouse on several occasions he called me a mongrel.

For having used insulting words Robson was fined £1. He was convicted and discharged for drunkenness.

Motor Cyclist's Fast Speed

Ernest Sheil, Gillies street, Fairfield, was fined £2 on a charge of having, on February 19, driven a motor cycle at a dangerous speed along Heidelberg road.

Traffic Constable Buckley said—I followed defendant, who was racing with another man, and although I travelled at 55 miles an hour I did not catch them until they got to the Clifton Hill railway gates.

Sheil said it was early in the morning and there was little traffic about. I admit I was going fast.

Noisy Motor Cycle

Alan Wyatt, High street, Northcote, who was charged with having on February 7 driven a motor cycle which emitted excessive noise in High street, was fined £1.

Traffic-constable Wilson said the machine was very noisy, and when spoken to defendant admitted that he had removed the baffle plates.

No Light

Bernard Lavery, West street, Preston, who on January 27, rode a motor cycle in High street without lights, was fined £1.

Housebreaking and Stealing

BETWEEN 8.30 p.m. on March 16 and 1.30 a.m. the following day a side window at the residence of Alfson F. Fleming, butcher, Waterdale, Preston, was forced open, and two wristlet watches and a clock-dog-clip were stolen. The value of the property taken amounted to £18.

Telephone Cabinet Rifled

LATE on Monday night or early on Tuesday morning a telephone cabinet on the corner of Bell street and Plenty road, Preston, was broken open and 6/ worth of pennies stolen.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

ALL QUIET ON PRESTON'S FRONT

With only one more big day in store (Eight Hours Day) the boys are looking forward to the rest of the championships which started at Broome last Saturday. The first round of the 440 yds. was held recently, Tannock, 1; E. Berry, 2; Hankin, 3; R. Lewis, 4. First heat to start in final. Time 56 sec. There was a poor entry for the pole vault, the champion is Wal Perry, 9 ft. in. with Dick Lewis next with 8 ft. The others failed to do the limit. The 120 yards hurdles was also held in a finish. The final results:—Hankin, 1; McNabb, 2; G. Ginty, 3. Time 18 sec. Alan Ginty had no trouble in winning the long step and jump with a leap of 46 feet, with Cliff Owen and Wal Berry equal in second place at 38ft. 6in. Next Saturday at the club's training grounds the following championship events will be held—100 yards heats, 440 yards heat, mile, high jump.

Programme of Club Championships

Eighth—100 yards final, javelin, 880—440 yards final, shot putt, 2—A: motordrome, 220 yards hurdles, 880 yards, 440 yards hurdles and final) discus, broad jump, 2—220 final, mile walk, 5th,—3 mile run.

Team for Oakleigh

(Eight Hours Day)

Bus will leave Preston Town Hall at 12 p.m. sharp.

100 Yards.—Robinson, A; Berry, Hankin, E.

440 Yards.—Robinson, A; Speedy, Berry, E.

Mile.—Weightman, W; McEachen, Kirkland, G.

Relay.— 880 yards, Tannock, J; Gallagher, A. 440, Robinson, A; Speedy, J. 220, Perry, W; Hankin, E. 220 Berry, E.

Walk.—Lewis, R; Owen, C; Fletcher, H.

High jump.—Angus, A; McGinty, Jason, A.

Pole vault.—Johnston, R; Perry, R; Lewis, R.

Javelin.—Speedy, J; Angus, A; Owen, C.

Discus.—James, H; Owen, C; Johnson, R.

* Denotes emergency.

The Preston and Northcote A.A. will hold a basket picnic on the 29th to Warandyte. A novelty race will be held during the day.

Motors will leave Preston Town Hall at 9 a.m. sharp.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

Enthusiasm prevails in the Preston-Northcote club championships at Preston Park. Heat winners in the 100 yards were S. Jones (13 3/5 sec.), N. Cameron (14 1/5 sec.) and N. McWilliams (14 1/10 sec.). The final of the 75 yards was a fine struggle, S. Jones winning from N. McWilliams and P. Lowery in 10 1/5 sec. The high jump trials have left J. Spicer, E. Lewis, M. Carey, K. Hogben, E. Kruse and R. McGee to fight out the final. All these girls are jumping well and are very even. Points for the afternoon title are:—S. Jones 9, P. Lowery 7, E. Kruse 6. Next week the discus, 440 yards walk and 220 yards will be decided. To-morrow an evening will be held at Mrs. Anderton's. Miss Muriel Dudgeon, the Queen of Athletics, is making the final effort before the "Back to Preston" week.

WALKING RECORD

A V.W.C. record was established by Bert Gardiner, of Preston, in walking a mile in 6min. 44sec. at the Motordrome on Saturday. This is the fastest time ever done in Victoria, and beats Bill Murray's world record in 1914, and is faster than the Australian champ.'s time of 6min. 48sec.

Children With Collecting Cards

IT is a common practice for young children to be entrusted with collecting cards supposedly for charitable purposes, and the small sum of one penny is asked for by the juvenile callers. It is alleged that, in some instances at any rate, it is a case of charity beginning at home. The youngsters are supposed to make use of a pin in order to register a hole in the card carried for each penny received. It has happened on recent occasions that when pennies are handed over the assurance is given that the juvenile collector will insert a pin prick in the card when he or she —usually a she—"gets home." It is doubtful, however, as to whether this procedure is carried out, and pennies given by charitably disposed persons more often than not find a temporary resting place in the pockets of those collecting, and later on are exchanged for sweets or something equally appetising. People would be well advised to either see that the collector makes use of a pin, or else do the necessary pricking herself—for 99 per cent. of the givers of coppers are women.

BOWLS.

"A" PENNANT

In the semi-final matches last Saturday Brunswick (90) defeated Caulfield (89), and Carlton (110) defeated Kew (73). Carlton and Brunswick will play off for the pennant next Saturday.

"B" PENNANT

Middle Park (102) defeated Kew (80) last Saturday for the "B" pennant.

In a match to determine which teams were to revert to Division II. of the "A" pennant matches next season Heidelberg (85) lost to Malvern (93). Heidelberg, with three other teams, will revert to Division II.

"C" PENNANT

Win For Preston II.

After a very keen game Preston II. had little difficulty in winning from Preston I. in the final of the "C" pennant matches.

A good deal of local interest centred in the match, although there was no doubt that the pennant must go to the Preston Club, whose two teams won the semi-finals.

In two rinks the Preston II. skippers were "downed," but a thumping lead Bill Murray's world record in 1914, and is faster than the Australian champ.'s time of 6min. 48sec.

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CYCLING.

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS

The above club held a five mile handicap on Epping road last Saturday, which resulted in a win for J. Kean, who has been riding well of late but without any luck. Details:—J. Kean (35sec.), 1; C. Baldock (20sec.), 2; F. Johnstone (40sec.), 3. Winner's time, 12min. 55sec. Fastest time, A. Wackley (scr.), 11min. 36sec.

The club was again to the fore on Saturday night at the Drome, A. Howe winning the handicap and E. Gibaud the scratch race.

AMATEUR EVENTS AT HEIDELBERG

Fairfield and Greensborough Combined, at Heidelberg carnival.—One Mile.—H. Rodgetts (G.), 70 yds., 1; R. Campbell (G.), 20 yds., 2; W. Henderson (F.), 80 yds., 3. Time, 2.30 2/5.

Fairfield, at Heidelberg Carnival.—24 Miles.—R. Forsyth, 110 yds., 1; A. Scascighini, 80 yds., 2; R. Ansell, 120 yds., 3. Time, 2.30 1/5. The first two riders finished within a length of the winner.

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Northcote and Fairfield clubs provided almost a double victory in the Victorian championships. J. ("Tiny") Nichols (Fairfield) won the five mile championship by a length and a half in 11min. 45sec., from Buckley and Priest, with W. Bolwell (Northcote) fourth. The one mile event produced a sensational finish, V. Woods (Northcote) just being beaten by E. Waterfield in 2min. 15sec. Nicholls and L. Potter (Northcote) finished second in their respective heats.

TENNIS.

COOMA CLUB

Semi-final of Gents' Singles

One of the best and by far the longest singles matches that have been played on the courts took place on Sunday last, when the gents' semi-finals in the singles club championship were completed. The pair were Rowley Jackson and D'Arcy Sykes, and as they were both of the defensive style of player a marathon performance was expected, particularly as they were practically off the same mark. The big attendance was certainly not disappointed, as the pair occupied the courts for 2 hours 20 minutes—surely one of the longest three-set matches staged. The winner, Jackson, deserved his success. When he found that at the hard hitting game he was being driven off the court he completely changed his tactics and adopted the slower game, with which his opponent could not cope.

Starting off at a great pace, Sykes did not make an error, and, allowing his opponent no time to get settled, he took the first set, 6—0. At the change over to the second set Jackson changed his style to play the slow game, and, tossing everything, he soon had his opponent in difficulties and gained a 4—0 lead. Making a good recovery Sykes pulled up to 4—4, but the games then went on the service to 6—5 and set, making the sets one each. The last set was to be anticipated, and Jackson, still playing the slow game obtained a long lead of 5—0. With his back to the wall Sykes staged a remarkable recovery, taking the next five games straight, making the totals 5 all. Unfortunately for him he could not maintain this, and Jackson took the next two games and the match, the final scores being 0—6, 6—5, 7—5 in his favor. An instance of the defensive style of play adopted may be gathered from the fact that in the service that took the second set at 6—5 the ball crossed the net 48 times; but this was short of the service that concluded the game, when the ball crossed the net no less than 97 times—surely some marathon!

The second semi-final was between Colin Burgess and Ted Kurban. The former easily won the first set, 6—3. Steading his game Kurban took the lead at 4—3 in the second set, and, driving and cutting splendidly he looked a winner; but Burgess was not to be denied and eventually took the set and game, 6—5. The brightest feature of this match was the remarkable serving of the loser (Kurban), whose service completely aced his opponent time after time. However, the superior court craft of Burgess told in the end and he won, 6—2, 6—5.

Finals on Saturday

The finals will take place on Saturday afternoon next, and some excellent tennis should be witnessed. Any person interested is invited to attend the courts. Times of play are as follow:—

Ladies' Final, 2.30 p.m.—Phyllis Lewis v Millie Stevenson.

Gents' Final, 3.30 p.m.—Colin Burgess v Rowley Jackson.

Cooma II. Defeats Reservoir

The second last game of the home and home matches was played on Saturday, when Cooma II. met Reservoir on the home courts. At their previous meeting Reservoir won by 20 games, but the home team anticipated turning the tables at this meeting, which they did to the tune of 25 games. For Reservoir N. Grigor was the outstanding player, his cutting and net play being a feature. The Reservoir ladies were stronger on the day than the Cooma representatives, but in the mixed they were frequently forced out of position. For Cooma no player was outstanding, the team as a whole working in splendid unison. The match was resumed by A. Schier, with 9—1, 9—4, 9—4. Scores:—

H. Jones and O. Dolphin d N. Grigor and H. Snell, 9—4; H. Jones and A. Schier d N. Grigor and W. Clayton, 9—4; O. Dolphin and A. Schier d H. Snell and W. Clayton, 9—4; T. Jenyns and P. Lewis d R. Reid and Mrs. Baker, 6—2; T. Jenyns and N. Tuppen lost to E. Reid and Mrs. Hunt, 5—6; 6—9.

P. Lewis and N. Tuppen lost to Meadames Baker and Hunt, 1—6; T. Jenyns and H. Jones d E. Reid and N. Grigor, 9—6; P. Lewis and O. Dolphin d Mrs. Baker and H. Snell, 9—5; N. Tuppen and A. Schier d Mrs. Hunt and W. Clayton, 9—4. Totals: Cooma, 66 games; Reservoir, 41 games.

Next Saturday Cooma II. will play Presbyterians, Cooma's team will be T. Jenyns, P. Lewis, N. Tuppen, D. Jones, O. Dolphin and D. Sykes.

POINTED PROVERBS.

BE UP-TO-DATE

Most current proverbs are of ancient origin, their rise being lost in the dim ages of antiquity. The source of some is well-known, and can be traced to some wise sages like Socrates, Plato, Solomon and others. But modern conditions are often producing apt sayings of a proverbial nature. Here are a few we have gathered together—

A kettle sings even when it is no to its neck in hot water.

The man who says "It can't be done" is interrupted by someone doing it.

It is not the big envelopes that bring the best letters.

The London "Observer" recently held a competition for new proverbs, several hundred were sent in from which we select the following interesting entries:—

Only half-truths can be put into nutshells.

Six seeds won't grow faster than one.

No-bid never won the rubber.

A man wrapped up in himself makes a small parcel.

Two can warm by one fire.

It takes many lives to make a specialist.

Superstition is the ghost of truth.

When you bury the hatchet, forget where you buried it.

A chap just back from the continent tells us that there is only one bathtub to 800 inhabitants in France —Now we know what they mean by French dry cleaning.

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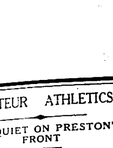

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

11 a.m.—H.C.—Rev. A. H. Constable.
7 p.m.—Pictorial Service.—Mr. J. Neilsen.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE

March 24: Fifth Sunday in Lent. (Passion Sunday)
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.: Matins.
11 a.m.—The Vicar.
Evensong, 7 p.m. Rev. A. Thomas.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
(Railway Parade)
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 22
11 a.m.: Choral Eucharist & Sermon
4.15 p.m.: Holy Baptism.
7 p.m.: Evensong & Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar.
Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.
SUNDAY, MARCH 8.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion
10 a.m.—Juvenile Church
11 a.m.—Matins.
7 p.m.—Evensong
Preacher—Rev. F. Parsons.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET.
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USUAL SERVICES.
Rev. A. J. Stewart.

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MARCH 22
High Street, Northcote
11 a.m.—Rev. A. T. Brearley, M.M.
7 p.m.—Bryant Peebles.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.—Mr. W. G. Gray.
7 p.m.—Rev. A. T. Brearley, M.M.
St. George's Road
11 a.m.—Mr. Hollis.
7 p.m.—Mr. Wood.
Creston
11 a.m.—Pastor Perkins.
7 p.m.—Sister Edith.

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THE COMPANIES ACT 1928

JAMIESON & Healey Proprietary Limited.—Notice of First Meeting of Creditors.—Take notice that, pursuant to section 189 of the Companies Act 1928 a meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the Office of the Liquidator, National Bank Chambers, 271 Collins street, Melbourne, on Thursday, the 26th day of March, 1931, at 2.30 in the afternoon.—F. McNAUGHTON, Liquidator.

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Notices.

SHIRE OF WHITTLESEA

PUBLIC MEETING

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Mechanics' Institute, Whittlesea, on THURSDAY, MARCH 26, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of ELECTING SIX MEMBERS to the Board of Management of the Recreation Reserve.
L. W. CLARKE,
Shire President.
11/3/31.

City of Northcote Relief Committee

TENDERS closing on WEDNESDAY, the 25th instant, at 12 noon, are invited for the RIGHTS to SELL DRINKS, ICE CREAM and SWEETS at the CARNIVAL to be held on the Fitzroy Racecourse between MARCH the 27th and APRIL the 6th.
Tenderers will be required to supply all equipment and stock, and to state the price they are prepared to pay for the sole rights.
A. HARRY,
Secretary.
Town Hall,
Northcote, N16.
19/3/1931

19 George V. No. 3632, Sec. 106.
19 George V. No. 3792, Sec. 37.
NOTICE.—A Rule to administer the estate of the undermentioned deceased persons has been granted to me, and creditors, next of kin, and all others having claims against the estate of any of the persons so mentioned are required to send particulars of their claims to the Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, No. 257 Queen street, Melbourne, on or before the 25th May, 1931, or they will/may be excluded from the distribution of the estate when the assets are being distributed:—COSFORD, Lillian Grace, late of Number 5 Powell street, Regent, married woman, died on the 1st November, 1930, intestate; MARRIS, Thomas, late of Number 17 Roseberry avenue, Preston, laborer, died on the 6th February, 1931, intestate.—WALTER B. HOUSE, Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, Melbourne, 14th March, 1931.

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EIGHT HOURS DAY, (MARCH 23)
MONSTER HAMPER PICNIC TO WARRANDYTE
First-class Sports Programme. Children's races all free. Prizes.
Cars and buses leave Cnr. High & Bell streets at 10 a.m.
Fares: ADULTS 2/-, CHILDREN 1/-. (Hot water included)

Don't forget this date. Come along and have a good day's outing and help the Unemployment Cause. All welcome.
Car owners willing to assist by bringing their cars kindly notify the secretary.
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Queen of Charity.
FRED. A. PATON, Gen. Sec.

A PRESTON NATIVES' EFFORT

IN connection with the Unemployed Carnival at present being conducted in Preston, the supporters of Miss Jessie White (Queen of A.W.A. and A.N.A.) will hold a GRAND CONCERT in Preston Town Hall on WEDNESDAY EVENING NEXT, 25th inst. Natives are urged to attend and support their own Queen in her effort to top the poll. Tickets 1/-.
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R. DOUGLASS,
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EAST PRESTON SOCIAL CLUB CARNIVAL
LOCAL WOOD CHOP
STANDING BLOCK, 12 Inch.
Entry 1/-. First Prize, £2 2/-, cash.
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THORNBURY NEWS.

L.O.L. Social

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Dipensary Hall on March 19 by the Loyal Lady Northcote Lodge, No. 15. Fairfield brothers officiated at the meeting. The worshipful District Master, Bro. Groves, was also present.

Picnic

The Thornbury Presbyterian congregration are holding a picnic to Mount Evelyn on March 23. The trip will be made in private cars and a motor van will take the younger members.

Baseball

The Thornbury Baseball club are holding a picture night early in May. Practice has commenced for the coming season. This year it is hoped to have about seven teams in the competition.

Australian Tea

An afternoon on behalf of the Presbyterian Babies Home was held at the residence of Mrs. Lamb, Penders street, Thornbury. The matron of the home was present. £7 was raised by the effort.

Some time ago a proposal was put before the Northcote council that the straightening of the Merri Creek near Anderson road would be a suitable work to do with the unemployed relief moneys. The council on Monday agreed that there were other works that would be more suitable.

PRESTON TOWN HALL
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1931
SOCIAL EVENING and DANCE
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SPORTS CARNIVAL
To be held at
NORTHCOTE PARK (Westgarth St.)
Commencing on
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1931
Ending
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1931.

GREYHOUND SPEED COURSING
Monday, March 23.—Eight Heats of Northcote Carnival Cup.
Tuesday, March 24.—Four Heats of Consolation Stakes. Four Heats of Westgarth Cup.
(Thursday, March 26.—Semi-Finals and Finals of Northcote Carnival Cup, Consolation Stakes, Westgarth Cup. Admission on Outgoing Nights only): ADULTS 6d. CHILDREN 3d.

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Beecham's Pills	8½
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Young Woman Awarded £25 for Assault

Story of New Year's Dance at Wollert

Claiming £49 damages for alleged assault whilst at a New Year's Eve dance at Wollert, Elaine Swanton, of Reservoir, was awarded £25 by the Preston court.

... of the case occupied ...

... claimed £49 damages ... court on March 12, the ... and before Mr. T. B. ... The action was directed ... Jan Daisy Maher, of ... Murray road, Preston. ... appeared for the com... Mr. R. T. Cahir for ...

... said that criminal proceedings had been taken. On New Year's Eve, early on New Year's Day, parties were at a dance ... The young woman would ... where between 12 p.m. ... Maher invited her to go for ... for which she had to ... she was assaulted, sustaining ... attention.

... Station, Cheddar road, Reservoir, on December 31 I went ... Wollert, travelling by ... with Maher and several others. ... I first saw Maher at ...

... I am a Mason. Mrs. Parsons ... a drink.

... long did the assault last?—It would be a long time. It may have been an hour, but I can't say how long.

Will you say you were struggling with Maher for half an hour?—Much more.

Did the drink you had have any effect on you?—No.

Everything went dark, but I managed to keep thinking, and he said, "You are the hardest one I ever managed." After a while Maher said, "I'll fix you this time. I'll not have you go back there squawking."

A motor truck came along and he let me go. I struggled to my feet and started to run towards it. I could not cry out as my throat was so sore. As the vehicle approached I held up my hands. A woman screamed and I collapsed.

When I came to I was in a house near by, and was later taken home in the bus. On New Year's Day a doctor attended me, and as a result of the occurrence I was unable to go to work for five weeks. My clothes were torn, and the injuries I received were a bruised back, both knees cut, elbow cut, and injuries to head and neck.

Mr. Cahir: You were walking along the road when the van picked you up?

Complainant: Yes.

How long were you out of the hall during the assault?—I can't say definitely.

You were speaking with Maher for 10 minutes before you were assaulted?—Yes.

How long did the assault last?—It would be a long time. It may have been an hour, but I can't say how long.

Will you say you were struggling with Maher for half an hour?—Much more.

Did the drink you had have any effect on you?—No.

Did you not become sick on account of the drink you had had?—No.

Did you not fall over?—Not until I was punched.

Are you in the habit of taking intoxicating drink?—Only twice.

Were you ever intoxicated?—No.

When you were first struck was it on the side or back of the head?—I can't be certain.

Why did you say once that you were hit on the side of the head, and on another occasion that you were hit on the back of the head?—I don't know. I've only got one head, and that was where I was hit. (Laughter).

When he knocked you down what happened?—I fell to the ground.

Mr. Cahir (patiently): "I don't suppose for one minute that you flew to the heavens. (Laughter).

Continuing, Mr. Cahir asked: When you were knocked down you were only hit once on each occasion?—Yes.

You knew the man who assaulted you?—Yes.

Did you tell Constable Waldron who the man was?—I said that I was assaulted by a man whose name I did not know, but whom I could recognise again.

Is it a fact that at the police station a few days later you picked out another man?—I saw a man with a similar suit, and when he turned his face round I said, "No. That is not the man."

Dr. L. S. Friedman, of Reservoir, said:—I treated Elaine Swanton on January 1. She was very nervous, and had abrasions on her shoulders and arms, her neck was red and tender, she complained of soreness of the head, and there was a small cut on her chest and an abrasion on her ear. On February 6, with another doctor, I examined her and found she was chaste.

Mr. Cahir: Her injuries were of a minor nature?

Witness: They were not serious.

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PRESTON COURT

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Before Mr. T. B. Wade, P.M., and Mr. O. A. Walker, J.P.

Alleged False Declaration

Samuel McKim, formerly of Delaware street, Preston, was charged with having on December 22 knowingly, wilfully and corruptly signed a declaration, knowing same to be false, and is thereby deemed guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury.

The declaration was one for sustenance.

Hallenbottles Constable Egerton said that the police had learned that McKim had left for Scotland on March 16.

The information was withdrawn.

Maintenance Surety

Herbert Leslie Hazelwood, Martin street, South Melbourne, was called upon to show cause why a surety of £20, into which he had entered, that one Herbert Hazelwood would comply with a maintenance order, should not be forfeited.

Mr. Prowse, clerk of courts, said the arrears amounted to over £100.

An order was made that the surety be forfeited.

Noxious Weeds

The following were each fined £1 for having failed to destroy noxious weeds on land in Preston:—J. J. Holdsworth, W. J. Holton (Kinsale street), D. Kelly (Rosebank Estate), H. M. McCormack (Gilbert road), Margaret C. Sage (St. Vidgeon's road), Annie Taylor (Kinsale street), George White (Gloucester road), W. H. Winnett (St. Vidgeon's road).

On other blocks where there were very heavy growths L. J. Hyman (Gloucester road) was fined £1/10/; J. W. McComas (Rathgowen road), £2; Robert Robertson (Kinsale street), £2.

Debt Claim

Rosevear and Co. Pty. Ltd. v L. G. Stronzman, a claim for 18/-.

C. E. Rosevear said:—Stronzman was working for my company last August. He was to be paid £2/8/ per day and provide a truck, petrol and oil. Stronzman asked me to provide money for some petrol and I arranged for him to get it at the garage. The company paid the garage for the petrol and it was not deducted from Stronzman's money.

Stronzman said:—After the first two pay days I was told there would be no wages as the company could not get a draw. Rosevear did arrange for me to get nine gallons of petrol. I was to be paid 6/6 per hour but only received 6/ per hour, which leaves about £2 coming to me. No cash was paid by the Preston council for my work.

Mr. Cahir (for complainant): Were you ever asked to pay?

Stronzman: Yes, once, and I said: "We will square up the accounts altogether."

Do you say the company arranged to supply petrol?—Not until after I had been there a fortnight and had no wages.

An order was made for the amount claimed, with £1/6/ costs.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Stott, Son and Watson, at 3 p.m. on March 28, on property, 70 Darebin Rd., Northcote, 5-roomed timber villa on land 37ft. 6in. x 130ft. Particulars advertised.

By Stott, Son and Watson at 3 p.m. on April 8, on property, 8 Carlhew Gve., Preston, mortgagee's sale of 4-roomed timber villa on land 44 x 125. See advertisement.

THE ILL-FATED AIR LINER "SOUTHERN CLOUD"

The Australian National Airways liner, "Southern Cloud," which failed to reach Melbourne on Saturday. An intensive search by air and land was made for the missing air liner all the week, Air Commodore Kingsford Smith, several Wapitis from the Air Force, 'planes from Essendon, and sister ships of the missing liner assisting beside large ground parties, Mr. W. T. Shortridge is the pilot and Mr. C. L. Dunnell the assistant pilot.

Picture by courtesy of the "Argus, Melbourne.

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What Preston People Are Doing

By The Rouseabout.

Auctioneers' Fees

AT the last meeting of Preston and Northcote branch of the Auctioneers and Estate Agents' Association a resolution was carried to the effect that a minimum fee of £2/2/ be charged in connection with all sales by auction. In the past it has been customary when a house or property submitted for sale and there is no result, for the auctioneer not to receive any payment. This it was considered could not be regarded as a fair deal and after discussion, the resolution as stated was agreed to. It was pointed out that numerous mortgagees' sales had taken place of late, with no financial return to the auctioneer and it was considered advisable to bring about an alteration in the state of affairs, as the auctioneer like every other person is worthy of his hire.

Stainer's Crucifixion

AT All Saints' Church, Preston, on Wednesday evening, the Southern Cross Choral Society of 60 voices—which is about to make a tour of the British Isles, and sing in the leading cities—rendered Stainer's Crucifixion in an effective manner. There was a large congregation in attendance, and the music was thoroughly enjoyed.

Chimney on Fire

NOTWITHSTANDING the heavy downpour of rain on Saturday last, a chimney caught ablaze in a house in Compton street, Preston, occupied by H. J. Gill, and the services of Preston Fire Brigade were availed of.

Preston Football Club

PRESTON footballers indulged in their first practice match on Tuesday afternoon. A promising lot of young players put in an appearance and the prospects of the coming season are bright. Great interest is being taken in the opening match, Preston v Northcote, on Saturday, April 18. Preston players are looking forward with confidence to a victory, not in any way one maybe, but a victory all the same.

The Queen of Football, Miss Hilde. Brand is meeting with a good measure of success.

Robbery from State School

A THIEF paid a visit to the Bell State school and stole a fawn colored rubberised cape, valued at £1, belonging to a pupil named Bernice Hueston, who at the time of the theft was engaged at her lessons.

Tobacco Found

WALTER O'Doherty, Ivy street, Preston found some tobacco in plenty road on Tuesday, March 24, which he handed over to the local police.

Theft of Bicycle

ROBT. Mainwarring, a school-boy living at Harold street, Thornbury had his bicycle, valued at £2 outside the Gowerville theatre one day last week. The bicycle was stolen during the temporary absence of the boy.

Tarpaulin Taken

EDWIN J. West, trafficer, High street, Preston reports the theft of canvas tarpaulin, with leather straps from his stall.

Another Bicycle Stolen

OWEN Jones, is an employee of the Metropolitan Gas Co. At noon on Friday of last week, he was engaged in checking a meter at a house in Gower street, Preston. He had left his bicycle, valued at £10 outside the house, and upon returning found that the machine had been stolen.

Owners Wanted

ERNEST Blackwell, Penshing street, Preston, found a purse containing a sum of money near Gilbert road on a recent date.

A portion of a silk curtain of a motor car was found by Fred McConnell, Morgan street, Preston.

The properties await claimants at the local police station.

Fowl Stealing

NINE Black Orpington fowls and one Rhode Island fowl, valued at £2 were stolen from the yard of Henry Margetts, pensioner, Bolderwood street, Preston.

Bronze Medallions Awarded

FOUR boys from West Preston State school have been successful in securing bronze medallions for life saving presented by the Education Department. They are:— Ronald Dean, Richard Taylor, Fergus Brown and Alfred Cross. The four named took part in five methods of release and rescue, 50 yards swimming event, breast stroke 50 yards, back stroke 50 yards and swimming in clothes of a similar distance, as well as hand drill.

Successful Shooting Party

CR. H. P. Zwar and several others journeyed to the neighborhood of Beveridge on Monday and indulged in an enjoyable day's shooting. The result of the outing was a fair supply of hares, rabbits, quail and a well-grown fox. The party passed the hares and rabbits on for the benefit of Preston's hungry ones.

Quick-Step Contest

MANY Preston residents are looking forward to the Victorian State Schools' Band Association Quick-Step competition in the Exhibition Building, Melbourne next Saturday afternoon. An advert appearing in another column sets out that the price of admission is 1/-, children half price. The competing bands are:—West Preston, Prince's Hill, Footscray, Northcote (Helen Street), Coburg, Armadale, Ascot Vale West and Albert Park. Tickets for the event are obtainable at West Preston State school.

Ratepayers' League

THE annual meeting of the Ratepayers' League was held in the Library Hall, High street, Preston on Thursday evening, March 19 when a large attendance of members discussed last years work and the coming elections in August. A committee was formed to report at next meeting on the activities for the coming year's social functions. The election for offices resulted in:—Cr. H. P. Zwar, president; Messrs. F. Pike and C. Chapman, vice-presidents; Mr. C. Warr, treasurer; Mr. S. Grey, hon. sec; Messrs. R. Kendall, S. Gaston, E. Norris, G. Stevens, C. Jenner and A. Hagger, general committee; Crs. Zwar and Jones and honorary secretary, publicity committee. The president thanked the members and said he considered the League had justified its existence. The three candidates endorsed by the League at the last elections were successful. Cr. Zwar paid tribute to the work of the hon. sec. and to all helpers during the year. The East Preston Social Club's activities were mentioned and he asked all members to assist in this effort to the best of their abilities.

At the regular meeting on May 21, nominations for the forthcoming elections will be considered.

Death of Major-General Elliott

THE flag at Preston town hall was flown half-mast on Wednesday out of respect to the memory of the well-liked and esteemed Major-General Elliott who passed away at the beginning of the week to the deep regret of hosts of friends, including soldiers. The funeral was attended by the Mayor of Preston (Cr. G. E. Robinson), Mr. L. W. Williams (town clerk) and Mr. Scott, city engineer. The interment took place at Burwood cemetery, and the concourse is estimated at about 5,000 persons. The 59th-60th Battalion was well represented, including Lieut-Colonel Denehz late commanding officer of Wangaratta. The whole scene and burial service was most impressive.

Preston Council Doings

WHEN considering giving attention to roads and footpaths in Reservoir Estates and Broadway, also Cuthbert road, Preston council will consider constructing them under private street construction.

Town Hall tennis courts.—The council has decided not to lease these.

Treves, David street.—A request by W. H. Ashton and ten others that all trees be removed from this street, between High street and Plenty road has not been acceded to, but the curator will give the trees attention.

Bayliss street.—This is to be made under private street construction when funds are available.

Wages and conditions.—A draft agreement re employees, which was arrived at after discussion with union officials, is to be considered by the committee of the council.

Warning Board.—No action is to be taken to erect a warning board at the corner of Cramer street and Gilbert road, as requested by the West Preston Progress Association.

The free use of the Preston baths has been granted to South Preston Mothers' club for a carnival to support the school queen in the East Preston Social Club's £5,000 effort for unemployed.

A request by Regent Cricket Club for materials to the value of £25 for a post and cable fence for Crispe park playing arena, will be considered by the council when framing its next estimates.

Cramer Street Park.—The playing arena on the Mary street side and in the centre is to be filled in and sown with grass, the arena fence is to be renewed where required, and clay bank between reserve and press box is to be removed and replaced with tan.

Preston Football Club has been granted the use of the park for the coming football season for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; the Second Eighteen to use the ground on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays (when not required by the senior club). The financial arrangements between the council and the senior club will be the same as last year.

Preston Council Correspondence

THE amount of correspondence received by Preston council at its Tuesday meeting was the smallest on record for some years.

Visit of "Fighting Mac"

LAST Sunday, Preston Salvation Army people and quite a host of other admirers turned out in force in order to accord "Fighting Mac," head of the organisation named, a welcome to Preston. In the afternoon there was a large attendance at the town hall, and again in the evening, when the leader of the Army welcomed and addressed Preston representatives of the R.S.S.I.L.A. Among those who took part in the reception were Crs. Zwar, Newton and Hemburrow and Mr. Hornsby (representing Preston business men), Rev. Stewart (Preston Ministers' Fraternal), and Mr. Nesbitt (Returned Soldiers). The two services were successful from every point of view.

Preston Diggers' Cricket Club

AN enjoyable evening of cards and music was given by Mr. and Mrs. T. Callaway of 50 Leicester street, Preston to augument the funds of the Preston Diggers' Cricket Club. The Mums', Dads', Diggers' and friends to the number of fifty took part in the cards and music. Messrs. Chalmers and Derwit managed the items of the evening, which proved satisfactory both socially and financially. Mr. Derwit of the cricket club moved a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. T. Callaway for their interest. The winners of the highest number of games were (Ladies), Mrs. Carthy (Gents), "Dad" Mlean"; (Lady), Mrs. Taylor.

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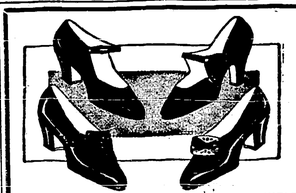

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TANT TOWN CLERK AT PRESTON

PIKE TO BE APPOINTED

commendation was placed before Preston council by the committee of the council on Tuesday that ions be called for the position stant town clerk, to comply the Local Government Act.

greatling asked if the money ribled.

Mayor (Cr. Robinson): There no increase in cost.

greatling: Then why the words mply with the Local Government Act"? Is there already some view?

Mayor: Yes.

Adams: It is intended to appoint Mr. Pike, the present rate col.

"The Numbers Are Up"

agnard: We all know "the numbers are up," and it is absurd to call plications. The man to be appointed is already in our employ, and alling for applications is only ste.

Robeson: When applications are how are they to be worried?

agnard: We'll catch them.

Mayor: The advertisement will rded in accordance with the ty resolution.

Robeson: Isn't it ridiculous to e applications, and at the same tell applicants not to apply? ittee. We will make ourselves aughing stock of the country. ly there was some feeling when own clerk was away and Mr. was not recognised as the senior but how is the rate collector end to his work and assist the clerk as well? Will he then not further assistance? The outstaff has been cut down on account of lack of funds, but there is of the inside staff being cut or rationed.

Hemburrow said that the statethat "the numbers are up" made Maynard was not a fair com-

Maynard: It is true.

Hemburrow: It is deemed necessary to have an assistant town who would be available to carry mediately if the town clerk is

The "opposition" may say that minute are made up, and if so are so fixed, because it is wis-

Jones: it would be most unfair a junior officer over the head man who has served this council ully for over 15 years.

Robertson: I have no objection to Pike acting when the town clerk ay.

Jones: That is all this resolumeans.

mayor said that in appointing Pike as assistant town clerk the ll was conferring an empty title. recommendation was adopted, Spratling and Maynard voting st it.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

NUAL STATE FIELD DAY

expectations for a successful field day were surpassed on Morang on Monday. A conservative estimate placed the attendance between 1,800 and 2,000 special trains were filled and travelled by road. Soon after arrival of the trains an inaugural open air rally was conducted, various unions being arranged form a huge C.E. Two minute ches from each union were given, the singing of C.E. hymns choruses was conducted by Mr. Dwyer and the State President (Pastor J. E. Thomas) addressed the gathering, basing his remarks on a new C.E. slogan. After the rambles around the hills and ys of this delightful picnic lowere enjoyed. Long walks popular, particularly Mr. Alan ott's three hours track from the reservoir station. As an indication of the present trend of the ment and of the numerical gth of C.E. in the metropolis, nting was enlightening and inging. The officials of the State ee who organised the event were good reason to be gratified the success of their arrangements.

BOY SCOUTS.

FIRST PRESTON TROOP

e football team will meet for tice on Saturday afternoon, and Saturday night, the last parade e Easter camp will be held. All who intend to go should attend. The cost being 10/- for seniors 7/6 for juniors. The advance will leave on Thursday, and will follow, leaving at 9.30 a.m. Friday. On Easter Monday, parwill have an opportunity of visitthe troop in camps, a bus to leave cout Hall about 9.30 a.m. eparations are being made for Baden-Powell's visit in April. Upper Tarwin troop has been ed to our hall, and preparations ing made for their hospitality.

EAST PRESTON SOCIAL CLUB.

Everything is going satisfactorily with the above appeal. A full meeting of all queen secretaries was held in the old town hall on Tuesday night. Optimism seemed to be the ruling factor with all present. The positions throughout the municipality for the button day drive, to be held to-day, were allocated to the different queens. The preliminary coronation events are to take place in the city hall on April 13, 14 and 15. The final coronation takes place on April 22, when five queens will be in the running. A full programme of the events to be staged during the carnival week (April 4 to 11) will be announced by the end of this week or early next week. Something out of the ordinary is assured! Each programme will carry a number and the holders of the lucky numbers will receive a trophy. The draw for the lucky numbers will take place on the ground on April 11. Also to be drawn on the same day will be the lucky number for the purchaser of the carnival button. A handsome three bowl is the trophy for the latter draw, which has been donated by Mrs L. W. Williams (town clerk). Other valuable trophies are to hand from prominent citizens and will be on view during next week in the windows of Smiths Pty. Ltd., High street, Preston.

A Saturday night dance is becoming more popular weekly and the Merri Palais Dance Band seems to have struck the right note. Last Saturday saw the first heat of the semi-finals of the fox trot competitions. The winners were Mr. Williams and Miss Hildebrand. The second semi-final will be decided on Saturday.

Given good weather the procession on Easter Monday morning should be a huge success. A special trophy is to be awarded for the best queen turnout.

The sympathetic co-operation of the public generally is something to be marvelled at, considering the many calls.

Sacred Heart Church Queen

In support of the Sacred Heart Church queen a successful card party was held at Scott's Hotel, city, on Tuesday. Mrs. J. P. Horgan and Miss Eileen Crispe were the hon. secretaries, and were assisted by Mrs. H. L. Wood and Miss C. Doran. Among those who reserved tables were Mesdames J. Forbes, McKenzie, C. T. Crispe, R. Cahir, F. Mullins, Plant, Hartley, Walker, J. F. Trainor, R. Piper, Hepburn, A. Howard, L. Stanlake, Sinclair, Sisters Hayman and Burnett, Misses K. Freeman, M. Costigan, D. Pagon, Claire Wood, Myrtle Brock, K. Clancy, M. Mithen, E. Keen and Dr. J. P. Horgan and Messrs. C. H. and T. Gaunsen and Bert Crowe. The financial result was satisfactory.

THIEVES SET BUILDING ON FIRE

During Monday night or early on Tuesday morning thieves broke into the store of the Master Built Tile Co., Merri parade, Northcote, and stole property valued at £150, consisting principally of barrels of coloring and tins of polish and paste colors.

When the theft was discovered it was also noticed that a fire had occurred in the store, resulting in damage of about £20. It is suspected that the thieves were responsible also for this.

RESERVOIR NOTES

Band.—A public meeting was held on Tuesday to discuss the financial state of the Reservoir District Band. The old committee tendered their resignations and refused nomination for re-election. Mr. Davis was elected president, Mr. Bristow vice-president, and Mr. Evans treasurer. The committee elected consist of Messrs. Flanders, J.P., Kelly, Bourke, Ellis, Lynch, Mesdames Williams and Leonard. Auditors elected were Messrs. Rae and Flanders, with Mr. Githardt, of East Preston, as assistant secretary. Owing to the reluctance of those present to accept the position of secretary Mr. Flanders consented to act pro tem. Fresh guarantors were nominated to accept the responsibilities carried by the old committee, who were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their past efforts.

Farewell.—A successful gathering was held at the home of Mr. Hanstein, S.M., Reservoir, when the local railway staff farewelled Mr. Schumacher, assistant stationmaster at Reservoir. About 50 were present and a happy time was spent. Mr. Schumacher was the recipient of a beautiful framed illuminated address, and Mrs. Schumacher was presented with a piece of crystal. Mr. Schumacher responded.

Bank Closed.—A retrogressive step is the closing of the Reservoir branch of the National Bank. Local business people will feel the loss.

Mr. Stevenson is spending a holiday at Point Lonsdale, recuperating after his long illness.

The local branch of the Australian Women's National League held its first meeting in the Byfield Hall, Mrs. J. G. Thrower was in the chair, and there was a good attendance. An official of the league gave an address on current political topics.

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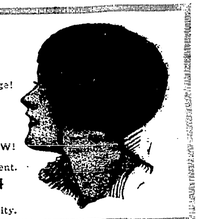

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DEATH

GIFFORD.—On March 20, at her residence, "Leone," 12 Jenkin street, Northcote, Susan, loving mother of May and Will Murray, and loving grandma of Maisie, Nellie, Jean, Ronald, Lila, Maize, Gladys, Billy, Betty and Linda Murray. Aged 76 years.

Peacefully Sleeping.

DEATH

GIFFORD.—On the 20th March, at her residence, "Leone," 12 Jenkin street, Northcote, Susannah, widow of the late Charles Gifford and loving mother of Ada and Arthur Kenney. Aged 76 years.

Peacefully Sleeping.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1931.

Meeting of Creditors.—Creditors of T. E. Redmond Pty., Limited (in voluntary liquidation) met on Tuesday and Mr. W. B. Thompson was appointed joint liquidator with Mr. E. F. Boyle. A statement of affairs submitted showed that debts due to unsecured creditors amount to £7,872, to preferential creditors to £25, and to secured creditors to £2,892. Assets are estimated to produce £8,018, and, after providing for preferential creditors, there is a surplus, subject to liquidation costs, of £121.

57/60th. BATTALION

The 57/60th. Battalion (Preston, Heidelberg-North Fitzroy-Northcote) will hold a battalion parade on Saturday, when an advanced guard movement will be carried out along Upper Plenty road to the Darebin Creek.

Anzac Day Arrangements

A parade will be held at 3 o'clock on Anzac Sunday, April 26, in Preston Park, when the colour will be trooped. A specially formed company of former members of the 57/60th. Battalion, A.I.F., will march past; dress, plain clothes with medals. General Stewart, former commanding officer and present honorary colonel of the battalion, will be present. All former members are invited to attend.

MYSTERY MAN COMPETITION

£2/2/- Prize.

The winner of the Mystery Man Competition conducted by the "Leader" is Mrs. A. Dalton, 13 Reade street, Thornbury. A cheque for £2/2/- is available at the office of the "Leader" if Mrs. Dalton will call. The competition, which is part of a circulation drive for the "Leader," has been very successful despite the unemployment and depression prevalent. We extend a welcome to them all and all those new readers who have joined the "Leader" ranks.

CRICKET

Jika Association Final

The final match will be played between Preston's and East Preston on the Scouts' wicket, Bell street east, commencing on Saturday at 1.15 p.m. to 6 p.m., and continued on Good Friday at 10.15 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m., with afternoon interval at 4 p.m., to 4.15 p.m. If necessary the match will be continued on Saturday, April 4, at 1.45 p.m. to 6 p.m. if necessary. Umpires appointed are Newman and Howard.

The Queen of Cricket will hold a dance at Reservoir on April 2 and a picture night on April 7.

RAILWAYS REVENUE DECREASE

MORE THAN £6,000 A DAY

Falling at the rate of more than £6,000 a day, railways revenue for the seven days ended March 21 was £43,358 less compared with the same period last year. The total revenue for the week was £174,845. Although the wheat traffic increased from 136,093 bags to 447,613 bags, receipts from the carriage of goods and live stock fell from £114,512 to £93,778, a decrease of £20,764. The collapse of business is shown by the revenue from the Melbourne "A" goods shed, which decreased from £20,622 to £11,294. The decrease in passenger receipts was £18,765.

The total decrease since the financial year began on July 1, 1930, is now £1,553,625. Revenue from all sources amounted to £7,124,787, compared with £8,678,412 in the previous financial year. Of the decrease £885,804 represents thefall in passenger freights and £709,229 the reduction of goods and live stock revenue.

TURF NOTES.

(By "LUTEPLAYER")

Valiant Maid confirmed the good things said about her last week, by winning the Hollymount Handicap at Moonee Valley on Monday. She led practically all the way and appeared to win with a little in hand. She should have another win before the handicapper gets her measure.

Treson's Ride, who was third in the Valley two-year-old on Monday, should pay to follow. He was a long back at the half way stage and had some difficulty in getting through at the turn, but he was travelling very fast at the finish. Treson's Ride is a well grown gelding by that sterling performer Whittier, from Old Glory.

Two of the unplaced division in the Moonee Valley Hollymount Handicap, who performed impressively were Black Alec and Sally's Robe. Easing from 7/2 to 6/1 in the betting Black Alec dropped back to third last shortly after the start and remained in a hopeless position to the turn where he began to move forward and finishing strongly, did well to run sixth. With an inexperienced rider in the saddle, Sally's Robe went out at 50/1 choice. She was a long way back to the turn where she covered extra ground through going right round the field and in the run home she was very wide out, but was staying on at the finish when fifth. Both youngsters are above the average and will re-enter the winning list before long.

Greenwave, who proved himself a high class two-year-old and in the spring covered himself with glory by winning the Caulfield Guineas, did not come to hand in the Autumn as well as expected. His connections, however, have exercised patience and they have had the pleasure of seeing the Greenstead gelding improve wonderfully since his race in the Leonard Stakes. His improvement has been such, that his party expected him to go close to winning the Quality Handicap at Moonee Valley and they threw in for a good win on him. Whatever chance Greenwave had in the race was destroyed shortly after the start, when he struck trouble and nearly fell and he afterwards had an interrupted run. In the circumstances Greenwave did well to finish seventh, and he was putting in some good work at the finish. Greenwave now holds a handicap place in the handicaps and he is going to be a danger in future sprint events.

Royal Parade staged a reversal of form in winning the Trial Mile at Moonee Valley on Monday. His previous outing was in a similar event at Sandown, when he eased to 6/1 in the betting and finished fifth after being one of the last three entering the straight. For Monday's race he was backed from 4/1 to 5/1 with 6/1 bar one on offer, and leading most of the way won as he liked. Royal Parade is without doubt, a good galloper and the manner in which he registered Monday's win, makes it clear that he will succeed in better company. He is a four-year-old chestnut gelding by Wolarei from Imitation B, therefore is a half brother of the Sydney Cup winner, Crucis.

"Down the line" trainer E. G. O'Dwyer, found Red Son very profitable and in Farlure (half brother to Red Sea) that trainer has another good stake winner. Farlure followed up his Kyneton Cup win by taking the Eight Hours Welter at the Valley. That victory was a particularly fine performance, for he made a slow beginning and half a mile from home he was a long way from the leader, Hazelwood. From that point however, he stretched out in fine style and gathering in horse after horse, was third when heads were turned for home. He caught Hazelwood inside the distance and going on, defeated him by a length. Farlure is a four-year-old brown gelding, showing plenty of quality and he is likely to go on to win better class handicaps. The sire of Farlure, imported Farr, also was raced by O'Dwyer.

It has been decided not to send Phar Lap to Sydney. It is thought that the champion is suffering from kidney complaint and he is to be sent to Bacchus Marsh this week-end and will not race again until the spring.

Myatic Peak's injured leg has not yielded to treatment and it will be necessary to give him a long spell.

As a two-year-old Mutcha should promise, but he failed to live up to it and his only win in four-years was that which he recorded in the second division of the Macedon Welter at Moonee Valley on Monday. Owner-trainer-breeder, J. Wilson, of Bonny Vale fame, backed his representative well on Monday and he deserved the win for his patience with the gelding. Mutcha finished brilliantly from a fair way back and was running away at the finish. He is a first acceptor for the Doncaster Handicap, which he may not be up to that class of

UNEMPLOYMENT

Northcote Unemployed Association

Arrangements are being made to send a number of men to Wandin to cut and load approximately 250 tons of firewood. The wood from 10 acres of heavily timbered land has been made available through the efforts of Mr. Alf. Wilson, the president.

In Search of Work

Finding it impossible to secure work in Melbourne, a Preston resident cycled to Sydney in a vain endeavor to obtain employment. He made the return journey but did not strike any luck on the road home. Now he is still one of Preston's workless.

A Sad Case

A man, his wife and four young children find themselves in an unenviable position in Preston. To-day the husband is out of work and the wife is lying on a bed of sickness, waiting her turn to secure a bed in the Austin Hospital. A while back the family was forced to leave a house in which they were living owing to their inability to pay the rent. Kind friends subscribed sufficient to pay a couple of weeks' rent in another house. Now that time has expired and the couple are at their wits' end as to which way to turn. The urgency of the unfortunate woman's case was made known to the Austin Hospital management, and a reply was sent to the effect that 90 names for admission to the institution were on the list before the woman in question. The urgency of the case was stressed, but the guarantee was given that every effort would be made to find a bed for the patient at the earliest possible moment. Unfortunately this is not the only distressful case which has been brought under the notice of the writer.

An Acceptable Gift

Cr. Hembrow has handed a cheque for £12 to Mr. L. V. Williams, town clerk, to be spent to the best advantage in the relief of distress.

Supply of Wood

A truck of wood purchased by Cr. H. F. Zwar has been distributed among 89 deserving families in Preston. Two other truck loads are expected from Mr. Elton Short, of Cope Cope. The relief committee is open to receive similar offers from citizens who are in a position to use their influence in securing gifts of firewood.

Clothing and Boots

The supply of the above has given out and citizens are urged to once again look through their belongings and send along cast-off clothing and boots and shoes.

£1,117,000 EXPENDED ON UNMEPLOYMENT RELIEF

Balance of £805,000 Allotted

Expenditure on unemployment relief in Victoria up to last week amounted to £1,117,000, and there remains £805,000 to be spent during the remainder of the current financial year. Of this amount £543,000 is for works, and £262,000 for sustenance. All the sustenance money and practically all the works money has been allocated to June 30. Since May of last year £15,650 has been the average weekly expenditure on sustenance. In the next three months the provision of £15,000 a week by the State approximately £18,000 a week because of the increased allowances. Altogether £278,000 has been distributed for sustenance.

The unemployment relief taxes imposed in December of last year are estimated to yield £902,000. The total amount to be raised under the two relief tax bills passed by the State Parliament last year amounts to £1,603,000, to which must be added £319,000 received by the State as grants from the Commonwealth Government. If the taxation estimates are reached the total amount available in the present year will be £1,922,000, of which £1,117,000 has been expended, leaving a balance of £805,000.

event, but the manner in which he scored his belated success, indicates other victories. Mutcha is a six-year-old gelding by Burrabadeen from Full, therefore is a brother to Birmingie.

W. Duncan will be riding at Warwick Farm, this Saturday. He will pilot Waterline and The Dimmer in their engagements. A. Reed, also will be riding at the meeting. He will have the mount on Soulton and will do some riding for A. D. Webster's team. If the stable jockey F. Webster is unsuccessful in his appeal against the suspension imposed upon him at Rosehill, Reed, probably will ride for the Webster stable at Randwick and his engagements would include First Acre in the Sydney Cup. Reed and Duncan will return to Melbourne to ride at the Aspendale meeting on Tuesday.

J. Pike will ride Parkwood in the Doncaster Handicap. In the A.J.C. Sires Produce Stakes, Starstone will be ridden by either J. Munro or M. McCarten.

WOLLERT ASSAULT CASE

(Continued from Front Page)

Mr. Fenton: Could the injuries have been caused by an assault?—Yes.

Mr. Cahir: If a person was hysterical and intoxicated they could, to an extent, be self-inflicted?—Yes.

Stapleton Swanton said:—In the early hours of New Year's morning my daughter came to my room. She appeared to be in a state of collapse. About 7 a.m. I went to the Regent station and interviewed Maher, who admitted being at the dance at Wollert. I said, "Then you are the man who assaulted my daughter?" He said, "I do not know what you are talking about." After further conversation Maher said, "I do know something about it, but I am not the man." I said, "I'll put the matter in the hands of the police, then," and he called me back. I said, "I'll give you a man's chance to stand up and take a thumping good hiding, the same as my poor unfortunate daughter got." Maher did not reply. My daughter subsequently identified Maher as her assailant at the police station.

Mr. Cahir: Did you say to Maher at the railway station, "We can fix this up without police intervention"?—Witness: No.

You instigated this litigation?—Yes.

You are very vindictive?—Anybody would be.

Samuel Mills, Crookston road, Reservoir, said:—About 1.45 a.m. I left the Wollert dance hall and heard cried for help, but thought it was a New Year's joke. I got in a van and when going along the road saw Miss Swanton staggering about the road crying out for help. With others from the truck I assisted her. She was disheveled as though she had been in a fight.

William Callaghan, Barry street, Reservoir, gave similar evidence.

Frank Collins Parsons, South Morang, told how he left the dance with a party, amongst whom were Miss Swanton and Maher, to have a drink. When he returned these two were left together. The next he saw of Miss Swanton was when she was talking to the constable about 2 a.m.

Sam Dondo, Pender street, Preston, railway porter at Bell, gave similar evidence.

This concluded the case for the plaintiff.

Constable P. E. Waldron, of Epping, said:—On December 31 I was on duty at the dance. About 2 a.m. I was called along the road, and about 30 yards from the hall saw Miss Swanton staggering about. She appeared very agitated and with assistance I took her to a house near by, when she complained of having been assaulted. When I asked her who was responsible she said, "My father will kill him." I told her I was a constable and again asked who had committed the assault, but she did not reply. After a quarter of an hour she said that she was alright and I handed her over to her friends. I would say that she had been drinking, but was not drunk.

Mr. Fenton: Did you notice if she was injured?

Witness: I looked for marks but could see none.

Dr. Wade (Mr. Wade): Was she in possession of her senses?—She had had drink.

Was she under the influence of liquor to such an extent that she would not know what she was doing or saying?—No.

When the hearing of the case was resumed on March 19 (Mr. Cahir (for the defence) said that the defence would be a denial of the assault, and, secondly, that the damages claimed were excessive.

Commenting on the evidence, he said that it was very significant that immediately after the assault plaintiff did not disclose the identity of her assailant to the constable. On the plaintiff's story the assault took place about 1.20 a.m., and it would be sworn that at that time Maher was asleep in a motor van.

Maher said:—On December 31 I went with others to a dance at Wollert. About 12.45 p.m. I went with Mr. and Mrs. Parsons to have a drink, and we were joined by Dando, Williams, Hannah and Miss Swanton. Several bottles of beer were consumed.

When the party broke up I went to put a glass in the stone wall, and as I turned to go I saw Miss Swanton leaning against the wall. She appeared to be ill and I said, "Are you all right?" She replied, "Go away and leave me alone." I asked if I could not help her, but she said "Just leave me alone." She appeared to become hysterical and I walked towards her. She again asked to be left alone, saying that she would be all right.

I walked to the motor van, where the driver was doing something to the lights, and I got into it and went to sleep. The driver awakened me as the dance was finishing, about 1.50 a.m.

After the driver woke me a man walked past with a girl. The man had a lantern and his companion was Miss Swanton. Both she and I returned to Reservoir in the van, and she made no complaint, to my knowledge, of any assault. At no time did I touch her, and I was never within three yards of her.

About 7 a.m. on the same morning the girl's father came to Regent station and accused me of having assaulted his daughter. I denied any knowledge of the matter. On January 3, about 7 p.m., I was taken to Reservoir police station. A man named Dwyer went with me. Dwyer was taken into a room and I heard a voice say "That's you, you brute."

Mr. Fenton (for the complainant): You knew Miss Swanton before this occasion?

Maher: No.

Did you know her name?—I had heard others call her "Elaine."

You had drink when you arrived at Wollert?—Five or six.

Did you know another man called "Tiny" at the dance?—Yes. His name is Lannan.

When you woke up in the bus did you see Miss Swanton being carried?—Yes.

Did you know who she was with?—No.

Was there anybody but yourself with Miss Swanton when she was sick?—No.

Where were the others?—Walking down the road.

Why did you stay with her?—I did not. I had a glass which I was putting away in the stone fence, and it was then that I noticed her.

When you spoke to the driver why didn't you tell him that Miss Swanton was lying on the road nearby in a drunken state?—I did not think of it.

How far was she from the van?—From fifty to 200 yards.

What happened after you were awakened?—I went to have a drink with the boys.

Where did you go?—To where the beer was. (Laughter).

Did the girl's father offer to fight you?—He said he'd break every bone in my body.

At the police station Dwyer had your suit on?—Yes.

At whose suggestion?—The constable's.

The P.M.: Were you sober at the dance?—Yes.

How many drinks had you?—About five or six.

Do you suggest that the police told Dwyer to put on your suit?—Yes.

The P.M.: I've heard a lot about police methods of identification, but nothing could be falrer to any man than this.

Ernest Gardiner, May street, Preston, the driver of the van, said:—About 1.15 a.m. I was attending to the lights on the van when Maher came along and got into the vehicle. Five minutes later he was asleep, and I woke him about 1.50 when the dance was finishing.

Francis Dwyer, Beauchamp street, Preston, said:—On January 3 I went to the police station wearing a suit of Maher's clothes. Miss Swanton came into the room, and, indicating me, said "That is the man." She then fainted. When she recovered she said "I'm sorry. I made a mistake."

At whose suggestion did you put on Maher's suit?

Witness: At Maher's request.

John Maher, bookmaker, High street, Preston, said:—I was at the Reservoir police station and heard Miss Swanton say, when pointing to Dwyer, "That's the brute!" Later she said, "No, I've made a mistake. He has not got curly hair."

The P.M. (Mr. T. B. Wade) said:—The things I have to consider are whether an act has been committed, and if so, by whom. There is little doubt in my mind that an assault was committed, and I can see the man responsible. He was left alone with the young woman when the others walked away, and in comparing the time when the assault took place then, between 1.15 and 1.25 a.m. It was during this ten minutes that others heard cries for help. Of the question of identification I have little to say, except that it appears to be unfair to the complainant.

The complainant was not to blame, but in assessing damages I must take into consideration the fact that she was picked up on the road by the motor van, and also that she drank with the party on the van. The damages I award will not be as great as they would have been if her character was beyond reproach, as the girl, to a certain extent, might have let herself into the position in which she found herself.

An order was made that Maher pay £25 damages, together with £13/15/ costs.

"DRIFTING HELPLESSLY"

MR. BECKETT'S VIEW

Speaking at a meeting of the East Melbourne branch of the Australian Labor party this week Mr. Beckett Minister for Health (Mr. Beckett said that Victoria and Australia, as a whole, were getting nearer a general financial collapse. Governments affairs were being allowed to drift helplessly along, and politicians, as well as the public, were living in a fool's paradise. One of the principal factors contributing to that condition was the absence of any settled or definite Government policy. At the present time few persons knew what they were doing from day to day. "No one is facing the facts," Mr. Beckett continued. "Personally I support the policy of the Federal Ministry, which seems to me to be the only solution for the problems which are besetting the country."

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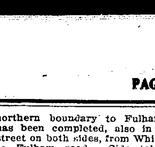

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WIFE OBTAINS MAINTENANCE ORDER

Says she has almost kept herself Since Marriage

Seeking an order for the support of herself and child, Leila Shorthouse of Main street Northcote, proceeded against her husband, Arthur Shorthouse, of Port Albert.

Mr. H. H. Gray (for wife) said that since the marriage in 1928 the parties had boarded at various places including Caulfield, St. Kilda and elsewhere, with the exception of one period when the couple lived at Finley (N.S.W.). Practically throughout that time the wife had gone to work and had kept herself and the child, and had in addition given her husband money.

Mrs. Shorthouse said: "From the time I was married up to January 1929 my husband only partly supported me, and I paid my own way out of my earnings. In January 1929 we went to Finley where we rented a house. It had no linoleum on the floor, and was filled with worn out furniture belonging to my husband's mother. My husband paid all the bills, and I handled none of his money. All the time I worked as a dressmaker and contributed towards the house expenses. I returned to Melbourne in February 1930 and boarded, working to keep myself and child.

Last December I underwent an operation, after which I stayed with friends in Northcote for a little over a fortnight, then went to Port Albert and stayed with my husband's parents who have an hotel there. I had been there three weeks when my husband came, and I stayed another three weeks during which he only gave me six or seven shillings. After an argument with his mother I left with his consent, and returned to Melbourne. I was not able to get work right away, and wrote to him for money. After a "forcible" letter he sent two amounts of 10/ and 15/. In the last month my husband's aunt has been paying for the child's support.

Cross-examined: If your husband provides a home will you return to him?—Yes. Provided the home is suitable.

Your husband offered you a home at Port Albert?—Yes

Did you write to him expressing unpleasant things about his mother?—I did. This is the first time I've had to take a determined stand for the sake of my own interests.

You know how his finances are?—Yes, but I can't live on fresh air. (laughter)

When you saw him last did you ask him about the furnished house he offered to provide at Port Albert?—No. I don't believe he ever had one under offer to him.

You are a city girl?—Yes. I came from Sydney.

You don't like the country?—I love it.

Shorthouse said: "Since my wife came to Melbourne three weeks ago I have sent her 25/. I have been living at Albert for six weeks and have tried rabbit-trapping, and hawking fish to try and make a living. I wrote frequently to my wife, and offered to provide a furnished house, but she scoffed at it.

Cross-examined: When you were with Finley did your wife "rough it"?—Yes.

And did she do dress-making?—Yes of her own free will.

By consent decision an order was made that Shorthouse pay his wife £1 weekly for herself and 10/ weekly for the child; he to find a surety of £25 to comply with the order, and that he pay £2/8/- costs.

Woman Attacked in Bed

It has been reported to the police that while Mrs. M. Dwyer, of Abbott grove, Clifton Hill, was in bed on her front verandah early last Saturday morning an intruder seized her by the throat.

Mrs. Dwyer said that she was awakened by a man at her bedside in the early hours of the morning. He seized her by the throat, and when she screamed and struggled he let her go and ran away.

HEIDELBERG COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.

Present:—Crs. Conte (president), Phillips, Daley, Bryant, Hannah, Mrs. Ibbott, Service, Pitcher, Clinton, Santon, Leach, Jessop.

Correspondence

From Preston and Collingwood councils re infant welfare.—Crs. Conte and Bryant were appointed delegates to a conference, and confidence was expressed in the working of the Baby Health Centre.

Shire of Werribee, asking support of resolution regarding charges made for yard dues at Newmarket.—Support to be accorded, Cr. Santon pointing out that the man on the land suffers every time.

City of Collingwood, re railway crossing at Clifton Hill—an inspection to be made by councillors with a view of getting the Government to undertake the work. Cr. Santon suggested the Eltham council being notified, as a number of motorists came from that district.

J. H. Robinson, appealing to the council to give consideration to reductions in valuations. To be informed that the valuer and shire secretary will meet him at the office. Councillors were opposed to interfering with the work of the valuer.

J. Paull and others, North Alphington, complaining of damages being done to lawns and footpaths by wandering stock.—Referred to ranger.

Public Works Department, stating that the Unemployed Relief Works Board had agreed to a grant of £1170 under certain conditions for work in the shire.

Minister for Railways, stating that improvements to the Dareb'n station will be considered in July.

Public Works Department, forwarding approval to the opening of the Soldiers' Hall, Railway place, Fairfield.

G. Hutton, applying for registration of premises, 211 Station street, Fairfield, as a boot repairing factory, and agreeing not to employ more than three hands.—Approval granted.

Mrs. F. Grant, re permission to allow a weatherboard wall to remain in an existing shed which encroaches on a newly-created allotment.—Referred to Fairfield riding members.

Senior Constable, Fairfield, submitting reports concerning riding of cyclists in Fairfield Park, and stating that no notice boards were placed in any position as a warning against same.—Notices to be replaced, and also requesting police to give attention to Stokes' swimming site.

H. C. Bell, calling attention to the condition of the footpath in Arthur street, Fairfield.—To be attended to.

E. Burns, asking council to clean up right-of-way at rear of his property, Arthur street, Fairfield.—Writer to be informed that it is a private unmade right-of-way, and municipal funds cannot be expended on it.

Minister in charge of sustenance, stating that an allocation of £10 per month is to be made to council for the purchase of babies' food throughout the shire.—Referred to sisters in charge of Baby Health Centres for report next meeting.

Shire of Heidelberg Unemployed Association, asking council for month-by-month grant of money, or alternatively, to supply leather for the repair of boots of the unemployed in this shire.—No action.

East Preston Social Club, stating that a Back to Preston Movement was being held at Easter, and asking that it be brought under notice of residents in this district.—Received.

Public Works Department, acknowledging letter applying for a grant of £1,116 from the Unemployed Relief Fund towards cost of completing west end of boulevard.—Received.

Heidelberg Shire Baby Health Centres Association, asking that if council is favorably considering the erection of centre at Alphington, that it be in near the present site as possible.—Received.

H. E. Kimpton, asking that consideration be given to reduction of valuation owing to rent being reduced.—Regret no action can be taken as appeal was made too late.

R. Knight, asking if possible that he be given employment to enable him to pay rates for the coming year.—No employment available at present.

H. Watts, offering to buy council's land in Arthur street at £2 per foot.—Land not for sale.

Fairfield Football Club and Fairfield Junior Football Club, making application for use of Fairfield football oval during coming season.—Agreed to under usual conditions.

Fairfield C.Y.M.S. Football Club and Fairfield District Football Club, applying for use of Pitcher's Park during the coming season.—Agreed to under usual conditions.

A Shed Used as a Shop

A letter was read from Fink, Best and Miller, advising in reference to a shed used as a fruit shop in Station street, Fairfield.

Cr. Santon asked who authorised the letter asking advice.

The president said he did, and would take the responsibility.

The "fruit shop" was described as a barrow, a truck and a shed, and complaint was made by some councillors that it was unfair competition to business people who paid rents and rates. While it was also pointed out that the man selling fruit from the street barrow or shop had a home and paid rates.

Cr. Pitcher said its removal from the street was a matter of policy, and moved that the matter be referred to the whole council for a report.

It was stated that action is being taken against the same man for operating fruit barrows in other suburbs.

Cr. Leach said there seemed to be a good deal of sentiment about the matter, and they should test the by-law.

Cr. Daley favored action being taken to demolish the building.

It was decided to refer the matter to a committee meeting of the whole council.

Cr. Santon moved and Cr. Bryant seconded that no instruction for legal advice be given by a private councillor unless it comes from the full council.—The motion was lost.

Trading in the Shire

A recommendation was read stating that the Heidelberg foreman was not to employ any vehicles without consulting the engineer or shire secretary, and all stores and materials are to be bought through the office.

Cr. Service said he wanted to see all trading done in the shire, and the council should not be run by one man.

Cr. Daley said the foreman got about with an order book in his pocket. He had no right to order stones without the consent of the engineer.

Cr. Jessop said if the foreman has a book and gives orders there is a clash.

Several councillors asked who supplied the order book to the foreman, but no one seemed to know.

Cr. Pitcher said the public works committee should prevent any abuses.

The motion to refer the matter to **Heidelberg riding members** was lost.

Works Committee

The committee reported that there are 4,581 consumers; total for the month, 6. Receipts for month, £2,911 16/10, and disbursements £1,348/1/11. The committee has pleasure in recommending that the price of gas be reduced 5d. per 1,000 cub. feet, such reduction to take effect as from the May reading. The committee has decided for the present not to take action to replace the Chromo car, arrangements having been made with the manager for the use of his car. The report of the officer in charge of the gas and electric light department was read, and it was decided to refer same to the committee of the whole council to deal with.

Cr. Bryant said an addition had been made to the gasworks plant to help the purifier. A tender from England for a scrubber was £1240, but Mr. Bates (manager) built one for £332 and saved £840. He bought a good boiler in Bendigo very cheaply which assisted him. This is not the first occasion that Mr. Bates has saved the council money.

Electric Light Committee

The committee reported that there are 6,007 consumers; total for month, 8; street lights, 765. Receipts for the month £2,791/15/2, and disbursements £1,275/17/1. Street Lights Installed: Yarra street, Alphington, corner Waverley avenue and Wynstay crescent, corner Right and Winsdon grove, lane of Noel street, 1 lamp each. Application was made by electrical employees (outside) that reconsideration should be given to the recent reduction in their wages, and it was decided to refer the matter to the committee of the whole council.

Cr. Phillips advocated a reduction in price of the light, and disapproved of the light of some people being cut off because of distress.

The president said the council was under an agreement with the Electricity Commission, and that all profits made went back to the municipality.

Engineer's Report

Fairfield.—In addition to the usual sweeping and cleansing of channels the following work has been done: Top dressing of footpaths with tarral on both sides of Grange road, from northern boundary to Fulham road, has been completed, also in Darling street on both sides, from White street to Fulham road. Side tables and channels have been cleared of weeds in Alphington street, the Esplanade, portion of Darling street, portion of Separation street, Gillies street on both sides of railway line, and portion of Rathmines street. Yarraford avenue is now being attended to. Road maintenance repairs have been made in Grange road. In Fulham road south, approach to Outer Circle Bridge, kerb pitcher has been laid for approximately 600 feet; open pitched crossing on Heidelberg road has been repaired and extended in length 14 feet. Roadway from junction of Bryant's contract to Heidelberg road has been scarified and re-sheeted with metal 14 feet wide and penetrated with bitural and top dressed with bitumen and screenings. At Australian Paper Mills excavation of earthworks for 9-inch and 6-inch pipes has been made and pipes laid, also necessary concrete pits and concrete gutter, brick drain for surface water constructed. A start has been made with sheeting of canal. Repairs are being made to pitched channel in Arthur street, on west side, south of Railway place. Gas and water mains have been repaired in various streets. Repairs have been made to footpath in Wingrove street, near John street. Repairs have been made to culvert in Arthur street (storm drain).

Northcote Carnival

Plans are well in hand for the athletic sports meeting at the Fitzroy racecourse on Easter Saturday. A feature will be the debut of the Women's Club in running and jumping.

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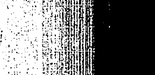

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IN THE GARDEN

DECIDUOUS TREES

FRUIT IN THE HOME GARDEN

Seasonable Hints

What gardening enthusiast has not, at one time or another, desired, and possibly attempted to supply the home with fruit of his own growing. But how many have been able to gather all the luscious fruits they had in their mind's eye?

Successful fruitgrowing consists of a great deal more than merely buying a few trees and planting them in any spare corner of the garden (where nothing seems to grow very well), as so many people seem to do!

Trees must be cared for quite as much as your choicest flower beds, if the very best is to be obtained of them.

Planting

Now is the time to prepare the ground for a fresh and successful planting, as it will be if these monthly notes are followed up.

The average garden has space for a few trees only, and careful consideration should be given as to what to plant and where to plant it. Your local nurseryman can best tell you what is most suitable for your particular district. It would take too long to name all the fruits and their favorite climatic conditions.

First we will consider fruit trees. These must have a position commanding plenty of sunlight and air, although not too exposed to cold drying winds. Plenty of space must be left for subsequent growth, depending, of course, on the variety and also on the size they are going to be kept to.

Drainage

Drainage appears to be one of the big factors in successful fruit culture. Fruit trees as a whole delight in a rich, well-drained loam.

When preparing the ground for single specimens, dig a circle of at least 6 ft. in diameter. The entire soil should be taken out and the subsoil thoroughly broken up, and some well-rotted manure incorporated if the soil is at all poor.

If drainage is necessary, dig a drain to a depth of 2—3 feet and fill to a depth of 6 inches or so with rubble, i.e., old bricks and mortar, or stones. Be careful to put back the subsoil at the bottom and surface soil on top, or trouble will occur. If available, some good surface soil could be mixed with the subsoil before replacing.

Nothing is usually rich needs no addition of manures of any sort, except perhaps a little lime to keep it sweet. When thoroughly prepared, the soil should be left alone until planting time, which extends from late autumn until early spring. This will give the soil plenty of time to settle down and be in an ideal condition for planting.

Training Fruit Trees to Walls

If a brick wall is available having a favorable aspect (easterly preferable), it can be used to advantage for the training of various fruits, such as pears, apricots, peaches and plums. Fruit grown in this manner will invariably ripen quicker owing to the shelter of the wall, also to the fact that brick retains a considerable amount of heat, so keeping the tree at a fairly even temperature, which is so essential to rapid growth. No plant likes sudden changes of temperature, which checks and renders them more liable to disease.

Spraying

At the present time there is not such a great deal to be done. Most fruits have been picked, although the later varieties of plums, apples and pears are still to come in some districts.

If insects, worms, or scale are present on the trees they should be sprayed with White Hellebore or Pyrethrum, both of which are poisonous to insects generally, but not to human beings. Therefore being quite safe for use on ripening fruit. The mixtures should be as follows:—White Hellebore, 1 ounce; water, 3 gallons. For Pyrethrum use at the rate of one ounce to two gallons of water.

"Garden Lover."

DAHLIAS FOR EXHIBITION

Helpful Hints

(By A. E. Ransome, Dahlia Specialist, Caulfield, Victoria.)

To produce the large flowers seen on the show bench it is necessary to disbud; some varieties you will grow to four branches, others six or more.

When the terminal bud on each of the branches is the size of a sixpence, disbud by cutting out side buds, also all the laterals except the strongest of the lower pair. Treat these laterals later on the same as the previous ones.

When cutting the flower, cut right down to the lateral that is left to take up the running; this treatment not only gives you the large blooms, but also gives you a low-growing, well-shaped bush.

It is also necessary when the buds appear to top-dress the beds with a good fertiliser—to be worked into the soil not more than one inch; if worked in deeper you take the risk of damaging the feeding roots, which at this time of the season come very close to the surface.

I find the following mixture when applied gives wonderful results:—

Bone flour, 2 lbs.; sulphate of potash, 1 lb.; sheep manure, 12 lbs.; to every 200 square feet. Apply not closer than 6 inches to the stem. Use this fertiliser again later on in the season—three times in all.

If your soil has been well manured before planting and this fertiliser is applied, you will find that liquid manure is not required; if you must use liquid, then that made from sheep is the safest; this can be applied every five days.

When Cutting Blooms

Do so in the early morning before the sun is up. The idea of placing the stems in boiling water or burning the ends of them does not appeal to me.

Stand stems in water right up to the flower; leave there for one hour, or more, if time permits. Remember the shorter the stem the longer the flower will keep.

Improperly grown flowers will not keep, no matter what you do with them. I find when nitrate of soda is used on dahlias that tubers will not carry over the winter, so I strongly advise not to use it.

Care should be exercised when cutting back later not to open hollow stems, as the water will lie in them and set up stem rot.

These instructions are meant to assist the novice and amateur grower, who has not solved the problem of growing exhibition dahlias.

—"Garden Lover."

C.Y.M.S. TOPICS

CLUNES TRIP AT EASTER

With the approach of the football season, the annual sports and the annual visit of a cricket club eleven to Clunes and other important fixtures on the club calendar, interest of members is quickening in the Northcote C.Y.M.S. Though the club has lost the services of several prominent members of last year's team a side competent to hold its place among the leaders in A grade is expected to be put into the field.

Members were disappointed that the branch first eleven has again been "pipped on the post" for the cricket premiership of the Society. Unfortunate to be in arrears on the first innings the team put up a gallant fight in their second visit and were ultimately defeated by only two wickets.

With arrangements in the hands of Mr. Fitzpatrick, a good number of members is likely to journey to Clunes. The townspeople have always shown the Northcote society the greatest hospitality, and are keenly looking forward to a competition at Easter in which four cricket teams will compete for a shield. Northcote C.Y.M.S. has yet to be defeated by any side in this country association, and are confident of returning with the trophy. Some difficulty is being experienced in obtaining a convenient site for the sports, but a committee has the matter in hand.

POINTED PROVERBS.

THAT "FLEA BITE"

The Chinese have a saying that "a dog in a kennel growls at fleas; a dog on the chase does not feel them." We do not have to live a "dog's life" to know the truth of that as a principle in life. Have you ever met someone who is grumbling over the ills of life and then heard someone else say "Why! that's only a flea bite!" To a person of leisure or idleness, moments of introspection encourage the magnifying of life's troubles, and such a one thinks that the lightest of burdens press heavily down. But let that person throw off the lethargy and in a round of busy activity the troubles of life will appear in their right perspective. How often we start the day feeling out of sorts, only to find that at the end, through the pressure of life's duties, we have been able to throw off our pessimistic spirit and have become optimistic.

Laziness is a breeding ground for pessimism.

Service is the nursery of optimism.

PRESTON COUNCIL'S QUARRY

PRACTICALLY CLOSED DOWN

QUALITY OF STONE

Reporting to the Preston council on Tuesday the engineer (Mr. W. H. Scott) stated that he had had two samples of stone tested by the Melbourne University. One sample had proved up to test, and the other was 30 per cent. below. The latter sample contained too much salamander, and was no good for concrete work. In order to get to the good stone a belt of honeycomb stone would have to be shifted, and the council had not the money available to warrant further sinking at the present time.

Cr. Newton: Is the quarry closed?

The Engineer: I am preparing a report for the committee.

Cr. Newton: What does that mean?

The Engineer: There are only three or four men working now.

Cr. Newton: The good stone cannot be got until the seam of honeycomb is cleared.

The Engineer: If we have not the work it is not much good opening up a new face.

Cr. Newton: I inspected the quarry and found that there is about five feet of water-worn or honeycomb stone, which will take about three months to shift. If that work takes three months where is the metal for Frank street to come from?

The Engineer: I will get it from the quarry.

Cr. Newton: Is there any truth in the rumor that $50 yards will have to be got from another quarry?

The Engineer: Our stone is not good enough for concrete.

"Can't Get Metal When Wanted Easily"

Cr. Newton: This council has gone a long way with its quarry, and when we want metal badly we find we can't get it. I would close our quarry. It will be cheaper to pay if we have to go outside Preston for our stone and have to pay it on our own men. The committee should thoroughly investigate quarry matters before ordering any more metal made.

Cr. Mann: If this metal is no good for concrete the quarry will have to close. The council could probably purchase metal cheaper outside.

Cr. Maynard asked if any of the metal from the quarry had gone on Frank street, and was told it would be all right after the macadam.

The mayor (Cr. Robinson) expressed his disappointment at the class of metal being produced by the quarry. It would be a great mistake, he said, to continue to use poor stone on a bare concrete road.

"Scratchings Here and There"

Continuing, he said:—"In opening up the quarry there seems to have been scratchings here and there instead of opening up one good face, and so make available a decent amount of stone. If the quarry is to continue, instead of producing a lot of rubbish mixed with some good metal, steps should be taken to see that a good face is opened up."

The matter was referred to the committee of the council, which will inspect the quarry.

GOLF.

HEIDELBERG CLUB

Eighty cards were taken out in a stroke round for the club trophy on Saturday. The leading scores were:—P. S. Rentoul (13), 68; A. Addicoat (11), 69; F. L. Norris (11), 70; A. E. Appleton (5), 72; C. Holt (11), 72; A. J. Ferguson (11), 73; A. E. Peacock (18), 73; J. S. McCulloch (11), 73.

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Novel System of Finance

INTERESTING REFORMS SUGGESTED

No. 2

In the following Mr. A'Beckett Chomley, a lecturer on economics, presents a novel aspect of finance and one which he claims would rectify the troubled waters through which Australia is passing. A lecture on this subject was delivered at St. Mary's Hall, Plenty road Preston, on February 24, and as a result a local branch of the National Credit Association has been formed. We understand that arrangement will be made to give a lecture in Northcote at an early date.

Concluding the destructive portion of his criticism, Mr. Chomley invited questions and quite a number were put to him, which he answered ably and cleared up a number of points in which doubt existed. Continuing his address, Mr. Chomley said that the remedy was to be found only in a continual and persistent additions to the currency because the community must continually have new money to compensate for reductions in purchasing power caused by savings and for the increases in total production caused by new and improved processes. The constant application of science to industry and the ever-increasing scientific knowledge should have its outlet in benefit to the people; is should be a community inheritance and should not be confined to bank shareholders. He contended that it was not morally possible that the only persons to reap the benefits derived from the introduction of applied science to industry should be the bankshareholders. The value of money was entirely dependent upon the rate of production and new money was required because of the application of science to industry. Therefore, the manufacture of new money should not the the prerogative of the banks; it should be made by the State and be for the benefit of all. The banks should not be allowed to create new money and to buy mortgages over the whole world with it. The only solution is for the new money to be issued by the government to the people, showing no discrimination in the process. The banks should be reduced to the state where they will function in the same manner as investment companies—in fact, to have the actual functions that most people suppose they now have. Many of our problems would be solved by the transference of the power of creating new money from the banks to the government, which would be one centralised authority representing the people as a whole, and among them would be the direct

The provision of conditions such that it would be extremely difficult for the individual to become enormously rich in money, except by selling more goods than he buys, thereby leaving the community richer in goods;

The provision of a means whereby the parents of a child will receive an increase in income for each increase in family.

The removal of taxation for Federal purposes;

The removal of the need for Government borrowing or any further community indebtedness, and the provision of the means of liquidation of present indebtedness; and

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(b) Every new invention which will produce more real wealth with less effort will be acclaimed by all as a blessing, and will not be regarded by many as a curse which will deprive them of the means of livelihood; and

(c) Every scientific achievement of the race will be declared as a community dividend in money, to enable the people to have the real benefits of these achievements.

The methods outlined above will ensure that the people will attain all the aforementioned desirable ends, and that, at the same time, free scope will be allowed for the operation of the inexorable law of supply and demand with respect to the prices of goods and of services.

Mr. Chomley went on to show means whereby the new money could be distributed. The undertaking of unproductive public works, such as provisions of parks and gardens could be instituted and the new money disbursed in that manner, when an issue was rendered advisable. He was careful to emphasise the fact that this was by no means inflation as it was automatically regulated and stabilised. He drew the parallel of a regulator on an oil or steam engine, which functioned in such a manner that if the engine were receiving too much oil, it automatically regulated itself so that not so much oil was being fed, and if it tended to "easeup" the regulator speeded it up so that it maintained the regular and steady pace. That principle was applicable to the system he proposed, insofar as, at the first signs of inflation, the issue of new money could be checked, and at the sign of deflation, the issue of money could be increased, thus keeping the level and regular flow which was the desire of all. Thus, the buying power of money would remain constant and the people would be able to purchase as much as they produced or goods in exchange for the unwanted part of their production. It would enable the nation to liquidate its national debt. The adoption of the system would immediately remove any possibility of inflation or deflation which were inseperable from the present system. Prices would be stabilised once and for all on the principle that inflation or deflation of the value of money could not take place "unless the rate of the use of money for actual purchase increases or decreases relatively to the rate at which goods and services are being offered for sale, absolutely irrespective of all other conditions whatsoever."

(Concluded).

AUDITOR'S REPORT AT PRESTON

"STARTLING STATEMENTS"

AUDITOR AND OFFICERS CRITICISED

At the Preston council meeting on Tuesday Cr. Newton moved that the auditor's report be referred to a special meeting of the council for consideration, the electrical engineer (Mr. F. Bird) to attend.

Cr. Newton said that there were several startling statements in the report, and if true the matters should be rectified at once.

Cr. Hemburrow: It hits the nail on the head completely.

Cr. Newton: I think the auditor should be hit on the head. (Laughter). The council has an auditor and he should have seen that the accounts were in order.

Cr. Robeson: I agree with Cr. Newton, but not the way he speaks of the auditor. I think our officers are lacking in that department.

Cr. Hemburrow: Cr. Newton says the auditor should be "sandbagged," or something to that eect.

Cr. Newton: I didn't say anything of the sort. I do not want people to think I want to "sandbag" the auditor, and I ask that the statement be withdrawn.

Cr. Hemburrow: I'll withdraw then. The auditor is only at the council's offices once a month, and cannot exercise supervision all the time. If the officers are lacking they should be sacked.

The Mayor (Cr. Robinson): The auditor audited the books but he did not count the cash in hand. In not doing that he certainly did not do his work properly.

Reason for Monthly Audit

Cr. Jones: If the auditor only looks at the books and does not check the cash in hand his audit is not worth much. After the last big embezzlement the council decided to have a monthly audit in order to prevent a repetition. Now with a monthly audit the auditor does not count the cash in hand. If that had been done there would have been no trouble.

Cr. Adams: Did the executive officers of the electric light department count the cash? It is easy to criticise the auditor, but it must be remembered that he is only on the job once a month.

Cr. Maynard: The head clerk of the electric light department is a qualified accountant, and if proper supervision had been exercised the money would not have "leaked" away.

Cr. Zwar: It is all very fine for the auditor to make a scathing report after the damage has been done, but he did not at any time detect the defalcations.

The report was referred for consideration to a special meeting.

PRESTON COUNCIL AND EMPLOYES

The Preston council has decided to classify men who have been in its employ from January 1, 1929, as regular hands and to apportion all work amongst them as evenly as possible. In the event of further men being required employes engaged for a period of under two years be put on in the order of seniority; and if further labor is wanted unemployed to be engaged through the unemployment bureau in order of registration.

Cr. Jones thought that any work available should be divided amongst all present employes. Every man, he considered, should get the same consideration.

The proposal was agreed to, Crs. Jones, Newton and Spratling voting against it.

CRAMER STREET PARK

"DISGRACE TO PRESTON"

CYCLING TO BE STOPPED

Should Be Open To All Ratepayers

The Preston council decided on Tuesday to stop bicycle riding on the playing arena in Cramer street Park.

Cr. Jones expressed the opinion that every section of the ratepayers of Preston was entitled to use the ground.

Cr. Hemburrow: It would not be in the best interests of football——

Cr. Jones: Why football?

Cr. Hemburrow: Because it is the sport which brings in the greatest revenue. The place is in a shocking state, and is only a fourth rate ground for a senior club.

Cr. Newton: I cannot see why the council wants to keep the park for the exclusive use of cricketers and footballers. If cycling is properly controlled not much harm will be done.

Cr. Adams: Before every football season the council has to put the ground in order. If a cycling track is provided it will be all right.

Cr. Jones: Is this resolution to prevent all cycling, or only to stop those outside clubs from riding there? The council has a by-law by which it can control cycling in the park.

The Mayor: The cycling clubs asked for a one-third mile track in the arena, and where this was fixed there is a channel worn which makes the ground dangerous.

"A Disgrace to Preston"

Cr. Zwar: The ground is a disgrace to Preston.

Cr. Robeson: It's the worst in Melbourne.

Cr. Zwar: Some councillors think that it is only the footballers and cricketers who use the park. Others use it, too, but the football club is the only one which gives any return. Last year the council received £300.

The proposal was agreed to, Crs. Jones, Newton and Spratling voting against it.

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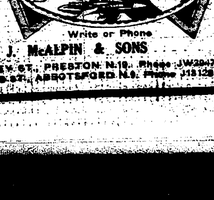
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PANORAMA OF EIGHTY YEARS

ROMANCE BREATHES IN OUR FIRST GOLD TOWN

By Geo. W. Beeden

Would you look at a quiet town, a town that Gold built;—and then all but destroyed its handiwork?

Would you read 200 yards of street that were once bright with the garish lights of 36 hotels? Can you pause to think of all the deviltry, greed, envy and hate—terrible adventurous, thickly-bearded men, their lives and hates seen now in the sear, yellow pages of historical creeping in its newspapers—undercut as a colony was electing its first Parliament?

Will you walk a little further to the summit of a hill where a gaunt and stained cairn observes the spot where gold-crowned quartz was first dug in this state, and beneath which untold wealth yet lies waiting to be won?

Then you must follow the road that leads back to Ballarat or keep close to the windings of the willow-fringed Tullaroop River, that finds its way past broad valleys and then you will come to Clunes folded in the embrace of its hills.

If you come to Clunes town in the early afternoon you will find it lonely and dreamy like an old lady living in the past. But you will feel that it was inexplicably linked up with the future so that you are reminded of a story put by—regretfully maybe—that the story of Clunes is not but half begun.

For anyone with a heart to feel must sense that there is Romance but if you would find it you must sit quietly in the firesides of old men who have lived their lives in this town and who will one day die there. By them you will be told of the early rumours of gold finds on the sheep station of Donald Cameron, called by him "The Clunes" after a farm in his native Inverness-shire. Cameron and other squatters discouraged prospecting for they feared it would ruin the country for sheep if swarms of diggers were to invade it. These grizzled old sheep men were agreed that little good would result to the roving chaps who were drawn from their regular avocations by the "will-o-the-wisp" attractions of gold mining."

You will find men acquainted with James Esmond who found the first gold-bearing quartz at North Clunes Hill in 1851. Esmond and other diggers soon realised, however, that all the gold was in the form of quartz so that it was no "poor man's field." They then concentrated their attention—for Cameron, most disconcerting—on the idea that all the gold was around or under the homestead, and were anxious to determine. So persistent were they that Cameron, in alarm, had the Commissioner fossick them out of a mile of the house. It was this circumstance that led to a later proclamation by Governor LaTrobe prohibiting digging within half a mile of any inhabited dwelling.

Shafts were soon sunk. In 1850 came Henry Rupert Bland to be private secretary to Governor Fitzgerald of Western Australia. He arranged with the proprietors of some land at Clunes to commence mining operations on quartz lodes and erected an extensive Plant in conjunction with others, afterwards known as the Clunes Quartz Mining Co. For nearly 30 years this mine continued to be worked, the total gold won from 1851 to 1880 being valued at £2,020,076. In the nine years from 1857 to 1866 the Port Phillip Co. took out gold to the value of £750,000 from one claim.

This year they have elected Andy McKenzie mayor. In his parlour you will see a huge faded print of the battery which created the stone from the Port Phillip—the largest battery in the Southern Hemisphere.

After the insurgent times of the early "strikes" these were halcyon days for Clunes. Pioneers will point out to you the sites of the Corinthian, Port Phillip, Criterion, Victoria and Paddock mines with their undulating mullock heaps and shafts boarded over. But the gold did not go to all the miners. Moves to lower wages culminated in an attempt to introduce Chinese labour in the mines. Brought from Ballarat in Cobb and Co's coaches, the Orientals were halted by barricades and attacked by the miners and their women-folk at three different points as they tried to enter the town. The attempt was abandoned. Old people who remember this day will tell you it was a grand fight. So enthusiastic was one citizen that he promptly built an inn on the site, calling it the Barricade Hotel.

Yet the quartz drilling was perilous work and the shafts took a heavy toll of maimed and killed. Not a pay-day went by without the hat being passed round for the families of some unfortunates left unprovided for. Shafts were sunk to 1,700 feet, but difficulty in dealing with water met with below a certain level caused operations to be slowed up.

The opening of land selections in Gippsland the Wimmera and the Goulburn lured many from the town those who had been "tributing" and "contracting," to which most had been reduced, and which paid but a scant return.

Then round the world flashed like magic magnetic names Kalgoorlie and Coolgardie. To the new El Dorado flocked thousands of eager, venturous spirits and along the Golden Mile a new Clunes sprang into existence. Whole streets of houses were deserted and there were at one time more Clunes people in Kalgoorlie than in Clunes itself. Many migrated never to return, but many more, confident of the permanent wealth of Clunes and the ultimate revival of its prosperity, left: families and properties behind them. Every Friday night—mail night—saw an amazing spectacle when hundreds of wives besieged the post office awaiting money and letters from bread-winners in the West.

Kalgoorlie all but depopulated Clunes. Many eventually returned; some are still drifting back.

Perhaps old Donald Cameron was right and Clunes has found a more permanent prosperity in its sheep and its dairy farming. Yet there are still stout hearts who prospect fissures in the rocks scarring the green hills and are repaid. One is indefagitable. He has burrowed under the old mullock heaps. It is risky work and the dour old ones shake their frosted heads and mutter "young fool"

Three others have sunk a shaft alongside the main street but have struck water not far below the surface. A few yards from the centre of the town their claim stands, forlorn, but symbolic of the invincible spirit if Clunes.

But the old men wait for another eager cavalcade to brush by them to a new canvas town. Sit silent with them and you will hear a saga of the early diggings—the annals of a once bedizened town that, with old age, has taken on a respectability which chafes it; while it sighs for its devil-may-care youth. It is the tale of a town in which everything has happened, in which anything may yet happen again.

The Result of a Kiss

By RADCLIFFE MARTIN

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There are in this world quaint people who actually like work. Mr. Bridge was one of these. As he sat at his desk in the offices of Amalgamated Liners, Limited, he was perfectly happy, for he saw work before him which would keep him at the office till ten o'clock. He was a mock little man, but if ever he boasted it was to intimate friends to whom he confided the amount of overtime he put in.

Mr. Chandler, the head of the company, knew exactly how to reward Mr. Bridge's services. As he left at four o'clock to play golf or visit his club, he would say: "Ah Bridge, in these strenuous days we must leave nothing undone. The Empire depends on us. Keep hard at it." And Mr. Bridge would say, "Yes, sir; yes, sir; you may rely on me, sir!" and feel just as proud as if he had got the O.B.E. Mr. Chandler had not given Mr. Bridge any advance for some time. Once Mr. Bridge had delicately hinted at the desirability of such a thing, and Mr. Chandler had said, "I'm surprised and pained, Bridge. You know how heavily the excess profits duty weighs on me. I'm ashamed of you, Bridge."

For weeks afterwards Mr. Bridge could scarcely face the managing director without a blush of shame for his covetousness flaming across his countenance. He trusted that Mr. Chandler had forgotten all about it. He need not have worried. However, Mr. Chandler showed that he bore no malice towards his old employee, for when Margaret Bridge wanted a place as shorthand-typist he engaged her as private secretary. It was true that she might have got ten shillings a week more elsewhere; but, as Mr. Bridge pointed out to his daughter, it was a great thing to be connected with such a firm.

This morning Mr. Bridge required a ship's manifest from another department, and stole cautiously along the passage past the private office. He always trod very lightly there, because he was afraid of disturbing the great man. Just as he passed the private office the door opened, and his daughter came out. She was in tears and her hair was ruffled.

"My dear!" gasped Mr. Bridge; "you haven't—you surely haven't made a mistake?"

"I won't stay," cried the girl. "He's a brute, and he kissed me, and I boxed his ears."

"You boxed his ears?" repeated Mr. Chandler mechanically.

Mr. Chandler heard the voices outside and came to his door very red in the face.

"This is it," he growled. "I might have guessed it. Organized blackmail. You've put her up to this if ever my years of kindness to you. Just as I was dictating a letter she burst into tears and rushes out to where you lay in waiting. I won't be blackmailed. I won't part with a penny."

Mr. Bridge stood aghast for a moment. His whole world had crumbled round him. The lie regained his breath and said: "If you say anything against Margaret, Mr. Chandler, with all respect I say you are a liar."

"Clear out!" ordered Mr. Chandler. "Get your things, dear," said Mr. Bridge to his daughter.

He went back to his office and took his hat and coat from a peg.

"What's the matter?" cried a fellow clerk. "You don't go to lunch for two hours yet. Are you slipping out to put something on a horse, old man?"

The office laughed for the idea of Mr. Bridge slipping out in business hours to back a horse was too ludicrous.

"You know that on principle I abstain from betting," said Mr. Bridge very gravely. "I am going out because—"

"Girl to meet?" inquired the frivolous clerk.

"No, sir; I should not think of meeting any same lady, especially in business hours. I am going because I have had a painful difference of opinion with Mr. Chandler, and I am leaving at once."

"Father," said his daughter when he met her outside, "I am so sorry, but I could not help it. He has tried to be too friendly for weeks, and when I asked him this morning to remember that I was engaged to Arthur he laughed and said, 'What did a boy matter?' and kissed me, and then I boxed his ears."

"You acted perfectly properly, dear," said Mr. Bridge. "I am proud of you. I must own I was mistaken in my opinion of Mr. Chandler."

"You'll easily get another place, dad."

"Why, dear, I've been there for thirty-five years. I've never been in another post, and now he won't give me a reference. Well, dear, perhaps it is a good thing that your mother is dead. This would have been a very painful shock to her. She always had the highest opinion of Mr. Chandler."

"I'll get a place, Father. They won't worry about references for me, or, at any rate, one would give me one. And we have some money, perhaps we shall be able to force that firm to the "grows-up" but we children loved her for the sense she showed and appreciation of our goodness to her. Spotty flew home as usual one evening, but we heard a thud and saw her fall. Our poor goose had struck the paling fence surrounding our home, and in a few days she died. We mourned our pet, and never had another that we loved as dearly as Spotty.

(BETTER) Enid Love.

SIMPSON OR SAMPSON?

Roy Simpson, as a negro labourer, was putting in his first day with a construction gang whose foreman was known for getting the maximum out of his men. Simpson was helping in a task of moving the right of way, and all day he carried heavy timbers and ties until its close when he was completely tired out. Knock-off time came. Before he went he approached the boss and said. "Mister, You sure you got me down right on the payroll?" The foreman looked over the list of names. "Yes," he said "here you are, Roy Simpson. That's right isn't it?" "Yass sur boss," said the negro. Dass right. I thought maybe you had me down as Sampson."

(GOOD) Tommy Craig.

A TRUE STORY

A farmer in England once had a lot of fowls stolen, so he had locks put on the fowl pens, so that he should not lose any more. However, one night he went to bed and had forgotten to lock the fowls up. Next morning he went to feed them as usual and to his dismay, found most of them gone, and a note on one of the doors. And this is what he read:—

John, John, your hens are gone.
Your cocks will crow no more;
You went to bed, you sleepy head,
And forgot to lock your door.

(GOOD) Ruby Keele.

STRANGE ANIMALS

What terrible animals must have roamed the world in ancient times. The fossil remains of a very large animal called the Diplodocus were discovered in Colorado, and Wyoming in America. Noted scientists have reconstructed one of these monsters from a skeleton, and it is 84 feet in length. The height to the top of the spine is nearly 14 feet. Four thousand centuries are supposed to have passed since these monsters lived.

(GOOD) Jean Moylan.

YUMPIN' YIMINY

Ole Olsen wanted to be a railroad man. So he got a job in a round house as engine wiper. The foreman had trained in the "Jim" Hill school; he allowed no waste. He everlastingly kept ding donging at Ole like this: "Don't waste a drop of oil. Oil still costs money. And don't waste the waste, either; its getting mighty expensive." Ole finally got these economy facts pounded into his head. One day Ole was promoted to fireman. The day before he went on his first regular run on a freight engine he was posted as to his duties through a series of questions. This was the last question: "Now, Ole, suppose you are on your engine; you go around a curve and see rushing toward you on a single track the fastest passenger train. What would you do?" Ole replied " I would grab the oil can, and grab the waste and I'd jump."

(GOOD) Leslie Craig.

A QUEER TREE

There grows in British New Guinea a large tree with glossy leaves which produces very peculiar nuts. These nuts, when the time is ripe for the kernel to come out of its shell, explode with a loud report and send the kernels flying in all directions. It is one of Nature's ways of sowing seeds well away from the parent tree, so they will not be overshadowed, and robbed of sunshine and rain by the big branches of the parent trees.

(GOOD) Lily Scrimes.

WHERE WAS HE?

Bill Smith, a country shop-keeper, went to the city to buy goods. They were sent immediately, and reached home before Smith did. When the boxes were delivered Mrs. Smith, who was keeping the shop in his absence, uttered a scream, seized a hatchet and began frantically to open the largest case. "What is the matter, Mrs. Smith?" asked one of the customers who had watched her in amazement. Pale and faint, Mrs. Smith pointed to an inscription on the box. It read "Bill inside."

(GOOD) Roy Murphy.

DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

While ploughing a field my uncle lost his watch. After the ploughing, the ground was harrowed twice, rolled and then the seed was drilled in, but there was no sign of the watch. Months later, when the crop was being taken off, the watch was found by my uncle, who wound it up, and was delighted to find that it still kept good time.

(GOOD) Bert Moylan.

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A MOTOR COLLISION

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At Northcote court on Tuesday before Mr. T. O. O'Callaghan P.M. James Henry Risstrom, of Vaucluse road Northcote, brought an action claiming damages against Allen William Cowman, laborer, of Ellsmere street Northcote. Risstrom was riding a motor cycle, and Cowman was the driver of a car, and the vehicles came into collision in Clarke street Northcote on February 14, and it is alleged that Cowman's car was on its wrong side. The motor cycle overturned and fell on Risstrom who sustained severe bruises and abrasions and his left wrist was splintered.

An order was made in favor of Risstrom for £20 damages to his cycle; £5 for damage to his clothing and £5 special damages. Cowman was also ordered to pay £8/5/9. costs.

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Dear Cobbers,—What a horrible, cold, wet week-end it was to be sure. Saturday and yet Monday was just ideal. As a matter of fact down at the beach we found the boat had dragged her moorings and come ashore, and some kind soul hauled her further onto the shore out of danger. On Monday we decided to put her away in the boat house and what a business it was. First we took some skids (long pieces of wood) and some rollers, and then with a lot of heaving, shoving, pulling and pushing we managed to get her up the ramp into the shed safely. The Pets of course were no help and clambered in and out of the boat, making more a nuisance of themselves than a help and once there was a fair-splitting yell and we discovered one of the skids had dropped on Jacko's foot and nearly crushed it. Seddam remained for a while but, soon he forgot all about the incident and was happy having a rough and tussle sand fight with Fluffy. A new competition begins next week, so look out for it. Don't forget the Trias. Heaps of love from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL.

BIRTHDAYS

Dear Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Heartiest and Happiest birthday greetings to Ernie Love (March 28); Stan Durrant (March 29); Wilma Price (March 30); Ruth Goldstein (March 31); Ivy Collings (April 2) and Annie Lee (April 3).

Today's birthday is on Sunday and Uncle Phil will join us in giving him a belated birthday greetings.

OUR MAIL BAG

Dear Uncle Phil,—Would you kindly enrol me as a member of the "Leader" Cobbers' Club. I am twelve years old and I am very interested in your page. I am twelve years of age. Hoping that you will except me as a Cobber.

Beryl Page.

Well, Beryl, to the Cobbers' Club and Birthday Clubs. Send us a snap of yourself for our album and also some contributions for the Corner. Have you any pets? Heaps of love from Pets and Uncle Phil.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I received your certificate of membership to the Cobbers' Club and also saw the letter you wrote to me in the "Leader" I go to school and am in the fourth grade. I have two pets, a dog and a cockatoo. We also had a kitten but we lost him. I will send in a snap of myself as soon as I can. Love to the Pets and yourself.

(GOOD)

Well Billy we're glad you like the Certificate. Do your pets agree together like Fluffy and Jacko do? Send us a snap of the pets. Heaps of love.—Uncle Phil.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Bravo Mavis for running the 100 marks. Will you please tell me if I am after Monday please. The Pets send congratulations. Lots of love.—Uncle Phil.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Bravo Ron for running the 100 marks. Please call for the prize. How is school going? Are you parading before Lord Cavan? We'll be pleased to hear all about it. Pets send greetings.—Uncle Phil.

Dear Uncle Phil,—We're sorry Cyril, but your trouble in writing it, precisely, to say that we've had the elephant story before, so can't use it again. Send along something else and we'll use that. The other animal stories like this one are very interesting. Love.—Uncle Phil.

Dear Uncle Phil,—We're glad you like Wood. and hope you like the badge. Send along some contributions for the Corner. Have you a pet yourself? If not please send along some more contributions. Heaps of love.—Uncle Phil.

Dear Uncle Phil,—We're sorry Bell street, Preston.—We have no entry headed with this address or name, and, Owner please send along some in future re-sign each contribution.—Uncle Phil.

Dear Uncle Phil,—We're sorry Birch.—We're sorry the name being wrong, but they go to you, so just alter it and no chopping to your others. Pets' greetings.—Uncle Phil.

TRIA COMPETITION

Trias are a class of their own, and these 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 babies, 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 once or three times, and then write it out in your own words, making your meaning clear. Start right away now, and let me see who will gain the first prize—a boy or a girl. Trias, if original, should be marked "original" in one corner

THE BEGINNING OF RAILWAYS

About one hundred years ago the first railway was opened for public use in the United Kingdom. The line ran between Stockton and Darlington, and the first engine used on the railway was built by George Stephenson, who also drove it on its first journey. The train was made up of thirty-four vehicles, weighing ninety tons in all, and it travelled at ten to fifteen miles per hour. That rate of speed in those days was considered wonderful, and people flocked to see the new and strange sight of a railway train. The railway was only meant for coal and goods, but people soon began to ask that passengers be carried too, and at last the railway company agreed to run one coach every day. It was a curious looking carriage, with seats for six inside and twenty outside. The fare charged was a shilling for the return journey, which was made in about two hours. There were no signals, so a man carrying a flag rode on horseback in front of the train to warn everybody to keep clear of the track. Five years went by, and George Stephenson, who was always trying to improve his engines, heard that the directors of a new railway between Liverpool and Manchester were offering a prize of £500 for an engine that would take goods and passengers quickly and cheaply between the two cities. Stephenson competed for the prize with his famous engine the "Rocket". Compared with our modern engines, it was a strange looking machine. Everyone regarded it as a marvel, and so it was. It travelled with a coach containing thirty people, at the rate of thirty miles an hour. The competition was held at Rainhill. A stand was erected and thousands of people attended to witness the trials of the four engines that competed for the prize. The "Rocket" won easily, and in this engine Stephenson showed the way which has led to the building of the giant locomotives of to-day.

Frank O'Connor.

A GOOSE STORY

When I was a small girl I lived in a country place. We had many pets, but none I remember who showed so much intelligence as a goose. We children adopted as a pet a yellow gosling that had become motherless. We put our pet to bed at night in a box in a corner near the kitchen fireplace, and covered her with a woollen cloth to keep her warm. As she grew older we called her Spotty, as her feathers came in the ordinary grey and white. Spotty would spend the day following and sitting about with the children, and they took good care of her feeding and putting her to bed at evening time. Our gosling grew to be a fully grown goose, and in the springtime she was laying eggs, and would spend the day with a flock of geese by the creek, which was near our home. But when evening came Spotty would return home sometimes flying, and would cackle softly to us, pulling at our dresses and stockings until we gave her food. As soon as she finished tea she would waddle into the kitchen, and, as she crossed the floor, take in her bill any cloth or towel she could reach, dragging it to a corner near the fire where she sat down and with her bill tucked the cloth round her, finishing by putting an end across her back. She preened herself, and showed pleasure if we stroked her and tucked her in a little more cosily. Poor old Spotty; she was a nuisance to the "grows-up" but we children loved her for the sense she showed and appreciation of our goodness to her. Spotty flew home as usual one evening, but we heard a thud and saw her fall. Our poor goose had struck the paling fence surrounding our home, and in a few days she died. We mourned our pet, and never had another that we loved as dearly as Spotty.

(BETTER) Enid Love.

SIMPSON OR SAMPSON?

Roy Simpson, as a negro labourer, was putting in his first day with a construction gang whose foreman was known for getting the maximum out of his men. Simpson was helping in a task of moving the right of way, and all day he carried heavy timbers and ties until its close when he was completely tired out. Knock-off time came. Before he went he approached the boss and said. "Mister, You sure you got me down right on the payroll?" The foreman looked over the list of names. "Yes," he said "here you are, Roy Simpson. That's right isn't it?" "Yass sur boss," said the negro. Dass right. I thought maybe you had me down as Sampson."

(GOOD) Tommy Craig.

A TRUE STORY

A farmer in England once had a lot of fowls stolen, so he had locks put on the fowl pens, so that he should not lose any more. However, one night he went to bed and had forgotten to lock the fowls up. Next morning he went to feed them as usual and to his dismay, found most of them gone, and a note on one of the doors. And this is what he read:—

John, John, your hens are gone.
Your cocks will crow no more;
You went to bed, you sleepy head,
And forgot to lock your door.

(GOOD) Ruby Keele.

STRANGE ANIMALS

What terrible animals must have roamed the world in ancient times. The fossil remains of a very large animal called the Diplodocus were discovered in Colorado, and Wyoming in America. Noted scientists have reconstructed one of these monsters from a skeleton, and it is 84 feet in length. The height to the top of the spine is nearly 14 feet. Four thousand centuries are supposed to have passed since these monsters lived.

(GOOD) Jean Moylan.

YUMPIN' YIMINY

Ole Olsen wanted to be a railroad man. So he got a job in a round house as engine wiper. The foreman had trained in the "Jim" Hill school; he allowed no waste. He everlastingly kept ding donging at Ole like this: "Don't waste a drop of oil. Oil still costs money. And don't waste the waste, either; its getting mighty expensive." Ole finally got these economy facts pounded into his head. One day Ole was promoted to fireman. The day before he went on his first regular run on a freight engine he was posted as to his duties through a series of questions. This was the last question: "Now, Ole, suppose you are on your engine; you go around a curve and see rushing toward you on a single track the fastest passenger train. What would you do?" Ole replied " I would grab the oil can, and grab the waste and I'd jump."

(GOOD) Leslie Craig.

A QUEER TREE

There grows in British New Guinea a large tree with glossy leaves which produces very peculiar nuts. These nuts, when the time is ripe for the kernel to come out of its shell, explode with a loud report and send the kernels flying in all directions. It is one of Nature's ways of sowing seeds well away from the parent tree, so they will not be overshadowed, and robbed of sunshine and rain by the big branches of the parent trees.

(GOOD) Lily Scrimes.

WHERE WAS HE?

Bill Smith, a country shop-keeper, went to the city to buy goods. They were sent immediately, and reached home before Smith did. When the boxes were delivered Mrs. Smith, who was keeping the shop in his absence, uttered a scream, seized a hatchet and began frantically to open the largest case. "What is the matter, Mrs. Smith?" asked one of the customers who had watched her in amazement. Pale and faint, Mrs. Smith pointed to an inscription on the box. It read "Bill inside."

(GOOD) Roy Murphy.

DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

While ploughing a field my uncle lost his watch. After the ploughing, the ground was harrowed twice, rolled and then the seed was drilled in, but there was no sign of the watch. Months later, when the crop was being taken off, the watch was found by my uncle, who wound it up, and was delighted to find that it still kept good time.

(GOOD) Bert Moylan.

CONTRIBUTIONS

QUEEN ANNE'S DEAD

It was raining heavily, and George and Mary were unwilling and reluctant prisoners indoors. Every hour, they hoped for the clouds to lighten, but the steady downpour persisted. "It's raining," said George, in a sarcastic mood. "Queen Anne's dead," retorted Mary and thereby hangs a tale which Uncle Frank, who was hidden behind a newspaper, sat upright in his cosy chair by the fire to tell them. Even a wet afternoon may have its consolations. On August 1, 1714, a young man bearing the name of Carter left the City of London to try to find employment at the naval port of Plymouth. His name and journey are forgotten, and yet remembered, for they were the innocent cause of an immortal mistake. Four regiments of foot soldiers were hurrying to London, for civil war seemed imminent. And as Carter left the city, the tolling of the bells proclaimed to all loyal citizens that the queen was dead. It was a critical time in our history.

(To be Concluded).

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

MY PIGEONS

I had two pigeons bright and gay,
They flew from me the other day.
What was the reason they did go?
I cannot tell, for I do not know.

(GOOD) George Gordon.

TO BED

"Come, let's to bed," says Sleepyhead;
"Tarry a while," says Slow,
"Put on the pan," says greedy Nan,
"Let's sup before we go."

(GOOD) Fred Gordon.

BILLY'S PIGGY

Have you ever heard of Billy Pringle's pig?
It was very little, and not very big:
When it was alive it lived in clover;
But now it's dead, and that's all over.
Betsy Pringle, she sat down and cried;
And Billy mourned with her till they died;
So there's an end of all the three—
Billy Pringle, he, Betsy Pringle, she,
and poor little piggy wigee-wee.

(GOOD) Leslie Gordon.

LIMERICK

There was a young lady of Leigh,
Who invited a sailor to tea.
She did him so grand
That he asked for her hand
And now the poor chap's all at sea.

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

A Trick.

Go to your friend with six matches, and ask her to take away three and leave four. She will be puzzled. Then take three away and make "four" with the matches in Roman figures—IV.

(GOOD) Margery Upton.

ANSWER TO JUMBLED VERSE

This verse was taken from Tennyson's fdmous poem, The Brook, and should read thus:—

I come from haunts of coot and hern,
I make a sudden sally,
To sparkle out among the fern
To bicker down the valley.

(GOOD) Sydney Grenfell.

One thing of you, kind sir, I crave,
Which you yourself can never have;
Yet if you love me as you say,
Pray give it me without delay.

—A Husband.

(GOOD) Alan Sterry.

First in the court of kings I take my birth,
Despatch'd from thence I ravage all the earth;
O'er sea and land I bear a lawless sway,
Revel in blood, make human kind my prey,
And slay ten thousand victims in a day.
Answer: War.

(GOOD) Isabel Sterry.

I am borne on the gale in the stillness of night,
A sentinel's signal that all is not right;
I am not a swallow, yet skim o'er the wave,
I am not a doctor, yet patients I save;
When the sapling has grown to a tree,
It finds a protector henceforward in me.
Answer: Bark.

(GOOD) Clyde Sterry.

COMPETITION CORNER

Stories, riddles, catches, puzzles, jokes, short pieces, or anything you think will be interesting to the Cobbers' Club should be sent to Uncle Phil, "The Leader," High St., Northcote. They will be printed and marked Good, Better, Best—Good, 5 points; Better, 10 points; Best, 15 points. Cut out all your own and keep them until you have 100 marks. Then send to Uncle Phil, and say if you prefer a cash prize of 2/6 or a book. If a book, give the title.

HOW TO JOIN THE COBBERS' CLUB

Fill in the form at the bottom of the page and address to Uncle Phil, the "Leader," High St., Northcote. In due course you will receive a beautiful certificate to say that you are a member of the club. Join now, and tell your friends to join, too.

The Cobbers' Club

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

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CRICKET.

THE JUNIORS

In the matting division of the Juniors, Fitzroy Footballers went to the crease at Merri Park on Monday. There was a good attendance of spectators and the cricket was in good order though the field was soft.

At the close of play each day's play Fitzroy Footballers had 252 runs for the loss of 9 wickets. Higgs gained 96 not out, after getting right through the innings. Other scorers were Mc Lennan (18 in 20 minutes) Joyce 38 (two sixers) Bassett 19 (3) Kupsch 12.

Pommeroy was outstanding amongst the bowlers, taking 4 47, from 18 overs, and Purvis got one wicket from 20 overs, in which 50 runs were scored.

P.A.F.S.
(Semi-finals.)

North Fitzroy, 215 (R. Allen 54, Heintz 46, Rickett 22) d Northcote 50 and 42. (Ward 6-5 and 17, and J. Tow, Wilmers 10 and 4 39; E. Allen 7 42; McCrae 3 14).

Footscray 68, d Collingwood 23 and 42.

H.A.C.B.S. Final

Preston could only manage 88 against Richmond's five for 194.

Richmond's best were F. J. Baylis 105 not out and 4 12, F. O'Callaghan 25 not out and 4 15; C. O'Callaghan 23.

I.O.R. Quarter Finals
North Section

Fairfield, 248 (Jones 77, Street 43, and 9 91, Boyd 41, Weier, sen. 41) d. Northcote, 93 and 187 (Mackay 25, Scott 23, Brown 20 n.o.; Beitler 4 33, Davidson 4 42).

Heidelberg District
First Grade Semi-finals

Ivanhoe Footballers, 176 (C. Gonzales 110), and secured for 66 (F. Gonzales 42 not out, d. Greensborough, 135 (Poulter 41, R. Franklin 29).

Ivanhoe, 72 and three for 18 (Pitcher 20; Connors 5 27) d. North Alphington, 45 and eight (closed) for 48 (Little 5 15 and 3 24, Mc Millan 3 19 and 4 19).

Second Grade

Fairfield Diggers, 51 (Butterworth 5 24), d Greensborough, 31 and 27 (Ryce 8 4 and 7 2).

Claremont, 135 and 98 (Durant 35, R. Hall 30, Bain 24; Palmer 4 31) d North Ivanhoe, 86 and 63 (Palmer 23, Whittaker 23; Durant 7 29 and 7 36).

Unemployed Association Cricket

Married, 100 and 76, lost to Single, 128, and 34.

THE GUN.

STATE STARLING CHAMPIONSHIP AT RESERVOIR

The recovery of weather conditions made the shoot at Reservoir on Monday most enjoyable. The State starling championship was a difficult proposition as a comparatively small field encountered fast birds, with the result that practically the whole field, after being twice eliminated, came in again a third time, and even then there was a shoot-off among four for second and third money. Results were:—First, £14 5/-, and championship title, with gold medal, W. Oliver, 18 out of 23. Second, £14 5/-, went to "Pentland," 18 out of 23. Third, £2 8/, was divided by Keenan and "Sport," each with 4 seconds in a tally of 18 out of 23. James was fifth, with 17 out of 22 (four seconds). Of 023 birds released 134 fell to the first barrel, 44 to the second, and 57 escaped. S. Grant ("Tommy"), of Meredith, is the only other to win the title twice. A miss-out sweepstakes saw better shooting with the tension relieved. It included many shooters who arrived too late for the championship, including a Diggers' Rest contingent, and was divided on the 8th round by "Footsteray," Porter, Crawford and J. T. Drummond, and another by "Pentland," "Sport" and Meadway, on six rounds.

RAISE YOUR AUSTRALIAN VOICE

There is an obvious change for the better in Australia, especially when we find the trade unions themselves turning down strike proposals in the midst of depression. The atmosphere of the country is improving. The national struggle is clearing the air. The crisis is gathering together those forces which will carry us though. The crying need is for a leader, and the people must continue to express their dissatisfaction with the present leaders until the real and obvious leader arrives. Public men who have received honors from His Majesty ought to help much more and influence the public life of Australia infinitely more than they do. Let the average citizen try to know what is wrong with Australia, from his class standpoint, and from his sect standpoint, from his personal interest standpoint, and from the standpoint of men and women who are working for Australia. And then let him speak and act and stand up for Australia. We are gradually moving away from the darkness. We are once fore asserting our honor, we are asserting the sanctity of Law and Order, we are beginning to realise the immense importance of having men of character and independence and patriotism and vision to lead us. Let everyone lift up his Australian voice, and work strongly in Australian ways to bring Australia happiness in the immediate future.

ASSOCIATION MATCHES

FIXTURES FOR THE SEASON

The programme of Association football matches for this season has been approved. The Victorian Football League proposed that a charity match with the Association should be played on June 27. The Association decided to request the League to alter the date to June 6. If the League favors the change the club matches fixed for June 6 will be played on June 8, the holiday for the King's Birthday. The fixtures are:—

April 18

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

May 2

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

May 9

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

May 16

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

May 23

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

May 30

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

June 6

Northcote v Port Melbourne.
Brighton v Coburg.

June 8

Sandringham v Williamstown.
Yarraville v Prahran.
Brunswick v Camberwell.
Oakleigh v Preston.

June 13

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

June 20

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

June 27

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

July 4

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

July 11

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

July 18

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

July 25

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

August 1

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

August 8

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

August 15

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

August 22

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

The semi-final and final matches will be played on August 29 and September 5, 12 and 19.

Medals to be played on the ground of the first-named clubs.

SWIMMING.

Examinations for the awards of competency in swimming and lifesaving at the Education Department are now being held at the Northcote Municipal Baths. Miss M. Cox, superintendent of swimming instruction in Victoria, assisted by Messrs. Rimmer, Day, Krygger and Miss Eddy are conducting the examinations. Records for any certificates have already been established by Northcote, and the examiners paid tribute to the high standard set by the instructors. Many parents of pupils under examination visited the baths during the tests and comment has been made on the strenuous nature of the same.

The following have passed to date:—

WESTGARTH CENTRAL SCHOOL

Junior Certificates

Girls:—Esme Joyce, Lorna Moore, Edna Cock, Thelma King, Phyllis Spencer, Jean McMurrick, Dorothy Randell, Zelerie Smith, Shirley Brasser, Gloria Newbound, Lillian Gerke, Thelma Grant, Georgina Petrie, Edith Harrop, Lyall Stubbings, Elsie Mason, Gladys Teague, Betty Reynolds, Nora Williams, Dulcie Fothergill, Beatrice Ryan, Jean Sterling Boys:—N. Hart, F. Burgess, A. Hicks, C. Vincett, J. Robertson, F. James, Robert Millar, Hugo Holmes, Edward Gunser, Rob. Hayman, Willis Stuchberry, C. Nilson, Keith Sheddon, Gerald Mullane, R. Richards, — Addison, Harold Stammers, R. Chivers, Will Mullane, Fred Foster, — Nelson, D. Jones, C. Rogers, R. Dyke, F. Lamb, F. Burridge, G. Stenton, H. Bird, A. Pyburn, R. Dawson, F. Allen, J. Rourke.

Senior Certificates

Girls:—E. Joyce, E. Newton, C. Stewart, B. Vaughan, J. Naismith, J. Wallace, N. Barker, E. Williams, J. Ross, P. Shea, V. Beattie, L. Kennedy, L. Gotts. Boys:—Don Maxwell, A. Eddington, A. Prescott, V. Bidaut, C. Hayman, C. Abbott, C. Read, Reg Trigg, Ron Trigg F. Foster, — Blacket, R. Gotts, H. Peat, R. Millar, A. Dudley, J. Foster.

Medallions

Girls:—Enda James, Elsie Newton, Jean Ross, Viola Beattie, Esme Joyce, Lorna Jones, Ruth Nellis. Boys:—R. Murray, J. Storie, A. Lissendon, A. Steele, E. Egberg, A. Naismith, C. Abbott.

Swimming masters, Messrs. Mohr, and Krygger and Miss Jeffers. In all 96 were successful.

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL

Swimming master, Mr. H. J. Day and his assistants, Messrs. Graham, Burke, Veale, Armstrong and Grose.

Junior Certificates

J. Arthur, W. Baxter, V. Bell, R. Bramhill, A. Bott, K. Croker, H. Caffyn, J. Croall, L. Williams, J. Walter, K. Condy, B. Dalley, J. Ferd, C. Graham, J. Hamilton, J. Hammond E. Hosking, R. Hubble, R. Johnson, D. Johnson, C. Lavender, A. Lewis, G. Lewis, S. Murray, W. Munson, F. McDonald, F. Newman, B. Osborne, G. Press, J. Roberts, — Rosenberg, F. Rosewarne, L. Stott, G. Studd, F. Telfer, I. White, H. Waters, T. Ward.

Senior Certificates

T. Ackary, F. Anderson, R. Ashworth, W. Baxter, J. Blackwell, G. Boxer, R. Bowler, K. Corlett, R. Corlet, J. Casey, N. Clarke, R. Dance, N. Dickson, R. Fuller, — Gardiner, — Holroyd, M. Hutchinson, N. Hutchinson, G. Geddes, E. Hulett, J. Joyce, H. Johnson, F. Jones, D. Johnson, M. Kettle, N. Lee, L. Little, M. Lazarus, L. Luxford, R. Lovitt, T. Mackay, A. Morgan, J. Mather, P. Mulley, J. Marriage, S. Maher, M. Mainprize, D. McAlpine, G. Mutchan, B. Newline, D. Osborne, R. Oldmeadows, L. Peckham, K. Quick, N. Ragg, S. Roche, F. Rosewarne, H. Smith, D. Scott, R. Sharkey, B. Slavin, H. Solomon, T. Stevens, J. Tait, F. Telfer, R. Todd, H. Waters, H. Wilkinson, D. Wardell, G. Ewen, J. Roche, M. Roberts.

Medallions

V. Berry, R. Naylor, N. White, J. Hamilton, L. Percival, S. Lingford, F. Bromage, T. Westell, L. Bond, M. Bennett, H. Revell, M. McGreggor, W. Waites, F. Walmsley, I. Riley, G. Walker, R. Harper, R. Trounce, J. Bowden, J. Roche, R. Grainger, G. Ewen, M. Roberts.

In all 123 passed; 38 juniors, 62 seniors, and 23 medallion winners.

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Senior Certificate

R. Letiq, A. McDonell, A. Ross.

Medallion

C. French, T. Rossau, H. Ross.

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Early on Wednesday night a factory in Hoddle street, Clifton Hill, occupied by Messrs. Rampling and Hall, shoe manufacturers, was severely damaged by fire. Some machinery and stock was destroyed.

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LADY'S AND S.W. POLO COAT. No. 3439.

One of the most popular styles for early autumn wear is the "Polo" coat now in so much demand. This is a coat particularly suitable for young women and Misses, and made up in cream or pastel shades of flannel is charmingly youthful in appearance. The coat can be made up at home by the merest novice, being very simple in construction, and surprisingly inexpensive. Any women can afford to be well dressed if she makes her own clothes. Materials can be purchased very cheaply, especially at this time, and all that is required is a good pattern, such as the one which we are illustrating for this week. The coat is in one from neck to hem and is neatly shaped, but not flared. It has a modish standing collar, and diagonal pockets, and is confined at the waist with a belt of the material. The sleeves are finished with straight turn-back cuffs.

3439

Flannel is the material usually employed for making the "Polo" coat, but tweeds and other similar goods can be used with equal success. The pattern, No. 3439, price 10d., and is cut in sizes to suit small women, and medium fittings. The patterns are manufactured by Demaret's, Collingwood, and can be purchased from agents everywhere. A list of local agents will be found elsewhere in this paper. Ask agents for free illustrated leaflet of designs.

VELVET SUGGESTED FOR THE BRIDE

Panne velvet is the material adopted for the bridal frock in Clara Bow's new Paramount picture, "No Limit."

This material has a beautiful satin finish and makes it very adaptable for occasions. The frock is cut on classical lines with a wide sweeping train, and long tight sleeves. Miss Bow also selected a veil of chiffon over a billette cap of rose point lace, and a bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley.

COLOR MAD

The Latest Fads of Fashion

Hollywood has gone color mad, according to Travis Banton, creator of Paramount fashions, who declares that black, the smallish favorite, is more than a decade, has taken a place of secondary importance.

"The success of pastel shades in afternoon costumes and evening gowns is unprecedented," asserts the designer. "Colored frocks worn with dark coats that completely cover them for street wear are decidedly smarter than the black costumes of yore.

"Although the all-black outfit is now considered monotonous by itself, black accessories such as gloves, belts shoes, handbags, and hats are startlingly chic when added to frocks of turquoise blue, persimmon, Nile green and faded pink.

"Pink that is subdued by a soft film of gray is the latest shade sensation, and I recently designed such a gown for Carole Lombard to wear in Paramount's "Ladies Man," in which she plays opposite William Powell. It is displayed in a dinner gown of Roma crepe and has short puff sleeves and a short square train. The touch of black is introduced in the elbow-length kid gloves, and black satin pumps."

PIQUE TRIMMINGS

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As Worn by Kay Francis in the Paramount Picture
"SCANDAL SHEET"

The cotton fashion has even invaded the new winter frocks, and pique, which found such favor during summer, is again brought forward to trim the new tweeds.

Kay Francis, who is appearing in "Scandal Sheet", a Paramount picture, adopts the new innovation with great success on her gown of dark green tweed, which is dectly ornamented with three butterfly bows of light green pique at spaced intervals down the front of the blouse, and on the tight wrist bands. This frock, by the way, gets away from the flare skirt, and shows once more the straight tailored lines of pleats.

Her coat of matching material has ruffled collar of the pique, and it is also used at a forehead band on her dark green toque, finishing with a bow on the right side.

COVERING A FLOOR.

The old way, and the bad way, was to choose something in a hard-wearing Axminister, preferably with a touch of blue in it "because blue goes with everything," and then proceed to make the carpet fit the room, or the room the carpet, irrespective of aspect, size, or shape.

Nowadays, there are so many delightful varieties of moderately priced floor-coverings that it is well worth while studying a few small points before a room is carpeted. Firstly, if your room has a southern aspect, you can wander at will among the more aesthetic hue if your fancy urges you to do so; you can have grey-green, blue-green, stone green, or lavender without shivering when you look at it. But should you face the south, then turn your attention to the warmer greys, to soft browns, and Du Barri pinks.

The average size of the average room in the average five or six roomed house is, approximately twelve feet by ten, omitting cornices. Cutting out the modern German and Continental designs, which are very fascinating if you have money and room for them, one comes to the plain types of carpets, in neutral tints. The busy housewife may hold up her hands in horror at the suggestion of a Quaker-grey self-toned carpet in her room, anticipating the horrors of everlasting cleaning, and reply emphatically that it cannot be done. But it can, and a gay-hued strip or two by the fireplace, the window, and the route where traffic is worst will keep the carpet clear of offending footmarks. The carpet, being patternless, can fit snugly everywhere whereas a patterned square cannot. It also has the advantage of being reversible.

If you have money, plain Wilton looks lovely; Axminister with a Wilton finish is also good, but more crude, of course. Hair carpet is most reasonable, wears endlessly, and with an underfelt presents a tolerably good appearance, only it "sweats" for a long while after being laid and is scarcely ever obtained in the soft, warmer hues afore mentioned.

Art felt is the latest and by far the most attractive of coverings in neutral shades. It can be obtained for a little more money than hair carpet, but the difference in appearance is enormous. An underlay is a nice extravagance with art felt but not a necessity.

Reversible hair carpets with fairly simple designs also form a fine way out for the furnisher with little to spend.

It is, of course, impossible to lay down hard and fast rules about coloring, but it may briefly be said that various shades of the warmer rose throw up warm, gay hues on your ceiling, help the general lighting effect and convey gentle warmth without the fierceness inspired by a red carpet.

On the other hand, a yellow, mustard, or orange carpet must be chosen with the very greatest care. Blues are quite good.

There is no doubt that a floor covering can either make for ever or mar the general aspect of the room when furnished.

ROMANTIC CIRCLE.

LANCASTER—ROGERS

A Picturesque Wedding

The marriage of Miss Mabel Rogers only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Rogers, of "Welsh Harp" Jessie street Northcote, to Mr. T. A. Lancaster, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lancaster, of Austin street Alphington, took place at the Epiphany Church Northcote, on Saturday afternoon March 14. Mrs. A. Thompson acted as matron of honor to the bride, and Mr. Cliff Lancaster was best man. The bride was given away by her father.

The bride's toilette was a beautiful lace gown with silk net and underlining of white satin, drawn up with satin buttons in front of bodice, and she carried a shear gladioli and water and tiger lilies. The bridesmaid wore a dress of the palest pink satin with two tier skirt and carried a bouquet of shaded pink dahlias.

After the wedding ceremony, which was conducted by the Rev. T. Cole, the happy couple returned to the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was held. After the usual toasts were honored, the party adjourned to the Northcote Football Club's dance hall where about 150 guests assembled, amongst whom were Mrs. Turner (wife of Cr. Turner) and her son, Doctor and Mrs. Parer, and Mr. and Mrs. Lang. The evening was ably conducted by Mr. Len Lancaster who took the chair. The music was provided by Mr. Dave Rook's Orchestra and Miss Jessie Rook was the pianiste. Mr. Len Lancaster and Miss Jessie Rook entertained the company during the evening with songs. Supper was later served and the tables were elegantly decorated with gladioli, which gave a pleasing effect. Mr. E. Lester proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom, after which followed the usual toasts. The guests continued dancing and during the evening the bridal couple left for a trip to the Western District.

SELECTION OF JEWELS AS ACCESSORIES IMPORTANT.

Jewel cases are again brimming over with lovely ornaments for the fashion season calls for a smart array of special dressing appropriate for every costume of the well-dressed girl.

There are, for the morning sports costumes, pearl jewelled chokers, matched with bolts, which look well with the tweed suits. Hammered silver chokers suit most costumes of this type while a variety of the pins show pins revealing the initials of the wearers.

Brooch clips are popular for the afternoon beret hats with twin patterns appearing on the purses. These clips are of rhinestones or, if the costume is especially smart, diamonds and colored stones are featured.

However, it is under the electric lights that the most beautiful patterns are displayed. Then, in striking effect the precious stones which have been neglected for years are being given important attention.

A ruby ring for instance receives its full value when worn with a white satin evening gown, the red glow of the ring emphasising the carmen lips of the evening mistress.

Diamonds also continue to receive notice—being worn for a definite effect. Anita Page, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's ingenue player whose latest role is in the picture "War Nurse", shows how important diamonds are when worn with an all-black velvet evening frock. . . . her choice being three flexible bracelets with a brooch clasped to one of the shoulder straps of the dress.

That hatpins will adorn the newest models of autumn millinery was revealed recently by the Paramount fashion scouts.

The first to introduce the new-old fashion is Mary Brian who wears one of the latest small pancake hats in the Paramount picture, "The Royal Family of Broadway." The hat of black astrachan is worn on one side of the head, displaying a large area of Mary's golden hair, and is held in place with two jewel-studded, six-inch-long hatpins.

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MOTOR CYCLING

CAULFIELD SPORTS

At the sports at Caulfield on Monday local riders of motor cycling clubs were prominent. The following were placed:—Sidecar Flag Race: L. Le Plastrier (Fairfield) 2, S. Jones (Northcote) 3. Solo Flag Race: H. Knight (Northcote) 1, J. Jordan (Ivanhoe) 2, Alexander (Northcote) 3. Sidecar Bending Race: S. Jones (Northcote) 1, S. Le Plastrier (Fairfield) 3. Pigal Solo Bending Race: S. Le Plastrier (Fairfield) 1.

Preston Council

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Tuesday on account of the Monday holiday. There were present the mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson) and Councillors H. P. Zwar, W. J. Hemburrow, W. Spratling, L. Jones, A. E. Newton, W. J. Adams, W. T. Robeson and R. H. E. Maynard.

Electricity.—The State Electricity Commission advised that arrangement agreed to by the municipal undertakers giving the commission power to control type, quality etc of all apparatus installed in future, has been put into force.—Received.

57/60th. Battalion — Lieutenant-Colonel J. J. McKenna O.C. sought the use of Cramer Street oval an Anzac Sunday (April 26) for the purpose of trooping the colors.—Granted.

Baseball.—Preston club sought the use of Cramer Street Park for the coming season.—Granted subject to usual arrangements.

Sunday Sale of Fruit.—Melbourne and Metropolitan Retail Fruiterers association asked that action be taken to prevent the sale of fruit and vegetables on Sundays.—Committee of the council to give consideration.

General

State Saving Bank sought attention to drainage in Murray road.—P.W. committee.

G. Brown asked that holes in Spring street be filled.—P.W. committee.

H. W. Ballard, sought attention to drainage Rathgown road.—P.W. committee.

L. T. Weedon sought attention to Edith street.—P.W. committee, and street to be placed on list for private construction.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee.—Accounts to the value of £422/1/6 were paid.

Sales Tax on quarry output.—£105/16/3 2 to be paid as sales tax under protest.

Public Works Committee.—General accounts and private street construction accounts totalling £3,845/10/5 were paid.

East Preston Progress Association asking that footpath be reconditioned in Plenty road, from Livingstone parade to Bell street.—No funds available.

F. Holden seeking attention to roadway in front of 25 Gordon grove. —Held over for present.

Crossing Gilbert road to Vale street —Referred to the committee with a view of having the crossing made at the cost of abutting owners.

Crossing, Crowley street and pipe track.—That when any metal is available from High street, same to be used for this work.

Crossing, High street and Percival street.—No action at present.

Raglan — Notice between Hotham street and Plenty road;—That this work be done, cost £5.

Regent Central Progress Association re lane at rear of 5 Foch street to Killara St.—Engineer to give attention when material is available.

West Reservoir Progress Association. (1) re wire fence rear of wine hall, Edwardes street. (2) re Daventry street, near Edwardes street.—(1) Inspector to take immediate action and submit a report; (2) no action.

Regent Tennis Club seeking assistance in draining tennis courts.—No money available.

Redressing footpaths Milton street, south side, Plenty road to reserve.—Engineer to give temporary relief, cost £8.

P. E. Hines.—That as the services of Mr. P. E. Hines are not now required, owing to work having been completed, his services be dispensed with.

Electric Light Committee.—Accounts £1045/4/5 were paid.

Street Light, Garnet street.—No action at present.

Officer's Report

Finance.—Collected during fortnight £3,631/4/9) including current rates £2,239/7/6). Bank overdraft £37,896/18/3. Electric Light Acdr. £2881/4/0.

Health Inspector.—Several cases of infectious disease were reported; food and by-law cases had been brought before the court; milk and food samples had been taken, and four people were detected selling short weight food stuffs.—Received.

Brandings.—3036 pigs, 2076 sheep and 140 cattle.

Ordinary Business

Cr. Hemburrow moved that attention be given to footpath in Murray road.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Hemburrow asked if anything had been done about drainage of Oakover school yard.

The engineer: I've prepared plans and have had personal interviews with the department but without any success so far.

Drainage James street; footpath at Mary street; drainage at Parker street, Regent; bridges were required north-east corner of Jessie and Bell streets.—Referred to Public Works Committee by Cr. Hemburrow.

Cr. Hemburrow spoke of Hamilton's park and said there was a big bog there into which sewerage spoil could be dumped.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Hemburrow told how "wormdiggers" were helping to create little bogs near this park, and these were a menace to health.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Zwar said a few ashes were required corner of Tennyson street and Goldsmith avenue; also in Broadway.—Public Works Committee.

Cr. Robeson referred to seepage from reservoir at north end of Down street.—Engineer to communicate with Board of Works.

Attention to footpath in front of Baptist church in Cramer street; replacing of slabs in Rona street; pipe cut Fetling street, near Ashley street were referred to Public Works Committee by Cr. Robeson.

Cr. Maynard moved that rationing of the steam-roller drivers be referred to the committee of th council.—Carried.

Cr. Jones moved that the matter of private streets and footpaths be referred to the committee of the council.

Cr. Jones drew attention to the splendid way in which water had been carried off High street. For the first time in a heavy rain, High street had not been flooded, and he congratulated the engineer on the work.

Attention to r-o-w rear of Sussex street, north side was referred to Public Works Committee by Cr. Maynard.

Cr. Adams said the council had decided to spend £613/15/- for "small works" and if these were continued as at present rate the amount provided would be considerably overspent. He also indicated that nothing had been provided for contingencies.

Cr. Jones moved that the treasurer prepare a report of the revenues for the coming year.

Cr. Newton said he was surprised to see so many small works brought up, in view of the shortage of funds.

Cr. Newton said that Hotham street footpath near the school was a trap up and dangerous.—To be given attention.

Cr. Maynard asked when channel cleaning in McColl street between Malpas street and Madeline street would be started.

The engineer: I am trying to conserve funds and the job will be done this week with others in the same vicinity.

Cr. Jones: The engineer was instructed not to go ahead with further works until instructed by the committee.

Cr. Hemburrow asked if any iron had been used in the yard in the last fortnight.

The engineer: £5 has been spent, but on what I don't know.

Cr. Hemburrow: The work should not have been done without authority.

Cr. Jones: No instructions have been given that no work is to be done in the yard.

Cr. Hemburrow asked that a minute of last meeting be turned up.

The meeting was adjourned for ten minutes to allow the resolution to be found. The mayor then read the minute "re sheds in council yard—That £78 be spent to complete the work;" which was ruled out of order on a point of order raised by Cr. Jones.

The mayor indicated that if no money had been provided, no money should have been spent.

The matter was referred to the committee of the council.

Cr. Maynard asked if there was any truth in the statement that an order for screenings had been placed with the Epping Quarries.

The engineer: Yes, for 50 yards for Country Roads Board Works, but none since. I was seen speaking to the representative of that company to-night (laughter.)

Cr. Spratling asked that attention be given to channel kerb corner of Bell street and Plenty road, where elderly lady had recently slipped into the gutter there.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Spratling said in Swallow street seventeen flats at the domestic arts school required attention.—Referred to engineer.

Cr. Jones moved that no orders for metal or screenings are to be placed outside the municipality without the consent of the council.—Carried.

Cr. Hemburrow moved that no work of any description be carried out by the council without the sanction of the council.

Cr. Spratling seconded.

Cr. Jones: Surely the council is not coming down to such a State as this. The council has often urgent maintenance works.

Cr. Hemburrow: I'll alter it to read no works outside maintenance.

Motion carried.

Cr. Spratling said that fire plugs were projecting in David street, owing to the metal wearing down.—P.W. committee.

Law.

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NORTHCOTE NOTES

Star of Northcote, I.O.R.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on March 19, Bro. T. McWilliams, P.G., presiding over a good attendance. One new member was received into membership. The cricket club reported having won their last match, and having reached the semi-finals. The hockey club presented the quarterly balance sheet, which showed the total assets of the tent to be £10,246/16/10. The balance sheet, together with the auditors' report, was adopted. After several other matters had been dealt with the social committee conducted the first night's play for the games championships. There were big entries in all four sections—bowls, cribbage, euchre and quoits—and in the process of elimination several "hot favorites" were beaten. At the close of an enjoyable evening the lists were narrowed down considerably, and the final will be decided at the next meeting on April 2.

New Council By-Law

The Northcote council has agreed to a by-law to control the erection of merry-go-rounds, swing boats, shooting galleries, etc. A notice appears elsewhere.

Community Singing

The community singing conducted under the auspices of the Central Northcote Traders' Association continues to attract increasing numbers. So as not to disappoint the many followers on Easter week it has been decided to hold the session on Thursday of that week instead of Friday, April 3 (Good Friday).

On March 19, despite the rain, the attendance was good. The orchestra, under Mr. Victor Winter, rendered "Gloriana," "Up With the Lark," "Fairy Flirtation," and "The Merry Widow." Miss Walker sang "My Ain Folk," "Life in a Caravan," "Prisoner of Mine" and "Mighty Like a Rose." Singing was conducted by Mr. W. Neal, with Miss O'Halloran as accompanist and numbers were "Pal of My Dreams," "Smile and Keep Smiling," "We Must All Pull Together" and "Moonlight on the Colorado."

Band Contest

On Saturday, March 28, the Helen street State school band will compete in the quick-step contest at the Exhibition oval, Melbourne. The boys have been practising assiduously for the past few weeks and expect to do well in the contest. Mr. W. King is bandmaster and Mr. E. W. Smith is the quick-step drill instructor.

Fire Brigade Activities

On March 19 the brigade extinguished a fire, caused by the ignition of petrol, on the ground floor of 119 Balfour street, owned and occupied by E. V. Kersch.

Northcote Police News

The larceny of a lady's handbag containing a number of articles from a house in James street has been reported to the police. The residence of the Hon. J. Cain, in James street, was entered at night and a lady's handbag containing money and trinkets was taken. In Kellett street a resident reports the loss of a number of canaries. The Gas Company has reported that money from slot gas meters in vacant houses has been taken. In High street the shop of Mr. Turner, electrician, was entered and a three-valve wireless set, valued at £25, stolen.

Picnic to Warrandyte

THE Regent Central Progress Association held their third annual picnic at Warrandyte on Monday, Eight Hours Day. Five loaded vans left Tyler street, terminus at 9 o'clock in company with a number of private cars. A particularly enjoyable day was spent and sporting events, which were indulged in by young and old, whiled away the pleasant hours. Socially and financially the fixture was an immense success.

North Preston State School Carries Off Cup

The annual squadron race for the silver cup was held at the Preston Baths on Wednesday afternoon last. Keen enthusiasm was shown by competing teams from Reservoir, North Preston, South Preston, West Preston, and Bell State Schools. It was the fastest race yet seen, North Preston finishing first. The mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson) presented the cup, previously held by the Bell State School, to the winners. Messrs. Nankervis, Hudson, Smith and Mitchell made up the winning team.

PERSONAL

Mr. G. Pike, a member of Preston municipal staff is enjoying a holiday at Sale.

Congratulations are being sent to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Joffre street, East Preston, on the birth of a son.

Mr. Tatchell, secretary of Preston Bowling Club underwent an operation and is now in a satisfactory state of health.

Mrs. Graham, of Sydney has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Forde of Northcote.

There passed away on Monday at Gladstone avenue, Croxton, Miss Eleanor McConnell, daughter of the late Thomas and Jane McConnell.

Miss Edna Brown notifies elsewhere that she is opening a juvenile dancing class at Gaban's Hall, 402 Bell St., on Saturday, March 28, at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Geo. Dalgleish, of Croxton, at present undergoing a serious operation at the Epworth, is well on the way to good health.

Messrs. Twentyman Bros., of Bastings street, Northcote, have returned after spending a holiday at Lorne.

Mrs. Gerald Davern, of Bastings street, Northcote visited Woodend during the Eight Hours week-end where she renewed several school friendships.

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Bode of McKenzie grove, Ivanhoe are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

There passed away on March 20 at her residence, 7 Esther street, Preston, Miss Lillias Caroline Booth, daughter of William and the late Mary Booth, and no interment was made at the Heidelberg cemetery.

There passed away at 13 McLaughlin street, Northcote, Mr. Martin O'Connor, husband of Mrs. Eleanor O'Connor. Mr. O'Connor was one of a family of twelve, and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O'Connor.

The death occurred of Mrs. Susannah Gifford, at her residence, 12 Jenkin street, Northcote, the relict of the late Mr. Chas Gifford. Deceased was 70 years of age and leaves a son and daughter.

Mrs. Doris Parson, wife of Mr. Percy C. Parson, of 45 Keon street, Thornbury, passed away on Friday last, at the age of 38 years, leaving two children, Clive and Sylv...

Mr. and Mrs. Alford of "Alton", 149 Station street, Fairfield, last Saturday celebrated their silver wedding.

The many friends of Mr. Ted Newbegin, of Regent, will be pleased to learn that he is making good recovery after an operation to his leg. Mr. Newbegin, whilst playing cricket some weeks ago, was hit on the leg with a cricket ball and complications set in necessitating an operation.

At his residence, 51 Emmaline street, Croxton, on March 25, the death occurred of Mr. William Henry Barbis, husband of the late Mrs. Eliza Barbis, in his 83th year. Deceased was the father of William John (North Fitzroy), Nell (Croxton), Mary (Mrs. E. Davis, Preston), Lucy (Mrs. R. H. Smith, East Preston), and Jennie (Mrs. C. C. Davis, Mooney Ponds).

THORNBURY NEWS.

Euchre Party and Dance

Despite adverse weather a successful euchre party and dance was held at the Memorial Hall on March 21, conducted by the Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary. There were about 100 present. Euchre prizes were won by Mrs. C. M. Jones and Mrs. Kidd, and Mr. and Mrs. Ostrim won the Monte Carlo dance.

Hit and Run Motorist

Henry Turley, 21, of Harold street, Thornbury, was knocked off his bicycle outside the Eastern Hill fire station early on Monday night. The cyclist is alleged to have driven off without rendering assistance. Turley was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital with severe head injuries.

Picnic

The Thornbury Presbyterian Church held a successful picnic on Eight Hours Day. Leaving the church at 10.15 a.m. they journeyed to Mornington, where an entertaining sports programme was enjoyed.

Installation of Officers

The Grand Chaplain of the Grand Order of the Burning Bush installed the officers of the Thornbury branch on March 24. Members are reminded to bring refreshments for the tea on Sunday.

57th-60th battalion

THE above battalion intends holding a tactical exercise from Tyler street, terminus to Plenty road bridge on Saturday afternoon next, when blank ammunition, smoke, candles and very lights will be made use of.

SAFETY ON THE ROADS

DANGER OF SPEED LIMITS

The old adage that there is no school like experience is particularly applicable to the regulation of motor vehicular traffic, for that progressive means of locomotion has so revolutionised road conditions that most of the preconceived ideas of traffic regulations are now being abandoned in the public interest.

Many prejudices still persist, of course, and probably the most tenacious of these is the desire of some small communities to still place arbitrary limitations upon speed, in spite of the fact that in such countries as Great Britain and most of the States of the U.S.A., where there are dense populations and an enormous number of vehicles, arbitrary speed limits are being abolished in favor of "Safe-driving" laws.

Intensive study of the question by transit commissions and other undoubted authorities has shown conclusively that under most if not all speed-restriction laws a motorist might drive dangerously without breaking the law while, on the other hand, he might lay himself open to arrest without endangering anyone.

Following an exhaustive inquiry in 1929 by the British Transport Commission the Imperial Parliament passed a Road-Traffic Act last year which provides that if all the wheels of a motor car are fitted with pneumatic tyres and the vehicle is not drawing a trailer or carrying more than eight persons there shall be no speed limit; but it makes liable to drastic penalties the same as at present prescribed in the Victorian Motor Car Act, "any person who drives recklessly, or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to the public having regard to all the circumstances of the case, including the nature, condition and use of the road and the amount of traffic which is actually at the time or might reasonably be expected to be on the road."

Most of the American States have provisions for safe motoring similar to the British, and even in those where speed limits are fixed they are at rates which would be considered excessively high in Australia. For instance, the State of South Carolina fixes a limit of 45 miles an hour, yet the Director of the Motor-Vehicle division of the State Highway Department said, recently, in relation to that: "It is my personal opinion that this limit should be increased to 55 miles an hour, and I believe this will be done in the near future."

Another recognised authority in the United States, Road Commissioner R. B. Stoeckel, of Connecticut, a pioneer in the removal of fixed speed limits, is a strong advocate of making the motorist responsible for his own acts. "Why," says Mr. Stoeckel, "should it be the fashion to fix a speed for him? Should he not be allowed to make his own speed with only the direction that such a speed must be reasonable? You do not tell him that in passing he must allow two feet or five feet or ten feet. You do not tell him that he must steer a straight course. You leave all the characteristics of his driving, except speed, to his judgement."

The point is that the determination of what is reasonable speed is within the scope of authority. Abolition of speed limits takes nothing from the power to enforce safe driving and the experience of Connecticut since its abolition of speed limits has been that a reduction of 15 per cent in deaths from accidents has taken place as against an increase of 4 per cent for the whole United States.

The American National Conference on Street and Highway Safety has discarded fixed rates for speed and has substituted laws which prohibit (a) "driving a vehicle at a speed which is greater than is reasonable and proper," and (b) "driving at a speed which is greater than will permit the operator to decrease speed or stop, as may be necessary, to avoid colliding with any persons, vehicle or conveyance."

Preponderance of opinion in the older countries where the motoring population has grown enormously is that the speedometer has been an inaccurate, guide to safe driving and that attention should be diverted from mere technical rates of speed to actions which result in danger. This view is shared by the Victorian Police Department and by the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria which has devoted large sums to securing safety on the roads by educational means; and its experience of speed restriction as against safe-driving laws conforms with that of Europe and America.

Prejudice dies hard, but better methods of ensuring public safety are now becoming generally recognised, and the parochial view is gradually giving way. Speed limits are obsolete as safeguards. Safe driving laws must replace them.

WIFE ASSAULT AT RESERVOIR

"PARTIES MIGHT CRY 'QUITS'" SAYS 'P.M.

Trouble Over Trivial Matter

"The wife received a bruised arm and the husband a blow on the face so the parties might cry 'quits'" said Mr. Wade P.M. at Preston court yesterday when hearing a case in which a wife alleged she had been assaulted.

The case was one in which Peter James Baglee, Rathgown road, Reservoir, was charged that on March 25 he unlawfully assaulted his wife, Annie Maria Baglee.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for the wife and Mr. A. K. Lonie (Maddock Jamieson and Lonie) for the husband.

Mrs. Baglee said: "On Wednesday morning about 8.30 a.m. my husband followed me and when I took a newspaper from the top of a pile, he struck me on the face with his fist.

Blow for Self-defence

I ran into the passage. I got the broom to defend myself and he took the broom from me, and (tearfully) hit me with it, bruising my arm.

I got a piece of wood and he also took that from me.

Then he locked the door and said 'You'll not get into this house again.'

I said: 'I'll go for the police' and he said 'Go. That's what I want you to do.'"

Mr. Lonie: Did you strike your husband?—No, he's too big.

How did he get the wound on his face?—I do not know He might have hit his face on the door as he chased me.

You got a piece of wood?—And he took it from me.

Did you hit him with it?—No.

Does he keep these papers for reference?—No. he never looks at them.

Constable's Evidence

Senior-constable Joiner said "About 9.45 a.m. I interviewed defendant and said "Your wife has complained of having been assaulted. He said 'I did not hit her.' I said: 'How did she get blood on her face?' and he replied 'I do not know.' and added 'she went to take a current paper and I pushed her away.'"

The P.M.: Did the man have any blood on his face then?—Yes his face was marked.

Husband's Version

Baglee said: "I told my wife to take a paper from the bottom of the pile, and she began to abuse me. She got into a rage and she hit me on the face with a billet of wood. I pushed her away and told her to get out. She said: 'This is my house and I'll put you out.' She said: "I'll go for the police" and I said 'go.'

I have been in custody since that occurrence. I did not consciously strike my wife."

Mr. Cahir: Where did you push her?—On the shoulders.

Did you have your hands on her head?—I pushed her the second time by the head and shoulders.

This whole argument arose over the old newspapers—Yes.

Do you remember actually what happened?— The browbeating I've received of late has nearly driven me silly.

The P.M.: How do you account for the bruise on your wife's arm?—Possibly when I pushed her against the wall

The P.M.: She says you hit her with the broom,

Mr. Cahir: Did you hit her with the broom?—No. I threw it down when I took it from her.

The P.M. said he thought the husband was the aggressor. The whole matter started over a "storm in a tea-cup," and developed rather seriously. The wife had received a bruised arm and the husband a blow on the face, so they might cry "quits".

The P.M. asked if there was a chance of the people composing their differences.

Mr. Cahir: I'm afraid not. Mr. Lonie and I have already attempted to do that.

The P.M.: It appears to be a case of nerves on both sides. If anything, the wife had got the better of it.

Fined £2 in default of 14 day's imprisonment, with £1/1/ costs.

Unregistered Revolver

Baglee was also charged that on March 25 he had in his possession an unregistered pistol.

Senior-constable Joiner said "When I visited Baglee's home I asked him if he had a pistol?" He said "Yes" and produced a weapon which was fully loaded. He admitted that he had had it for eight years, and that is was not registered.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined £2. The pistol was ordered to be forfeited.

PENDER'S GROVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

At a meeting of parents the retiring correspondent gave an outline of the year's work. The following committee was elected:—Mesdames Anderson, McGuinness, Claringbold, Wright, Messrs. Lee, Notley and Muston. Messrs. Lee and Notley were appointed chairman and correspondent respectively, with Mrs. Anderson as treasurer. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring members of the committee.

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WESTGARTH TALKIES.

This week-end, the part of an English detective is played by Clive Brook in Billie Dove's latest starring release, "Sweethearts and Wives." This is the story of a stolen diamond necklace and the subsequent attempts of almost all the characters to recover them. The diamonds mean much to almost everybody concerned. A colorful story of a Latin country is "One Mad Kiss" in which Don Jose Mojica, magnetic young Spanish tenor, makes his screen debut, surrounded by an excellent cast, including Mona Maris, Tom Patricola and Antonio Moreno.

On Monday next, George O'Brien appears as Buck Duane in Zane Grey's great outdoor romance, "Last of the Duanes," the locale of which is the superbly scenic Rio Grande country. The story deals with the romance of a heroic young outlaw and the beautiful girl he stirringly rescues from the leader of a dangerous band of cattle thieves. Later he is instrumental in exterminating the rustlers and earns a pardon for killing the man who murdered his father.

The all British picture, "Loose Ends," in which Owen Nares, Edna Best and Adrienne Allen are featured, possesses those dramatic qualities which have been demanded by the public since the arrival of the talkie.

There have been great aviation pictures in the past, but there has never been one like "The Dawn Patrol," starring Richard Barthelmess, which opens on Thursday next. This drama stands without doubt in a class by itself as a drama of war in the air. For thrills, chills, terror, triumphs and the sweep of sheer reality, it is without a peer. A great cast supports Barthelmess in a great story. Such names as Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Neil Hamilton, Clyde Cook and Frank McHugh speak for themselves. "The Dawn Patrol" is to be screened exclusively at the Westgarth Theatre and will not be screened in any other theatre in this district.

The theatre will be closed on Good Friday, but "The Dawn Patrol" will be shown also at the matinee on Saturday.

BENNY RUBIN PLAYS SIXTEEN CHARACTERS FOR RADIO

Official records for talkie dialect achievements fall before the accomplishment of Benny Rubin, star of Radio Pictures' latest "Humanettes" comedy.

Benny plays the sixteen characters in the story! According to Leigh Jason, director of the film, the following are Rubin's dialects:—

Yiddish, Dutch, German, French, Italian, Negro, broad English, Cockney English, Yankee English, Irish Scotch, Chinese, Russian French-Canadian, feminine (lisping baby-talk), English, and Bowery "slang" age.

SCREEN FASHIONS AMONG MEN

WILL ADOLPHE MENJOU BREAK THE RECORD.

Men do not have nearly the same number of opportunities as feminine stars do on the screen to wear clothes, neither are they expected to. The fashion appeal revealed by feminine stars has been brought up to a fine art by various producing companies, with special departments and famous designers. Adrian, the M-G-M. fashion designer is a well-known representative of this branch of movie making.

Yet occasionally we see Beau Brummel and other kinds of roles which require many changes of suits. John Gilbert, John Barrymore, Lon Chaney—these are just a few of the names that leap to one's mind in recalling male parts of that nature.

But Adolphe Menjou threatens to break all existing records in "The Easiest Way," his first feature picture for M-G-M, when he is seen as the head of a big advertising agency who falls a victim to a pretty lady!

Menjou wears fifteen different suits in his role as "Brockton" Eugene Walter's stage success.

For those interested in the details of how a man could possibly wear that many suits of clothes in the course of a picture, inclusive:— Double-breasted blue, for office wear; double-breasted dinner jacket, for the club; black and white striped double-breasted for the office; light gray single breasted, when he buys "Laura" a fur coat; dark coat and gray trousers for the purchase of an expensive motor-car; gray double-breasted tweed, for travelling; single breasted green tweed, with black leather buttons for his discovery that his girl loves another; double-breasted tan suit, when he buys "Laura" a diamond bracelet; full dress clothes; riding clothes; sports suit, tweed coat and gray trousers; mink overcoat, derby hat, spats etc., for the winner auto riding in Central Park, the start of his affair with "Laura"; blue velvet jacket and knickers, for another episode after his girl discloses that she loves another; blue velvet home dinner jacket and—that indespensible item of attire for every well-regulated masculine menace of the movies a blue pannel velvet dressing gown.

If cliches "make the star," and they have certainly helped in the case of Adolphe Menjou, admirers of this well-known player have a very distinguished achievement to look forward to in "The Easiest Way."

Janet Gaynor.

Adolphe Menjou.—He will break all records for changes of clothing in "The Easiest Way" his first picture for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in which Constance Bennett has the feminine starring role.

Amos 'N' Andy and "It."

The film business is a big hectic, like a gold-rush or a fire sale, but it's the foremost wonder of the world, just the same. This opinion is expressed by Amos 'n' Andy, who have reached the following conclusions about the film industry. The big stars earn all the money they get. It's lucky the average movie scene doesn't have to be broadcast as it is made, and too bad there isn't such a thing as a "retake" in the radio business. The film idol should be careful to keep out of politics. Pictures should be "clean" because the responsibility of picture artists to a great unseen audience is as great as that of radio entertainers to their public. Amos 'n' Andy are surprised to find what ardent movie fans, stars, directors and other movie folk prove to be. They haven't found out what "it" is after weeks in Hollywood, but haven't given up hope, for they have been told they have "it" over the air. They haven't gotten over the fear of being "tripped" by an involuntary sneeze or cough when the sound cameras are grinding and the "mikes" are recording. And they're still wondering how "it's regousted" can go into a camera, appear on the film as a wavy black line and boom out from the screen "It's regousted!"

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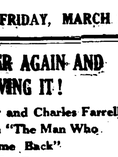

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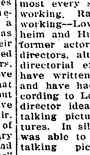
Never before in the half-dozen pictures in which they have appeared together have they so successfully projected their personalities into the public's consciousness as in Raoul Walsh's latest Fox Movietone production, "The Man Who Came Back."

It is a vehicle particularly suited to the talents of both Miss Gaynor and Farrell, a romantic drama that carries them through the gamut of human experiences, from the nightmare of degradation to the rosy dreams of happiness.



Charles Farrell.

Through the very power of their personalities, they carry us with them in imagination, throughout the series of difficulties which at times seem insurmountable.

"The Man Who Came Back," a Fox special, listed for early release, has a supporting cast which includes Kenneth MacKenna, William Holden, Henry Forbes, Ulrich Haupt, Warner Worthington and Peter Gawthorne.

HOLLYWOOD NEWSLETTER.

A CINDERELLA STORY ?

About once in every decade, a real Cinderella story flashes across the cinema horizon and the current one is that of Carman Barnes, the 18-year-old school girl novelist and playwright. That would seem glory enough for a girl, to be hailed by the literary world as a genuine find with her novels, "School Girl" and "Beau Lover" and then to do some original writing for the screen, but the next day as she came in contact with the officials, her unusual personal charm and exceptional physical charms caused them to induce her to take a screen test, and we have it upon the word of Jesse Lasky and B. P. Schulberg that she is destined to be one of the great stars of all time upon the screen. Exhaustive tests have been made and she has been signed to a contact to act instead of write. Paramount will rush her to the screen in the stellar role of her own story, "Debutante". All the writing of this remarkable girl places her in the position of the torch bearer of modern youth's revolt against convention, and her work and influence already bid fair to scrap the current stock-in-trade film plots of modern youth and start a wild scramble for Carman Barnes-type stories. While only 15 at Ward Belmont, a private school in Nashville, she began the first school-girl novel. On its publication she became a literary sensation overnight. At 17 she started "Beau Lover" and the dramatisation of "School Girl", and a year later she is all set for the pinnacle of the screen world; yet some folks think the Cinderella yarn is just a fairy story.

Radio Have Three Actor-Directors.

Experts herald the day of the actor-director in talking pictures, for almost every studio has one or two working. Radio Pictures have three working—Lowell Sherman, Louis Heim and Hugh Herbert. They are former actors rather than former directors, although each have had directorial experience. All of them have written plays and scenarios, and have had stage experience. According to Louis Wolheim, this actor-director idea is more practicable in talking pictures than in silent pictures. In silent pictures the director was able to coach audibly, but in talking pictures immediately the cameras start turning the director is powerless, except to advise alterations and decide whether the scene is adequate or not. An actor who is also directing the picture is quite capable of doing this.

CHURCH NEWS

All Saint's Church, South Northcote

On Sunday night the large congregation was enthralled by the confession of Mr. Jack Neilsen, a Scandanavian, now a true convert. His conversion is described as a miracle.

Church of the Epiphany

There will be special musical attractions on Wednesday night when the choirs of St. Marks Church, Fitzroy, and the Church of the Epiphany will render "From Olivet to Calvary". The united choir of ninety voices will be conducted by Mr. A. Emery.

St. George's Road Methodist Church Conversazione

The anniversary celebration was concluded on Tuesday with a well-attended conversazione. The chairman was Rev. F. J. Jennings, and the following programme was rendered—Song, Mrs. Ardley, "They Say"; recitation, Miss Peters, "Packing"; song, Mr. Mortimer, "Anchored"; violin solo, Master Leslie Webster; song, Mrs. J. Goad, "Love was Once a Little Boy"; recitation, Miss Mavis Barrett, "Our Motor Car"; song, Miss Booth, "Fairy Piper"; recitation Miss Olive Risstrom, "Mother's Maxims"; song, (with auto-harp accompaniment) Mr. Risstrom; recitation, Will Barclay, "Little Light"; During the evening presentations were made to Mr. John Goad (for many years the chairman and secretary through ill health) and Mr. Coates (treasurer, recently left the district), of an electric reading lamp each, and to Misses Ivy Goad and Miss Olive Risstrom, Misses Coates (girls' secretary) in thanking the donors spoke of the steady progress being made by the Church, and thanked the Revs. Jennings and Duggleby, and Pastor Perkins for help. The anniversary receipts are slightly larger than last year. A vote of thanks concluded the meeting, and the organiste, and to those assisting at the celebrations. Supper was provided by the ladies.

St. Mary's Church of England

At St. Mary's Church Preston, at 8 o'clock on Wednesday, April 1, an augmented choir will give a rendition of Stainer's "Crucifixion" in the church under the choirmaster, Mr. G. J. Tucker. The occasion, which will be taken up, is the only funds the choir receives from the church during the year for its equipment.

High Street Methodist Sunday School

The annual "Scholar's Concert" of the High Street Methodist Sunday School took place on March 19. Mr. Laurie, superintendent, was chairman. The following programme was rendered.—Song, "Welcome" junior scholars; dialogue, "A New Scholar"; Miss George's class; recitation, Miss Trixie Brodie; "Nursery Rhymes," (in character) junior scholars; Chairman's address; song, Miss Vera Wilson, (encored); sketch, Miss Weeks' class; recitation, Miss Jean Brodie; song, Miss Joyce Munday, (encored); Miss Joyce's young ladies and young men; gymnastic exercises, junior girls; sketch, Miss Barker's class. During the evening presentations were made to Miss Weeks and Miss Olive Scadden for training the scholars. The Rev. F. J. Jennings thanked those who had made the anniversary and concert a success.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

Despite the inclemency of the weather on Sunday last Holy Trinity Thornbury was a spiritual centre for many worshippers. In the morning the Vicar, the Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain officiated and preached, having for his pulpit themes "Fathers" and "Mother" respectively, and with a thought provoking effect. On March 29 "Palm Sunday" will be observed in the time honored way with a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; 11a.m. Matins and Sermon; 4.15. Holy Baptism, and 7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. The choir will render "Stainer's Crucifixion," which should prove a added inducement to many to worship at this church. Special services will be held during the coming week (Holy Week) with a "One Hour" service on Friday next (Good Friday) having for its basis the words of Our Lord "Could Ye Not Watch With Me One Hour?" Intercessor at 11 a.m. Arrangements are well in hand for Easter Day and will be announced on Sunday.

Northcote Congregational Church

Taking his text from Mark 9, 21 "I believe, Keep Thou My Unbelief," the Rev. Duncan Reeves preached a magnificent sermon on the subject "Relationship of Moods to Faith" last Sunday morning. Another of the series "Wings" was the children's address At night "Does Christianity Enslave or Liberate" was the subject. The Discussion Group had an interesting and educative evening when matters under review were "Can a Rich Man be a Christian" and "Division in the Church."

Two coming events are a concert for the Mayor's Relief Fund on July 9, and "Bee" to Northcote Congregational Church" on June 13 and 14; both functions arranged by the Men's Club.

James Street Presbyterian Church

The Sunday school anniversary services were commenced on Sunday last. The children rendered special hymns, and were trained and conducted by Mr. Charles Unwin, assisted by a competent orchestra. In the forenoon the service was conducted by the Rev. A. W. Northey. At three o'clock Rev. A. T. Jones addressed the children. At night Rev. A. R. Fletcher, a former minister, preached on "Ye are all bought with a price." The anniversary will be continued on Sunday.

Presbyterian Church, Thornbury

A garden party was held at Mornington on Monday when about 130 persons went by motor car and drags. A most pleasant time was spent in games organised by the minister and officers of the Church and Sunday school.

St. George's Road Methodist Church

The fortieth anniversary was celebrated on Sunday. In the morning Rev. W. T. Haitt preached, in the afternoon Rev. F. J. Jennings delivered the sermon, and the Croxton Methodist choir contributed a choral service, and in the evening the Rev. George Wilson conducted the service to a crowded church. The choir rendered special anthems. The soloists in the evening were Mrs. Hutchinson and Mr. Roy Ling. The choir was conducted by Mr. Coker.

St. Aidan's

The evening service on Sunday was taken by young men of the Epiphany and St. Aidan's. Mr. Aubrey Singleton read the prayers, Messrs. C. Blackman and C. Anear read the lessons and Mr. V. Preston delivered the sermon. Sacred solos were rendered.

Church Cricket Competition.—St. Aidan's played All Saints' in the semi-finals and won by six wickets. Scores:—All Saints' 28 (Mr. Hayes Park against Westgarth Temperance.

A branch of the G.F.S. was formed. Mrs. Sinford is the president, and Mrs. Pentelow secretary, and Mrs. Stone treasurer. Mrs. Jerram, the secretary of the G.F.S. was present.

Church For All

Last Sunday the Church for All, Normanby Hall, held its fifth anniversary. The hall was tastefully decorated by friends who are to be congratulated. It was filled at both services and in the afternoon musical items were rendered by Miss Jean Martin (pianoforte) and Mr. Davidson (mandolin). Mr. Little gave a very interesting and instructive address on Spiritualism, messages were given by visiting mediums and church officers. Musical items were rendered at the evening service by Miss Martin (pianoforte) and Misses Daniels and Stoneham and Mr. Davidson (songs). Splendid addresses were delivered by Mrs. Arthur (leader), Messrs. Plum and R. Smith, whilst the president gave a retrospect of the work and progress made during the preceding year. Mrs. McGeorge assisted by giving excellent overhead readings at the close of the service. Visitors and friends were catered for at tea after the afternoon service. Thanks are to be commended for their efforts.

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

UNEMPLOYED SECTION

The weekly meeting of the Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A. Unemployed section was held in the Memorial Hall on March 18. Mr. H. Stanley presided. Encouraging reports were received from the Central Relief Executive, Food and Research Committee, and Social Committee. Messrs. Stanley and Campbell expressed appreciation of the sympathetic treatment by the Town Clerk and the Central Executive. Two unemployed diggers offered to repair any boots brought to them, whilst other diggers are offering haircutting free. Amongst the jobs obtained were 10 markers for Williamstown Rifle Range.

The meeting decided to hold a dance particulars of which are announced later. An appeal is made to digger sympathisers for clothes, boots, and food, as there are many diggers and their dependants including children, in want. Donors are requested to communicate with the Memorial Hall.

The branch president (Mr. H. S. W. Marshall) congratulated the unemployed section in the manner of conduct of their meetings, and appreciated the fair and reasonable manner in which each question was discussed.

NORTHCOTE BRANCH

Northcote Branch officers are being severely tried owing to such a large number of unemployed returned men in Northcote, and the branch appreciate the valuable offer of the members of the Unemployed Section, who have agreed to clean and paint the front of the Memorial Hall before Anzac Day. Throughout each week the president (Mr. H. S. W. Marshall is continually being approached for assistance, and advice on numerous matters concerning ex-soldier problems. The most difficult being matters dealing with soldier widows and children. Branch officers are working day and night and last week the president attended several meetings at Anzac House, all being of vital importance to soldier welfare. Besides distress the League is carefully watching the interest of the digger in connection with pensions, land settlement, etc., realising all the time that any request shall be fair and reasonable, and in keeping with the prevailing conditions.

A large crowd is expected at the Anzac Commemoration service at the Memorial Hall, commencing at 10 a.m. when Padre J. H. Raverty will deliver the address. The service will again be broadcast.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON AND NORTHCOTE CLUB

A BIG WEEK AHEAD

With only a few weeks to go before the cross-country season starts each members are putting a break, but that is not to be, as during Easter is full swing, and the club has been asked to arrange a sports programme. Easter Saturday afternoon has been set aside to hold the Northcote unemployed carnival at the Fitzroy racecourse. The club is out to do all it can for the unfortunate ones in Preston and Northcote.

The following events have been arranged for Saturday afternoon at the Fitzroy racecourse:—100 Yards Handicap heats and finals, one mile Handicap, High Jump club championship and sealed handicap). One Mile Relay.

Preston Park, Tuesday night, April 7.—75 Yards Sprint (handicap). Shot Putt championship, three mile championship Wednesday night, April 8. Walkers v Runners (over half a mile). 300 yards handicap. Thursday night, April 9. 100 yards handicap heats and finals, 880 yards handicap, pole vault (handicap). Saturday, April 11. 220 yards handicap (heats and finals, one mile handicap, discus throw (handicap), one mile relay.

Club Championships. Next Saturday at the Motordrome the following events will be decided:—220 yards heats, 880 yards, 440 yards hurdles heats and finals, broad jump. Members should note that all club championships which have been listed for Tuesdays and Thursdays have been changed to Monday and Wednesday nights.

Club Members at Oakleigh

At the Oakleigh sports on Eight Hours Day the Preston and Northcote Club had bad luck to lose in the six-a-side walk and relay. Their champion walker, R. Lewis and J. Tannock, were unable to attend. Half way through the programme the club had the big-gest number of points, but from then on they began to drop back. Allan Angus put up a great performance in throwing the javelin 142 feet, defeating R. Lundquist, the Y.M.C.A. field games champion. Following are the results:—100 Yards: A. Robinson (Preston) 1, E. Berry (Preston) 2, W. Tallis (Chelsea) 3; time, 10 3/5 sec. Pole Vault: T. Brain (Chelsea) 1, W. Hunter (Chelsea) 2, G. Shoitock (Kew) and W. Perry (Preston) dead-heat 3; 9ft. 6in. Mile: L. Rothjue (Chelsea) 1, C. Boldman (North Richmond) 2, D. McEachen (Preston) 3, time, 4min 47 2 5sec. Quarter Mile: A. Robinson (Preston) 1, T. Bickley (Chelsea) 2, E. Berry (Preston) 3, Time, 53 2/5sec. Mile Walk: F. Lewis (Chelsea) 1, V. Voight (Chelsea) 2, E. C. Winstanley (Kew) 3; time, 7min. 48sec (Preston and North-cote unplaced). Javelin Throw: A. Angus (Preston) 1, W. Hunter (Chelsea) 2, R. Alderson (North Richmond) 3; 142 feet. Discus Throw: A. Alderson (North Richmond) 1, R. Green-well (Chelsea) 2, J. Kogo (North Richmond) 3; 91ft. 5in. (Preston and Northcote unplaced). Mile Relay: Chelsea 1, North Richmond 2, Preston 3. Points Competition: Chelsea, 98, 1; Preston, 72, 2; Kew, 61, 3. Preston was placed in all events except the mile walk and discus throw.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

The Preston and Northcote Women's Club continued the club championships during the week. The 100 yards final resulted in a victory for S. Jones from N. McWilliams and N. Cameron. The time, 12 2/5 sec., was a club record. In the 80 metres hurdles time trial N. Cameron (17 1/10 sec.) won from S. Jones (17 3/10 sec.) and N. McWilliams. Through hitting a hurdle Cameron cannot be granted a record. Points for the all-round championship are:—S. Jones 10, N. McWilliams 11, N. Cameron 10, P. Lowery 9, E. Kruse 6. Entries for the 75 yards, 100 yards and high jump handicaps at the Northcote carnival on Easter Saturday close on Saturday with the coach; also for Preston on April 7 (evenings), 75 yards handicap, April 9, 100 yards handicap and high jump. A splendid night was spent at Mrs. Anderton's on Saturday despite the rain. To-morrow evening will be spent at the residence of Mrs. Orr (president).

K.S.P. SPORTS

The Preston K.S.P. Society was represented at the Essendon sports on Monday. In the tug-of-war Preston was beaten by Moreland Park. Will Goller, the Preston society champion, won the mile in 4.48. Chatley, a novice, showed promise by winning his heat in the 440 yards in 55 secs.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Before Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan, P.M. Messrs. W. Hayes, A. H. Olds, B. E. Johnson, P. Lowey, H. Evans, W. Jones and Mrs. Devery J's.P.

Drunk and Disorderly

Frederick Bruce was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on March 19 in Martin street was fined 5/. Jean Shaw, charged with a similar offence, was also fined 5/.

Case Remanded

William Roy Barry was charged that on March 23 he behaved in an offensive manner in High street.

There was a second charge of having used insulting language.

Barry asked for a remand on the grounds that he had only been arrested on the previous day and wanted an opportunity to get witnesses.

The remand was granted, bail being fixed at £20 with a surety of a similar amount.

Ejectment Order

Edward Hodges obtained an ejectment order against David Adams. There was about nine months' rent owing.

Maintenance Arrears

Eva Mary Coldrey, Drummond street Carlton, sued her husband, Walter Coldrey, Seven street East Malvern, for £49/15/ arrears of maintenance. The order was for the support of two children, and was payable at £1 weekly.

Defendant said: I have been left in a hopeless muddle after my wife deserted out. For 12 months I have had three children to keep besides the two my wife took away. The State took my three children and I've only had casual work.

The P.M. said no good would be done by sending defendant to gaol and the case would be adjourned for four weeks.

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TENNIS.

COOMA CLUB

Singles Championship Finals

The finals of the club's singles championship tournament were held on Sunday under ideal conditions, and a big gallery of members and friends witnessed some interesting tennis.

The first event was the ladies' championship between Miss Phyllis Lewis and Miss Millie Stevenson, the title and the handsome silver trophy which accompanies it being won after an exhilarating contest by Miss Lewis. Starting off right on the spot she soon had her opponent in difficulties and established a winning lead of 3—0 before the younger girl overcame her nervousness. From then on it was point for point, with perhaps Miss Stevenson a shade the more aggressive. The games went with the service, and Miss Lewis ran out the winner of the set 6—3. In the second set the most notable feature was the powerful driving and volleying of Miss Stevenson, but she appeared to be playing against a brick wall, the defence of the other girl being rock-like. With the service the games went to 3—2, but thereafter the steady play of the more experienced Miss Lewis forced her opponent into innumerable errors and Miss Lewis gained the title in straight sets, 6—3, 6—2.

The play of Miss Lewis throughout this championship has been meritorious. A member of the B team, she is always a tried, and drawn in the hardest section of the contest, she unobtrusively forced her way into the finals, defeating in each round the recognised "crack" players of the club, until she finally proved herself the club's outstanding lady.

Scintillating tennis by the winner of the gents' final brought this successful tournament to a fitting finale. The two competitors were Colin Burgess and Rowley Jackson, but the first set was a "one-man show." Unloosing his full repertoire of strokes Burgess never allowed his opponent to get settled. With every stroke clean and crisp, and sparkling wrist work and faultless position play, he dominated the court and ran out a 6—0 winner of the first set. Adapting himself somewhat better to the conditions, Jackson succeeded in taking three of the first six games in the second set, but thereafter the counterattack of Burgess manifested itself, and, being let in by h's opponent for a succession of volleying, he ran through the next three games to set with hardly a point being taken against him. Final scores showed him a straight sets winner, 6—0, 6—3.

Among the gents Colin Burgess has proved himself the undoubted champion. The back marker (off owe 40), he has had to concede two or three strokes to all players he has met. His superiority over his opponents has been most marked, and he has deservedly earned the title for the next twelve months of champion of the Cooma Tennis Club.

Owing to the inclement weather on Saturday the match against Presbyterians was postponed, but will take place on March 28 at Cooma. Following will represent Cooma:—T. Jennys, P. Lewis, N. Tuppen, H. Jones, O. Dalphin, D. Sykes.

On Eight Hours' Day a mixed doubles holiday tournament was conducted, and after an exciting day's tennis R. Jackson and Miss T. Jenyns defeated D. Sykes and Miss N. Tuppen in the final 6—8.

Preston Rowing Club's Easter Carnival

The Preston Rowing Club will conduct a carnival during the Easter holidays on Edwardes Lake, Reservoir.

On Easter Monday the rowing events will be held, and a challenge cups and an open pairs race will be included.

Cessation of Building

DURING the past fortnight no permits for the erection of new buildings were issued by the Preston council.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

MILITIA MATCHES

The fifth annual matches of the Victorian Militia Forces Rifle Union were fired on Monday in good weather at Williamstown.

In the Hamel—seven rounds (application) at 300 yards—the winner was Pte. H. M. Tyrell (32nd Footscray), £2, with 34. Amongst the other scorers were Pte. Brooks (57th/60th Preston), Lt.-Col. J. J. McKenna (57th Preston, 30 each; Pte. A. W. Pointing (60th), 29; Cadet R. Downie (57th/60th Westgarth), Pte. W. H. Farrelly (60th Westgarth), 27 each; Pte L. H. J. Tressider (57th/60th), G. Heron (57th), 26 each.

In the Anzac (seven rounds application at 300 yards), first place went to Pte. C. W. Palmer, of the 32nd Footscray, who gained 34 and £5/5/. Pte. Pointing (60th) just missed the prize money with 32. Amongst other scorers were Capt. R. R. George (57th Preston), Cpl. Windley (57th/60th), Cpl. R. J. Dickson (57th), 31 each; Cpl. G. Frost (57th), Pte. F. George (57th), Cdt R. H. Warren (57th/60th), 30 each; Pte. A. H. Reich (57th/60th), C.Q.M.S. C. F. Hosking (60th), Sgt. B Jordan (57th), 29 each; Pte. Blairgracie (57th/60th), Lieut. D. Davey (57th), 28 each.

The Lagnicourt (10 rounds rapid at 300 yards) was won by Sgt. Legge (6th Melbourne) with 46, and he won £35. Amongst other scorers were Cdt. A. E. Aldridge (57th/60th), 37, Cpl. A. W. Cassin (57th/60th), Pte. W. H. Farrelly (57th/60th), 36 each; Pte. C. F. Coulsell (57th/60th), C.Q.M.S. Hosking (57th/60th), Pte. F. George (57th), 35 each; C.Q.M.S. Webb (57th), 34; Cpl. R. J. Dickson, Cpl. L. Windley (57th/60th), 33 each; Pte. Ramage (60th), Cpl. G. Frost (57th), 32 each.

Moni St. Quentin (nine rounds), snapshooting at 300 yards.—The winner was Lieut. Reardon, of the 1/19th Sydney, with 42. Lt. D. Davey (57th Preston) got 40 and £17/6. Cpl. Blairgracie (57th/60th), 35; Sgt. F. Gray (57th), Pte Pointing (60th), C.Q.M.S. Webb (57th), Cpl. Waring (57th/60th), Cpl. R. J. Dickson (57th), Pte. L. G. Thomas (57th/60th), Cadet W. Kendrick (57th), 31 each; Sgt. H. Gray (57th), Cpl. G. Frost (57th), Cpl. W. Cassin (57th/60th), 30 each.

In the Messines the 59th (Coburg) Battalion No. 1 team put up the splendid time of 223 sec. Other times were 57th Battalion No. 4 (WO. Crawford and Cpl. Bathman), 27 secs.; 57th Battalion No. 4 (Cpl. Bathman and Pte. Ramage), 30½ secs.; 60th No. 2 C.Q.M.S. Hosking and Pte Cockrill), 32 secs.; 57th No. 6 (W.O. Crawford and Pte. Rowe), 36 sec.

Revolver Championship.—C.S.M. Webb (57th/60th) and Major Coates (A.I.C.) tied with 90 all. In the shoot off C.S.M. Webb won by 50 to 23 and gained the championship and Col. Lind's trophy.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I noticed that foreign labor was employed to do the concrete flooring at the new police buildings in Roseberry avenue. Are there not any capable concrete workers at present unemployed in Preston, or cannot Australians do the work as well as Southern Europeans? This is a disgraceful state of affairs when so many of our own are out of work.—Yours etc.

GRANOLITHIC.

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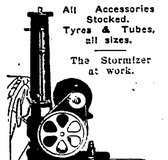

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ESTIMATES WITH PLEASURE.

BRANSGROVE PARK

NOT TO BE LEASED FOR GRAZING

When a proposal by the East Preston Progress Association, that Bransgrove Park should be leased for grazing, was being discussed by the Preston council on Tuesday the parks committee recommended that no action be taken.

Cr. Maynard asked if it was a fact that a certain man was receiving grazing fees for cattle depastured on this area.

The mayor (Cr. Robinson) said that the park had never been fenced off. The council had considered fencing but had no funds available.

Cr. Spratling said that eighteen months ago the council called tenders for fencing, but did not go on with the work. Had the fence been erected then the fees received up to the present would have paid for the fencing.

Cr. Newton: I understood that trees were to be planted in this park, but if this is not to be done the council might as well get what rent it can for the park for grazing purposes.

Park Cost £4500

Cr. Adams: The park cost £4500 and it would be ridiculous to let it for grazing for £1 a week. The council agreed to fence it off and let the trees grow naturally, but if the council cannot fence it the revenue derivable should be greater than £1 a week.

£52 Yearly Would Help With Interest

Cr. Maynard: I am not advocating that the park be let for grazing. What I am concerned about is whether anyone is receiving grazing fees for stock depastured on our park. Even £52 yearly would go towards meeting the interest on the purchase money still owing.

Cr. Jones: The former owner of this land takes in grazers, and if the council's park is not fenced off and the cattle from the adjoining property stray into it that is the council's fault.

It was decided to take no action about leasing the park.

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SPECIAL CLASSES—Music, Drawing, Painting, Elocution, Singing, Physical Culture, Sports, Tennis are taught by specially qualified visiting teachers.
PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR BOYS.
GOOD PLAY GROUNDS.
School re-opens FEBRUARY 10. New pupils enrolled February 7 and 9.

Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher: Rev. A. H. Constable.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE

MARCH 29. Palm Sunday.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Matins, 11 a.m.
Evensong, 7 p.m.
Preacher: The Vicar.
GOOD FRIDAY: April 3.
Litany and Ante Communion, 8 a.m.
Matins, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Vicar.
One Hour's Service, 2 to 3 p.m.
Rev. W. H. Chamberlain.
APRIL 5 Easter Day.
Holy Communion, 7 and 8 a.m.
Matins and Holy Communion, 11 a.m.
Evensong, 7 p.m.
Preacher: The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
(Railway Parade)
MARCH 29: Palm Sunday.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
4.15 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
The Choir will render Stainer's Crucifixion during Evensong.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain, Vicar.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Juvenile Church.
11 a.m.—Matins.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Preacher—Rev. F. Parsons.

ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND
CHOIR (Augmented)
Will render the
CRUCIFIXION (by Stainer)
On WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, at 8 p.m.
Collection for Choir Funds.
G. J. TUCKER, Choirmaster.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET.
Sunday School Anniversary
Morning, 11.—Rev. G. O. Johnson.
Afternoon, 3.—Rev. S. T. Wendell.
Evening, 7.—Rev. Glyn Jones.
Splendid Singing by Junior Choir.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

11 a.m.—Rev. A. J. Stewart.
7 p.m.—Mr. Ken Taylor, of Ormond College.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.
MARCH 29
High Street, Northcote
11 a.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
7 p.m.—Mr. W. Buck.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.—Mr. Warren.
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
St. George's Road
11 a.m.—Pastor Perkins.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
Croxton
11 a.m.—Mr. A. Oates.
7 p.m.—Pastor Perkins.

PRESTON CHURCH OF CHRIST
220 High St., near Bell St.

SUNDAY SERVICES.
11 a.m.—Worship and Communion.
3 p.m.—Bible School.
7 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Offering for Benevolence and Blind Institute.
A. J. FISHER, Minister.
Everybody Welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MARTIN STREET.
Rev. Duncan E. Reeves.
11 a.m.—"Faith in Christ as Saviour."
3 p.m.—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—"Is the Cross Necessary?" Anthem, "God So Loved the World." Solo, "He Was Despised," Miss Winnie Greer.
Come. You will be welcome.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL.
Normanby Hall, Thornbury.
Afternoon Service 3.15; Evening 7.15.
President—MR. H. WALKER.
Leader—MRS. ARTHUR, 6 Normanby Ave. Phone: JW 3343.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE MOTOR TRADE.

MR. L. F. WHITTINGHAM, who conducted the business known as the Northcote Motor Tyre Works Pty. Ltd., at 465 High St., Northcote, for many years, notifies that he has moved two doors lower down to 461 High St., Northcote.

The same skilled and careful attention given repairs in the past will be a feature, and old clients are invited to call. The name of the firm will be known as

THE
NORTHCOTE TYRE WORKS
Note Address:
461 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.

Auctions

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
At 3 o'clock on the property,
79 DAREBIN ROAD, NORTHCOTE
Auction Sale of
Attractive Timber Villa

Five rooms (2, 15 x 12; 2, 14 x 12; 18ft. 6in. x 10ft.), bathroom, washhouse, pantry, sleepout 11 x 9, splendid order, garden, lawns, granolithic paths, sheds, etc.; land 37ft. 6in. x 136ft. to right-of-way. Title Certificate. Inspection invited. No reasonable offer refused.

STOTT, SON & WATSON
AUCTIONEER,
NORTHCOTE and PRESTON.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8
At 3 o'clock at the property,
8 CARTHEW GROVE, PRESTON
Mortgagees' Realising Auction Sale of
Modern Timber Villa

Four rooms, sleepout, E.L., gas, sewered, concrete paths, garden, land 44 x 125, 1 minute trams and shops, close school, made street. Immediate possession. Title Certificate. Long easy Credit Foncier terms. Interest 6 per cent.

STOTT, SON & WATSON
Auctioneer
High Street, Northcote, & Preston

AUCTION.—SAT., MARCH 28, at 3 p.m., on the property, 5 JACKSON ST., Westgarth, bet. High St. and Rly. Stn. Owner's absolute sacrifice—Massive D.F. Block-front W.B. VILLA, 8 rms., double kitchen, front rms. 23 x 12, 12 x 12, perfect order, D. sewerage. Suit 2 families subletting or large family. Lawns & hedge, land 50 x 130, S.O., motor shed, large coachbuilder's factory 20 x 50. Exceptionally easy terms. Title certificate. Orders to inspect from JAMES and HOBSON, Auctioneers, Northcote.

THORNBURY AUCTION ROOMS
754 HIGH STREET,
AUCTION THIS DAY (FRIDAY),
At 2.30 p.m.
Household Furniture comprising—Bedroom Suites, Diningroom Suites, Single and Double Beds, Kitchen Tables and Utensils, Ornaments, Jewellery, Tools, and Sundries. Everything the household requires.

N. D. BOYLE,
AUCTIONEER.

Watch for our Weekly Sales. Furniture Bought and Sold. Sales on Commission Conducted. Insurances Effected. Rents Collected. Properties Sold.

Notices

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

BY-LAW No. 55

SPECIAL ORDER

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Council of the City of Northcote, held at the Council Chamber on the 16th day of March 1931, the said Council DID AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, that is to say—

"That By-law No. 55, as submitted, made under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1928 for the purpose of regulating the use of Merry-go-rounds, Swing Boats, or Shooting Galleries, be and is hereby adopted."

Notice is hereby further given that a Meeting of the said Council will be held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Northcote, on the 13th day of April, 1931, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, when the said resolution for passing the By-law WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR CONFIRMATION.

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

Dated this 19th day of March, 1931.

J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices,
Northcote.

19 George V. No. 3632, Sec. 106.

19 George V. No. 3792, Sec. 37.

NOTICE.—A Rule to administer the estate of the undermentioned deceased persons has been granted to me, and creditors, next of kin, and all others having claims against the estate of any of the persons so mentioned are required to send particulars of their claims to the Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, No. 267 Queen street, Melbourne, on or before the 25th May, 1931, or they will/may be excluded from the distribution of the estate when the assets are being distributed:—COSFORD, Lillian Grace, late of Number 5 Powell street, Regent, married woman, died on the 1st November, 1930, intestate: MARRISS, Thomas, late of Number 17 Roseberry avenue, Preston, laborer, died on the 6th February, 1931, intestate.—WALTER B. HOUSE, Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons, Melbourne, 14th March, 1931.

Entertainments

EAST PRESTON SOCIAL CLUB CARNIVAL

LOCAL WOOD CHOP.
STANDING BLOCK, 12 inch.
Entry 4/-. First Prize, £3/3/- cash.
Entry fee and past two years' performances must be in hands of secretary, Town Hall, Monday, March 30. Chop, Easter Monday, April 6.
F. A. PATON, Carnival Sec.

UNEMPLOYED CARNIVAL

RESERVOIR PALAIS
EPPING ROAD

Select Old & New-Time Dance
THURSDAY, APRIL 2
Dancing 8.15 till 11.15.
In Aid of the Queen of Cricket
Good Dance Orchestra. Novelty Dance.
ADMISSION, 9d.
RON CARR, Hon. Sec.
F. PATON, Gen. Sec.

Preston & Northcote Amateur Athletic Club

UNEMPLOYED CARNIVAL
Support the Queen of Amateur Athletics (Miss Muriel Dudgeon).

MONSTER BASKET PICNIC
TO WARRANDYTE
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 1931
The Best Picnic of the Season
FARE: 2/- Per Head.
Buses leave Preston Town Hall at 9 a.m. Sharp.
F. A. PATON, Hon. Sec.

DO YOU KNOW THIS?

FREE COMMUNITY SINGING
Will be held in the
NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL
Each Friday, 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m., commencing on
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1931.
The Central Northcote Traders' Association issues you a cordial invitation to be present.
COME ALONG AND BANISH DEPRESSION.

Victorian State Schools Band Association

QUICK-STEP CONTEST
Will be held in the
EXHIBITION OVAL
On SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 28, at 2.30.
Admission 1/-. Children half-price.

Back to Childhood

RESERVOIR PALAIS
EPPING ROAD
The Home of Good, Clean Amusement
EASTER MONDAY NIGHT
From 8 till 2 a.m.
OLD and MODERN DANCING
Good Prizes for Best Character.
Good Music by Reservoir Melody Makers. First-class Floor.
Sid Smith, popular M.C.
Streamer and Moonlight Dances
Strictly Select.
ADMISSION 1/6, plus tax 1½d.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON DANCE
for Learners, from 3 till 5.15.
Admission 6d., including lessons.

OLD TIME DANCE EVERY WEDNESDAY.

FRIDAY NIGHT
Bradford Hall, High St., Preston, 8.15.
At the Preston Branch A.E.U.
LECTURE
Mr. ARLINGTON-BURKE.
(George Henry League)
Everyone welcome to come and hear this great orator. Questions and Discussion.

EUCHRE. EUCHRE.
IN
ANGLERS' HALL, MURRAY ROAD, PRESTON.
EVERY SATURDAY at 8.30 p.m.
Admission 1/- Good Prizes. Come and spend an enjoyable evening.

CATERING. CATERING.
Weddings, Socials, Picnics, Parties and all Social Functions.
A. WRIGHT
(Late with Mrs. Bell),
522 HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE
(Next Munro's).
ALL SUBURBS ATTENDED.

CITY OF PRESTON

APPLICATIONS are INVITED from QUALIFIED CANDIDATES for the POSITION of ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK to the above council, and WILL BE RECEIVED by the UNDERSIGNED up to 4 p.m. on 13th APRIL, 1931.

L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk
Town Hall,
Preston.

(Inserted to comply with the Local Government Act).

CENTRAL PRESTON.

Last Thursday a concert to assist the Queen of West Preston (Marie Newell) was held in the City Hall, when there was a large audience. Among the artists were Will Oliver, Les Lynch, Audrey Briggs, Miss Iris Jones, also the Northcote Concert Orchestra and the Sunbeam Singers.

On Wednesday another successful concert was held to assist the Queen of the A.N.A., and A.W.A. Lodges, (Miss White).

Following heavy rains over the week-end a number of the pavement slabs in front of the Plenty Motors sank several inches.

A euchre party, organised by the West Preston Mothers' Club was held at the Progress Hall, Gilbert road, on Wednesday.

Under the auspices of the Workers Education Association of Victoria, a weekly class in "Economics" is shortly to be started in Preston, the inaugural meeting being on Wednesday, April 8. The speakers will be Mr. J. W. Tucker (president W.E.A.) and Mr. Burton, (tutor).

The carnival operating in Murray road during the past fortnight, finished on Tuesday night.

All of the local football clubs commenced training this week.

Advice received from Mr. A. J. Fisher, of Preston Church of Christ, discloses that his evangelistic work at Caveside, Tasmania, was at first subject to counter attractions and bad weather. The last two Sunday meetings were largely attended. The I.C.E. connected with the local church will commence a nine weeks' rally next Sunday. The preacher next Sunday evening will be Mr. Holloway. An interesting lantern lecture was given last Thursday on the British and Foreign Bible Society's work.

Despite wintry conditions last Friday night, the Junior Citizens' Band played in High street.

North Preston Presbyterian cricket club held a picnic at Hume Vale on Monday.

There was a rush on shop-keepers last Friday with 6d. coupons which were sold in conjunction with the Queen Carnival, that being the last day for redemption.

DEATH OF NORTH FITZROY PENSIONER

A finding of accidental death was recorded by the city coroner (Mr. D. Grant) at an inquest on Wednesday into the death of Paul Wilhelm Koppin, aged 72 years, pensioner, of Eastham street, North Fitzroy, who died at the Melbourne Hospital on March 14 from injuries received the same day when he was knocked down by a motor car at the intersection of Swanston and Lonsdale streets. The motor car was driven by Albert Edward Kirby, engineer, of Tennyson street, Moonee Ponds. Evidence was given that Koppin was crossing Swanston street when the traffic lights changed from orange to green. He stepped from in front of a stationary tramcar and was struck by the motor car, which was travelling along Swanston street.

"FARE-SCALING" PREVALENT ON TRAMS

Tramway officials have issued a warning against the practice of overriding the section or sections for which a fare had been paid. They said that, although "fare-scaling" was always prevalent it had increased seriously in recent months, and the board's inspectors were continually discovering cases in which passengers had deliberately over-ridden their sections.

Special checks are now being made on all lines, and the board intends to prosecute offenders. One man, who was detected over-riding was fined £2, with 9/3 costs, at the District Court on Wednesday morning.

Preston Baseball Club

A PRACTICE will be held on Saturday next at 3 p.m. on a diamond at the corner of Raglan and Victoria streets. New and old members are requested to be present.

Fuel Merchants

A PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE now available for use on premises
CHARLES ROSE,
Wholesale and Retail
CHAFF, GRAIN and FUEL MERCHANT.
66 ST. GEORGE'S RD., NORTHCOTE
Prime Mill-cut Chaff, Crushed Oats, Bran, Pollard, Straw, Grain and Poultry Feed of all descriptions always on hand in large and small quantities. Deliveries daily.
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JOHN KIDD
Intimates that his well-known PRODUCE and FUEL BUSINESS, HIGH STREET, CROXTON, Will hereafter be run as
KIDD & YOUNG.
The new firm respectfully solicits a fair share of public patronage.
All Orders Promptly Attended To.

A.N.A. for better benefits. Northcote branch meets alternate Thursdays, Lodge Room, Town Hall.

FOR Second-hand Timber, Gal. Iron, Window Sashes, Doors, etc., try R. W. Williams, cnr. Elm and High Sts., Northcote.

ONGARELLO'S.—The best of Wines always stocked. Why not have the best? Ongarello's, cnr. High St. and Arthurton Rd.

STOVES.—For Stove Repairs, S.H. Stoves, etc., Fish and Chip Stoves a specialty. See Maddigan, 602 High St., Croxton. Work guaranteed.

Wanted to Buy.

STERLING SOAP COMPANY Pty. Ltd., South Preston. Buyers of Household Fat in any quantity. Highest price given. Ask your grocer for STERLING SOAP.

BOTTLES, Bones, Rags, Zinc, Lead, Brass and Copper. Highest price given. Cash on delivery. Letters receive prompt attention.—H. Bishop, Darebin Rd., N'cote. Phone: JW3368.

NOTICES

CARPENTER, Joiner, will do any carpentering, alterations, additions and repairs. Prices reasonable. Letters attended to.—E. A. Sadler, 44 Woolhouse St., Northcote.

DRESS CUTTING, perfect method, no fitting; Patterns Cut to Measure. Mrs. White, 39 High St., Preston. Phone JW 3919. Free Demonstrations Friday Evenings. Dresses Cut and Tacked.

LAWN Mowers Repaired and Sharpened. Saws and Scissors Set and Sharpened. Hedge Clippers, Shears, Knives Sharpened. Orders called for and delivered. Keys Cut. I.X.L. (W. J. CARNELL, 604 High St., Northcote.

PLASTER Repairs, new Fibrous Plaster Ceilings, 12 x 12 room for £4/10/-, etc. 4 Normanby Ave., Thornbury.

SPORTS WEAR.—For the latest in Sports Wear you cannot do better than inspect our range of high quality stocks at reduced prices. Les. White, Tram Terminus, Thornbury.

63/ OVERCOATS Free with every Suit to order from £6/6/. Small deposit, easy weekly payments. Pay as you wear.—E. L. GATES, 473 High St., Croxton. JW1842.

For Sale

SAVE ½d TO 3d ON EVERY ITEM.
Bargains in Fresh Groceries.
ALL CAREFULLY SELECTED AND OF BEST QUALITY.
NOTE THESE:—

Western District Butter	1/6½
Plum Jam	5½d.
Choice Dates	4½d.
7lbs. McAlpin's Self-raising Flour	1/3
Flaked Oatmeal 2lb.	4½d.
Ginger Nuts Biscuits	9½d.
Marie Biscuits	10½d. lb.
Bushell's Tea	1/9 lb.
Kornies, Weeties, Crispies 1/- Lge Pkt	
Rosella Tomato Sauce	8½d.
Velvet Soap 3 for	11d.
Kitchen's Anchor 3 for	6½d.
Large Pink Salmon	8½d.

HUNDREDS OF OTHERS. SEE WINDOW.
M NISSEN
275 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE.

BOYS' Warm Knickers 1/6, clothing, new lino remnants, cheap.—3 Yann St., opp. Preston Market.

Wanted

YOUNG girl wants housework by the day.—M.P., c/o Preston "Leader."

Lost.

LOST.—Taken from Thornbury Dispensary Hall Saturday morning, lady's umbrella, handle black with two white rings. Return to caretaker.

LOST.—Between High St. and Station, blue Conklin fountain pen; reward.—C/o Stark, chemist, Preston.

FOR Sale.—Ducks, young roosters.—20 Preston St., Preston.

MISS EDNA BROWN
(Late pupil of Miss Eileen Pascoe-Webbe and Miss Minnie Everett) will open a JUVENILE DANCING CLASS on Saturday, March 28 (from 3 o'clock) at Gahan's Hall, 402 Bell St., Preston (near Bell Stn.). Private lessons at 11 Cramer St., Preston, N18. Terms on application.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR YOU?
Enjoy Special Afternoon Tea at MISS MORGAN'S TEA ROOMS, 711 High St., Thornbury.
CUP READING FREE
By Miss Arthur. Monday to Saturday 2 p.m. till 5 p.m., and also Thursday evenings from 7.30. Special Supper with cup or card reading free.