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Scathing Criticism of Police Protection in Northcote

MOVE TO OBTAIN ANOTHER STATION

COURTING NURSE GIRLS "TOO STRENUOUS"

A good deal of criticism was levelled at the inadequate amount of police protection given in Northcote by members of the Northcote council on Monday. It was stated that crime was increasing apace, and apparently nothing was being done to bring the offenders to book.

On Monday night Cr. W. Hayes led attention to the absolute lack police protection in Northcote at present time. "Robberies," he d, "are becoming very frequent. ly a few days ago thieves entered hop by chopping a hole in the wall, d stole £60 worth of goods. Another business man was robbed in the me way, and burglaries to private mes are increasing.

Only a few weeks ago a deputation ited on the Chief Secretary and s told that Northcote was amply otected, but since then there has en a series of serious shop-breaks, and apparently nothing is being ne to bring the offendors to book.

After one business man had been robbed he went to his premises and got into touch with the police. He could not get a policeman to the scene, being told 'that all the police were wanted at the watchhouse!'

"It would thus appear," said Cr. Hayes, "that at that time no police were on duty at the northern end of the city."

"Position Getting Desperate."

Cr. Dennis: "One Westgarth tailor (Mr. Shands) had been robbed twice thin the past three months, and in southern end of the city, the posn is getting desperate."

It is all very well for a Minister the Crown to sit in his chair and "Northcote has its share of the lice," whilst at the same time the ief Commissioner of the Police saye t "the force is much underanned"

overnment's Attitude Untenable."

Cr. Turner "The Government's atude in this matter seems to be st becoming untenable A reest was made for a poilce station the north western section of this y, which is thickly populated, and Minister's reply was.—

The request is not justified on account of the small amount of crime in this area.

Continuing, Cr. Turner said: "I ke it that it is the duty of the police so much to detect criminals, but prevent crime. The sooner men the police force, who are doing work of nurse girls, are released, better it will be for everyone."

The Mayor (Cr. Green): You don't ean courting nurse girls do you? aughter).

Cr. Turner: No. That would be strenuous, (laughter). I mean men who are members of the rce and who are guarding doors, rrying round envelopes, and doing ilar jobs for which I do not think ese men joined the force.

"Laughing Stock"

The police force is a laughing stock the West Ward as a police man is ver seen there unless he is going me after duty.

Some months ago, after strong representations had been made by this council for more police in the north western portion of the city, the Chief Commissioner of Police said that what was required was not more police but a new station.

"Commissioner Changed His Tune"

The council promptly made a request for a new station to the Chief Secretary in the light of the Commissioner's statement, only to find that when the Chief Secretary was interviewed by a deputation, that the Commissioner changed his tune. At the same time the Chief Secretary said that there was no justification for the appointment of more police.

A lot of the police which are here spend the bulk of their time serving distress warrants and doing office duties of which they should be relieved, so that they may devote the whole of their time to crime prevention and detection.

Cr. Oldis: Does the council employ an escort?

The Town Clerk: Yes, on pay days.

Cr. Oldis: Then the council should make other arrangements as it is helping to deplete the force by using at least one member of the force, when he could be doing other genuine police work. Until the council puts its house in order, it cannot put up the best case.

Cr. Cornish: Business people have had to appoint night watchmen to protece their property, as they feel the protection afforded by the police is insufficient.

Cr. Johnson: We should press for the new station.

Cr. Hayes: Some time ago the Northcote Traders' Association stated in a letter that at certain times of the night the whole of the property in Northcote is under the protection of one policeman. That statement has never been contradicted.

It was resolved to communicate with the Chief Secretary through Mr. J. Cain M.L.A. to find out the number of police to which the city is entitled, and their duties, in order to ascertain the amount of protection given.

This information is being sought to pave the way for a concerted movement to obtain another police station, and to secure adequate protection.

Mr. Cain's Views

Commenting on police protection in Northcote, Mr. J. Cain M.L.A. told a gathering of councillors at Northcote Town Hall on Monday that the problem was a most difficult one. First the people made a State wide demand for economy, and after putting up all sorts of arguments why the strictest economy should be exercised, then proceeded to ask for all sorts of things involving fresh expenditure.

Continuing, he said that he knew that there had been a number of robberies in Northcote in the past few months, but further police would not prevent that. Why, in the past month there had been five robberies in James street, right alongside the police station, and if there was a policeman living in every street, and one stationed at each corner it would be found that the policemen would be robbed as much as anyone else (laughter).

"The Government," continued Mr. Cain, "is not going to launch out and appoint police to try and satisfy every one—that would be impossible. The council looks at the matter from a local standpoint whereas the Government's view is State wide. I have always maintained that when men join the force to be police, they should be police not clerks, and arrangements are now being made to release all police doing clerk's duties, for service as policemen. I can assure the council that every application for more police will be treated on its merits.

Mr. Deslandes: A lot of the West Ward children have never seen a policeman in their lives (laughter).

Mr. Cain: So much the better for them then (laughter).

Progress Associations and Politics

Mr. W. J. Beckett M.L.C. on Monday expressed the opinion that if there was some such movement in relation to politics as progress associations to councils, things would be much better and members of parliament would be much assisted.

In days long gone each craft and trade
Was overworked and underpaid;
A twelve hours' day and six days' week
Made toilers weary, sad and meek.
In days long gone such life was brief,
Curtailed by want, disease and grief—
None knew for colds relief so sure
As soothing Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.—Advt.

PARKING COMPLAINTS

At the meeting of the Northcote council on Monday night Cr. Johnson said portion of Bastings street had been declared a parking area, and this inconvenienced several residents there. He suggested that certain parts be excised from the parking area.—Committee of the council to give considertaion.

FAIRFIELD P.A.F.S.

The above society will hold a Grocery Night in aid of its unemployed members on May 4.

Tenders will be received till 11 a.m. on Friday, May 22, for breadstuffs, groceries, jams, meat, potatoes, etc., for Mont Park Hospital as advertised.

A CITY VISTA

With its flower-covered base the temporary Cenotaph remained on the steps of Parliament House an impressive memento of Anzac Day tributes.

Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

TROOPING THE COLORS

The picturesque ceremony of trooping the colors was performed last Sunday afternoon on the Preston oval by the 57/60th Battalion (Merri and Heidelberg Regiments), assisted by the 58th Battalion (Essendon Rifles) and 59th Battalion (Coburg Regiment). While the troops presented arms the regimental colors were carried along the line at the slow ceremonial march.

Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

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Help the Tradespeople who are out to Help You!

What Preston People Are Doing

By The Rousabout.

Preston Council Rates

MR. L. W. Williams, town clerk of Preston, directed from attention to the fact that no rates will be exempted unless on or before June 10. All rates are paid. Information is obtainable upon application at the attendance of the rate collector etc.

New Street Lamps

PRESTON council has decided to erect new street lamps in Mary and Yarra streets.

Anglers at Carpet Bowls

ON the evening of April 25 in the Reservoir Hall, a bowls tournament was arranged. Mr. G. H. Day between the local fishermen and the Preston Drapers. The game ended in a decisive victory for the anglers who defeated drapers 21 to 8. The anglers team, a composite one, have challenged the drapers team to a return game, and the drapers team are hoping to win back the honours they lost. The anglers team will be: Messrs. Cowell, Ryan, Hall, Hughes, Hall, Ashton, Ashton, Ashton

THANKS

AUTY.—Mr. J. S. Auty and daughters desire to thank all friends and relatives for letters, cards, telegrams, floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement, especially thanking Rev. F. J. Jennings.
"Stanford," 60 Whetton Ave., Thornbury, N.17

RETURN THANKS

WILL DR. MCNAMARA AND FRIENDS accept my Heartfelt THANKS for their kindness and sympathy in my sad bereavement.
JAMES E. KENNEDY.
71 Henty St., Reservoir.

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To correspondent "Loyal Australian"—We are unable to publish your letter, except under your own signature.—Ed.

New Northcote Brick Co. Ltd.—At the meeting of shareholders of the New Northcote Brick Co. Ltd., on Wednesday, the chairman of directors (Mr. R. Wright) attributed the loss of £211 to the depression, which prevented residential building in the suburbs. Building operations were confined to factory work, which had been superseded almost entirely by concrete. He could only hope that when the depression lifted building operations would be the first to be resumed, as had been the case in the past. Formerly, however, under responsible governments, taxation had been lower, and there had been more opportunity to recover from periods of depression.

The estate of Robert Carl Deckman, of Whittlesea, farmer, has been assigned to Mr. A. D. Burgoyne in trust for creditors. The estimated liabilities, after deducting £4,236/1/2, being the value of securities held by creditors, are £899/14/4. The estimated amount of property, after having deducted £4,236/1/2, being the value of securities held by creditors is £2,806/19/6.

The result of competitions in connection with the Reservoir school Queen are as follows.—Mrs. Moorhouse, May street, Preston, copper; Mrs. Farmer, Thackeray road, Reservoir, wood; Mrs. Bryant, 16 Regent street, Oakleigh, chocolate and cake.

"There are not many people living in this street although it is named after me!"—a sally by Cr. Maynard at Preston council which drew a ripple of laughter.

By Stott, Son and Watson, at 3 p.m. on May 9, on the property, 19 Shakespeare avenue, Preston, sale of 5 roomed W.B. villa on land 52 x 126ft 11in. Particulars elsewhere.

PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I would like to know what the Preston Ratepayers' Protection League is going to do about the action of a majority of the councillors at the committee meeting held in the town hall on Monday, April 27, 1931. Although the council say they are up against it, and have asked the secretaries of the progress associations not to send in any requests for work to be done, they are recommending to the full meeting of the council, to be held next Monday night, an increase of salary of £100 per annum to two departmental heads and placing it under the guise of motor car allowances.—Yours etc.,
J. A. CLINGIN,
Hon. Secretary,
East Preston Progress Association,
22 Paterson St., Preston.
April 29, 1931.

RESERVOIR DISTRICT BAND

(To the Editor)

Sir,—It has been brought under the notice of members of the Reservoir Band committee that rumors are current in local circles that we were responsible for the missing of the dance intended to be held in the boat sheds at Edwardes Park last Monday evening. We, the general committee, and members of the social club, desire it to be made known that we were not responsible, either directly or indirectly, for the closing of same. The objects and ideals of the committee and members of the band are to create an atmosphere of harmony and confidence with all local sporting and social bodies, in the hope that these ideals may be beneficial not only to ourselves but to all. On behalf of members and committee.—Yours etc.,
E. PLANDERS,
Hon. Sec.
Spring St., Reservoir.
April 29, 1931.

All For Australia League.

A meeting will be held at Northcote Town Hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday next to form a branch of the All for Australia League. The mayor (Cr. J. H. Green) will preside. Mr. W. Gullick is the hon. sec. There will be several prominent speakers present.

Preston Electric Supply.

Notice is given elsewhere that the Preston Electric Supply will be discontinued on Sunday (May 3) between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m.

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ANZAC DAY

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

The Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A. branch conducted an Anzac Commemoration Service at the Memorial Hall on Anzac morning, the president (Mr. H. S. W. Marshall) being in the chair. The hall was crowded. The mayor, councillors and town clerk of Northcote were present, and also several members of the Northcote Ministers' Fraternal. The service was broadcast by 3AR.

After the impressive one minute silence in memory of the Fallen, the president said that Anzac Day was a day of immortal and glorious memories, and he took the opportunity of greeting all comrades. It was 16 years today since the first Australians landed at Anzac, and nearly 13 years since the termination of hostilities, and in that time people's memories had become short—much had been forgotten. Over 60,000 Australians, the finest manhood the world had known, paid the supreme sacrifice, and another 126,000 suffered from wounds, sickness and injuries. The mention of the day we commemorate immediately brought to our minds thoughts of heroic sacrifice and splendid achievement. The day was gradually receding into the mists of the past. From out of the mists, however, the torch which was lit by Australian soldiers on that day still shone clear, and must for ever be kept burning.

The mayor (Cr. Green) congratulated the branch on the fine service and spoke of the heroic deeds of the Anzacs, and he trusted the Anzac spirit would continue, and then our country would again come back to its own.

Padre J. H. Raverty, in a brilliant address, said that to-day the heavens were black and threatening. We were in the unmerciful grip of internal strife, with its long train of misery and poverty, political wrangling, and class divisions intensely bitter. In the midst of this confusion and distress we came apart to commemorate our gallant Anzacs. As we recalled their story and contemplated their spirit he trusted we would realise that this was the only key to unlock our problems. Let our minds go back. We were a peace-loving people, living comfortably beneath the Southern Cross. We were easy-going, pleasure loving, prosperous. Then a small cloud appeared on the horizon, a new day dawned, and war was declared against an autocratic Prussian militarism which, in its thirst for self-aggrandisement ruthlessly trampled underfoot a weak and helpless people. As the news of battle flashed over the land our faces and conduct took a more serious turn. We recall with a touch of pride the response of our men. We remember the heart-rending scenes as the troop ships moved off. Then the tragic suspense of waiting for news. We little dreamed of the impossible task that lay before them. We little dreamed of the heroism that lay dormant in their breasts. Then came the stirring news of our men in action—the thrilling story of their indomitable courage, determination, bull-dog tenacity of purpose—their bloody sacrifice. The first casualty list was published and our imaginings spread throughout the land. We began to realise at last the bitter cost of war in life and suffering! What a searching test of our manhood! The Spirit of Anzac was now quickened and roused into action. They were great days in which men lived as men—in which many Australians found their souls. The truth now burned itself into our conscience that real living consisted not in pleasure, sport, comfort, ease, but in hard work, self renunciation, and sacrifice even unto death for a noble and worthy cause. In those days we despised the shirker who refused to do his bit. Never before had men been called upon to perform such impossible tasks. And never before did men rise to such heights of heroism. Their glorious deeds are not only written on the pages of history, but are written indelibly on our hearts. We shall not forget them, but the great danger is that we forget the ideals which sustained them in life and for which they died. What was this ideal, this spirit which fired the Anzacs? To me it was the strong voluntarily bearing the burdens of the weak. By enlisting they bore the burdens of the weak and placed themselves between the enemy and the defenceless. We felt sorry for the unfit who were unable to serve abroad, but we honored them for "doing their bit" at home. But for the self-centred who shirked we had nothing but contempt. Now the days in which we live are just as serious and dark as were those war days, and the same spirit is imperative if we are to win through. The strong, the fortunate, the talented, should use their strength, their talents and their material resources to protect the less fortunate from unnecessary privation and suffering. If the mantle of the Anzacs falls on our shoulders, then during these coming winter months we shall make sacrifices that the hungry may be fed and the naked clothed.

Padre S. E. Forman and the Revs. Duggleby and Chamberlain assisted in the service.

The Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band played the "Dead March," and Bandmaster W. Gore played a cornet solo, assisted by the band. Mr. Gore also sounded "The Last Post."

The service on Anzac Day, 1931, proved to be one of the most successful yet held.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE AT NORTHCOTE

At the Northcote town hall on Saturday night a civic service to commemorate Anzac Day, under the auspices of the mayor and councillors of Northcote, R.S.S.I.L.A. (Northcote branch), Northcote Ministers' Fraternal Association, and Northcote Fathers' Association, was held. There was a large attendance. The mayor (Cr. J. H. Green, J.P.) was the chairman, and the service was conducted by Rev. F. J. Jennings.

The service commenced with one minute's silence in memory of the Fallen, after which Rev. Jennings gave the invocation. "O God Our Help" was sung by the congregation, and the first scripture lesson was read by Rev. A. T. Jones, followed by the Lord's Prayer. "Before Jehovah's Awful Throne" was the next hymn, and the second Scripture lesson was read by Adj. P. Quantock. Rev. W. H. Chamberlain recited a memorial prayer, and "Lead Kindly Light" was the next hymn. A lengthy address was given by Rev. T. Cole on a verse taken from the Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 11. He based his remarks on faith in yourself, in your fellow men, and in God, just as the heroic Anzacs had done when they went forth to fight.

All joined in singing Kipling's Recessional, and the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Jennings. The Last Post was sounded by the bandmaster, Mr. W. H. Gore, and the service concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

During the evening fine music was supplied by the Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band under Bandmaster Gore.

The collection which was taken up amounted to £7/15/6, and will go towards the Distressed Diggers' Fund.

Among those on the platform were Rev. D. Reeves, Adj. Quantock, Revs. F. J. Jennings, A. T. Jones, W. H. Chamberlain, T. Cole and J. T. Duggleby, Messrs H. W. S. Marshall, Phil McDonald, Hon. J. G. Membrey, Crs. J. Sutch, J. Cornish, B. E. Johnson, W. Hayes, C. Jones, S. Dennis, A. H. Okins and Mr. A. Thomson.

Wreaths from the Dads' Association, Northcote R.S.S.I.L.A., and the mayor and councillors were hung on the honor roll in the porch of the Northcote town hall.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

The Anzac spirit is nowhere more in evidence than at the rooms of the Diggers' Unemployed Association. While regret is felt at the membership roll of just on 400 unemployed Diggers, great satisfaction is manifest in the efforts made by these indomitable veterans to assist one another.

A boot repair shop has been established for some time at the Memorial Hall, where two volunteer repairers are going "full steam" all day to keep their hapless comrades "off the ground," and every week upwards of 50 pairs are turned out in first-class repair. Leather-grindery is made available through the Central Relief Committee, and nothing but praise and appreciation can be heard for the sincere and practical aid rendered by the civic authorities through the town clerk (Mr. Thomson).

An Odd Jobs Bureau also functions in the allotment of temporary or casual work for the distressed Digger, and the public is reminded that no job is too small to be filled by an appreciative Digger anywhere and any time. Suitable men are enrolled for all manner of skilled and unskilled work, and the handy man can be on your door step at a moment's notice, carrying the label and guarantee of efficiency supplied by the association's executive officers.

A hairdressing saloon operated for a few weeks until a neighbourly and sympathetic Digger in business offered to do all the unemployed soldiers' sartorial work "buckshee." Just how this magnificent offer was accepted and appreciated can only be remembered by those present at the meeting at which the announcement was made.

A weekly social evening is held every Friday in the Memorial Hall, when dancing is indulged in from 8 to 11 p.m. and a hearty welcome is extended to the dancing public to try one of these little functions, where a first-class orchestra supplies the music for modern and old time trippers, and a dainty supper is served by the ladies of the Digger members.

Good luck and good cheer to the Diggers, anyhow, and may their sorrows and hardships soon be dispelled and their subsequent memories drowned in the flavor of a well-earned job.

PERSONAL

Mrs. A. Spencer, of Northcote, is holidaying in Tasmania.

Mrs. Banks, of Thornbury, who is seriously ill in Epworth Private Hospital, is progressing slowly.

Mr. H. F. Tulloch, of St. George's road, is spending a fortnight's holiday at Upwey.

Mr. and Mrs. Peake, of Reservoir, have returned from a pleasant holiday in Sydney.

Mr. C. J. Toner, of 20 Stephen street, Preston, a promising young athlete, is spending his holidays in the Mount Buffalo district.

Mrs. Ray Delaney, of "Delmena," Cooper street, Preston, with her son Ritchie, are spending a few weeks holiday at Tooradin.

Mrs and Mrs. Wyn Hawthorn, of Normanby avenue, Thornbury, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter (Betty Olive).

On April 23 the death occurred of Mr. Henry Oliver Hooton, of Claude street, Northcote, at the age of 60 years. He leaves an adult family.

Mrs. Jessie Wilson, of Pleasant View Private Hospital, Wood street, Preston, left last week for Tasmania, where she intends spending a holiday.

Another pioneer has passed in the person of Mr. Henry Dunstan, who died at Fairfield on April 24. He was for many years a resident of Ballarat East.

There passed away suddenly, at her residence, Henty street, Reservoir, on April 24, Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, wife of Mr. James E. Kennedy. She leaves two daughters.

The death occurred on Monday last of Mrs. R. J. Muston, of Albert Park, the mother of Mrs. H. F. Tulloch, of St. Georges road, a colonist of 78 years.

Mrs. W. J. Portbury, of 86 Penders street, Thornbury, who had the misfortune to fall and hurt her knee three months ago is progressing favorably.

There passed away on April 19, Mr. Harry Nash, of Jenkins street, Northcote. He leaves a widow and two sons, Edward and Herbert. Two daughters predeceased him. He was aged 62 years, and the interment was made privately.

Mrs. Amy Francis Tweedie, wife of Mr. John Tweedie, passed away last week. Her brother, Mr. Albert Stackpool, is an old resident of Northcote, residing at Kellett street north. Military Hospital, on Sunday, Mr. Tom Myers, of 7 Cartmill street, Hilsberg, leaving a wife and seven children.

Alan Galagher, of 36 Normanby avenue, Thornbury, has returned from a vacation at Warburton, after attaining his pharmacy fine. Alan, whilst holidaying, he received a fall from a horse, resulting in an injured leg.

On April 25 the death occurred of Miss Rose Bicknell, daughter of the late John and Eliza Bicknell, of Mansfield street, Thornbury. After a service at St. James' Thornbury the interment was made on Monday at the Coburg cemetery.

At the last meeting of the Regent Central Progress Association Cr. Robeson was congratulated on having the honor of being made a Justice of the Peace conferred upon him. Mrs. Robeson was congratulated on her recovery from her recent illness.

There passed away at Fenwick street, Croxton, on April 18, Mrs. Mary Gillies, at the age of 92 years. Members of the family are Mrs. (Mrs. Lawler), Martha (Mrs. Webster), Mary (Mrs. Hoskins dec.), Joseph, Arthur and Samuel. She leaves 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

On Saturday evening the friends of Mr. C. Warliamont, of "Twickenham," High street, Northcote, gathered to celebrate his birthday. During the evening dancing, elocutionary items, and an exhibition of the latest dance steps by Mickey Mouse were enjoyed. Supper brought a pleasant evening to a close.

The death occurred on Monday, at his residence, Spencer street, Northcote, of Mr. Alfred Henry Watkins, at the age of 68 years. He leaves four sons, Clarence, Norman, Gordon and Ernest. A daughter (the late Mrs. W. F. Moyle), predeceased him. The remains were laid to rest in the Fairview cemetery on Tuesday. Mr. H. J. R. Lewis had charge of the arrangements.

The Great Reaper has claimed Mr. Walter Barry, of Raleigh street, Thornbury, at the ripe old age of 81 years, whose death occurred on April 24. He leaves a widow, and members of the family are—Eliza (Mrs. Thickbroom), Ernest, Maud, William, Florence, Ruby, (Mrs. Snell) Rose (Mrs. Ratz), Ollie. The interment was made at the Borondarra cemetery on Saturday.

There died in Mill Hill, London, on April 21, Mrs. Emma Rosa Mc Adam, mother of Mr. Arthur Mc Adam, of Northcote, aged 86 years.

There passed away on Monday, at her residence, Bell street, West Preston, Mrs. Jane Waddington, relict of the late Gregory Waddington, in the age of 75 years. The late Mrs. Waddington, had not enjoyed good health for some time. Mrs. Looney is a sister. The interment was made at the Coburg cemetery on Wednesday, the arrangements being in the hands of Mr. T. J. Hoy.

The death occurred in the Melbourne Hospital on April 27, of Mr. Andrew Mitchell, of 110 Mount street, West Preston. Deceased was employed as engineer-driver on the municipal roller. The burial took place on Wednesday, the cortege of mourners being the Fawkner cemetery. The service in the home and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Andrews. The pall bearers were Messrs J. P. Jeffries and J. B. Fryer (representatives of the Engine Drivers' Union) and Messrs J. Hall, W. Fitzgerald, J. Emery and F. Tuttle, (representing the Preston municipal employees). Deceased, who was aged 62 years, leaves a widow and eight children. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Eric Jensen.

There passed away on Saturday, April 25, in a private hospital at Preston, Mrs. Kitty L. Cripps, wife of Mr. Thos. W. Cripps, of Chalseyer street, East Preston. The burial took place last Monday in the Strathdale cemetery, the officiating clergyman in the home and at the graveside being the Rev. Parsons. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Eric Jensen.

Mrs. Geo. Dalgleish, of Croxton, who is recovering from the effects of a serious illness, is making good progress, and is at present holidaying at Hampton.

We send birthday greetings to Mrs. S. Dennis, of "Clivedon," Walker street, Northcote today on her birthday. Mrs. Dennis is an energetic charity worker of Northcote and is connected with the Northcote Creche and Kindergarten, the Women's Hospital Auxiliary, the Dorcas Society, and other benevolent societies.

Mr. W. J. Beckett M.L.C., Minister for Health and Forests, Mr. Cain for Railways, and Mr. W. S. Stott, Northcote's G.O.M. of sport, were the guests of mayor Green at the conclusion of the Northcote council meeting on Monday.

Northcote ladies' tickets admit to reserves on all grounds and at all matches (except semi-finals and finals). —Price 5/6.

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For Coughs and Colds, never fails.

AT WESTGARTH SCHOOL

On Friday Anzac Day was commemorated at the Westgarth State School. Several ministers gave addresses and then all classes assembled around the flag, songs were sung, and Rev. F. J. Jennings, of St. Paul's, Fairfield, gave a fine talk on what Anzac Day means —bravery, courage, loyalty and devotion. The flag was saluted under the direction of the headmaster (Mr. Singleton), and the Last Post was sounded. Cr. Oldis and Rev. J. G. Hughes were present, and also many parents.

AT PRESTON

The Preston branch of the Returned Soldiers' League held the Anzac Day service in the city hall on Anzac night, the president (Mr. H. F. Nesbit, chairman. On the dais were the mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson) J. P. Cr. H. P. Lewis, J.P., Cr. J. W. Kennbur-row, Cr. Maynard, and the Minister of the Fraternal. A record number of people attended the service to reverently pay tribute to the memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice, while outside the memorial arch was covered in wreaths that had been placed thereon by various organisations, schools and citizens. The Rev. Breuer addressed the congregation with a message of remembrance. Mr. Noel Bunkes assisted as soloist, and Mrs. A. Howse as accompanist. The Salvation Army band and the boys' band of the Preston School were in attendance and rendered appropriate music during the service. The Last Post was sounded by the buglers from the West Preston School. The retiring collection in aid of the Distressed Diggers Fund amounted to £7 4/.

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS IN STATE SCHOOLS

The following members of the R.S.S.I.L.A. attended the State schools in Preston and addressed the children on the significance of Anzac Day:—Brigadier W. H. Scott, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., G.O.C., 2nd Cavalry Division, at East Preston.

Mr. N. S. Osborne, senior vice-president, Victorian Branch, at South Preston.

Mr. H. Clements, at Tyler street.

Mr. W. L. McDonald, management secretary of the local branch, at West Preston.

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SWIMMING.

THE NORTHCOTE CLUB

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

There was an enthusiastic gathering of about 150 at the second annual distribution of trophies of the Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club at the Northcote town hall on Tuesday. The representative gathering included many visitors, and the keen enthusiasm shown speaks volumes for the club's future. Although this was but the second such gathering, the trophies distributed were numerous, showing that the club has undoubtedly made its mark in the swimming world. The many visitors included Messrs. A. H. Bennett (president), A. R. W. Fawcett (secretary), Victorian Amateur Swimming Association; Messrs. S. A. Wood (chairman), W. Hamer (chief instructor), Kerr and J. Vardon, Royal Life Saving Society; Messrs. Ploydell (North Road Life Saving Club), H. Horton (secretary), Victorian Water Polo Association; A. D. Fraser (Kew Club), H. Huthnance (Preston Club), J. O'Shea (Deep Rock Club), Messrs. Fairfield (Club), P. Kennedy (Collingwood), J. Fogg (Northcote baths), W. S. Sharland, the mayor and mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. J. H. Green), Cr. and Mrs. Jones and Mr. H. Dodds (Elwood Life Saving Club).

Mayor Green congratulated the club on its very successful season, during which Miss H. Daley had won the three mile Yarra swim, and Miss Taylor had secured second place in the two and a half mile Marlbyrnong event (Ashburton). These achievements not only reflected credit on the contestants and the club, but on the city of Northcote. Although the council was not able to do all it would have liked to the baths, a temporary chlorination plant had been installed, which had improved conditions there. A scheme for the purchase of more land, tiling of the basin, better lighting, and a water purification plant had been held up on account of finance. The enthusiasm shown had been a great factor in the club's success. In Secretary Hogan the club had a superintendent and his efforts had inspired the others and had brought success. Northcote was now in the lead and would stick there. (Applause).

A Voice: Wait till next year.

The Mayor: Where do you come from?

The Voice: Kew. (Laughter).

The Mayor (good naturedly): You live in an appropriate place if that is what you think. (Prolonged laughter).

Mr. Bennett (chairman, R.L.L.S.) congratulated Miss Daley on her Yarra success, saying that if Northcote club produced champions it would stay at the top. Victoria, he said, was far behind New South Wales in swimming, but he lived in hopes of seeing another world's champion from Victoria, and there was no reason, with the talent available, why that champion should not come from Northcote.

Mr. Fawcett (V.A.S.A.) offered encouragement to the distance swimmers, saying that last year Miss Daley was a miler, and now she was the three mile champion.

Messrs. Hurren and Wood also spoke.

On behalf of the club, Mayor Green made a presentation of a handsome wristlet watch to Mr. J. Fogg, baths keeper, as a token of esteem and appreciation.

In replying Mr. Fogg said he appreciated the good feelings shown, which he heartily reciprocated.

The evening was spent in dancing, and a splendid supper was provided by the club members and parents. It was pleasing to note the large attendance of parents of those who are taking a very keen interest in the club.

Certificate and trophy winners were:—

Awards of the Royal Life Saving Society.—Award of Merit: Misses H. Daley, T. McDonald, Messrs. R. Miller, A. Walters. Teachers' and Instructors' Certificates: Messrs. R. Miller, G. Fairweather, Miss G. Taylor. Bronze Medallions: Misses H. Daley, T. McDonald, J. Jones, J. Membrey, N. Hunt, N. Hossock, Messrs. R. Miller, T. Daley, A. Stonehill, B. Scott, D. Cunningham, W. Cunningham, W. Pawley. Most Proficient Junior Lady Life Saver: Miss Jean Doggett. Junior Male: A. Stonchill. Rescue Method: Lady, Miss H. Daley; men, R. Miller.

Swimming Events.—100 Yds. Open Breast Stroke (cup): Reg Harding, 100 Yds. Club Championship (cup): Ted Harper. 200 Yds. Open Free Style (cup): Frank Daley. 50 Yds. Ladies' Free Style (cup): Grace Taylor. 50 Yds. Gents' Free Style (cup): H. Cunningham. 50 Yds. Men's Junior Free Style (medal): Col. French. 33 Yds. Ladies' Free Style (juniors): Jean Doggett. 50 Yds. Junior Men: Tas Rossue. Medley Race (lady and gent): Nancy Manley and P. Daley. Baths Distance Record (certificate): Previous holder, Miss D. Strain, 3 miles 150 yards; 1931 record, S. Keyte, 3 miles 240 yards. One Mile Certificates—Ladies: Misses Dot Stram (fastest, 35min. 15sec.), L. Holmes, J. Membrey, H. Daley, F. Darlow, F. Jones, G. Taylor, M. Edwards, L. Moore, M. White, D. Porter, Cherrill. Men: Allen Bowen (fastest, 33min. 10sec.), R. Miller, R. Meredith, D. Wilkins, R. Torrance, J. Graham, T. Scannell, W. Rattenbury, Col. French, Graham French, F. Willmott, D. Cunningham, W. Cunningham, H. Cunningham, A. Darlow, V. Morrison, T. Daley, B. Fox, J. Daley, F. Stafford, S. Searle, F. Holland. This event caused much excitement between the supporters of A. Bowen and D. Cunningham for the fastest time certificate, Bowen defeating his rival by only 11 seconds.

The most outstanding swimmers of the season were Miss N. Daley, winner of the three mile Yarra swim, and Miss G. Taylor, second in Geelong two and a half mile Barwon swim. Several juniors showed remarkable improvement in their swimming, notably Lorna Holmes, Jean Doggett, Muriel Meyers, Joy French, Tom Scannell, Tas Rossue, and it is expected that these juniors will be competing at inter-club carnivals next season.

57/60th BATTALION

Recently the 3rd Military District sports committee formed a swimming association as another attraction for members of the militia forces. Most units have affiliated, and the association took part in the recent "Learn to Swim" week. Lieut. D. Pitt, Staff Corps, newly appointed adjutant of the 57/60th Battalion (Preston-Northcote-Westgarth) has been appointed secretary of the swimming association. On Monday night last the first annual swimming carnival was held at the Melbourne City Baths. The 57/60th Battalion was well represented and gained several places. During the next swimming season the 57/60th Battalion plans to form a large swimming club in the Battalion, and will instruct in swimming and life saving.

VICTORIAN STATE SAVINGS BANK

ITS POSITION UNASSAILABLE

STATEMENT BY THE COMMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria have made the following statement in reference to the proposal that the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales should be absorbed by the Commonwealth Savings Bank:—

Circumstances similar to those which have arisen in New South Wales, leading to the proposed amalgamation of the Commonwealth and Government Savings Banks in that State, happily do not exist in Victoria. The trend of politics in New South Wales, particularly in the direction of repudiation of State debts, could scarcely have had any other effect than to create a measure of distrust in the Government Savings Bank. The Government in that State owed the bank £5,362,501 for money at call, and £682,000 for overdue interest, and could not obtain funds to repay these debts. In consequence of this, it has been difficult for the Bank in New South Wales to provide cash for the immediate demands of its depositors.

Such a state of things can scarcely be imagined in Victoria, for the Government has not only paid interest in full to date on all sums borrowed, such interest since April 30 1930, amounting to £1,614,219, but during that period has also paid off loans from the Bank amounting to £3,350,000. The feeling of entire confidence in public institutions in this State is undeniable. This is particularly noticeable in the magnitude of the business of the State Savings Bank of Victoria. Cash paid in as deposits continues to exceed £3,000,000 a month, and, for the last quarter, the amount deposited has exceeded the amount withdrawn. Confidence in the Bank, apart from its reserves of nearly £2,000,000 and the guarantee of the Government, is due to the conservative management of the Bank during the ninety years of its existence, and the common knowledge that its liquid assets give immediate control of money sufficient to meet any kind of demand, helped also by the feeling that under its constitution the Bank is outside political control. The safety of depositors' money has been the first care of the administration when investing its funds, and the people have thus responded by giving the Bank their unwavering confidence. Depositors may be assured that the Bank's position is unassailable and that they are not affected by anything happening in New South Wales.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Progress Association Central Council

The following matters were dealt with by the above body at last meeting and letters forwarded as under:—

State Income Tax Payments

The Chief Secretary, Premier's Office.

Sir,—On behalf of the affiliated Metropolitan Progress Associations I have been asked to respectfully suggest that your Government extend without penalty, of a fine, the period within which the State Income Tax may be paid.

Many patriotic citizens are now suffering severely from the present serious depression; many with depleted incomes; and many more with no income to meet the demands now due. Would you therefore make the time extension at least the same as that which applies to the payment of Federal Income Tax, and if graciously waive the late payment penalty should payment be effected after the due date, when such delay in payment is caused through circumstances of unemployment or conditions over which the defaulter has no control. Thanking you in anticipation.

PASSENGER TRAIN DELAYS

Mr. H. Clapp, Chief Comissioner, Victorian Railways.

Sir,—On behalf of the Affiliated Metropolitan Progress Associations, I have been asked to respectfully suggest that in cases where breakdown etc., occurs, causing a serious interruption and/or complete "hold up" of traffic, arrangements be made for a notice to be affixed at the stations so affected, from which the travelling public may learn the approximate probable resumption of the traffic. The absence of such a notification during the "hold up" of the suburban traffic some two weeks ago, caused considerable inconvenience and loss to some hundreds of prospective passengers. As a matter of fact at Williamstown, with no other means of transport available, I am advised there was a delay of some 24 hours prior to the arrival of the Railway buses.

PRICE OF GAS

The Gas Company wrote that the matter of the price of gas is one that is always under review, although rates were reduced in September last and again in January of this year. The company has made application to the Federal Arbitration Court for a reduction in wage rates, and if granted, the whole of such reduction will be passed on for the benefit of consumers.

The Progress Council decided to keep this question well in mind and if necessary to again refer to this subject in three months time.

ALL FOR AUSTRALIA LEAGUE

As this organisation has declared itself as a political body the Melbourne and Metropolitan Progress Association's Central Council cannot associate itself with the league's objectives.

CONTROL OF RESERVES ETC.

At the next meeting of the council a motion will be submitted asking the Minister of Lands to place under the control of the several municipalities all recreation reserves and cricket and football grounds, many of which are supervised by trustees.

MR. DESLANDES' WORK APPRECIATED

At the close of the meeting of the central council it was unanimously carried that the minutes record the delegates' appreciation of the good work and the untiring energy displayed by Mr. Deslandes (Northcote) during the past year.

REDUCED RAILWAY FARES UNTENABLE

In reply to the Progress Council's request for reduced fares, Mr. Clapp wrote that notwithstanding the partial relief obtained by recent wage reductions, the margin between revenue and working expenses, including interest, is still far too great to permit a reduction in fares etc. Regardless of economies effected in working expenses (e.g., the goods and passenger business, writes Mr. Clapp, has unfortunately declined to such an extent that the savings effected have been more than offset by the loss of revenue sustained. The Commission therefor cannot see their way clear to incur the heavy loss that would be involved if a general reduction in fares was made. Mr. Clapp points out that based on the revenue for the year ended June 30 1929, a 10% reduction in suburban and country fares would involve the following loss of revenue:—Suburban, £270,000 per annum; Country, £210,000 per annum. To offset this loss it would be necessary to obtain an increase of 11% in volume of passenger traffic.

The Central Council will, in committee, consider the advisability of organising a deputation comprised of various public bodies inclusive of progress associations, to wait upon the Minister for Railways on this urgent question of reduced railway fares. Offers to support this movement should be addressed to the hon. secretary, Mr. J. Canny, 27 Kellett street, Northcote N.16.

NOXIOUS TRADES

Apart from soliciting the support of the Municipal Association, various municipalities have been written to asking their support in the Central Council's efforts that no further licences be granted within the metropolitan area for the establishment of noxious trades.

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IN THE GARDEN

LILIUMS FOR BEAUTY

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Hints on Planting—Soils—Drainage—Protecting the Roots—Varieties.

(By D. J. Chandler, Tecoma, Vic.)

Mr. D. J. Chandler, of Tecoma, Vic., an appreciated grower of lilliums, and lecturer before many Horticultural Societies, sends along the following notes:—

It would be quite an easy matter to take an inquirer around the garden and point out why various lilies are doing well, and why others are not quite so happy, but to put it on paper—make it really practical—is another question. However, I will deal with what I think are the main features in growing the Eastern lilies. They are:—Securing good healthy bulbs, early planting, good drainage, protective covering.

Healthy bulbs.—It is obvious that to have success one must secure good healthy crown bulbs. The large, flabby bulb should be avoided at all costs. Firm, medium sized solid bulbs give the best results.

Early Planting.—Lilies have practically no period of rest like the hyacinths and daffodils, but start sending out fresh basal roots very shortly after the flowering period is over. It is during this time that they should be moved or planted. Lilium regale, for instance, is ready for planting during May, although the foliage is quite green. L. auratum, April; L. speciosum, April; L. Lowii, March, April; L. sulphureum, also about this time. Of course, these times vary according to locality.

Bulb merchants generally remove the old stem before sending out the bulbs, but I firmly believe this should not be done. The stems should be cut off 6in. to 8in. above the bulb, planted with the bulb and allowed to dry up naturally.

Drainage.—This is a very important item. Most lilies are found in well drained soil—even the so called swamp lilies are mostly found growing on a slab of rock or in a pocket of gravel where the water cannot rest and become stagnant.

Under ordinary garden conditions I would suggest digging a hole the desired depth and placing small stones at the bottom and covering this with at least 2in of sharp sand. Place the bulbs on top of this and then place a handful of sand over each bulb. Cover in with good loam—avoid peat.

If possible, plant lilliums in clumps. They seem to do better this way and certainly are more effective. For some of the rarer and more expensive kinds I adopt the plan of placing a small inverted flower pot at the bottom of the hole with a covering of sand. Place the bulb on this and repeat as before. Before placing the sand over the bulb it is advisable to sprinkle a little flowers of sulphur over the bulb.

In moving and transplanting, do not allow the bulbs to be exposed to the air for any length of time, as they quickly dry out and lose their vitality. When purchasing bulbs insist on having them freshly dug and forwarded in damp moss.

Protective Covering

Another important point often overlooked by growers is that generally lilies are sun-lovers, but they need protecting from the sun at the roots and lower part of the stems. Most Asiatic lilies are found amongst low-growing shrubs and coarse grasses, which give them the necessary protection. In our gardens we have many shrubs, etc., thus providing the ideal conditions. To mention a few of these shrubs Cotoneaster horizontalis is about the best I know. Then there are other low-growing Cotoneasters, lavender, spireas of sorts, azaleas, dwarf rhododendrons, ericas and many suchlike shrubs. Last season I placed about 12 lilium auratums under a small filbert tree, and covered with a few inches of soil just to keep the bulbs from drying up until wanted. These were forgotten, and eventually grew. The flowers were the best I had, and the foliage was dark green. Those planted in the open certainly flowered well, but were nothing like those that were shaded at the roots. The same remarks apply to other lilies about the garden when they are growing in conjunction with rhododendrons, etc. By this method the "yellowing" of the bottom leaves would be avoided.

Plant the bulbs on the south-east side of the shrubs, if possible. The distance, of course, from the shrub will depend on their size.

Ferns also make an ideal covering. Avoid roses, as the buds are liable to be damaged with thorns during windy weather.

The fallen leaves from the shrubs and trees, such as oaks, filberts, etc., should be placed around the bulb in autumn and covered lightly with soil. This will form a nice rooting medium for the stem roots the following spring.

Lilliums such as candidum, testaceum, and martagon will stand transplanting generally speaking avoid lime; give a good supply of water during flowering period.

Plant bulbs of stem rooting varieties about twice their depth, that is, a bulb 8in. deep would need 5in. of soil above it, which means 12in. from the base of the bulb to the top of the soil. This allows ample room for the stem roots during the growing season.

—"Garden Lover."

CHILDREN DESTROY NOXIOUS WEEDS

HOW A BOTANIST SERVED HIS DISTRICT

Among the many stories lately recalled by the late Mr. H. B. Williamson, the well known botanist, one might well serve as a suggestion to others who have similar opportunities. In one district where he taught, he noticed the appearance on the roadsides of a noxious weed not previously known in the district. The weed was shown to the children, and the danger of its increase explained.

Before very long every child in the school knew that plant by sight, and was trained to stop and pull it up wherever it was noticed. Before the botanist teacher left the district the dangerous weed had been completely exterminated in that place.

Among the memories we have of a great botanist this should not be forgotten. Individually and co-operatively we could do much by keeping our eyes open for new weeds on the roadsides, where they are often left by passing stock, and with noxious weeds it is especially true that to day's visitor may be to morrow's bane.

—"Garden Lover."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

About 700 Christian Endeavourers took part in a march held at Fitzroy last Saturday afternoon. The route led through the back lanes and the small side streets of the city, the idea being to introduce to the residents of these quarters the Story of Jesus Christ. At the conclusion of the march, the participants broke up into bands of thirty and simultaneous meetings were held at various points throughout Fitzroy. The marchers then returned to the headquarters, the Brunswick street Methodist Church, bringing with them any persons they could persuade "en route." These sieges, as they have been called, are held regularly every month, and during the past eight months hundreds of remarkable conversions have taken place including drunkards, safe breakers, and derelicts, of all descriptions. The outstanding feature is that the conversions have proved genuine. At the evening meetings, the large church is packed to the doors. It has been proved in cases out of number that a person can be soundly converted whilst under the influence of intoxicants and will go back home a changed man or a changed woman permanently.

At a recent meeting of the Alphington Methodist Society, Pastor W. Phillips was welcomed as the new president of the society.

On Saturday now, the members of the combined societies of the Northcote Methodist Circuit will visit the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg.

The Northcote Church of Christ Society is reporting good meetings with increased attendances.

Last Sunday evening, a Recognition Service was conducted at the Ivanhoe Methodist Church by the Rev. H. Palmer Phillips. Fifteen members of the Intermediate Society were received as church members.

The meeting of the Northcote Methodist Society on Tuesday evening was of an unusual nature. The meeting was conducted entirely by members of Christian Endeavour Societies of other days. Supper terminated a happy gathering. This meeting was a fore runner to the society's anniversary to be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10. On Saturday evening, the speaker is Rev. Palmer Phillips and a gramophone recording of an address by the president of the World's Christian Endeavour Union, Dr. Daniel Poling, will be reproduced. The anniversary is to be combined with a "Back High street C.E." movement.

The anniversary of the South Preston Methodist Society was held on Wednesday evening when an inspiring address was given by Pastor E. C. Perkins.

EMPIRE DAY

MEETING AT PRESTON

A meeting of citizens of Preston, convened by the mayor (Cr. Gilbert E. Robinson, J.P.), was held at the town hall, Preston, on April 22 for the purpose of taking steps to co-operate with the Empire Day celebration, 1931, organised by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne and his executive committee, and supported by public bodies, citizens and metropolitan municipalities to mark the anniversary of Empire Day, 1931, by holding a flag day celebration.

The mayor explained the dual objective of calling the meeting—firstly, in order to afford an opportunity for the expression of loyalty and patriotism by the community, and secondly to serve as a means of raising money for hospitals. Small flags were to be made available, to be sold at threepence and sixpence each, and larger size flags for houses or shop windows at one shilling each. Funds raised in the municipality would be applied for allocation to district hospitals or other local charities.

A resolution was unanimously carried, on the motion of Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., seconded by Cr. W. J. Hemburrow—"That this meeting expresses its sympathy with the movement, and agrees to co-operate by holding a flag day celebration in Preston.

It was decided that representatives of the various public bodies, churches, schools, mothers' clubs, etc., be invited to attend a meeting at the town hall, Preston, on Thursday evening, May 7, 1931, at 8 o'clock, to co-operate with the mayoress of Preston (Mrs. Gilbert E. Robinson) and the Preston Red Cross Auxiliary committee to take steps towards the promotion of the movement, and to arrange for the sale of flags on Empire Day (Friday, May 22).

TRIPLE BIRTHDAY PARTY

A birthday party was held on Saturday, April 18, at the Memorial Hall, Northcote, to celebrate the 13th birthday of Jean, and the seventh birthday of Ina and Harry (Anzac twins), the daughters and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnett, of 144 Beaconsfield parade, Northcote. The children entertained about 90 of their little friends at games and tea, during which Jean cut a cake iced and decorated in mauve, with 13 candles. Harry likewise cut his cake, iced in lemon, with seven candles, and Ina cut her cake, iced in pink and ornamented with seven keypies. The three cakes were the gift of their grandmother, Mrs. Potter, of Beaconsfield parade, Northcote. During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Barnett entertained 100 of their friends and about 40 children. Dancing and games to the delightful strains of Mr. Charlie Dean's orchestra were indulged in. Miss Lorna Keighthole favored the company with a clever recitation, and songs by Mr. Arthur Ross and Miss Ina Barnett and a recitation by Miss Margaret Smith delighted the company. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett sat down with their guests to a sumptuous supper, the tables being decorated with red gladioli in tall silver vases. The catering was executed by Mrs. Olorenshaw, of Normanby Hall, Thornbury. Mr. Tom Potter was an efficient M.C. "Auld Lang Syne" brought the happy evening to a close.

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THE A.N.A. MOVEMENT

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

SPEECH BY CHIEF PRESIDENT

The Preston and Preston South branches met in the Bradford Hall on Monday evening to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the association. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering.

Mr. H. Findlay, secretary, Preston South branch, read a letter from one of the founders of the association, conveying greetings; also rejoicing in the fact that the association had so developed and prospered.

Mr. J. Ross (president, Preston branch) submitted the sentiment, "Australia and the A.N.A.," and in so doing drew the attention of those present to the great advancement made by the association since its inception.

Mr. F. Telfer (president, Preston South branch) supported the remarks of Mr. Ross and appealed to all young Australians (of which there were a great number present) to become members of this great National Association, which had done so much in giving a lead on all national questions.

The speech of the ex-chief president (Mr. Howlett Ross) was heard by wireless.

The chief president (Mr. David Black), who a few years ago was a member of the Preston branch, sent a message, in which he gave a short resume of the history of the A.N.A. movement from the time of its foundation in a dimly-lit hall in Grimwood's hotel, then situated at the corner of Lonsdale and Elizabeth streets, Melbourne was then in its infancy, being a struggling collection of houses and bullock tracks. The movement, though beset with difficulties from the start, stood to its guns, and has helped in no small way to make Australian history. He urged the association to work for the welfare of the country before everything else.

The large crowd present then entered into the social side of the celebration, which consisted of dancing and cards, and the function terminated at a late hour, everybody having spent a delightful time.

NORTHCOTE AND CLIFTON HILL

Two hundred branches of the A.N.A. throughout Victoria on Monday night, April 27, celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Australian Natives' Association. Gathered at the Northcote Town Hall was a large and enthusiastic gathering, representative of the Northcote and Clifton Hill branches, specially arranged for the occasion. From 8.15 progressive euchre was enjoyed by about 8.15, when the president of the Northcote branch (Mr. T. Cubbin) welcomed the visitors, who comprised a large number of ex-presidents of both branches and local parliamentary and municipal representatives. The president read a message from the founders of the association received at the jubilee conference at Sale in 1891.

At 9 p.m. the broadcast message was received from 3LO, delivered by Mr. Howlett Ross (ex-chief president).

Mr. Carney (Northcote branch) expressed the sentiment of the A.N.A. and Australia. In opening his address he referred to the attachment of one to the other, as the A.N.A. comprised a body of Australians who were each closely allied. He outlined the early history of the association, the difficulties that had to be surmounted, and the tremendous opposition that resulted, especially from the press of the day, who afterwards became staunch supporters. From a very modest beginning the association now has a membership in Victoria of approximately 37,000, with funds amounting to £1,055,000. It has paid out during that period over £2,000,000 to its members. He paid a tribute to such stalwarts of the A.N.A. as the late Alfred Deakin, the Hon. Geo. Wise, Sir Alexander Peacock, and many others who have helped the association to make history. He referred to the many national questions that are now accomplished facts in which the association has taken an active part.

The president of the Clifton Hill branch (Mr. J. Scott) supported Mr. Carney in a powerful speech and appealed to the younger members to take a greater interest in the association's work and in great national questions.

Mr. W. S. Stott, the first president of the Northcote branch, was heartily received. He dealt with the early activities of the Northcote branch and expressed pleasure at the re-union of the two branches, as the Northcote branch was founded at that time by the Clifton Hill branch.

Cr. W. Hayes, representing the Northcote council, received a good reception. He expressed pleasure at being present, as he was on the first committee of the Northcote branch and later on was president. He stated that the Northcote council had won the confidence of the A.N.A. as they had a loan from the Board of Directors of £50,000, which had been the means of providing much work in the city.

Mr. W. J. Beckett, M.L.C., Minister of Health and Forests, thanked the branches for the opportunity of being present at an A.N.A. member. He was pleased to join in the diamond jubile celebration. The Cabinet of which he had the honor to belong were all Australian born. While he regretted the fact that the economic position was so bad, he felt sure that by facing the position boldly we would eventually pull through. He urged the A.N.A. to continue in its good work, and do its utmost to create a national sentiment and love of country in the youth of to-day. There was a great necessity for advertising the bright side of Australia in other parts of the world, as most people abroad only heard of Australia as a land of strikes and drought. When on a visit to America he found there had been a coal strike on for seven months, and not a word was mentioned in any of the Australian papers.

Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., Minister of Railways, said the association was as virile as ever it had been, despite the apparent apathy, this being a common factor in every organisation. Adverse conditions were making people again take a close interest in national questions, and the association, with its high ideals, would attract the young men into its ranks. He claimed that the best education one could receive was in the school of adversity.

Mr. Hennessy, an ex-president of the Clifton Hill branch, also spoke.

Cards were then resumed, and there was a keen fight for the coveted gulnea, donated by the Clifton Hill branch. It did not remain in Northcote long, as it was won by Mr. Gray, of Clifton Hill. The president of the Clifton Hill branch (Mr. Scott) presented the winner with the first prize, and the second prize to Mr. Frawley. This brought a memorable and most pleasant evening to a close.

TROOPING THE COLORS

MILITARY CEREMONY AT PRESTON

(By Major S. T. Grey)

The impressive and picturesque ceremony of Trooping the Colors was performed on Sunday last on the Preston Park by the 57/60th Battalion (Merri and Heidelberg Regiment) assisted by the 58th (Essendon Rifles), the 59th (Coburg Regiment) and a company of 300 strong of returned soldiers of the 15th Brigade A.I.F., which was formerly commanded by the late General Elliott of happy memory.

The trooping and review was in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of Anzac Day.

The Salute was taken by Brigadier General J. C. Stewart, C.M.G., D.S.O., who was attended by Captain Barrett (the newly appointed brigade major 15th Brigade) and Captain A. Spowers Staff Captain. Lieutenant-Colonel J. J. McKenna, 57/60th was in charge of the Parade, with Major R. Collin, Staff Officer. Major S. T. Grey O. C. Salutaing Base with Captains L. Gunst and R. Wall and Lieutenant L. I. Jones Reception Officers. Lieutenant A. E. Joyce controlled the color party movements and W. O. Redpath the music. Captain R. R. George commanded the guard. Lieutenant G. Scheldrick carried the Regimental Colors and Lieutenant F. Easton the King's Colors. Major J. Duffy commanded the Returned Soldiers. Major N. F. Wellington commanded the 57/60th; Major E. W. Hale the 58th., and Major J. Brown the 59th.

On Sunday morning a full dress rehearsal was carried out with the assistance of Major J. McArthur, D.S.O., and Lieutenant Bigsley, of the 24th Battalion (Surrey Hills) helped considerably in perfecting the operations with only one practice. All ranks brought their lunch. Tea was supplied on the ground, the oval presenting quite a picnic appearance.

The colors on parade were presented to the 57th Battalion by the citizens of Preston in conjunction with the Preston City Council. The Regimental Colors have the battle honors of the 57th embazoned thereon. East Battalion of the Brigade has similar colors. The 15th Infantry Brigade is the only militia brigade in Australia which now comprises the same Battalions as during the Great War, namely the 57th, 58th, 59th and 60th. It is thus in a unique position to carry on the splendid traditions created by the men on service. The returned soldiers seen on parade were in some of the fiercest fighting on the Western Front and were side by side with the young lads who now wear the same uniform, the same distinguishing color patches and who have in their keeping the colors emblazoned with the battle honors so dearly won by the diggers.

At 3.15 General Stewart arrived and was accorded the general salute followed by a fanfare of trumpets. The inspection was carried out next. The band approached the colors at the slow ceremonial march and returned at the quickstep. The colors were then saluted by all ranks and at the slow march were carried along the front of the troops and marched in quick time past the general. The troops marched past in column in quick time. Each platoon was accorded an enthusiastic reception.

On the platoons resuming their former position the King's Colors were advanced and saluted by all ranks, the band playing the National Anthem. The Brigadier hereupon addressed the assembly. He congratulated the Battalion on the fine turn out and expressed gratification at the large muster of returned men. He urged those present to assist the recruiting and wished them well in the future.

Lieutenant-Colonel McKenna called on Cr. Robinson (mayor of Preston) for an address.

Cr. Robinson stated that he was delighted to see such a fine muster and congratulated those responsible for such an impressive display.

Cr. Fenton (mayor of Essendon) and Cr. Green (mayor of Northcote) also delivered short addresses.

The trumpeters, under Sergeant K. Holt, 8th. A.F.A.) then sounded the Last Post and the band played the National Anthem.

The troops next were marched off the arena and dismissed.

The band, which comprised the 57/60th, 58th and 59th was 75 strong under Drum Major F. Johnstone.

Among those present were:—Brigadier-General P. McGlinn, C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E., V.D., Brigadier W. H. Scott, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., Lieutenant-Colonel Edgar, V.D., C.O., 58th, Lieutenant-Colonel Jackson, O.B.E., V.D., C.O., 59th, Lieutenant-Colonel P. M. McFarlane 3rd Div., Cr. Apps of Fitzroy, Cr. Fitzgerald of Essendon, the Town Clerk of Northcote and Mrs. Thomson, the Town Clerk of Preston and Mrs. Williams, Flying Officer M. Robinson, Councillors J. Cornish, H. P. Zwar, G. E. Robinson and family, Major and Mrs. Tackenberg, Captain Hurley (Staff Corps). Approximately 5,000 spectators viewed the ceremony.

The ceremony of Trooping the Colors is to be carried out annually, each Battalion to take it in turn. Next year it will be at Essendon. The saying "Keeping the colors flying," was originated in taking the colors into battle. Colors are not taken into battle nowadays. Though the Western Front and were side by side with the young lads who now wear the same uniform, the same distinguishing color patches and who have in their keeping the colors emblazoned with the battle honors so dearly won by the diggers.

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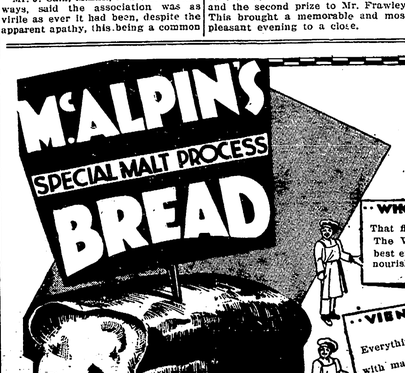

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TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Present: Crs. J. Coate (president), Phillips, Daley, Bryant, Hannah, Mrs. Ibbott, Service, Pitcher, Clinton, Santon, Leach, Jessop.

Correspondence.

Municipal Association of Victoria (a) in relation to 10 per cent. reduction on salaries and wages made by the court and operating from April 1.—Received. (b) Protesting against the proposed action of the Government to transfer registration fees to consolidated revenue, and requesting the council's support and asking that representatives be asked to support also.—Agreed to; (c) In relation to Empire Day and the proposal to hold a Flag Day, and asking council's co-operation.—On the motion of Crs. Ibbott and Jessop it was decided to take action for collections on Flag Day.

Residents of Evans street, Fairfield, calling attention to the condition of the footpaths.—Footpaths to be constructed.

Education Department, advising the celebration of Empire Day on May 22, and asking the co-operation of councillors with various school committees.—Agreed to.

R.S.S.I.L.A. asking council to purchase copy of picture of the famous landing of Anzacs.—No action.

Hannah and A. O'Gorman, offering block of land in Ford street to the shire for £150 to cover overdue rates and roadmaking.—No action.

John C. Akers, holding council responsible for injuries to bicycle through striking a pothole in Waterdale road. —Council accepts no responsibility.

Alphington Progress Association, asking information re the erection of various lights in Fairfield.—Secretary to reply.

Fairfield Baseball Club, making application for use of Fairfield recreation reserve during coming season, between hours of 1 p.m. and 2.45 p.m. —Agreed to under usual conditions.

Collingwood Technical School, applying for use of Fairfield Park reserve and dressing rooms on Wednesday afternoons from April 1 to September 1.—Granted under usual conditions; fee £5.

Shire electrician, reporting on installation of lamps in Hashmos street, between Railway place north and Duncan street, and stating that he considers same unnecessary. — Report adopted.

Mission of St. James and St. John, asking for permission to keep a few pigs at the V.D. clinic in the old Yarra Bend buildings.—Agreed to, subject to Board of Works approval.

Sisters in charge of Baby Health Centres in Fairfield and Ivanhoe, reporting on Government proposal to distribute £3 per month towards extra sustenance for mothers and babies.—Referred to the sisters of the Baby Health Centres and the relief organisations.

S. N. Livesley, asking council's permission to cash amount of reversionary bonus under the council's assurance scheme.—Referred to the secretary for details.

Building plans passed for the month were:—Fairfield, 2 outbuildings, 1 addition; Ivanhoe, 1 concrete block house, 4 additions, 7 garages, 3 outbuildings, 1 detached room (16); Heidelberg, 1 addition; Greensborough, 1 garage, 1 septic tank; total, 22.

It was decided that all canvas signs on all parks be given a transparent coat of varnish, and that gate entrances to the Fairfield Park be painted.

The 10 per cent. cut to officers' salary and staff has been applied to the council, which will mean a reduction of £1700 a year.

Two sections of unemployed waited upon the council, and their request was referred to a conference.

Balwyn Fruit Supply Co., asking for an electric light to be connected at fruit stall, Station street, Fairfield.—Light has been connected.

Fifty-three business people and ratepayers, of Station street, Fairfield, petitioned for the removal of a shed now being used for the sale of fruit, it being considered an eyesore to the district and unfair to the business of the legitimate trader.—It was decided to take action and test the by-law.

Electric Light and Gas Reports

The committee reported there are 4,572 gas consumers; total for month, nil. Receipts for month, £2,943/9/; disbursements, £6,223/4/7. Matters at the gasworks are proceeding satisfactorily. The quality of coal now being supplied is probably the best that the council has ever obtained.

The committee reported there are 6,011 electric light consumers; total for month, 4. Street lights, 766. Receipts for month, £2,825/2/7; disbursements, £4,536/4/4. One street light installed in Mountain View, parade.

Sustenance Grants

Minister in Charge of Sustenance wrote regarding grants made to council on the £2 for £1 basis, and stating that it was to be understood that moneys granted would mean a corresponding decrease in the amount expended in sustenance.

On the motion of Crs. Phillips and Hannah it was decided to accept the terms.

Cr. Ibbott said Ivanhoe residents were contributing money, which meant that the riding would only have to provide £25 for an expenditure of £100.

Cr. Jessop said Greensborough people were finding money, and £100 would be spent at a cost to the council of £15.

The Minister asked for advice with reference to the supply of firewood for those receiving sustenance, which would commence on May 1.—All arrangements are made.

Engineer's Report

Fairfield.—In addition to the usual sweeping and cleansing of channels and disposal of garbage, the following works have been carried out:—Road Maintenance: In Fulham road south pitched kerbing has been laid from Heidelberg road to junction of Bryant's contract, and old roadway scarified and widened to 25 feet, metalled, rolled and semi-penetrated with bitural and surfaced with bitumen and screenings. At Australian Paper Mills their private roadway has been metalled and rolled, semi-penetrated with bitural and surfaced with bitumen and ¼-inch screenings. The work on the mill frontage has been completed; the approach to weighbridge is now being done. Necessary subsoil drainage pipes have been laid and rough pitching done where necessary; 8-inch pitched kerbing to prevent road crumbling has been placed in position and metalling is in progress. Bus Route: Darling street, between Arthur street and Grange road, has been scarified and shaped up and metalled where necessary, rolled and semi-penetrated street, and surfaced with bitumen and screenings. There are approximately 800 sq. yds. of road surfacing to be done to complete the section. In Arthur street, between Darling street and Duncan street, necessary scarifying has been done, and metalling is in progress. Repairs with metal (patching) have been made in Mitchell street, between station and Rathmine street, and in Gillies street, between Railway place and Heidelberg road. The open pitched crossing has been repaired and approaches to same metalled and rolled. Repairs have also been made to roadway in Rathmines street, between Railway place south and Heidelberg road, and open pitched crossing has been repaired and approaches to same metalled and rolled. Repairs have been made to channels in Rathmines street south and in Gillies street, south end. Minor repairs have been made in Station street, between Heidelberg road and railway, and on Outer Circle road (Joint work with Kew City Council). A start has been made on the footpath on North side with the re-alignment of Clarke street. Holmes street has been cleaned up of all rubbish, old tins, etc., deposited there from time to time. Side tables and nature strips have been grassed and cleaned up in Yarraford avenue, Percy street, Pilmuel grove, Darling street; grounds of tennis courts cleared of weeds, etc., and courts re-lined. Late growths of thistle and other noxious weeds have been attended to in Separation, Ross, Keith, Bennett, Smith and Shiers streets. Grass and flowerbed cuts have been repaired in various streets.

Hard to Woo

By A. G. GREENWOOD

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(Continued)

At lunch Alma ignored me and chatted merrily to Iris. Evidently she intended to outwit me. I wondered how. Later on we trooped in a body, showing her over the castle, the keep, the cellars (dungeons once) the secret hole, the sliding panel, the huge firebell which brought half the fishing fleet to our rescue during the great fire in 1776, the stone on which the Young Pretender first set foot on his visit to Gullisle, and all the other guide-books items of interest.

Just after tea I caught her alone. "Need relations of captive and gaoler continue?" I asked. "Couldn't you—make the best of it?"

"I've nothing to say to you," was her answer.

Of course, I felt snubbed, but I were not on "It's only because Gullisle longs for a mistress so," I said.

Alma stood up and made for the door. I barred her passage.

"Don't go," I begged. "I——"

"You can't insult me more," she said sharply. "Why don't you prevent my going by force? You can't fall lower in my estimation than you have. Why try to be even the semblance of a gentleman?"

I caught both her arms, holding them above her elbows, staring at her. "Pity Gullisle," I whispered. "Alma, Alma——"

"I hate you," she cried, and her eyes were full of tears. "You've insulted me every way you can! You're stronger than I—oh, you release me now! May I go?"

She stood back from me, the color high in her cheeks.

"Have you done with me? Does your lordship still want me, or may I go?" she stood there laughing at me, her slim figure swaying, bent in mock humility.

"If I were clever," she said, "I might hope to tell you what I thought of you. But I'm not, so—so I can only say that I didn't know God had ever made quite such a gentleman as you."

"You're clever enough to sting and hurt me," I cried angrily. "But it's your fault. You've laughed at me, despised me, run me down to my face. Well, the worm has turned, and the fault's yours. You've goaded me on——"

She bent to pick up the novel she was reading as I began, and she passed me, humming under her breath and went out of the room.

Then I sat down and had a long think. I hadn't meant the thing to be so serious. I meant it to be a joke. I meant to keep her at Gullisle amicably. But she had upset my plans—or else I had marred them myself. I couldn't hope for her to give me a kiss after "write me down a fool!" if I opened the door myself and confessed I was beaten.

I went to bed with a headache—and a heartache.

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It must have been two o'clock when I was roused up and leapt out of bed. Over head I heard the fire-bell dancing, stridently calling, its cracked-toned alarm tolling swift and loud, each stroke of its brazen tongue following fast on the still-echoing vibrations of its fellows.

Briggs, the butler, flung open the door, as I struggled with a few clothes on.

"The castle's afire, my lord!" he gasped.

"Rouse the ladies!" I shouted. "Send them out into the garden. "Where's the outbreak?" I can't say my lord," he stuttered, looking the picture of fear. "I only heard the bell, and ran to warn you——"

As he spoke a trembling silence fell. The great bell clanged no more and the echoes of its last note stretched out, lingering in the ear.

I ran down to the hall, where a cluster of frightened servants had gathered.

"Who rang the bell?" I asked sharply. "Who discovered the fire? Where is it? Speak up!"

I glared at them, but no one spoke. A footman ran in from the back premises. He had searched all the basement, he said breathlessly. Wallace appeared from the garden, and the three of us ran upstairs. Through the picture galleries, through numberless rooms unused, through miles of corridor we searched fruitlessly, ascending at last to the servants' rooms, the tower, and even on to the battlements.

But not a vestige of an outbreak could we find.

Across the narrow arm of the sea which separated us from the mainland I saw a dozen fishing-boats, staggering under every sail they carry, making for the island.

"What fool rang the bell?" I asked furiously. "The whole neighbourhood is aroused——"

We ran down, questioning the startled mob in the hall, losing our tempers, hard-headed Wallace and I, when no one owned up to sounding the alarm.

We were still cross-examining, when the first of the fishermen appeared in the hall.

I was thoroughly mystified and horribly angry. But the fellow and his companions had tumbled out of bed and made the passage in record time, and I told the grumbling servants to prepare food and beer for them, while I went out into the garden to Iris and Alma.

But my first question was: "Where's Alma?"

"Isn't she with you?" said my sister. "Of course, I thought you had looked after her——"

I always think it was fairly creditable of me to come to the sudden conclusion I did. Half-way across the strait I saw a fishing-boat bound homeward.

The fleet came in 1776—Alma knew the story—they came when the bell sounded the alarm; they came in 1910, as she had expected they would, and she had escaped from Gullisle!

The false alarm was explained, the mystery of the ringer was mystery no more, her absence was cleared up.

In that scudding boat crossing to the mainland was my captive.

"Don't say that!" cried Iris indignantly. "What horrible language you're using? It's no fault of mine that Alma isn't here."

I had been hoodwinked—that's why I swore. I had been taken in as neatly, as absolutely, as most women can trick men.

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Clyde Birmingham.—Congrats Clyde for getting another 100 marks. The prize will be ready on please call for it on or after your greetings from the Pets and.—U.P.

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Trias are a class of their own, and are constitute a prize. Trias can be included in your ordinary 100 words. Each entry must be marked on the top "Tria Entry," so I will know they are for this competition. Subjects chosen give a wide range of interest—holidays, sports, motoring, about the beach country, anything about hobbies, how to play, about your gardens or things that can be made by Cobbers. The best each week will receive a special mark, a "tria," while other entries just get the ordinary marks. When you have three "trias" of the same as 100 marks, and a 50 will be given for them. So, get on ahead and send in your trias. If you are taking the work in book, do not just copy it out, but write it out in your own words, using your meaning clear. Start right away now, and let me see who is the first to have 300 marks.

Trias, if original, should be marked "original" in one corner

TRIAS

THE DRESS OF A DIVER

On a diver is a dress of a peculiar kind. He must be prepared to open above the wreck in a boat fitted with a powerful engine for diving air. Then his comrades dress him. At the shore there are on over his ordinary clothes are thickest of woollen jerseys and stockings, for it is very cold in the water. Then comes the dress. The garment covers the whole of him with the exception of the head. The head is made of sheet rubber. It is made and sewn together with twill, cuffs are made of indiarubber, and fit tightly around the wrists. His attendants then put on the heavy-tremendous shoes with lead soles, weighing about half. Last of all they put on his helmet, a round affair, made of tinned copper bolted down on a thick woollen pad so the diver wears around his neck and arms and is fastened to the dress screws, and can be opened when the diver is on the surface. One other thing the diver carries with him is a cable to talk to or converse with his comrades in the boat.

Frank O'Connor.

THE AEROPLANE

Pleasant afternoon can be spent by the aeroplane. It is very interesting to see where they make the planes and how they make the planes and how they make the planes and how

Football Again Reigns Paramount

ANOTHER THRILLING ENCOUNTER EXPECTED TO-MORROW

PRESTON v COBURG AT CRAMER STREET PARK

Association matches will be continued to-morrow, when Preston will be at home to Coburg. Both teams seem to be strengthened considerably this season, and as each side prefer the fast, open play it will be a case of the team that can stay best. A fine exhibition is fully expected.

Warr indulged in light training on Tuesday evening and says his knee is quite O.K. again.

Albert Gilley, brother of the Carlton defender, was trialing last Tuesday evening, and is anxious to don the red and white colors.

Though only a lad, Marshall, from Collingwood, was impressive, but it will be hard to find a place for him.

Delegates from the Carlton Club waited on the Preston committee on Monday evening seeking a clearance for Mackie, Preston's centre half-back and follower. After careful consideration Preston officials definitely decided not to grant the clearance, as the club desired Mackie's services.

The tall player who marked and kicked well last Tuesday was Griffiths, from Echuca (Bendigo League), who played all last season.

Never before have the officials had such fine talent offering, and it is pleasing to note that the local lads are the most prominent.

After the success which attended the selections for the first match, when five players from the second eighteen were included, one would feel hard put to find further, but still they do better than committee on the local jobs, who are not certainly in Bachelor class.

It is expected that Cassidy's chance will arise, he is small to be Tasmania in time for him to find his side to-morrow. Tom Cassidy has decided to hold a meeting this evening to deal with late clearances.

Although Gray was replaced by Redmond last Monday, efforts to get Redmond back to all, should a place Preston.

There is little in selecting if any drastic alteration is to be made in Preston's team for Saturday. Only Dowling may be selected in place of Doherty's place, the latter having replaced. If he is available Cassidy will go in as R.F. back in place of Redmond and Mooney or Moisan may be given a run instead of Hughson.

It is quite possible that Preston's selectors will have to leave some fine young players slip through their fingers when they have to again revise the training list, which is sparkling with bright youth.

Citizens! A successful and representative side cannot be maintained without your aid. The prospects for 1931 are the brightest for many a day. Do your duty by supporting your local team wholeheartedly. Be a worker. Buy and induce your friend to procure a membership ticket, and a strong team will represent your district, and at the same time provide for you a cheap afternoon's exciting entertainment.

Preston officials have done everything possible to secure the services of their coach for Saturday. There is every possibility that followers of the game will see Cazaly in action on Saturday.

Duncan, the match-winner, is to strip for Coburg against Preston on Cramer street park on Saturday. Can Preston counteract his efforts?

There should be a great crowd at the Preston park on Saturday to witness the contest between the locals and Coburg. If is expected that Cazaly and Duncan will be seen in action.

From a chat with Preston's coach it was apparent that Roy is emphatic on the players giving proper attention to training, and not only train, but they must train hard. This is essential and imperative. If players do this there is no reason why the standard of Association football should not be superior to any other. He keeps the players on the move continuously, and already a marked improvement is noticeable in their movements. Preston's skipper says the players are beginning to reveal that nip he expects. They are all looking forward to the engagement next Saturday, being optimistic of the result.

As a result of the team's excellent showing against Northcote, Preston members' tickets are selling splendidly. They will be on sale outside the Cramer street park to-morrow. Residents are urged to become members by purchasing a ticket. If the support is forthcoming the officials contend they will have a hold of the 1931 pennant.

Heyburn, the Greensborough follower, is shaping well. What he requires now is two or three games with the seconds before having a try out with the seniors. His turn will surely come.

PRESTON SECOND EIGHTEEN

Under the leadership of Harry Smith, Preston second eighteen will journey across to Coburg, where they are quite confident of defeating last year's premiers.

Like the seniors, the seconds have a fine type of player training, despite the fact that no less than seven of their players have been availed of by the seniors.

Hansen, a lad of 15 years, already reveals his ability to handle the "leather of treasure" with skill.

Lee also shows promise on the forward line. He is a fine kick, with that direction which marks him a player of class.

NORTHCOTE CLUB NEWS

McSwain and E. V. Brown, of Carlton, and Day, of North Melbourne, are new players in training seeking selection in the team.

E. Wilson still has the interest of the team at heart, and has offered his services to the committee to attend the junior matches and report to the selection committee on the calibre of the players. This is a splendid example of service, and his knowledge and experience will be a great help to the club.

K.S.P. COMPETITION

South Preston Methodist (last season's premiers of the K.S.P. competition) will open the season to-morrow by playing St. Mark's at Royal Park. A bus will leave Plenty road at 2 o'clock. On Monday evening the team were entertained at the home of Mr. W. E. Davis, when the opportunity was taken to elect the following officials:—Captain, W. Davies; vice-captain, F. Wollington; selection committee, Messrs. W. and N. Davies, F. Wollington, H. McDonald and A. Tivey.

THORNBURY DISTRICT CLUB

A practice match was played by the above club and Thornbury Rovers (Y.F.A.) (Sub. Dist.) on Sunday at Thornbury East. Keen rivalry has existed for some time as to who were the better team and a large crowd witnessed a keen match from start to finish. The final scores were:—Thornbury District, 7 goals 5 behinds, (47 points); Thornbury Rovers, 5 goals 2 behinds, (32 points).

After the match the following players were placed on the list for the season. Old Players.—J. Cleary, H. Clack, A. Climas, B. Hart, V. Hemming, D. Baxter, J. Lacey, K. Harper, W. Howard, P. Goatley, S. Willis, V. Smith, H. Jackson, W. Kernaghan, E. Hales, E. Jenkins, E. Hearndon, Jim Cleary, G. Thompson. New Players.—H. Hughan, G. and E. Nicolls, G. Millar, R. Millar, K. Lomas, R. Hirst, E. Wallbank, D. Broadbent and L. Williams. The following last years' players who were with the club until the end of last season but who have been omitted from the list are:—A. Eaton, F. Boxall, A. Dalton, A. Schnedler, W. Macnamara, E. Jackson, P. Lane (who is playing with Fitzroy), R. Sullivan and A. Toms.

The club play their first match at home with Ascot Vale tomorrow at Thornbury East. All players are requested to be in attendance not later than 2.25 p.m.

Matches played on grounds of first named club.

FIXTURES

The following are the fixtures for the season:—

May 2.—Thornbury District v Ascot Vale.
May 9.—Richmond District v Thornbury District.
May 16.—Thornbury District v West Sunshine.
May 23.—South Melbourne v Thornbury District.
May 30.—Thornbury District v Surrey Hills.
June 6.—Thornbury District v West Brunswick.
June 13.—Thornbury District v Kingsville.
June 20.—Thornbury District v West Richmond.
June 27.—South Port Melbourne v Thornbury District.

Fixtures then vice versa.

READY FOR THE FRAY

The Northcote captain, Percy Rowe, before taking the field for the opening match of the Association football season against Preston at Northcote.

JUNIOR I.O.R. ASSOCIATION

Hope of Northcote v Samuel Mauger.—Team for Hope of Northcote will be picked from the following:—J. Angus (capt.), J. Granger (vice-capt.), H. Angus, A. Peters, E. Smith, L. Taylor, C. Roadley, J. Eastaugh, O. Phillips, H. Parry, J. O'Brien, T. Wilks, R. Norris, R. Flint, F. Hosking, Trotman, I. Rootsey, K. Gough, H. Coombes, C. Gamble, J. Byrne, J. Vegis, R. Law, and A. Johnstone. Members are requested to pay fees as soon as possible and to play in club colors. Intending players please send particulars to H. Angus, hon. sec., H.N.F.C.

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Born at Rutherglen in the year—well, what does it matter? and the town is proud of him—Percy Rowe captain and coach of Northcote, is 6 feet tall and 13½ stone in weight. Modest even to a degree of sensitiveness, it is indeed difficult to get Perc to speak of himself or his career.

In his early youth he gave promise as a footballer, and his fame so soon spread that the Lake Rovers, of Rutherglen, claimed him for their team. It was the beginning of what he is now—a champion among footballers. But fame cannot last long in a country match: his injured shoulder was harmed.

In 1926 Wangaratta were run; then Perc could not resist the his old club, Collingwood, and turned to them during the sea 1927 and 1928, in which seas were premiers. We do not this was attributable to Percy but sufficient it is that he was team. You can still hear the of the famous track—P. Rowe Coventry and W. Libbis.

Northcote wanted him for years, and after much persua came across in 1929 as capta coach. His success was imm The standard of play improv personality was felt, and his natable will so inspired the that Northcote won its first ship. His debut with Northco a chapter of accidents. In t match against Preston he was ed unconscious in the third The following Saturday he such a hard blow in the back was under treatment all the Then the next Saturday he with Doug Nicholls and was co jured list for two weeks.

Near the end of the 1929 seas hand was injured in the match. It was thought to be s but during the summer months not make any progress. very painful he persisted in the whole of the 1930 season special rubber bandage. Tow end of the season an X-ray wa and it was found that a sma was broken in the hand and wa knit. An immediate operat necessary. But, knowing all because of his unbounded enth in the team, Rowe continued until the end of the season. H had the broken particle in This shows the calibre of the grit, determination, and pro terest for his team.

Last year Northcote were up, and this year—well, Perc ms forward to another pen flag. Premierships seem to hobby, and Perc can tell mar other stories of his career that he tells to his intimate fr how he played in two premier one week.

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES

Brighton v Northcote.
Camberwell v Prahran.
Port Melbourne v Essendon.
Brunswick v Sandringham.
Williamstown v Footscray.
Preston v Coburg.

P.A.F.S. LODGE

The fortnightly meeting on Monday evening. In the of the W.M. (Bro. Sproule) (Bro. Cook) took the chair. Sproule reported on the Qu nival, and mentioned that beaten by the A.N.A. and for the Queen of Lodges. raised £65 for the appeal. Hollis reported on the "Back rat," that the 50 members enjoyable time, and are also suggested a combined Warburton during the winter The subject of "Capital ment" will be debated at nex May 11. Dancing and gam the evening.

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

Ninety associates were the of the Associates' Committee urday to mark the opening new season. The club ho artistically decorated with flowers and foliage. Foursom played and a long drivin petition was held.

Scores.—76, Mrs. E. W Miss L. Day, (24); 77, Miss way and Miss Marchant, (2 Mrs. J. H. Knell and Mr. for, (32); 81, Miss F. Wal Mrs. E. Cordner, (24); Richmond and Mrs. W. F (31); 85, Mrs. G. Taylor and Clarke, (28; 85, Mrs. F. Tha Mrs. A. Chisholm, (34).

The long drive was won E. R. Cordner with a distance yards, the trophy for which nated by Miss A. Wippell.

WESTGARTH NEWS

The death occurred on Ap Mill Hill, London, of Mrs. F. mother of Mr. Arthur McM Rae street, Northcote.

There passed away at her r 19 Union street, Northcote, 26, Mrs. Evelyn Logan, at 28. She leaves a husband The interment took place on at Fawkner.

On Sunday at the Westgart Church, an Old Folks' Ser take place at 11 a.m., follo Young Folks' Service at 7 p.

Vandals are responsible age to seats in Northcote Pa woodwork in one case has b away.

A number of local residen neyed to Sunbury on Sunday part in the Eucharistic Pilgri Salesian Fathers' College, wood."

"I say," said the customer been overcharged, "have sense of honor?" "No, sir, chemist, "I'm sorry, I have have something just as go

Of Interest to Women

(Conducted by "PENELOPE").

ROMANTIC CIRCLE.

GRAINGER—ELLIS

On April 4 at St. George's Road Methodist Church, Northcote, the Rev. F. J. Jennings celebrated the marriage of Mr. George Alfred Grainger and Miss Eva Louisa Ellis. The groom is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Grainger, Leamore, Walsall, Staffordshire, England, and the bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Ellis, of "Acacia," Rochester. Easter daisies and floral streamers garlanded the church, which was decorated by friends of the bride and during the ceremony the sweet words of "Because" were sung by Mrs. J. L. Dunlop. Given away by her father, the bride wore an exquisite gown of ivory bridal satin, fashioned with long flared skirt and train, over which fell a Brussels lace veil held by a charm of orange blossom and pearls. The veil was kindly lent by Mrs. T. Green. Cream cactus dahlias, gladioli and roses formed her bouquet, which was finished with streamers of pale pink. Miss A. Ellis (sister) was the bridesmaid. She wore an ankle-length frock of Eau-de-Nil georgette with shoes and hat to match, with pink trimmings. She also wore the present, a sapphire necklet, and carried pink carnations. Misses Lyla and Joy Ellis, the trainbearers, (sisters of the bride) were sweet in their pink frilled georgette frocks, with Eau-de-Nil trimmings. The best man was Mr. William Ellis, (brother of the bride). The breakfast was held at the home of the bride's brother, 50 Kinsale street, North Balwyn, which was decorated in pink roses with the bridesmaid's posies. Maroon crepe satin with green trimmings crowned the bride's hair and dahlias were her flowers. The bride's frock is set in 13 Kendall street, Northcote. A beige tailored frame, with maroon finishings, completed a travelling suit.

DOLMAN—FORTBURY

The Presbyterian Church, Rosstown, Caulfield, was the scene of a pretty wedding on April 4, when Mr. S. C. Hadley officiated at the nuptials of Mr. Hugh Norman A. Dolman and Miss Doris Mary Fortbury. The groom is the youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. Dolman, of 3 Heidelberg road, Caulfield, and the bride is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fortbury, of 35 Pender street, Northcote. Entering with her father, the bride made a charming picture in ivory satin, overlaid with lace, the skirt falling in a train. The gown was cut on flowing lines with long sleeves and a long pointed bodice. Her veil was held by a coronet of orange blossom, while white cactus dahlias and lilies formed her bouquet. Her attendants were Misses Rita Portbury (sister) and Elsie Dolman (sister of the groom) each gowned in delicate green georgette made on graceful lines with picture hat and shoes to match. Their flowers were autumn tinted dahlias. To Mrs. E. W. Dolman, mother of the groom, Miss Dorothy Portbury (niece of the bride), the bridegroom, was dainty in a pale blue, ankle flared frock made with folds to the ankle. Her gift was a gold bangle. Mr. Tom Dolman was best man and Mr. Edward Dowe groomsman. The church was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies. Mr. F. Davies played the Wedding March during the ceremony. The wedding breakfast was held at the Dispensary Hall, Glenferrie road, Thornbury, the breakfast was tastefully set out by Mrs. Showbanks, of Normanby Hall, Thornbury, and the catering was carried out with the greatest satisfaction to all present. Dancing occupied the evening till midnight and the bride, wearing a black crepe de chene with shell pink vest and trimmings with a smart tailored coat, left with her husband for a trip to Ballarat, where the honeymoon will be spent. They will reside at 195 Mitchell street, Northcote, on their return. Black marocain, with diamante trimmings, gowned the bride's mother, and her bouquet was composed of tawny flowers. The bridegroom's mother chose a navy blue ensemble suit with hat to match. Her flowers were red dahlias.

Sports suits of black wool accented with scarfs, blouses or belts of bright red have won the approval of Marlene Dietrich, who is appearing in Paramount's picture "Dishonored," with Victor McLaglen.

Miss Dietrich's favorite street costume is a dress of black knitted material that boasts a tie scarf, a belt and beret of white and red plaid.

FANCY'S FASHION

LADY'S EVENING FROCK

There has been much discussion among women regarding the lengthened styles, which have apparently come to stay, despite a storm of opposition. If Dame Fashion decrees that our skirts be worn to the ground, and our waists almost up to our armpits, we wear them, even though in our hearts we do not really like them. Certainly some of the evening gowns now on show, are extremely graceful and altogether satisfying as regards style and appearance, and are very suitable for most figures. The evening frock we are showing here, can be made up in either of the styles depicted. No. 1 is made up in all one material and has a square neck and is confined at normal waist with a swathed belt. The skirt is finished with six frills. No. 2 is made up from the same pattern with the addition of a chic little Bolero. Our illustration shows the bolero made of net, with alternative frills of net on the skirt.

The evening frocks are very simple, and can be made up at home, at infinitesimal expense. The pattern is No. 3450, price 10d., and is cut in sizes to suit small women and medium figures. Patterns can be purchased from the agents (a list of local agents will be found elsewhere in this issue) or direct from the manufacturers, Demarest and Co., Collingwood N.5. Ask for the free copy of the monthly fashion leaflets, containing the latest fashions, a complete story, and useful recipes and hints.

CLOTHES FOR BABY

Few mothers realise what a tremendous part the correct dressing of babies plays in their general health, and never is this more so than during the winter months. Unless your baby is dressed correctly, there is no hope of steering him safely through the chill and bleak days ahead. The first essential of correct dressing is to see that all his clothing is light, warm and porous. For this reason cotton garments should be discarded and no linen should be worn, as linen is one of the best conductors of heat, and if used, the natural heat of the baby's body will escape. Wool is therefore the best material for winter, and should be worn throughout with the exception of the napkin, which calls for good quality toweling. This, by the way, is warmer than cotton flannelette.

For day wear the following simple garments will suffice: First, a fine woollen vest which can easily be made with an ounce and a half of two-ply 135 Mitchell fingering. Second comes a flannel petticoat, which, in the case of a "short-coats" himself and so saves the expense and time spent on a second set of clothes. After eighteen months a flannel sleeping suit replaces the nightgown.

There should be at least three each of these garments, so that one set is always clean. If there are only two there is the ever-present danger of baby getting into a damp garment and becoming chilled. The outlay for these all wool garments is more in the beginning, but expense is saved in the end, as they wear better and are healthier than those that are made from a cotton and wool mixture.

A THREE PIECE ENSEMBLE

Loose weave brown fleck tweed, trimmed with astrachan in a matching shade, will be the most popular for the three piece ensembles for the coming winter. This mode still holds pride of place in Milady's wardrobe.

Three Piece Ensemble
featured by Ruth Chatterton
in The Paramount Picture
"The Right to Love"

One of the charming exponents of the fashion is Ruth Chatterton, in her Paramount picture, "The Right to Love." Miss Chatterton has a neat one piece frock, which is laced up to the throat with brown cord, and her short coat of matching material is trimmed with Elizabethan collar and cuffs of brown astrachan. Brown brogue shoes and the new sailor felt hat are the delightful accessories.

GREY-BLUE FAVORITE COLOR IN HOLLYWOOD

Grey-blue is Hollywood's favorite color this autumn, and is to be seen introduced in some novel way on most costumes and frocks.

Lilyan Tashman, who came from the East to play an important role in Paramount's "Finn and Hattie," was the first to introduce the new note to the film colony.

Her initial costume in this color comprised a tailored jacket of the gray-blue woollen mixture, and a skirt with alternate blue and gray stripes.

THE HOSTESS GOWN

Her Majesty the hostess is gowned in dignity this season, according to Kay Francis, who is appearing in the Paramount picture, "Ladies' Man."

Miss Francis wears a beautiful gown in this production composed of green and gold lame displays medieval sleeves and an unusual neckline, having a V-shaped inlet of flesh georgette in the back. The skirt sweeps down into a divided train at the back, and is caught in tightly at the waistline with a gold and diamente buckle.

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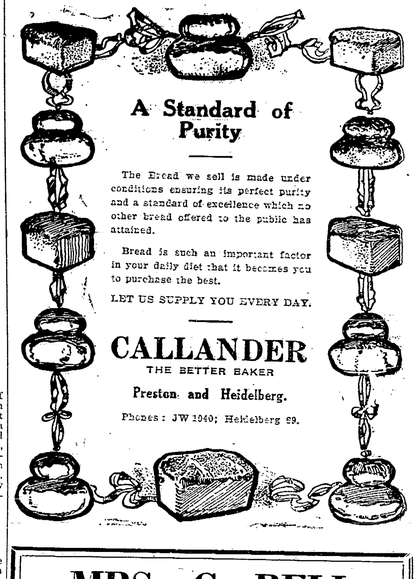

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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, APRIL 27

The usual meeting was held on Monday. Present: The mayor (Cr. J. H. Green, J.P.) and Crs. B. E. Johnson, A. H. Oldis, S. Pinkney, S. Dennis, J. O. Hughes, A. C. Bird, M. C. Jones, W. Hayes, A. J. Cornish, A. E. Peters, J. Sutch, W. Turner, W. Glanfield and W. Oliver.

Water Reticulation.—The board's maintenance period for pipe trenches for water extensions in Peel street and Fulham road has expired.

Sewerage Area.—The board has declared a sewerage area in the vicinity of Hillside avenue.

Births Notification. — The Public Health Department advised of a new act, whereby parents must notify births to the town clerk within 48 hours in areas where there are Government subsidised Baby Health Centres. The town clerk is in turn to notify the Baby Health Centre.—The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Bus Route.—The Public Works Department has approved of three buses being used on the Bastings street route instead of two.

Overcrowding of Buses.—Action is being taken by the Melbourne City Council, which controls motor buses, to prevent overcrowding on the Arthurton road route, about which there have been complaints.

Northcote Baths.—Northcote Life Saving and Swimming Club sought the erection of sign directing attention to the baths, such to be illuminated during the swimming season.—Baths committee.

Lighting Hawthorn road—Arthurton Road Progress Association sought the erection of a light in this street near St. George's road.—E.L. Committee.

West Ward Progress Association, (1) re condition of roadway, west side St. Georges' road; (2) re flooding during rains of Hutton street, between railway and St. George's road.—P.W. Committee; (3) re adjustment of slabs on footpath, east side of St. George's road, between Ballantyne and Hutton streets; (4) re condition of roadway in Gadd street.—(1) and (3) Reports being prepared by engineer; (2) and (4) sent to P.W. Committee.

Same Association, re fence around racecourse in Woolton avenue and St. George's road.—Officers to attend.

Foot Crossing.—West Ward Progress Association sought the erection of posts and chains to more clearly define foot crossing at St. George's road and Hutton street.—P.W. Committee.

Handbill Distribution.—The same association drew attention to danger in distributing handbills in Hutton street amongst school children.—Officers to take action under the regulations of the council.

Garbage Tip.—Fitzroy City Council, re use of Mr. Millot's land in Woolton avenue as a garbage tip, agreeing to this council's conditions.

Cr. Sutch moved that the council be granted permission to use this as a tip under conditions laid down by the council.

Cr. Turner: There is some consideration to be given by the Fitzroy council, and I want that spent on St. George's road.

Cr. Dennis: You get the garbage and you can have the money also.

It was decided to complete an agreement with the Fitzroy council to allow it to use this land as a tip.

General

A. E. Colson, re condition of footpath in McLachlan street, between Cunningham and Westgarth streets.—P. W. Committee.

A. Searle, re condition of drains at east end of Rossmoyne street.

Cr. Cornish: There is a fair grievance there.

P.W. Committee to give consideration.

E. Derrick and others, re condition of channels in Darebin road east.—P.W. Committee.

Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers' Band, requesting assistance of council in connection with the combined band display to be held in the town hall in aid of local relief funds.—Finance Committee.

W. J. Canty, secretary, Melbourne and Metropolitan Progress Association, stating that the municipal councils had been approached with a request that no further noxious trade licenses by granted in the metropolitan area, and seeking council's support.—Committee of the council.

Committee Reports

Public Works accounts £1093/19/7, and street construction accounts £1/3/ were paid.

H. Meeks was granted permission to erect private garage in front of premises in Fyffe street.

It was decided to take no action in regard to the request of the West Ward Progress Association for the alteration of "Caution" sign in St. George's road, near Hutton street.

Buttresses on Posts, St. George's road Beautification.—The council was of opinion that these protected the fence, and would not agree to the West Ward Progress Association's request for their removal.

Electric Light Committee—Accounts £1976/2/7 were paid.

Parks Committee.—Accounts £201 4/10 were paid.

Finance Committee.—Additional accounts to the foregoing totalling £151 0/5 were paid.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Dairy.—Cr. Turner said he had received a letter from a ratepayer seeking permission to conduct a dairy in Stretle street.—Committee of the council.

Infant Welfare Advisory Council.—Cr. Oldis reported having attended a deputation to the Minister for Health. The 16 councils represented were opposed to the proposal to establish a new Government board, for which the municipalities would have to pay. The Minister replied that he intended to proceed and the Advisory Council would not interfere with the work of the Baby Health Centres Association in any way, but would take steps to further decrease the infantile mortality rate. The Minister had given the councils credit for the splendid work performed by the present health centres.

Wandering Stock.—Cr. Jones voiced complaints re wandering stock in the vicinity of Victoria road and in the East ward.

Cr. Oliver said complaints were numerous, and the ranger should patrol the city continually.

The town clerk said the ranger was now collecting dog fees between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and attended to wandering stock before and after office hours.

Cr. Oldis: The way to prevent the nuisance is to prohibit the keeping of cows in all parts of the North ward.

The ranger is to give attention to the complaints.

Tram Fares.—Cr. Turner said that every time the council sought a reduction in tram fares the chairman of the Tramways Board refused the request on account of the statutory payments the board had to make to the Fire Brigades Board, licenses equivalent and hospitals. A reduction of 1d. per fare, continued Cr. Turner, would mean a lot to people who had had their wages reduced.

Cr. Oliver said if the Tramways Board was relieved of these payments the money would have to be found by the general taxpayer.

It was decided to ask the Government to relieve the board of these payments.

General

Road near channel, north side of Bastings street, near Waterloo road; broken pipe in the same street, channel in Victoria road, near Clarke street; sunken crossing into right-of-way, west side of Northcote street, near Mitchell street, were referred to the P.W. Committee by Cr. Oldis.

Drainage at Clifton and Wakanui streets, also at Kellett and Rathmines streets, were referred to P.W. Committee by Cr. Jones.

Cr. Hughes asked that surplus screenings be removed after surfacing streets.

The engineer said this was usually done, but there was a shortage of staff at the present time, and the work was not being done as expeditiously as usual.

Cr. Dennis spoke of loose screenings in Urquhart street, and suggested that unemployed might be used to gather them up.—Matter referred to P.W. Committee.

Footpath in Harold street, near Stott street, and Elm street paths, between St. George's road and Woolhouse street, were referred to the P.W. Committee by Cr. Bird.

The engineer told Cr. Bird that instructions had been issued for repairs to High street footpaths.

Dangerous holes on north side of Sutch street footpath; path in Hawthorn road, south side, and roadway in Hunter street, south of Sutch street, were referred to P.W. Committee by Cr. Cornish.

Cr. Peters said the outer rail of the St. Georges' road tram track was about 2 inches above the road level in St. George's road south.—Engineer to report.

Dangerous crossing at Union and Jackson streets was referred to the engineer for attention by Cr. Pinkney.

The necessity of erecting road warning signs in the vicinity of Charles street and St. George's road and Merri parade was referred to by Cr. Pinkney. —Finance Committee.

Cr. Dennis sought the erection of name-plates at Jamieson and Parsons streets.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Dennis moved that the decking of the bridge in St. George's road be referred to engineer for report.—Carried.

Cr. Bird asked when seats authorised for Batman Park would be erected.

Cr. Dennis: There is usually some labor available in the winter.

Engineer to attend.

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Red Cross and Social Club Cinderella Ball

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PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Before Messrs. O. A. Walker and J. McMahon, and E. Flanders J's.P.

Several ejectment orders were made.

Ejectments

Debt

T. Courtenay obtained an order against L. Hendry for 18/9, and Mrs. G. Doverill for £2/5/10. Mr. Marsland appeared for complainant.

Obscene Language

Daniel Ryan, 58 years, of no fixed place of abode, was charged that on April 24 he used obscene language in Cramer street.

Constable Higgins said: "Ryan used seaking language as three young ladies walked past."

Fined £1s in default three months' imprisonment.

Wandering Stock

R. J. Charteris charged with having allowed five head of stock to wander in Broadway was fined £2/10 with £2/6 costs.

Inspector J. O. Iles prosecuted for the city council.

W. O'Byrne, charged with having allowed 20 cows to wander was fined £5 with 2/6 costs.

O'Byrne said: "Ladies taking a short cut through my paddock cut the wires to get their perambulators through and the cattle get out."

Mr. Walker J.P.: Can'e you set a man trap?

O'Byrne: No. (laughter).

Maintenance

Annie Gilbert, McDonald street, West Preston obtained a maintenance order against her husband Allan Gilbert, for £1/5 weekly for herself and 10/ weekly for each of two children.

The defendant said: My husband has refused to support me as he has to pay gambling debts. We are still living in the same house."

Maintenance Arrears

Sarah Walkenden, v Robert Walkenden, a claim for £7/15/ arrears of maintenance.

An order was made that the amount be paid in default imprisonment.

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Northcote Notes

Community Singing

A good attendance was present at the weekly Thursday session in the town hall run by the Unemployed Professional Orchestra, which played several selections. Mr. Taylor, director of the orchestra, gave some selections, and by request Mr. W. Nicoll sang "Gae Bring tae Me" and "The Zoyder Zee." He also conducted the singing. At the request of the Mayor the "Back to Childhood" night will be repeated on June 11 in aid of the local unemployed fund.

Under the Northcote Traders' Association on Friday, Mr. Mackay conducted a good attendance at community singing. Proceedings were opened by the singing of Miss G. Maynard and Mr. Fred Dell, also on from one of the audience, a lady sang.

Married Ladies' Concert

A married ladies' concert party from the Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church entertained at the High street Methodist Church hall on April 29, in aid of the Northcote Creche. The items were sketches, "As our Grandmothers read fortunes in their teacups," "The Rehearsal," "Mechanical Jane," "Cross Purposes," "Careless Eventide," (a tableau), Mrs. McCready (monologue), Mrs. Ferrin (character song), "Bother the Men," (recitation by Mrs. Lomas), Mrs. Arblaster (piano recital), and "Dream of Nations" by the entire company. The mayoress (Mrs. J. H. Green) thanked Mrs. Duggleby and party, and spoke of the work of the creche. The secretary of the creche (Mrs. S. Dennis) also thanked the ladies. A vote of thanks to the artists was carried by acclamation. Afterwards the party were entertained to supper by members of the Northcote Kindergarten and Creche committee.

Visit of Salvation Army

Headquarters Band

On Sunday, this band, noted for its musical ability and help to charity, visited Northcote and gave a recital in Batman Park after a brief service. The "Gloria" from Mozart's Twelfth Mass was the best piece. A collection realised £2/10/9 for unemployed relief.

In the evening, after church, a programme was given in the Northcote Town Hall for the same object. Cr. Oldis was in the chair. Items from the band were "A Stranger from Galilee," (baritone solo); cornet solo, "Onward Christian Soldiers" (sung by the band); "There is a Green Hill Far away" (tenor solo); "The Good Samaritan" (recitation); trombone solo; band selection "King of Kings" and other selections. The collection, £6/8/3, together with the afternoon collection and £1/1 from the band, made £10. The mayor and mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. J. H. Green) were present with several councillors, and Cr. Sutch supported the chairman.

Fire at Ivanhoe

The Northcote Brigade was called out to extinguish a fire on the night of Monday, at 215 Upper Heidelberg road, at the rear of premises occupied by Mr. G. Baney, and owned by Mrs. J. E. Stone, where the remains of a stable had become ignited. It was quickly subdued, the only loss being the rubbish heap in which the fire occurred. The house was insured for £400 in the Homes Insurance Co.

The month just closing has been practically in the Northcote district a period of freedom from fires. Never before has such a low record for a month been established. Fortunately it appears to be a "Slump in the fire business." This week the brigade received only two alarms from Northcote and they were both false.

£30 Robbery in Thornbury

Whilst Mr. Richard Morrison, of Hutton street, Thornbury, was away from his home at the Anzac procession, his home was broken into, ransacked and jewellery valued at £30 stolen. The back door was forced.

Pay Your Rates

The town clerk of Northcote issues a reminder that interest will be charged on rates not paid by Tuesday May 12. Details as to hours and attendance are advertised elsewhere.

Bicycle Stealing

Bicycle stealing is still rife in Northcote. On April 28 three bicycles left unattended in various streets were purloined, and a cycle shop raided.

Election of Prefects at Northcote High School

At the Boys' High school, St. George's road, there exists a system of prefects, elected by themselves from the boys, possessed of high character and ability as leaders (subject to the approval of the school principal). Their duty is to see that the honor of the school is maintained, and also to influence other boys to "play the game." The school provides the prefects with distinguishing caps, and the annual election and presentation of caps, as well as the signing of the Prefects' Book, took place on April 27, when the caps were formally presented by the mayor of Northcote (Cr. Green) assisted by the town clerk (Mr. Thomson). There is generally a head prefect, but this year the position is held jointly by Dick Oke and Jack Bold. The following were elected for the ensuing year.—Dick Oke, Jack Bold, E. Greig, M. Press, J. Thomson, G. Williamson, M. Hutchinson, and J. Cairns. They took the vow and signed the Prefects' Book before the mayor, who briefly addressed the elected boys.

Henderson Park

The question as to whether notices or lights are needed to prevent nuisances in this park is still being considered by the council.

Northcote Council Finances

Presenting a statement of accounts for the six months period to March 31 to Northcote council on Monday, Cr. Johnson said that as the present accounts were not balanced to the extent of about £1,000. The main items of over expenditure were metal £170, clay labor £547, and parks £194. The bank overdraft is now £5,700 more than it was at the corresponding period last year.

Payment of Rates

Rates are not coming in as well this year as last. Cr. Johnson told Northcote council on Monday.

The due date to avoid interest payment is May 12.

Construction of Easements

Northcote council has ordered plans to be prepared for the construction of the following easements:—Between Grandview grove and Hillside avenue; rear Mitchell street between Andrew and Gibson streets; and between David street and Gooch streets east of St. David street.

Flower Day Appeal

An appeal to raise funds for the Lord Mayor's Appeal for metropolitan hospitals and charities will be made in the form of a Flower Day at Preston on Wednesday May 6. The co-operation of citizens is urgently requested with goods and patronage of stalls. Stalls will be erected and be in charge of the following.—Mrs. S. Yann, corner of High street and Bell streets; Mrs. Robinson, town hall; Mrs. Bell, corner of High and Regent streets; Mrs. Allchin, corner of Tyler street and Plenty road; Mrs. Bedson, corner of Plenty road and Bell street; Mrs. Armstrong, Reservoir station.

£5,000 UNEMPLOYED APPEAL

The Preston city hall was filled to its utmost capacity and a large number were unable to gain admittance last Thursday evening, April 23, to witness the final coronation ceremony. The finalists were the Queen of Schools (Miss Marie Newell), Queen of Sport (Miss M. Dudgeon), Queen of Lodges (Miss J. White), Queen of Charity (Mrs. K. Clancy) and Queen of Tramways (Miss F. McKay), and, with their courts, they made a charming picture on the stage, which was tastefully decorated in blue and silver, the throne being done in red and gold. As the lord chancellor announced each queen she was enthusiastically applauded by her supporters.

The Queen of Schools proved to be the most popular and secured the greatest number of votes, the Queen of Charity being a close second.

Owing to a large amount of money coming in at a late hour the coronation could not take place at the time appointed (9.15 p.m.), so Mr. Larson held the attention of the audience for about 20 minutes with community singing.

The programme was as follows:—Song and dance, Misses Mavis Tennant, Cora Maxey and Thelma Williams; song, "Mary of Argyle," Mr. J. Cochrane; ballet, "Broadway," pupils of Mrs. Ralph; recitation, Miss Iris Jones; song, "Break o' Day," Miss G. Larson; action song, "Military," pupils of Mrs. Ralph; club swinging, Miss Heath Drummond; song, "The Minuet," Miss Edna Marlow; tap dance, "Yankee Doodle," pupils of Mrs. Ralph; song, "My Hero," Miss May Foulds; comedian, "I Don't Care a Lot," Mr. S. Larson.

Queen of Tramways.—Prize winners.—10/ note, 454, R. E. Dugmall, Preston Depot; spoons, 2,306, Alice, 20 Glover street, South Melbourne; chocolates, 5,236, B. Dore, Dunrobin street, East Brunswick; dressing jacket, 1,463, Mrs. Chatfield, High street, Preston; doll, 4,229, Nancee Harris, 18 Livingstone Pde. Preston

PRESTON SECOND EIGHTEEN QUEEN CARNIVAL

A house party was held for the Queen of Players (Miss Avis Porter) last Saturday night at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Porter, 197 High street. An enjoyable evening was spent. An item by Miss Jean McLeod, accompanied by her father on the bagpipes, was heartily applauded. Euchre was won by Mrs. F. Hildebrand. A delicious supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. Porter.

A house party will be held at Hawthorn on May 2. Buses will leave the corner of Garnet and High streets at 7.45 p.m.

A picnic will be held on May 3 at South Morang.

QUEENS RAISE NEARLY £1100

A large number were unfortunate in not being able to gain admission on account of the hall not being large enough for the occasion. Among those present were the mayor and mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. G. E. Robinson), Mr. Gordon Webber, M.L.A., Cr. H. P. Zwar, Cr and Mrs. Adams, Cr and Mrs. Newton. Special features of the evening were the crowning of Miss Marie Newell by the mayor, the grand parade of the queens. A special attraction was the court dresses (most of which were novel and attractive). The excellent arrangements made by the organisers, Mr. Jenner (president), Mr. Caird (organiser), Mr. F. A. Paton (secretary) and committee were the subject of much comment. It was very gratifying to hear the pleasing remarks of those present.

QUEENS RAISE £1038

The amounts raised by the various queens were as follow:—

Queen of West Preston State School, £241/6/2; Queen of South Preston State School, £54/2/7; Queen of Reservoir State School, £44/10/; total, £339/18/9.

Queen of Charity.—£304/5/7.

Queen of A.N.A., £114/14/; Queen of P.A.F.S., £65/3/1; total, £179/17/5.

Queen of P. and N. Amateur Athletic Association, £116/8/4; Queen of Cricket, £51/10/; Queen of Football, £5/14/; Queen of Motor Cycle Club, £1/10/4; total, £175/2/8.

Queen of Tramways.—£33/16/7.

The grand total raised by the queens is £1038/1/—a truly magnificent figure.

Sneak Thievery

THE plate glass window of Mr. C. E. Bramley's grocer's shop at the corner of Murray road and Frank street, was broken last Wednesday night, and goods to the value of 10/ abstracted.

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TURF NOTES.

(By "Luteplayer")

Preparation of Jumpers

Although it is two months to the Nationals, race goers are already showing increased interest in the activities of the jumping brigade. Mosstrooper, one of the greatest jumpers that sport has known, has returned to active work at Caulfield. Bay of Biscay, resumes training shortly. Both these jumpers raced on the flat during the autumn. Mosstrooper finished seventh, running on strongly in the Australian Cup and Bay of Biscay won a Purse at Epsom last month. Their outings on the flat will have given them a solid foundation for their preparation for the strenuous winter campaign. There is little doubt that Mosstrooper will be awarded the maximum weight of 12.7 in the Grand National Steeplechase, but if he strikes his best form he is likely to go close to winning that race for the second year in succession. Last year the champion won the G.N. Hurdle and Steeple double and then went on to win the Australian Hurdle. Twelve months earlier he led in the Australian Hurdle and Steeple-double, after finishing second to Sandhurst in the G.N. Steeple. It is only once in a very long while that the turf sees a jumper who can successfully mix hurdling and steeple-chasing as does Mosstrooper.

Bay of Biscay filled third place in the 1929 G.N. Hurdle and last year he was leading the field when he fell at the second last obstacle. Subsequently he won the Doutta Galla Hurdle. Prior to the National last year, Bay of Biscay had had only two public outings in twelve months and many contend that his preparation had not been solid enough. Nevertheless he was going well when he fell, and had he remained on his feet it is certain that Mosstrooper would have found his task more difficult, but it is doubtful if the result would have been different. In anything like his best form Bay of Biscay will play a prominent part in winter racing.

Affirm and Tresolaos are a pair, who, if they train on, may do well in jumping events this winter. The latter named, who was formerly a good performer on the flat and finished second to Textile in the 1927 Caulfield Cup, was successful in the Maiden Hurdle at Flemington last July and subsequently finished second to Bay of Biscay in the Doutta Galla Hurdle. Tresolaos ran well in several hurdle events before winning at Williamstown, shortly before the G.N. Hurdle. In the last mentioned race he finished fourth, after meeting with interference when Bay of Biscay fell. On Tuesday Tresolaos set out to win a "school" over hurdles on Victoria steeplechase course at Caulfield, but unfortunately another horse fell at the first hurdle and he came down over the fallen one, but escaped injury. Affirm and Tresolaos should be improved jumpers this season.

A recent recruit to the jumping contingent is Solo King, whose last plays at Epsom, Williamstown and Caulfield, stamp him as a hurdler of class. Whether he will be sufficiently seasoned for this year's National is another matter. As he is only a four year-old, there is no need to hurry him along, and his connections would be doing the wise thing if they passed by big jumping events this winter and allow him to become thoroughly seasoned.

Due for a Win.

Khanong is due for an early win. A few weeks ago he finished fast second to Blematic in the Epsom Plate and in that race received a check a short distance from the post. His only start since was at Woodend, when he was badly interfered with. At the time he was shaping like a winner. At Mentone on Tuesday Khanong was given a gallop over five furlongs and he went exceptionally well, the watch showing 1.2 for the journey. He appears to be right at the top of his form now and will take some beating next time he sports silk.

Also Galloped Well.

Others to go well at Mentone on Tuesday were Romany Rye, Broken Doll and Starissa, who kept together over a mile and 20 yards in 1.45. Romany Rye had his last outing in the Glenferrie Handicap at Caulfield, when he put in a good run over the last couple of furlongs. He should be remembered for a handicap. Broken Doll should give a good account of herself in a mile race, while Starissa is likely to make early atonement for his defeats in the Easter Cup at Williamstown and Glenhuntly Handicap at Caulfield.

At the last Caulfield meeting, Sir Roy, a member of C. T. Godby's stable, was in commission for the Glenhuntly Handicap, but gave a poor display. That he did not show his true form on that occasion is indicated by his great effort at Caulfield on Tuesday. Ridden by F. Dempsey, he, equalled over the 1m. mile, by 1 pd. equalled the record of Nod. Sir Roy, covered a mile and a quarter in 2.13, a gallop that suggests an early victory. Another good performer at Caulfield on Tuesday, was The Guide, who ran five furlongs in 1.34. A welter event will suit The Guide.

Best at Flemington.

The best performers at Flemington on Tuesday were Illustrious and Melosus. The last named left five furlongs on the tan behind in 1.32. He recently won a handicap at Kyneton and the gallop referred to indicates another success in the near future. Illustrious is a two-year-old and his effort was five on the grass in 1.22. He took 24 sec. for the first two furlongs and 49 sec for the half mile.

CYCLING.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP

The Malvern Star junior road championship (for boys under 16 on April 30), to be run towards the end of May (not April, as stated last week), is attracting many entries. The trophy, valued at £20, is much sought after. Forms for free entry in the event may be had from the Carma-Lea Cycle and Sports Depot, High street, Northcote (opposite Darebin street). This event grows larger and attracts a greater number of enthusiasts each year. Advice to those desirous of entering is available at Carma-Lea. See advertisement.

Regent Pirates Motor Cycle Club

Regent Pirates autumn trial will leave Jenkin's garage, High street, Reservoir, at 10.30. All riders will be on the line at 10.15 and will fly the club's colors. The trial will be held through the following towns,—Epping, South Morang, Whittlesea, the old road to Howitt's Lookout, Arthur's Creek, Bowden Spur, Kinglake, Glenburn, Flowerdale, Tommy's Hut, Whitelaws Eden Park Woodstock, Thomastown, Reservoir and home. The time expected for the trial is 5½ hours.

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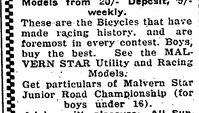
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The Silver Horde

Packed with all the steel fisted action of the original story, "The Silver Horde," taken from the famous Rex Beach novel, is the main attraction this week end. The story concerns an epic struggle among the Alaskan salmon fishermen, high lighted by an unusual romance. There is gripping action and breathless suspense crammed into scores of scenes, topped off by all the color of the glamorous locale. Evelyn Brent and Louis Wolheim head a powerful cast. "The Song of Soho" is an all talking and singing British production featuring Carl Brisson, who is certain to prove one of the leading personalities of the screen. This is a colorful romance of picturesque Soho, with a musical background of rare brightness. A simple story told in a faultless fashion.

"Romance"

On Monday, in "Romance," an all talking adaption of the successful Edward Sheldon stage play, Greta Garbo will be seen as the alluring foreign opera star whose romance with a clergyman results in a number of extremely dramatic situations. A colorful naval melodrama of a naval officer's adventures in clearing up the mystery of a brother officer's disappearance on a foreign island, with an atmosphere of villainous intrigue and naval adventure make "Call of the Sea," the all British film, solid entertainment. Henry Edwards as the dashing naval officer excels himself.

Bringing the spirit of Jack London's famous "Sea Wolf" to the speaking screen with a graphic realism that the silent picture could never hope to equal, Milton Sills scores a triumph in the Fox Movietone offering of that name, which opens on Thursday next. Seldom has an actor fitted a role so well. The part of the domineering, brutal sea captain, an experimenter in the stuff of which men's souls are made, might have been written for this noted player. And the two chief victims of his curiosity, Jane Keith and Raymond Hackett are equally well cast. "Dancing Sweeties" is a gripping melodrama of modern youth, with a strong cast that includes Grant Withers, Sue Carol, Edna Murphy and Tully Marshall.

June MacCloy, one of Paramount's newest contract players, won her way into the theatrical profession when a New York producer heard her sing a song she contemplated purchasing in a music shop in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Gary Cooper, Paramount star, was signed to a film contract by that company without ever undergoing a screen test. He was signed after appearing before an executive gathering.

Jean Hersholt, playing with Ramon Novarro in "Daybreak," at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, is one of the world's authorities on rare books and first editions. His collection is among the largest in existence.

UNEMPLOYMENT

What the Government is Doing

Speaking of unemployment at the Northcote Town Hall on Monday Mr. W. J. Beckett M.L.C. said the Government was not unmindful of its responsibilities, and had raised and was spending no less than £2,114,000 for the relief of unemployed. This was more than all other previous governments had ever done, and at the same time the Government wanted to pay its way.

Request for Charity Race Meeting

In reply to a request that he should endeavour to arrange a charity race meeting at the Fitzroy race course in St. George's road, for Northcote Unemployed, Mr. W. J. Beckett M.L.C. told Northcote councillors on Monday that he would do his best, and if arrangements could not be made for Northcote alone, then they might be able to hold a joint meeting for Northcote and some other municipality.

Causes of Unemployment

Speaking of unemployment at the Northcote Town Hall on Monday night, Mr. Cain, M.L.A, said that it was not confined to Australia, but was world wide. America, holding 60% of the world's gold reserve, and with plenty of money available at low rates of interest, had, it was officially stated, over 6,000,000 unemployed, but the actual figure was probably nearer 10,000,000. America's trouble was the same as Australia's in that it could not find profitable markets for its products.

The day would come when the unemployment would be dealt with in a world wide manner. In dealing with it many would no doubt be hurt, and a lot would lose in the future what they had in the past. Still in a land of plenty, people must not be allowed to go hungry. Lloyd George had said: "If the people are not out to settle the unemployed problem, the unemployed would settle them."

The unemployment problem was deep rooted, and could not be solved by someone waving a magic wand, or by government legislation, any more than the tides could be controlled by the same means.

NORTHCOTE UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

The usual meeting was held at the town hall on Friday. The president (Mr. Brooks) occupied the chair.

A letter from the council was read stating that they had decided to allow the use of the old hall one night in April and three in May to hold dances, socials, etc. The action is appreciated.

Mr. J. Stanton, secretary of the Timber Workers' Union, gave a lengthy and interesting address on the apathy shown towards the army of unemployed by the Trades Hall officials, and also the recent Sydney Labor conference. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was passed.

An interesting evening was spent last Wednesday in the A.N.A. Hall, where the speakers' class held a debate. Mr. T. Gilliver was in the chair. The subject was "Individual Organisation or Committee Organisation." After a long and spirited discussion the team debating on Committee Organisation gained the points.

At Monday's meeting a deputation was appointed to wait on the Minister of Railways (Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A.) for a request for transport for 25 men, who propose leaving for Wandin on Monday next to cut wood. There appears to be every indication that our request will be granted.

The first of a series of entertainments was held in the town hall last Monday evening, being a social and dance. To the surprise of all every available seat was occupied. Dancing arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Stan. Eaton, and he, together with the band, accompanied by the pianiste, Mrs. Cairns, and items rendered by Messrs. Cork, Brittain, Maudsley and Carney, provided a most enjoyable evening. The Minister of Railways (Mr. Cain) was noticed among those present. Next Monday evening's entertainment will take the form of a round night.

BASEBALL.

PRESTON BASEBALL CLUB

Teams for Saturday next are as follows:—

A Team v Williamstown, Preston.—Fothergill, Spoor I. Goller, W. Goller, Nelder, Newbegin, O'Brien, Hills, Thorneycroft, Girling.

B Team v Fairfield, at Fairfield.—Buckley, Westcott, Nankervis, Ford, Suiter, Burr, S. Goller, Smith, Connor, Graham, Mitchell

C Team v Ormond, at Ormond.—Kerr, Allan, Dearing, Bassler, Dahl, Murray, Naunton, Crawley, Jackson, Ryan.

All matches start at 1.15 p.m., with 15 minutes grace to the visiting team. On Tuesday an interesting lecture was given by Mr. Seaforth, and those who were not present missed some valuable theory and practical points on the game. Another lecture will be given by Mr. Hindson on May 14.

The selection committee, comprising the captains and vice-captains of each team, will meet at 7.30 p.m. each Tuesday night at the Library Hall, Mens' Club, Preston.

CHURCH NEWS

Croxton Methodist Church

On Wednesday evening, April 15, at the Croxton Methodist Church, a welcome social was tendered to Mr. J. E. Blackney, who is taking up the ministerial work of the church. The superintendent of the church, Rev. F. J. Jennings, occupied the chair. A pleasant evening was spent. Items of harmony were rendered by Miss F. Perkins and Messrs. Wyatt, Assell and Ladsen. The various sections of the church were represented and addresses of welcome were given by Mrs. Butler, for the Ladies' Guild, and Messrs. Mudsen, Gadsden, Whittaker, Freeman and Greenwood, who represented the activities of the church and school. All expressed pleasure in extending a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Blackney, and pledged their support in their work at Croxton. Mr. Blackney, who was enthusiastically received, stated the pleasure it gave him in accepting the invitation to undertake the pastoral work of the Croxton church and claimed the united efforts of the people in their work of building up Christian activities in connection with church life. The evening was a very happy one and concluded with refreshments served by the ladies.

The speaker at the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society last Sunday afternoon, April 19, was Dr. W. Oliver, who gave an interesting address on the present social conditions. It was a most instructive address and a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Helder, seconded by Mr. H. Jackson, and carried by acclamation.

James Street Presbyterian Church

Anzac Day was observed on Sunday when Rev. A. T. Jones preached on this day of sacred memories. We cannot honor these men unless we solemnly dedicate ourselves to complete the task for which they sacrificed everything. Mr. John Thompson rendered "There is no death." The scouts paraded and as they left the church the large congregation remained standing.

In the evening the service was taken by the ladies of the Order of the Covenant. The address was delivered by Miss Rogan, the organising secretary and the singing was confined to a choir of ladies with Misses Effie Green and Edna Coyle rendering a duet.

Northcote Congregational Church

Last Sunday morning Rev Reeves commenced a series of sermons on "Prayer," the first subject being "Natural Attitude to God." The children's address on the ravages of war was striking. In the evening the memorial service to the Anzacs took place. The address "An up to date religion," was a fine exposition. The choir rendered anthems. The Ladies' Guild and Tennis Club combined and held an enjoyable social. The choir visited the Westgarth Baptist Church.

St. Aidan's Church, Victoria Road

The Very Rev. Dean of Melbourne (Dean Allen), who dedicated the church, visited St. Aidan's on April 26 at Evensong. Mr. C. Fergusen and Crs. Hayes, Oliver, Jones, Pinkney, S. Dennis, Bird, Cornish, and Peters, and their ladies were present. The Dean preached on Nationhood. The solo, "Abide with Me," was rendered by Mrs. Gardiner. Mrs. Baker presiding efficiently at the organ. After the service the Dean met the Mayor, Councillors, Church Officers and helpers. Rev. J. O. Hughes welcomed the visitors and the Mayor responded in happy, well chosen phrases.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

The Sunday School anniversary services commenced on Sunday and were well attended. Through their choirmaster (Mr. Langfield) being indisposed Mr. Wilson filled the position

Prince of Wales Park Methodist

Sunday school anniversary services were commenced last Sunday, when the attendances were overflowing. In the morning, Rev. F. H. Williams, of Glen Iris, conducted. Rev. H. P. Philips, Ivanhoe, in the afternoon, and Mr. H. Hawkins, St. Kilda, in the evening. The singing was a feature of each service. The anniversary will continue on Sunday.

All Saints, South Northcote

At the Girls Fellowship service, on Sunday, Rev. A. H. Constable spoke of the good work carried on by Miss Mary Glesser, the Presbyterian missionary in Calabar. Another pictorial service will be held on Sunday evening.

Holy Trinity Church Thornbury

An interesting feature of the inspiring Anzac services held on Sunday last was the fact that the evensong at 7 p.m. was attended by the largest congregation (at an Anzac service) for a number of years. The vicar officiated throughout the day.

On Thursday last the special service for women was augumented by an impressive address from the Rev. F. Parsons, vicar of St. Mary's, Preston. The conversazione which followed in the parish hall was an unqualified success, both socially and financially.

On Sunday next, fourth Sunday after Easter, services will commence at 8 a.m. with Holy Communion. Matins and sermon will follow at 11 a.m. and Evensong at 7 p.m. The vicar, Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain, officiating at all services.

On Saturday, May 2, the dances will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday.

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REGENT THEATRE, THORNBURY

MERRY MONTH OF MAY

Scheme to Assist Charity

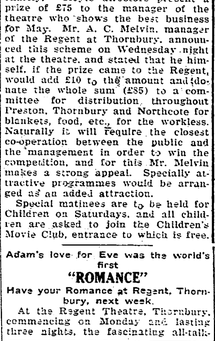
Commencing on Monday, Hoyts Theatres start what is known as the "Merry Month of May," when a special feast of enjoyment is presented. There is also another side to this scheme, and it is designed to benefit charity. Hoyts directors present a prize of £75 to the manager of the theatre who shows the best business for May. Mr. A. C. Melvin, manager of the Regent at Thornbury, announced this scheme on Wednesday night at the theatre, and stated that he himself, if the prize came to the Regent, would add £10 to the amount and donate the whole sum (£85) to a committee for distribution between Preston, Thornbury and Northcote for blankets, food, etc., for the workless. Naturally it will require the closest co-operation between the public and the management in order to win the competition, and for this Mr. Melvin makes a strong appeal. Specially attractive programmes would be arranged as an added attraction.

Special matinees are to be held for Children on Saturdays, and all children are asked to join the Children's Movie Club, entrance to which is free.

Adam's love for Eve was the world's first "ROMANCE"

Have your Romance at Regent, Thornbury, next week.

At the Regent Theatre, Thornbury, commencing on Monday and lasting three nights, the fascinating all-talking, singing picture, "Romance," featuring Greta Garbo, will be screened. This is a most entrancing film, and somewhat out of the ordinary run of pictures. It opens with a prologue in which the grandson of a bishop asks his grandfather's consent to his marriage with an actress. In an attempt to dissuade the boy from what he believes will be a rash alliance, the bishop tells him of an occurrence which happened when he himself was young, and it is this story as viewed in retrospect which forms the main body



of the picture and introduces Miss Garbo as the fascinating opera star for whom the young clergyman becomes desperately enamored and whose romance is shattered when he discovers that the singer's past is not as spotless as he had believed.

On the same programme will be shown "Sweethearts and Wives," in which the master voice of the screen, Clive Brook, will entrance his hearers.

On Thursday Milton Sills will be seen in "The Sea Wolf," in which a young waster shanghaied aboard his schooner, and an alluring girl who makes the long voyage aboard the vessel reasons of her own, are the two principal victims of the Wolf's methods, and a gripping drama has been woven about this sinister triangle.

"No Limit," featuring Clara Bow, completes a particularly strong programme, and one guaranteed to produce a laugh a minute.

RESERVOIR NOTES

The West Reservoir Progress Association has obtained the consent of the council to erect a hitching post outside the Reservoir post office, and complaints re the paths of the new construction work in Epping road and the side of the footpath in that section have received consideration and attention that is very encouraging. The Association is pleased to enrol as a new member Cr. Robeson, one of the West ward representatives.

The Preston Rowing Club has had its lease in connection with the boatsheds, seems to the action of officials of the Health Department, acting under information received. The ladies' crew is hard training for the regatta next Saturday, when the interstate championship will be decided.

The Reservoir Methodist Sunday school will hold its anniversary next Sunday. The church grounds have been improved by a series of working bees.

BASEBALL

The Fairfield Club

The season will commence on Saturday next, when the "A" team meets Caulfield at Caulfield, and the "B" team Preston at home. This season the club will be without several familiar figures as F. Collins, who after four years' service, has transferred to Northcote; and R. Tarendi, first purchase, has retired after four years' service. The position of pitcher will be filled by a promising player in R. Grigg. The team shapes as follows:—

The "B" team has also lost two players in H. Everingham (to Northcote, which is football) but offering are of an exceptional standard the side should not suffer. The following have shown practice and should gain permanent places in the team:—W. Ward A. Wilkins, C. Grigg and E. Barnard. The captain is E. Grigg, with J. Wall as vice-captain.

Saturday games have been secured as follows:—

A Team—K. Grigg (P), W. Elliott (C), E. Coddaye (E.B.), K. Tucker (S.B.), E. Voight (T.B.), W. Baker (L.F.), A. Ludlow (L.F.), E. Bamfield (C.F.), C. Bamfield (R.F.).

"B" Team to be selected from.—E. Grigg, C. Grigg, H. Munro, J. Wall, A. Hopgood, J. Wooding, W. Ward, A. Wilkins, A. Westwood, C. Bray, C. Sherrin and E. Buzzard.

A £5 MOTOR CYCLE

Claim for Illegal Detention

Northcote court spent a lot of time on Tuesday in hearing a claim of George Ingleton Cullis, of Rosemnyne street, Thornbury, against William Wood, Mansfield street, Thornbury, claiming a motor cycle, which Cullis alleged was being illegally detained. Wood counter claimed £6/17/ for labor done, and goods supplied.

Cullis said "In November last year I left a motor cycle with Wood saying that I would take £5 for it. He said "The bike is not going too well" and I said "I am not going to spend anything on it." I went away to the country and three months later found Wood had not sold the machine. At a later date I sought its return, and he refused to let it go until I paid him £3/18/. On April 18 I served a summons on Wood seeking the return of the machine, and I offered to pay him £1/10 to settle the matter. He refused to accept.

James Chingvin, Rosemoyne street, Thornbury, said "When I told Wood that Cullis would soon be home he said "If he comes home before I sell the machine, I'll hand him £5."

Wood said "When I received the machine it was out of order. I had to put on a new battery, and was to have been paid for what I did. I told Cullis the work had cost me £6/17/ but offered to take £3/18/. When he refused to pay I ordered him off my place.

After hearing further evidence the court ordered the return of the machine to Cullis, on payment of £5. On the counterclaim Wood was awared £1/10/. No order was made as to costs.

Estates Assigned

The estates of Patrick McNamara, of Kemp street, Croxton, and William Henry Ellis, of Nott street, Port Melbourne, trading as the Standard Distributing Company, Flinders lane, Melbourne, have been assigned to Mr. H. W. Lynch in trust for creditors.

The unsecured liabilities are £1,131/10/10 and the estimated amount of property is £220.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Before Mr. F. E. Williams, P.M., Messrs. W. Hayes, B. E. Johnson, C. Carney and Mesdames O. Devery and Woods, J.s.P

Offensive Behaviour

Arthur Randell, Separation street, Fairfield, was charged with offensive behaviour in Rathmines street, Fairfield, on April 26

Constable Dunn, of Fairfield, said:—About 12.45 a.m. on Sunday I saw Randell seated in a car with a woman. I told him to move on, and he said, "We only live in Separation street, and the car has "conked out." I am going to sit here till morning to guard my property." I again told him to go home, and he swore several times.

Cross-examined: Did you abuse my wife and drag her out of the car?—No. His wife attacked me.

Did my wife ask you for your badge? —Yes, I told her to come to the police station. I did not have my badge as I was in plain clothes.

Did you hit my wife?—I had to drag Randell from the car as he would not get out, and his wife attacked me. I warded her off.

Senior Constable Matthews (prosecuting): Was Randell arrested after you had given him every chance to go home?—Yes.

Randell said: I was seated in my car, which had run out of petrol, as I did not want it to be heard. I told the constable I wanted to stay there to guard my property until daylight.

Fined £2, in default three days' imprisonment.

Cigarette Offence

Roy Grimwold, St. George's road, Northcote, charged with having on March 16 aided John Bimmerhaus in the commission of an offence in the sale of tobacco and cigarettes without being licensed, was fined 10/-.

Car Illegally Used

Norman Raphael, High street, Preston South, was charged with having on April 19 used a motor car without the consent of the owner, Ernest F. Sykes.

Malcolm Cameron Stuart, Yann street, Preston, was similarly charged but did not answer his bail.

Senior Constable Matthews said that Stuart had been arrested on Monday at Clifton, and he asked for a remand for a week in that case.

The bench granted the remand, and the case against Raphael proceeded.

Darcy J. Sykes, chemist, St. David street, Thornbury, said:—On April 9 my brother's car was left in Collins street, Thornbury, and it disappeared. I saw it again on the following morning in Bundas street in a rather badly damaged condition.

Constable F. Mensch, of Thornbury, said:—About 8 a.m. on April 29 I saw Raphael with other youths. I arrested one of the youths and Raphael ran away. I saw him again later and he ran. After a chase I caught him. He admitted having been in the escapade. He took me to a house in Newcastle street where a door, which had been torn off the car, was recovered.

Mr. A. E. O'Connor (for Raphael) said that defendant could not drive a car, but had simply been in it.

The P.M. said that joy-riding was a very serious offence, but in view of Raphael's youth and his previous good character he would be given a chance.

A sentence of a month's imprisonment was imposed, but was suspended on a bond of £25 to be of good behaviour for 12 months. Raphael was also ordered to pay 10/- costs.

No Lights

John Jenkins was fined £1 for having ridden a motor cycle without lights on March 26. Arnold Langham, for a similar offence in Heidelberg road, was also fined £1.

Unregistered Car

Albert Styles, of Carlton, was fined £3 by majority decision for having driven an unregistered car on March 17.

The P.M. said that Styles was very lucky to have come before such a considerate bench.

Wandering Stock

William Dundale was fined 10/, with 5/6 costs, for having allowed two head of stock to wander. Others fined were Mary Benton, 10/ and 5/6; Winifred Rowe, 5/ and 4/; and Samuel Jones, 5/ and 8/6.

Most of the stock were impounded from the vicinity of Victoria road.

School Cases

Robert Barker was fined 5/ on each of two charges of failing to send his children to school the required number of days.

Case of Shoplifting

James Percival Miller, who pleaded guilty to a charge of having stolen a number of articles valued at 5/4, the property of G. J. Coles, was fined £5, in default 14 days' imprisonment.

The evidence showed that on April 24 Miller was detected with a number of articles in his possession, which he admitted having taken from the counters of Coles' shop.

Debt

B. Rowing obtained an order against G. Hornsby for £5/10/, with 6/ costs.

A naturalist says it is possible for fish to become intoxicated.—Sure. Herrings frequently get soused, sardines oiled, salmon canned, and eels stewed.

A CLAIM FOR COMMISSION

At Northcote court on Tuesday James M. Davern, of Miller street, Thornbury, brought an action against Joseph James and Robert Hobson, claiming £14/16/9 as commission.

Davern said: "I am a builder and an estate agent, and having a property for sale got into touch with a man named Parish through an advertisement. On February 12 I got into touch with a man on the telephone, who agreed to meet me at the house at 5 p.m. When I got there I met Hobson in company with Parish and a young lady.

I showed them over the property, and Parish said to me "You are the man who offered me this property before." As Parish was in the house Hobson agreed to split the commission with me. Hobson prepared the preliminary contract. Later I rang Hobson who said: "I do not know what my partner will say about the half com." On the following Tuesday the contract was to be signed at 4 p.m. I was to be at the office at 3.30, but on getting there at 3.40 Parish was already there, and the contract was ready for signing. Hobson assured me that everything was in order, and the contract was signed. Then Hobson left, saying he had an appointment and I was left to hand over the keys.

On the next day I got a statement from which the full commission, £29/12/6, had been deducted from the deposit. I rang Hobson who said James would not agree to halve the commission. I then rang James who said that his firm had done all the work and wanted the full commission. I told James I did not give his firm any authority to sell the property, and I asked that he send me the whole of the deposit of £50. He said: "You'll have to treat with Hobson."

Next day I served notice of demand and received a reply that their solicitors would accept service of any proceedings.

Cross examined: You answered an advertisement?—Yes.

You deny that you gave either James or Hobson authority to sell this property?—Yes.

You signed a contract which stated that James and Hobson were your agents?—Yes I glanced over the contract and took it for granted.

Robert James Hobson said: I advertised for a property and later got into touch with Davern, saying who I was. He offered me the property and I took my client to inspect it. At the house Davern said "It is a funny thing, but I wrote to these people a fortnight ago, which did not reply, and you'll be all right for your commission." Nothing was ever said about half commission.

At the signing of the contract £50 deposit was paid, and an account sales showing £29/12/6 commission and a cheque for £20/7/6 was sent to Davern. Next day over the telephone Davern told me that he had sold the property cheap and asked me to take half commission. I said I would consult my partner.

Cross examined: Is it not usual for agents to halve commission with a builder when he finds the finance?—No. My firm has never done that.

Mr Hayes J.P. (chairman): Did you make the adjustments of rates etc?—No.

Joseph James said "I was present when the contract was signed and Davern did not then say anything about commission. A day or so later I refused, in the course of a telephone conversation, to make any remission in the amount of the commission.

Cross examined: You were surprised at the request for a half commission?—Yes.

By majority decision an order was made for the amount claimed with £2/8/- costs.

Messrs. W. Hayes, P. Carney, and Mesdames Devery and Woods J.s.P. were on the bench.

Concert at All Saints' Church

On April 22 a splendid concert was given in All Saints' Hall in aid of kindergarten funds. The excellent programme was arranged by Mrs. D. Graham, who accompanied, and the artists were Mesdames Gerald Davern, and Webb, Miss Ronald and Messrs. Gore, Silas Beebe and C. Gosstray, songs; Miss Marie Jackson, mandolin solos; Miss Bebbe, recitations; Mr. T. Hemsworth, lightning sketches; and Mr. J. Walton, conjuring tricks. Rev A. H. Constable occupied the hair.

BOY SCOUTS.

FIRST NORTHCOTE TROOP

On Thursday night there was a good attendance at scout parade, including several new boys. On Sunday the troop were the guests of the Larkin Aircraft Company, and some of the boys indulged in aeroplane flights, which were greatly enjoyed. On Monday night there was a good number of girl rangers present for their first night at the scout hall. On Thursday night the troop will be the guests of the Eastern Hill Fire Station, and on Thursday, May 7, will visit the "Argus" office. All scouts are expected to be at the scout hall early on both occasions. On Saturday night there will be a dance in aid of the troop in the scout hall, and on Monday next a special meeting will be held re an interstate trip at Christmas. Parents are requested to attend this meeting to see that their boy is not left out. Don't forget that more members are wanted. All information may be obtained from the hon. Secretary, A. J. Sangster, 14 Monash street, West Preston.

2ND THORNBURY TROOP

The troop held a successful Easter camp at Gilwell Park, Gembrook. Since the visit of the World Chief Scout we have received twelve recruits. A court of honor was held at Penders' Park on Sunday morning, and also a church parade at Thornbury Presbyterian Church. Some members of the troop visited the Preston Park on Sunday afternoon for the trooping of the colors of the 57/60th Battalion. As it is the request of the Chief Scout of Victoria that scouts wear their uniforms more at Divine service, the troop has decided that members will do this once a month. The troop has started an honorary membership at the rate of 2/6 per annum for members who are unable to attend parade on Friday nights. P.L. Martin has been promoted to troop quartermaster, and Seconds Sellers, Endersby and Young to patrol leaders.

1ST PRESTON TROOP

The football team will meet for practice on Saturday in preparation for the opening match on May 9. The gymnasium class will meet on Monday, and all members are asked to be present. Cubs will have their usual parade on Thursday, and on Saturday night the cubs have recently graduated into the scouts will be sworn in as members of the troop. It has been decided to hold a concert in the near future early date. Cubs are asked to make it widely known. On Saturday night 36 scouts and 21 cubs attended the Anzac Memorial Service at Brunswick, and saluted the war memorial as they marched past.

Fourteenth Battalion

NEXT Sunday at noon the 14th Battalion will troop colors at St. Kilda. Ex-members A.I.F. fall in on lawns in front of Beaconsfield Parade House at 3 o'clock.

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ESTIMATES WITH PLEASURE

Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE
Fourth Sunday after Easter.
11 a.m.—H.C., Hymn Sermon, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds."
7 p.m.—Pictorial Service: "Tent 3."
Rev. A. H. Constable.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE

MAY 3: Fourth Sunday after Easter.
Holy Communion, 8 and 11.
Evensong, 7.
Preacher: The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
(Shaftesbury Parade)
SUNDAY, MAY 3: Fourth Sunday after Easter.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar (Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain)

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Juvenile Church.
11 a.m.—Matins and Baptism.
4 p.m.—Baptism.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
First Anniversary of Juvenile Church. Special Addresses.
Rev. F. Parsons, Vicar.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET.
Morning and Evening
Rev. A. T. Jones.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Usual Services
Rev. Stewart.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.
Young People's Day
High Street, Northcote
11 a.m.—Rev. Secombe.
3 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.—Rev. Bremer.
3 p.m.—Rev. McIlroy.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
St. George's Road
11 a.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
7 p.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney
Croxton
11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
7 p.m.—Rev. Secombe.

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11 a.m.—Pastor Perkins.
3 p.m.—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—"The Dangers of an Up-to-date Religion."
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SATURDAY, MAY 9,
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On the Property.
AUCTION at RESERVOIR
Under instructions from the mortgagees.

All that piece of land having a frontage of fifty-five feet to Epping Road, Reservoir, by a depth of 143 feet 4 inches on Barton street (south side), being Lot 391 on Plan of Subdivision No. 7180 lodged in the Office of Titles and being part of Crown Portion 12 Parish of Keelbundoora County of Bourke, and being the land more particularly described in Certificate of Title Volume 4562 Folio 912312, on which is erected a Brick Smithy and Garage and also a six-roomed W.B. Residence, all in good order and let to a steady tenant.
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CITY OF PRESTON

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NOTICE is hereby given that NO PERSON will be ENTITLED TO BE ENROLLED on the MUNICIPAL ROLL for the respective Wards of the CITY OF PRESTON, in respect of any property, unless BEFORE or ON WEDNESDAY, the TENTH day of JUNE, 1931, ALL SUMS PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF RATES MADE, DUE AND PAYABLE ON SUCH PROPERTY, shall have been paid.
The Rate Collector will attend at the Municipal Offices, High Street, Preston, from the FIRST to the TENTH day of JUNE, 1931, INCLUSIVE (Sunday and Public Holidays excepted), from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. DAILY, SATURDAYS 9 a.m. till 12 NOON, and also on the TENTH from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m., to receive payment of such rates.
Ratepayers are particularly requested to bring Rate Notices when paying rates, also to give notice to Collector of any change of ownership or of the Occupier of Properties, in order that the ROLLS may be as complete as possible.
Corporations are also required to take notice that Nominations, under seal, for representatives to be placed on the Rolls, may be lodged at this office not later than 10TH JUNE, 1931.
By Order,
L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Preston.
1st May, 1931.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

Printing or Typing of Municipal Rolls

TENDERS closing 12 Noon on SATURDAY, 16th DAY of MAY, 1931, are invited for the PRINTING OR TYPING OF MUNICIPAL ROLLS.
Specifications obtainable at office of Town Clerk.
A preliminary deposit of £5 must be lodged with each tender.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices,
Northcote.
27/4/1931.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

PAYMENT OF RATES

RATEPAYERS are reminded that INTEREST will be CHARGED on RATES NOT PAID by TUESDAY, 12th MAY.
Office Hours:—9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; SATURDAYS, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Also FRIDAY EVENING, May 8, 7.30 to 8.30.
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

CITY OF PRESTON

ELECTRIC SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

PLEASE NOTE that ELECTRIC SUPPLY WILL BE DISCONNECTED on SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1931, between the Hours of 6 a.m. and 8 a.m.
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Joint Hon. Secretaries.

PROVISIONS

TENDERS will be received until 11 a.m. on Friday, 22nd MAY, 1931, for the Supply of REFRESHMENTS, GROCERIES, JAMS, MEAT, POTATOES, TEA in quantities as ordered for Mont Park Hospital, Public and Bundoora Hospital, for 12 months from 1st July next. Samples (where specified in schedule) may be seen at the Tender Board Office, Melbourne. Conditions of contract, see Vic. Govt. Gazette of 22/4/31, page 1310.
Tender forms and all particulars from the Secretary to Tender Board, Gisborne St., Melbourne, C2.

Entertainments

CITY OF PRESTON

FLOWER DAY APPEAL

Wednesday, May 6, 1931.

AN APPEAL is made for the CO-OPERATION and ASSISTANCE of ALL CITIZENS of PRESTON to help in the ABOVE APPEAL in aid of the LORD MAYOR'S FUND for METROPOLITAN HOSPITALS and CHARITIES.
Stalls in charge of the Mayoress' Committee of Ladies and the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society will be erected at High Street Junction, corner High and Bell Streets, Town Hall, corner High and Regent Streets, Reservoir Station, corner Tyler Street and Plenty Road, corner Plenty Road and Bell Street.
YOUR HELP with GOODS FOR SALE at stalls and your patronage at stalls is asked for to aid this worthy cause.
MRS. G. E. ROBINSON,
Mayoress of Preston.
Municipal Offices,
Preston.

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To Form a Local Branch
PUBLIC MEETING
NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 8 P.M.
The Mayor (Cr. J. H. Green) will preside.
Speakers:—Mr. Ernest Turnbull (Victorian President), Mr. J. C. Davis and others.
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Tomato Soup	6d.
Grey Soil Potatoes	20lbs. 1/-
Onions	21bs. 1½d.
Local Eggs	1/11 Doz.
Marmalade	9½d. Tin
Plum Jam	6½d. Tin
Pot Cleaners, with soap	4d. Pkt.
Imported Preserved Strawberries	1/5 Tin.
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For Sale

FOR Sale.—Piano, iron frame, Herrman Richter, Berlin. Particulars apply Secretary, Reservoir Band Committee, Post Office, Reservoir.

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WANTED to Sell.—Cow manure. 4/ dray load delivered. — T. Shanahan, Altona St., Heidelberg.

Lost.

LOST.—Pomeranian dog, Tuesday, black with white feet. Answers to "Fluffy." Good reward.—40 Cramer St., Preston.

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MIDNIGHT ADVENTURE

THIEVES SURPRISED AFTER ROBBERY

ABANDON TRUCK AND GOODS

A drama with an element of comedy was played in a lane off High street, near Lawry street, Northcote, in the early hours of Tuesday morning.
Two men had broken into the premises of the H. M. Shedden Slipper Co., by chopping a hole in the brick wall of the factory, and had backed a motor truck up to the factory and loaded it with about £350 worth of boots etc. from the factory.

Heard Engine Running

Mrs. N. Turnbull, a young married woman, who lives with her father Mr. J. Helwig in Lawry street, heard the truck engine running, and aroused her father.

"Make Believe Revolver"

Father and daughter ran into the lane, and Helwig when he got into the beam thrown by the headlight of the truck, put his hand into his pocket and threw up his hand with his finger pointed, as though he was wielding a revolver.

"Don't Shoot"

At the same time his daughter took her cue, and though knowing her father had no gun screamed out excitedly "Don't shoot them father, don't shoot."
The father could not have fired a shot had he wanted to do so.
The truck, which had begun to move stopped suddenly, and two men hurriedly jumped out of it and fled precipitately. Neither Helwig or his daughter got a good view of their faces, but they were able to furnish the police with a fairly good description.
The truck was found to have been taken from the timber yard of Alex. Barrett and Sons, Lygon street, East Brunswick.
Commenting on the robbery Mr. J. Travis, a director of the H. M. Shedden Slipper Co. said that it appeared that the thieves had a fair knowledge of the interior of the factory, and had attacked it at about its only vunerable point.

Legislative Council Election

Mr. H. H. ("BERT") OLNEY A CANDIDATE

On June 5 an election will be held to fill the vacancy in the Melbourne North Province of the Legislative Council, caused by the retirement through effluxion of time, of Mr. W. Beckett.
On Tuesday a large and representative deputation from Northcote, Preston, Brunswick, Coburg, and other parts of the electorate waited on Mr. H. H. ("Bert") Olney, with the request that he contest the seat.
After some consideration Mr. Olney consented, and preparations are being made for a whirlwind campaign.
Mr. Olney is well known in Preston, where he is a prominent business man, and a public figure in the sporting world.

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ALL FOR AUSTRALIA LEAGUE

BRANCH FORMED AT NORTHCOTE

800 ATTEND ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

There was an attendance of fully 800 at a meeting at Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday evening to launch a branch of the "All for Australia" League in Northcote.
The Mayor of Northcote (Cr. J. Green) was chairman, and there was a large representative gathering, including the Mayor (Cr. Robinson) of Preston, councillors of both Northcote and Preston, and business men and citizens.
Mr. J. C. Davis, of the A.F.A. League, in an address said that the league had its origin in the group of business men who had banded themselves together to assist the then Federal Treasurer (Mr. Lyons) to raise the last loan of £28,000,000. Since then the objects of this body had widened, and might be expressed in three words—"Integrity, Security, and Service," and the league's aim was to restore confidence in Australia.
Continuing he said: All our interests are bound together, and the fate of the country is our fate. The one object of this body is to restore confidence, and so ensure a return of prosperity. The time has come for all to pull together irrespective of party or creed, under one common leader, and with one common object in view—the country's prosperity.
I have seen the conditions of a lot of the unemployed today, and feel that I must do what I can, along with other loyal Australians, on the public platform, to endeavour to right things for them. (applause). This is a day when we must help our fellow men. I must commend the unemployed men on the way they behave themselves (Cries "They are forced to"). The spirit of Anzac is shown by their conduct (Interjections). Some of these men are inclined to listen to certain policies, and to think that the A.F.A. League is against the unemployed (Cries of "So they are" and dissent).
I can assure the unemployed that that is not so, and can tell them that this league has formed a relief fund for unemployed members.
The league stands for unity of purpose, as it considers that the party machine had failed. It has been said that the league is the Nationalist party under another name (Cries of "So it is").
Continuing, Mr. Davis said that he considered Mr. Hogan a fine leader, and one who was making an attempt to balance the budgets. (Cries of "He never will!") The time had come to do away with petty jealousies and stand shoulder to shoulder, so that all may take a share of the burden of restoring the country's prestige. (Hear hear).
If this were brought about, men would be found to stand for the whole of the people, and not for one section; confidence would be restored and prosperity return. In a task of this nature I am prepared to back the business men of Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, headed by Mr. Lyons, against the opinions of Messrs. Theodore and Scullin (Applause and dissent).
Lieutenant-Colonel Savige said Australia's affairs are now in such a state that everyone should be prepared to sink their individuality for the good of the country.
Circumstances had denied many their right to work, and misery resulted. This was not only true of city people, but many of the farmers were in a parlous state. The prosperity of this country depends on its farmers, he declared, and if the people on the land fail it will be a case of "God help Australia."
At the present time there is a deplorable lack of faith by Australians in Australia: Many people have money with which to carry out works, but they lack the faith to go ahead.
Countries abroad have lost faith in Australia, and until the actions of this country restore confidence in Australia in the eyes of the world, we cannot prosper. Our troubles have been caused by spending more than we have earned, and the first step is to see that our governments balance their budgets.
Some leaders in Australia today openly advocate default and repudiation to both of which the league is opposed, and will fight to the last ditch. When Mr. Lang speaks of default, he misunderstands the calibre of the Australian, who is always prepared to stand up and pay what he owes (Cries "He speaks for his own State not for Victoria"). Mr. Theodore advocates a "little inflation," but I ask: "If once he starts who is to check him?" If Theodore comes out with a loan proposal the league will give him every assistance to help float it.
At this stage there were many interjections, some of them good natured, and some questions such as "Where is your policy about unemployment?"
Mr. Savige: When confidence is restored there will be employment.
An interjector: What will we do in the meantime. Starve?
Mr. Savige: Have faith in yourself and your country, and we will get nearer the goal.
A voice: It won't fill our stomachs.
Several motions were passed by the meeting, and it was resolved to form a branch of the A.F.A. League in Northcote.
Other speakers were: Cr. W. Olver, Mr. G. T. Barson, Mr. A. J. Gill, Cr. S. Dennis, Mr. A. L. Hughes and Cr. A. J. Cornish.
Question time proved lively.
Mr. M. Hannah asked how the A.F.A. League proposed to solve the problem of giving work to 400,000 people, when the monetary system had broken down.
Mr. Davis: When confidence is restored, money will be available to provide employment. At present the Commonwealth Bank is withholding from circulation the money that should go into private enterprise, which would create work.
A speaker inquired if in the event of a double dissolution, the A.F.A. would run candidates?
Mr. Savige: I don't think so.
A voice (derisively): Of course, what do you think we are doing all this for? (laughter).
The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the mayor for presiding.
Prior to the meeting community singing was indulged in.

ALLEGED SUSTENANCE FRAUD

POLICE CHARGE FAILS

At Northcote court on Tuesday William Frederick Richmond, Gibson street, Northcote, was charged that between January 12 and May 3, he was deemed to be a rogue and a vagabond in that he imposed on the Northcote Relief Committee by a false pretence.
The police case was that Richmond was between the dates stated in receipt of sustenance, during which time his wife was working.
Thomas Corrigan, clerk of the Northcote Unemployed Relief Committee, said: "On January 13 Richmond answered questions on a form for application for sustenance. His answers stated that he was unemployed and that there was nothing coming into his home either through his or his wife's efforts. This form was later returned to me as an affidavit. In another declaration made about April 20, Richmond stated that his wife was earning 8/ a week.
Thomas Sayer, laundry proprietor, Gertrude street, Fitzroy, said: "I employ Mrs. Richmond. For the week ending January 23 she received 21/- in wages for three days' work, since then she has been employed for about three days in each week, and would receive a somewhat similar amount weekly.
Cross-examined:—She is only a casual hand?—Yes.
Alfred H. Nour, a Justice of the Peace, said: "I attested the signatures on the applications produced, but I cannot identify Richmond as the man who signed them, as I attest so many of these forms."
Constable A. H. McGuiness said: "On May 2 I interviewed Richmond about getting sustenance. He said: "I have a perfect right to get sustenance. I have been out of work for some time." I said: "Your wife is working?" He replied: "Yes, but I do not know what wages she is getting as I have not been on speaking terms with her for 12 months." Richmond admitted having signed the applications for sustenance."
I said: "You knew that when you signed the applications for sustenance, they were false?" He said: "I signed the applications so that I could get the sustenance I am entitled to. I do not expect my wife to keep me."
This was the police case.
Mr. Hartnett, for the defence, submitted that there was no evidence that Richmond had received any sustenance.
The P.M. (Mr. L. W. Clarke) said for the sake of public justice he would allow the police to call evidence on that point.
Thomas Corrigan (re-called) said that Richmond had received 8/6 weekly as sustenance.
The P.M.: Have you any dockets from the tradesmen, or receipts from Richmond?—No.
The P.M. said that the Act was very stringent, and the penalties were heavy. The case had not been proved to the court's satisfaction, and it would be dismissed.
Mr. Hartnett (for Richmond): We had a good defence on the merits. I would also draw attention to the operation of a new Sustenance Act from to-day which allows the husband to obtain sustenance even if the wife earns up to £2 a week.
The P.M.: All I can say is that it is an extraordinary way of administering public funds.

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SKI-ING PRACTICE ON GRASS

A novel class was held at Moorcolbark during the week-end when Mr. W. F. Waters, Assistant Scout Commissioner, supervised the practice of Rover Scouts in skiing on a grassy run. It was not such good sport as on snow, but excellent tuition in the manipulation of skis was imparted.
Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

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What Preston People Are Doing

By The Rousabout.

East Preston State School

AT a meeting of the East Preston State School committee the following officebearers were elected:—Mr. E. Rogers (chairman), Mrs. E. Campbell, treasurer; Mr. F. H. Chatfield, secretary. As the committee has completed its ordinary position it is intended to hold a series of particularly popular

Preston Mayoral Ball

YES, there is to be a mayoral ball in Preston this year, on a date to be fixed during July." The mayor (Cr. G. Robinson) made the announcement in Welfare ay, and it is the opinion of citizens generally that the ball is a wise one. The holding of a ball function such as this means a gathering of people among a deserving class of people, including dressmakers, caterers and trades people generally. When it was made known that the ceremonial mayoral ball would take place, the action of the Mayor was generally appreciated.

Newsboys at Football

THE boys employed by Bell and Prosser, newsagents, have arranged a game of football for Saturday afternoon at Haley Park.

Making a Name

MR. H. H. Sutton is a man of enterprise and is establishing a business in Reservoir. He is vice-chief of Northcote and Preston Scottish Society, and a well-known figure in other lodges. Mr. Sutton has placed himself at the head of a firm known as the "New Reservoir Store," and there, with the assistance of his wife, he dispenses "Keep the Flag Flying." Mr. Sutton is a real estate agent, a cash converter, and represents the Federal Estates Pty. Ltd., Preston Park Syndicate, C. Rose Pentell and Co., J. Ryan, Vanna, and the Federal Mutual Co. of Australia. Mr. Sutton has had an extensive connection with leading city firms and is now a member of the Stock Exchange of Melbourne. He is a returned soldier, and has papers in his possession showing five years' service. A portrait of Mr. Sutton's advertisement in another column will be found worth while.

A Sensational Experience

ON Friday morning Sergt. Long, who, in charge of Preston police station, had a somewhat sensational experience. When on his way to Elizabeth street to attend to a serious complaint, which had been made by a local resident, the sergeant, who was riding a departmental bicycle, turned into Murray road. Suddenly a motor cycle and side car, travelling in a southerly direction, appeared, and a collision occurred, the result being that the sergeant was thrown off his mount and knocked against a side fence. The bicycle ridden by Sergt. Long was broken beyond repair, and the rider fell to a helpless condition against a fence in front of the residence of Mr. Wilson, a foreman in the employ of Brailsford's tannery. Sergt. Long, who felt the result of the impact to a great extent, regained his feet, and the driver of the motor cycle, Gilbert Wilson, lived near Sergt. Long got in touch, at short notice, with Constable Kruger, who took the name of the man riding the motor cycle.

Enquiries in the neighbourhood of the accident, which took place in the vicinity of Elizabeth street, and Plenty road, Preston, have resulted in effecting the arrest of a man named Thomas Dickson, labourer, who was charged with drunkenness, and appeared before the police court on Thursday last.

Stolen from Truck

A RIM, tyre and tube complete, to the value of £12, was stolen from a truck in the yard of Jas. B. Nelson, motor driver, Benambra street, Preston.

Larceny from Market

WILLIAM A. Cull, licensee of the Preston Market, has reported to the police the loss of two radiator caps, valued at £2.

Attempted Kiosk Breaking

THE licensee of the kiosk at the Preston railway station has reported the breaking of weatherboards off the wall on May 3.

28 Canaries Go

TWENTY-EIGHT canaries and a few goldfinches were stolen from the home of Harold Edwin Clinton, storeman, Gordon avenue, East Preston. The value of the birds was £2.

Constable's Ferrets Stolen

TWO ferrets, valued at 25/-, have been stolen from the residence of Constable C. L. Jackson, Wood street, Preston.

Preston Girls' School

TWO new tennis courts have been arranged for at the Preston Girls' school. The Director of Education has promised to open the courts.

Another Unfortunate

KEN Shaw, who week-ended at Leongatha, sustained a fall and fractured his left hand.

Truck Load of Flowers

THANKS to the efforts of Cr. Robinson, mayor of Preston, a truck load of flowers was despatched to Preston last Wednesday from the Heatherton Sanatorium, on which the gentleman named is the representative of the northern group of municipalities. The flowers were dispersed of for the benefit of charity.

Mont Park Not Forgotten

PRESTON Diggers' Concert Party will again visit Mont Park and provide a programme of music and singing.

A Strong Appeal

THE mayor of Preston made a spirited appeal during the present week on behalf of the hospitals of Melbourne. He mentioned that it was necessary to do all that was possible. In conclusion the mayor said: "The number of people applying from Preston for admission to public hospitals is greater than ever before."

Dance for Blind Appeal

AS a result of a dance held in Preston town hall in aid of the Blind Appeal £20 was realised.

A Red Cross Effort

AS a result of an effort made by Mrs. Callaway, Leicester street, Preston, £10/5/10 was raised in connection with the forthcoming Red Cross bazaar.

Card Afternoon

ON Saturday afternoon a card party is to be held at the home of Mrs. Todd, May street, Preston, in connection with the sweets stall of the Red Cross bazaar.

Vandalism in Empty Houses

AT a meeting of Northcote and Preston Real Estate Agents' Association it was reported that there had been a recurrence of thefts from unoccupied houses. In some cases lead has been stripped from roofs, lead pipes from sinks removed and electrical fittings stolen. The association is taking steps to put an end to the trouble and detect offenders. A reward is to be offered for information leading to convictions.

Debate

"SHOULD Capital Punishment Be Abolished?" was the subject of a debate between West Preston and Regent Central Progress Associations on Tuesday evening. West Preston took the affirmative. The adjudicator, Mr. Marsland, summed up in a masterly way and awarded the victory on points to Regent Central. The points were:—Regent Central, 285; West Preston, 221. The next debate will be held at St. Mary's Hall the opposing teams being East Preston and Reservoir United.

Preston Council By-laws

A NUMBER of the by-laws of the Preston council are now in the hands of the solicitors with a view to consolidating them. From time to time applications have been made to the council for permission to conduct wood yards, dairies, etc., in what are now residential areas, and which applications the council, by reason of its by-law, cannot grant. On Monday night the council, at the suggestion of the mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson) decided to go into the matter of revising its zoning by-law, with the object of making it more elastic.

Preston A.N.A.

THE Preston branch held its usual fortnightly meeting in the Bradford Hall on the 4th inst., the president (Mr. W. J. Russ) being in the chair. There was a fair attendance, and two new members were elected and two proposed. The secretary reported the death of an old member, Mr. A. Strongman. The usual wreath was forwarded and a letter of condolence to the widow and family. This was carried by members standing in silence for three minutes. A letter of condolence was also forwarded to Member Willis on the loss of his father. Considerable discussion took place on the recent queen carnival and a general committee meeting is to be called together next Monday. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. Alken for his services in installing a wireless set in connection with the recent Jubilee celebration. Mr. E. Bennett reported on the rifle team, and urged members to take an active interest in the coming shoot. Nominations were taken for office-bearers, and the elections promise to be very keen. The Chief President (Mr. D. Black), who will be in attendance, received his first trip to conference from the Preston branch, and he will install the officers and give an address on the work of the A.N.A.

Shot Through the Toe

OWING to the sudden discharge of a pea rifle Mr. Chas. Booth, bus proprietor, Esther street, Preston, suffered a painful experience at Leongatha during a recent week-end, being shot through the toe.

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SEWER FLOODING AT PRESTON

STEPS TAKEN TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE

Mayor Robinson told the Preston Council on Monday that a deputation to the sewerage committee of the Board of Works on the matter of flooded sewers in Preston during heavy rains had been well received.

"Members of the board," he said, "were quite seized with the seriousness of the complaint, and promised that as soon as funds were available the drainage scheme would be proceeded with.

Temporary Relief

"In the meantime measures would be taken to prevent a repetition of the flooding by making temporary connections."

The report was received with great satisfaction.

RESERVOIR DISTRICT BAND

A committee meeting was held at the residence of the secretary (Mr. Matthews). Arrangements are being made to give a recital at Donnybrook as requested. The Epping trip was highly satisfactory. Arrangements are in hand for the forthcoming vaudeville show. The committee notify that Mr. Jenkins, the bandmaster, has not resigned as has been rumoured.

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CAR ALLOWANCES AT PRESTON

MORE ARGUMENTS OVER PETROL

At Preston council on Monday a recommendation was made by the committee of the council that in lieu of granting free petrol, repairs, insurance, registration, and maintenance, that a car allowance of £2 a week each be made to the city surveyor (Mr. W. H. Scott) and to the electrical engineer (Mr. F. P. Bird).

Cr. Robeson moved an amendment that the allowance to the surveyor be £2/10 weekly, and to the electrical engineer £1/10/.

Cr. Robeson said: "The surveyor should be allowed something for depreciation in addition to his running expenses. The electrical engineer does not use his car as much in the service of the council as the surveyor. Last year the upkeep of the surveyor's car cost £102, and for the same period the electrical engineer's car cost the council £147.

An "Open Go."

In the past there has been an "open go" as far as petrol was concerned, and almost everyone round the place used the council's petrol until we put a stop to it. Those cut out first were probably the ones who used least.

In the last six months the electrical engineer's car used 373 gallons of petrol—equivalent to 4476 miles of running. This in addition to oil, repairs, registration, insurance cost the council £95/17/3 for the six month period.

Figures Quoted

Cr. Robeson quoted figures of the amounts of petrol issued by the council officers, and said the amounts ranged from 70 gallons in one month to 45 gallons in another month, after attention had been drawn to the heavy consumption of petrol.

"Allowances Would Save Money"

Continuing, Cr. Robeson said: If the council makes car allowances instead of paying all the bills as at present, it will save money, and a step in this direction should have been taken before.

Cr. Zwar: Why did you not bring it forward?

Petrol for the Other Car

Cr. Robeson: When you came into the council you made a lot of fuss about petrol for another car, but you did not say a word about this.

Cr. Zwar: It takes time to get information.

Cr. Robeson: You have been here for six months.

Cr. Zwar: And you have been here for a much longer period than that.

Cr. Jones: This matter was brought forward by the Special Investigation Committee.

Investigation Committee's Activities

Cr. Robeson: It was mentioned in its report, but no recommendation was made by that committee until it was dragged out of them.

Cr. Jones: I ask that the report be turned up. That will show that the Investigation Committee made a recommendation on this subject, but the council did not act upon it. We recommended that the council make car allowances.

No Seconder for Amendment

There was no seconder for Cr. Robeson's amendment.

Cr. Hemburrow said "It is quite evident that Cr. Robeson does not own a car, or he would find that it is quite easy to run 4,000 miles in a few months. The surveyor's car, the reports had shown costs £2 a week to run, and the electrical engineer's car £3 a week. The committee of the council then recommended that a car allowance of £2 a week be made to each of these two officers.

The Special Investigation Committee did not have the recommendations about car allowances "dragged out of it" as Cr. Robeson put it.

Easy to Slate an Officer

The surveyor's car was cheaper to run than the electrical engineer's. It was an easy thing for a councillor to get out to "slate" an officer, who had no chance to reply, but at the same time all the facts should be stated. The electrical engineer had to have a car in carrying out his duties.

Cr. Maynard: I am in accord with some of Cr. Robeson's statements, but I am not concerned with what has happened in the past. All I want to do is to see that this kind of thing does not happen again.

"Wanton Waste of Petrol"

I am out to see that this council will no longer stand for the wanton waste of petrol which has occurred in the past. By granting fixed allowances the council will save at least £50 a year and probably more.

No Use "Digging up the Past"

In dealing with matters of this kind it is no use "digging up the past." What is past is done with, and to "rake up the mud" again only creates bad feeling.

Plea for Health Officer

Another thing I notice in looking at reports from other municipalities is that the health officer is given an allowance. But Preston,—the biggest municipality in the metropolis in area—has not seen fit to act in a similar way.

Cr. Spratling's Views

Cr. Spratling: Considering the depression I think the proposed allowances are excessive. I think they should have been £75 for the surveyor, and and £50 for the electrical engineer. I did not know the council paid the registration on these cars.

Cr. Zwar: It has only been since the advent of the new councillors that these matters have been brought forward. When the mayoral car was under discussion, Cr. Robeson did not go closely into all the petrol figures, and tell the council on what days and what amounts of petrol were put into that car.

"Allowances Reasonable"

The allowances proposed are reasonable. Other councils with smaller areas are making bigger car allowances to their officers.

"A Scurrilous Attack"

Cr. Jones: As chairman of the Electric Light Committee, I must resent the scurrilous attack made on the head of the electric light department.

Cr. Jones Withdraws

Cr. Robeson: I'll ask that that be withdrawn. I did not make any attack on anyone, and the remark is offensive.

"Public Will Judge"

Cr. Jones: I'll withdraw, and leave it to the public to judge. An attack is made on an officer of the council, who is not able to defend himself because he is not given an opportunity to reply. If Cr. Robeson had a car he would learn what it cost to run. The electrical engineer's car cost £600, and the depreciation alone amounts to more than £100 a year.

Investigation Committee's Recommendations

When the Special Investigation Committee, of which I was chairman, made its report, a recommendation was made concerning cars used by officers of this council, and Cr. Robeson must take his share of the blame because this matter was not dealt with before.

As to Cr. Spratling who says he did not know that the council paid the registration fees on the engineer's car, all I can say is that he is a fine man to have been chairman of the Electric Light Committee for 12 months, when he must have passed and signed cheques for this purpose.

"Just Another Attack"

This is just another attack on the electrical engineer, who is continually being subjected to pin-pricks from the same direction. The council should put an end to these "pettifogging" tactics and allow the officers to do their work in peace. As Cr. Maynard says, no good can come of this criticism and gallery play.

Plenty of "Gas"

Cr. Newton: I don't know what type of petrol this council uses but there's plenty of "gas" about it. (Laughter.)

Continuing he said "Cr. Robeson has given a mass of figures about petrol consumption. I agree that there has been extravagance in the past, and that it must stop, but at the same time I strongly object to the innuendoes cast at the electrical engineer who is a very capable and conscientious officer, and who, I am sure, if given a chance, will be quite able to give a complete answer.

£2 Weekly Will Not Cover Depreciation

The Mayor (Cr. Robinson): There is no doubt that Cr. Robeson has made an attack on the engineer. £2 a week is a very moderate allowance for that car, and will not cover depreciation.

"Used for Inspection"

The electrical engineer's car has always been used by this council for the purposes of inspections. To pick out one officer and make an attack on him was most unfair.

Cr. Adams: Though there has been extravagance in the past the council is now on the way to make amends, and the least said of the past the better. There has been some laxity in dealing with petrol allowances, several of which have already been "cut out."

"Have Not Made Any Personal Attack"

Cr. Robeson: In a personal explanation I desire to make it quite clear that I have not made any personal attack on any officer of the council.

After obtaining the report of the Special Investigation Committee, I found that over 800 gallons of petrol had been used by a car belonging to one of the council's officers, and I desired to make the facts public at the first opportunity.

It was decided to make the allowances as recommended.

Other Allowances

The council adopted recommendations discontinuing a car allowance to the building inspector (Mr. McDonald); and allowing the curator (Mr. Eagles) £30 yearly for the upkeep of his motor-cycle.

BELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

At the last meeting of the Bell State School Committee, the president, Mr. M. J. Waixel, was in the chair. Correspondence was received from the Department of Education regarding the drainage of the school grounds, which have been in a very unsatisfactory condition every winter since the school was opened. The secretary stated that the department had at last decided to have this work done, and it had been placed in the hands of the Public Works Department. Members of the committee expressed the wish that the department would have the work carried out before the winter sets in, otherwise we will be in the same position as before.

It was also decided that the committee should affiliate with the School Committees' Association, and the president was appointed as the representative.

It was decided that representations should be made to the department to have the work of draining the grounds provided for under the unemployment scheme of the Government as the work is absolutely urgent and necessary.

At the conclusion of the meeting members adjourned to one of the large class rooms, where several parents and friends had assembled to hear an address on the Douglas Credit System-Way out for our children. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Smith and Ireland, of the Douglas Movement of Victoria and at the conclusion several questions were put to the speakers and answered with every satisfaction to the questioners.

It is the intention of the committee, conjointly with the Mothers' Club, to run card parties every fortnight at the school with a nominal charge of admission. The first will be held on Saturday night next, and valuable prizes will be awarded.

ROWING

Women's Events at Albert Park

At Albert Park on Saturday in the junior fours Preston (N. James, stroke; E. Gish, 3; E. Thomas, 2; D. Langley, bow; S. Pridham, cox) finished third to Y.W.C.A. and Albert Park.

The Preston team (V. Radcliff, stroke; E. Turte, 3; S. Peters, 2; M. Marlow, bow,) also finished third in the senior fours to Essendon and Albert Park.

PRESTON BRANCH, R.S.S.I.L.A.

The next meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, May 12. Community singing is held in the town hall every Friday night. A dance will be held in the city hall in aid of the Distressed Diggers' Fund on May 27. The secretary is Mr. H. Bell, Regent street, Preston. Boots and clothing are urgently required for the unemployed. Our best thanks are tendered to Cr. Zwar for placing his motor lorry at the disposal of the branch to take the unemployed to the Anzac Day celebration, and to Mr. Owen, who gave his services free of charge as driver.

Old Time Dance

MR. H. Goodwin announces that he will conduct an Old Time Dance in the Progress Hall, West Preston, every Saturday night, commencing on May 9. A first class orchestra has been engaged, and the music will be a special feature. All dances will be demonstrated, and if necessary, patrons may receive free instruction in any dance by attending the hall between 7.15 and 7.45 p.m. A good night's enjoyment for young and old alike.

Annual Scholars' Night

A CROWDED hall greeted the annual scholars' night of the South Preston Methodist Sunday School which took place in the re-built schoolroom last Wednesday evening. Under the direction of Mesdames Bridge and Kerwood and Miss Hilda Pike a varied and entertaining programme was presented, and the large audience were not slow to manifest their appreciation of the children's efforts. The responsibility of training the children for such an event is no sinecure and a word of appreciation is due to those who fulfilled this role.

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Pay Your Rates.—Ratepayers are reminded that the last date for payment of rates to the City of Northcote without incurring interest charges is Tuesday next, May 12. Rates must be paid by June 10 to secure enrolment. Preston council rates must be paid by June 10 to avoid interest charges and to secure enrolment.

To Football Secretaries.—Secretaries are requested to note that reports of matches must reach this office not later than by first mail on Tuesday morning. We cannot guarantee insertion if reports are received later.

Fires.—The week has been quite devoid of fires, only one false alarm having been answered by the Northcote Fire Brigade.

At the New Preston Town Hall on May 18, a concert will be given in aid of the Reservoir District Band at which leading artists from the Tivoli and Union Circuits will give their services gratis. Prices are moderate. Mr. E. Flanders is the secretary. An advertisement appears elsewhere.

The Reservoir District Band will hold a new and old time dance in the Palais, Epping road, Reservoir. Proceeds will go to band funds. See advertisement.

By Stott, Son and Watson at 3 p.m. on May 9, on property, 10 Shakespeare Ave., Preston, 5-roomed W.B. villa, on land 52 x 125ft. 11in. Particulars advertised.

By Stott, Son and Watson at 3.30 p.m. on May 16, on property, 9 Price St., Regent, 5-roomed D.F. W.B. villa, on land 43 x 130ft. 8in. See advertisement.

PERSONAL

At the Preston council meeting on Monday Mr. G. H. Pike was appointed assistant town clerk to the city of Preston.

Mrs. H. C. Dyte, wife of Mr. H. C. Dyte J.P., chemist of High street, Thornbury, has returned after a holiday at Healesville.

Mr. Orr, of Stewart street, Regent, has recently returned from a lengthy tour in the country. Mr. and Mrs. Orr are well-known in Preston.

The death occurred on April 20 at his residence, Park crescent, Fairfield, of Mr. Thomas Henry Campion, at the age of 45 years. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Werrey, of Charendon street, Northcote, have just arrived from a motor tour to Mount Buffalo. They were accompanied by their son.

Saturday, May 9, marks the silver anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sharpe, of "Sylvetta," Ilma grove, Northcote, which theirmany friends will help them to celebrate in a fitting manner.

At his residence, Athelstane grove, Ivanhoe, there passed away on Sunday, Mr. James McKeown. He leaves a widow and members of the family are Evelyn, Mabel, Robert, Edwin and Hilda. The interment was made privately.

Mrs. N. Stevens, of Regent street, Preston, and Mrs. S. Netherton, of Bellatrix street, Preston, have been nominated by the Preston Red Cross Auxiliary for appointment as life governors of the Eye and Ear Hospital.

The resignation of Mr. W. E. Smith from the social committee of the Regent Central Progress Association was received and accepted with regret at the meeting on Tuesday. Mr. A. Black, Oakhill avenue was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The many friends of Miss E. Copperthwaite, a worker of All Saints' Church, South Northcote, will regret to hear she is ill with an attack of appendicitis. She is making a good recovery.

The death occurred of Mr. Albert Shoebridge, of Russell street, Dennis at the Fairfield Hospital. He was the husband of the late Mrs. Ada Shoebridge, and father of Ernest, James and Albert.

A pleasant evening was spent by a large circle of friends, at the home of Mrs. Hogben, Roseberry avenue, Preston, on the occasion of her son's birthday, on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ward, of 51 Oakhill avenue, East Preston, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son (John Malcolm) born at St. Margaret's Hospital, Regent. Mrs. Ward was formerly Miss Barbara Ridland.

The friends of Mrs. G. E. Robinson, the popular mayoress of Preston, learned with regret that owing to a severe cold she was unable to take part in the social activities connected with Flower Day appeal on Wednesday. Miss Edna Robinson, the daughter of the mayor and mayoress, made a capable substitute.

There passed away on Sunday at the age of 79 years, Mr. William Sanderson, of Flinders street, Thornbury. He leaves a widow, and members of the family are—William, Annie, Miss Edna (Mrs. Hession), George, Mary, Sydney (late A.I.F.), Charles, James, and Gilbert. The funeral took place on Monday, the interment being made at the Melbourne cemetery, the arrangements being in the hands of Mr. H. J. R. Lewis.

In the presence of a very large assemblage of the Masonic fraternity, at the Bell street temple Preston, last Tuesday evening, Bro. James Thomas John Hepburn, of High street, Ashburton (formerly of Preston) was duly installed as Worshipful Master of the Preston St. George Lodge No. 322. The installation ceremony and investiture of officers, which was conducted by Very Wor. Bro. J. A. Lording, P. G. Treasurer, assisted by R. Wor. Bro. Thos. Baillie, P.S.G.W., and Grand Lodge Officers.

Mr. Allan M. Hughes, a son of Cr. J. O. Hughes, of Northcote, made his debut on the platform as a public speaker at the meeting of the A.F.A. League at Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday evening. He was given a good reception and spoke well.

Death has claimed an old resident of Northcote in the person of Mr. George James Willis, who passed away at his residence, Herbert street, Northcote, on Monday, at the age of 82 years. He leaves a widow, and members of the family are:—George J., Percy, Albert, Maud (Mrs. R. Steadman), Florrie (Mrs. J. Birch), Sydney Clifford, Catherine (Mrs. Beasley), Malcolm, Estelle (Mrs. Williams), and Egbert. The interment was made at the Melbourne Cemetery, arrangements being in the hands of Mr. H. R. Lewis.

UNEMPLOYMENT

UNEMPLOYED PRESTON DIGGERS

The unemployed section of the Preston branch, R.S.S.I.L.A. are well satisfied with the patronage accorded on each Friday evening, under the conductorship of Mr. Smith, bandmaster of West Preston State School Band. Assisting artists last Friday were Miss Alice Harrison and Mr. Noel Bunker. An item on the programme which was greatly appreciated was a brass quartette by the band boys.

£1100 FROM THE EAST PRESTON SOCIAL CLUB'S ACTIVITIES

A cheque for £1100 has been paid over by the East Preston Social Club to the mayor of Preston's unemployed relief fund as a result of the recent activities in organising and conducting the Back to Preston movement and queen carnival.

Mayor Robinson has been to work promptly and has got the Government to agree to subsidise the amount on a £2 for £1 basis, so that there is about £3300 available to be spent in labor for works in Preston.

This amount will be the means of giving a lot of relief to those in need during the coming winter months.

In reply to Cr. Maynard at the Preston council meeting on Monday, the mayor indicated that the amount would be allotted between the various wards.

Cr. Zwar moved that a vote of thanks be passed to Messrs. Jenner (president), Caird (organiser), Coote (treasurer) and F. A. Paton (secretary), to their committee, and to all who had done such magnificent work in helping to raise this amount of money.

Cr. Adams seconded the motion, which was carried.

£500 UNCONDITIONAL GRANT FOR PRESTON

Through the efforts of Mayor Robinson and Mr. Gordon Webber, M.L.A., an unconditional grant of £500 has been made to the Preston council by the Government for expenditure on works for the relief of unemployment, the money to be spent at Edwardes Lake.

The mayor indicated that, except that the money was to be spent on labor only, there were no conditions, and the money could be spent at an early date.

The matter of preparing a schedule of works was referred to the committee of the council, and the mayor and Mr. Webber were thanked for their efforts.

UNEMPLOYED TUG-OF-WAR TEAM

(To the Editor)

Sir,—On behalf of the local unemployed team we would like to thank through your paper the tradespeople of Preston, who generously donated material for making cleats and saddle for the tug-of-war team.—On behalf of the team,

A. E. MANN.
P. U. Tug-of-war Team.

Preston, 29/4/1931.

UNEMPLOYED CARNIVAL

Results of competitions for Queen of Charity:—Cushion, Miss E. Pagoni; cigars, Mr. R. Cahir; stockings, P. Power; supper cloth, Miss Bando; hearth board, rev. Father Power; doll, Mr. Exton; supper cloth, Mrs. Muter; bag of flour, Rev. Father O'Grady; cake, Mrs. Pilkington; doylays, Mrs. W. Street; spoons, Cr. H. P. Zwar; chocolates, J. McMullan; cake, Miss P. O'Connor; geese, Mr. T. Hicker, c/o Moran and Cato; scarf, Miss Bando; glass dish, Mr. Keenan; brass dish, Rev. Father O'Grady; decanters, Mr. Geo. Hendrie; baby clothes, Mrs. Blyth; bag of flour, Mr. Trotman; wood, Joe Meehan; soap, M. Mithen.

Northcote Notes

Community Singing

The Treaders' Community session on Friday last was well attended. The conductor was Mr. Mackay, who said Mr. Nicoll would conduct the next four weekly sessions. The artists for the day were Miss Mavis Yeomans and Mr. Hamilton Bateman. The lady recited in her inimitable way "The Slavey's Study," and as an encore number, "The Thinnest Girl on Earth." Her second number was most amusing being "The Motor-Car Buyer." A decided encore resulted in another comic item, "Shut Up." Mr. Bateman was also encored for violin selections, and his imitation of the Scottish bagpipes was rapturously encored.

Lantern Lecture

Mr. W. A. Hall, a lecturer of the Melbourne University, will pay a visit to the Westgarth State school on Tuesday, May 19, to give an illustrated lantern lecture on the Early History of Melbourne.

Northcote Branch W.U.C.T.U.

The monthly meeting of the Northcote branch was held in the Northcote Church of Christ. There was a good attendance, many members of the Westgarth branch being present. The chair was occupied by Mrs. Swain (president of the Westgarth branch). The speaker, Rev. F. J. Jennings, gave an interesting address on Temperance and Prohibition. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Fawcett and Miss Effie Green, and recitations by Miss Hazeldine. A vote of thanks to the speaker and artists was proposed by Pastor Perkins and seconded by Mrs. Sutch. Afternoon tea was served.

Progress Associations Entertained

Representatives of various Northcote Progress Associations were entertained by Mayor Green after the Northcote council meeting on April 27. Amongst the visitors were Messrs. Thomas (president), Deslandes and Rowe (secretary), West Ward Progress Association; Messrs. Luck and Stevens, Thornbury Estate Association; Messrs. Collins (president) and Baker, Arthurton Road and District Association; Messrs. Thomas and Ryan, South Ward Association; Messrs. Stockton and Sharp, East-North Association; Mr. Sutton (president), East Ward Association; and Mr. Birchall, Pender's Grove Association. A pleasant evening was spent, the health of the visitors being proposed by Crs. Jones and Turner.

Holy Trinity Ladies' Guild

To celebrate the opening of the Ladies' Guild a short service was held at Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury, on April 20. The Rev. T. Parsons, of St. Mary's, Preston, gave a short address. Mrs. Steele was the soloist. After the service a conversazione was held in the Parish Hall, when an enjoyable programme of music, singing, and elocutionary items was given. The singers were Mesdames Gerald Davern and G. H. Webb, the elocutionist, Miss Thelma Scott, and Mrs. Battye the pianiste. Afternoon tea was served and a pleasant afternoon was brought to a close.

Community Singing

Instead of the usual community singing for Unemployed Musicians, a dance was held in the town hall on April 30, when 350 spent an enjoyable evening to the art of time and modern dances. A euchre tournament was also held in the small hall, the prize winners being Mesdames Young and Smith and Miss Mahle. The dance prizes went to Miss Chandler and Mr. Arthur Spain. During the evening the Misses Peck and Bell gave some acrobatic turns. Mr. W. Nicoll, the singing conductor, was M.C.

Northcote Social Club

At the Annual Meeting of the club on April 30 there was a good attendance. The balance sheet was satisfactory, and it was shown that the club had assisted the Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society to the extent of £6/6/. In addition the club had assisted materially with the Red Cross Auxiliary Ball, which proved very successful. Mr. H. C. Dyte was elected president; Cr. S. Pinkney, past president; Mr. W. Shaw treasurer; Mr. E. L. Sharp, secretary; committee, Messrs E. Scott, Kennard, B. Cox, G. Hamilton, J. Goold, Williams and Horsley; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Ross and P. Young; steward Mr. Eric Scott.

On Wednesday the first of the Social Club's series of dances was held in Normanby Hall, about 50 couples being present and a pleasant evening was spent dancing to the strains of Miss Belle's orchestra. Mr. and Mrs. Will Harvey were the winners of the Monte Carlo dance. After supper Mr. H. C. Dyte (the president) welcomed the members. Mr. Les Sharp (the secretary) in an apt speech presented the prizes to Mr. Harvey who replied neatly. Congratulations showered on Mr. and Mrs. Les Sharp on the silver anniversary of their wedding day, which falls on Saturday. The Mayor and Mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. J. Green) and the Town Clerk and Mrs. J. A. Thomson were among the guests.

Northcote Younger Set

The Younger Set met on Tuesday at Northcote Town Hall, the president (The mayoress, Mrs. Green) being in the chair. There was a large attendance, including quite a number of new members.

To assist the Mayor of Northcote's Relief Fund, it was resolved to hold a ball late in August, and in the meantime some of the members will hold house parties to help pay the ball expenses.

A tennis tournament is to be arranged for the King's Birthday week end, proceeds to be devoted to charity. Two dozen tennis balls have been presented by Barnet Glass and Dunlop Perdriau for use in the tournament. A dance is to be held on June 20 in the small town hall. The meeting broke up after supper and a few dances.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary—Northcote Branch

A pleasant card afternoon was held at the home of Mrs. Gilooly, Beaver's road, Northcote, on May 5. The rooms were beautifully decorated with roses, carnations, and chrysanthemums. Prizes were won by Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Andrews. A box of sweets was won by Mrs. Wynne. Egg cosies were disposed of which considerably augmented the proceeds. Afternoon tea was served in the drawing and dining rooms. The next monthly meeting will be held in the Northcote Town Hall on May 13. The president, Mrs. J. J. Ryan, will preside. A large attendance is requested as important matters will be dealt with and the baby set will be finalised.

A.W.A.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Monday evening, April 27, in the town hall lodge room. The attendance was good and the business interestingly dealt with. Miss Kershaw won the prize, donated by the president, for the evening. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, and a large attendance is expected as nominations for new officers will take place.

NORTHCOTE UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

The usual meeting was held at the town hall on Friday, the president (Mr. Brooks) being in the chair. A notice of motion of no confidence in the committee and secretary was overwhelmingly lost.

Arrangements were completed for the wood choppers to go to Wandin, thanks to the efforts of the Minister of Railways, Mr. J. Cain, who arranged transport. A deputation was appointed to wait on the Minister of Lands in connection with the filling in of the playing ground at North Fairfield State school.

The second social and dance took place on Monday. About 250 were present. Items were rendered by Messrs. Wilson, Bleakley, and the little Dinwoodie girls, also Mrs. Kneed. A most enjoyable evening was spent by everybody present. Noticed among those dancing was the Minister for Railways, Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A.

On Tuesday morning 25 members left for Wandin to cut approximately 200 tons of wood. They will be absent for a week or ten days.

A women's section of the association was formed at the A.N.A. hall on Monday. A further meeting will be held next Monday at the same place, the purpose of electing office bearers.

NORTHCOTE UNEMPLOYED RELIEF

The treasurer of the relief fund has received from the carnival committee, which recently staged the carnival in the racecourse and in High street) £57, being the net proceeds.

A CHANCE FOR £25

On Saturday evening, May 2, the mayor of Northcote (Cr. J. H. Green) and the mayor of Preston (Cr. G. E. Robinson) visited the Regent Theatre, Thornbury, and requested the residents to patronise the Regent during the month of May, and thus enable the theatre to win the £25 prize offered by Hoyts Theatres for the theatre with the best total attendance during the month. If won the Regent £10 will be added by the manager (Mr. C. Melvin) and the money will be divided between the Thornbury, Northcote and Preston unemployed. The competition will be between Hoyts circuit theatres (excluding the metropolis), and the Regent has a good chance of winning. It behoves residents to assist this invitation by the joint mayors and see that the £25 is received for the local unemployed.

RETURNED SOLDIERS UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION.

The thanks of the Association are tendered to the proprietors of the Westgarth Theatre, Regent Theatre and Northcote Theatre for free seats for its members.

TURF NOTES.

(By "Luteplayer")

May be Above the Ordinary

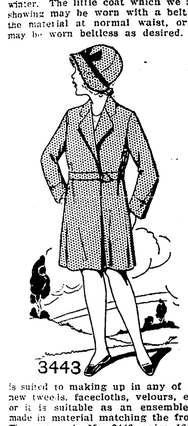
Veridique winner of the first division of Epsom Two-year-old last Saturday, may turn out a galloper above the ordinary. Saturday's outing was her first since she finished second to Calina, at Flemington on Melbourne Cup Day last November. She certainly had the best of the start of Saturday's race, but all the same she accomplished her task in the style of a real good one. Veridique is a filly by Legionnaire from La Bergonette and shows plenty of quality.

Will Improve

Having his first outing since February, Jacomak ran a rattling good race to finish second to Mataram in the second division of Two-year-old at Epsom and will be considerably improved by the race, and can be set down as a coming winner.

Made Slow Beginning

The French bred horse Larrain was the medium of a plunge for the Epsom Plate and, in the jargon of turf, was a "good thing" in theory. When the barrier lifted Lorrain was left standing flat-footed and his prospects of finishing near the money appear hopeless. N. Percival, rode him vigorously this week is one that is sure to please, and is particularly suitable for early winter. The little coat which we are showing may be worn with a belt of the material at normal waist, or it may be worn beltless as desired. It



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ROMANTIC CIRCLE.

RAMSDEN—TAYLOR

A charming wedding was celebrated on April 11 by the Rev. T. Cole at the Church of the Epiphany, North-cote, when Mr. Ernest Leigh Ramsden and Miss Dora Taylor were married. The bride is the second daughter of Mrs. and the late Edgar Percy Taylor, of "Edgarleigh," Clarke street, Northcote, and the groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ramsden, of "Stoneleigh," Oxford street, Northcote. Bells and arches of Easter daisies decorated the church, and the service was fully choral. Miss Gladys White sang "Because." The bride entered the church with her brother, Mr. Edgar Taylor, and looked lovely in her ankle length ivory satin frock, with flared skirt. Her long veil of tulle, with lace edge, was arranged quaintly with a wreath of orange blossom, and white cactus dahlias and maidenhair fern formed her shower bouquet. Several horseshoes of heather and orange blossom, which had been presented to the bride as "good luck" tokens, also hung from her wrist. Misses Taylor, Greta Ramsden, Mary and Alsace Taylor attended the bride, each frocked in powder blue georgette over pink, forming soft misty folds, with blue felt hats to match. Opal crystal beads were the bridegroom's gifts and each carried pink cactus dahlias and fern. Mr. Sidney Leigh Ramsden (brother of the groom) was best man, and Messrs. William Taylor and Reginald Evans were groomsmen. The reception and breakfast were held in Normanby Hall, Thornbury, where gladioli in pink tones decked the tables, and the catering was carried out by Mrs. Olorenshaw in her usual capable manner. Black marocain, with black velour hat, sewed the bride's mother smartly, and dark red cactus dahlias were her flowers. The bridegroom's mother chose a black marocain gown also, with chic black velour hat, and she carried scarlet cactus dahlias. Wool de chene in a wine shade, with cape collar and pleated skirt, and hat to match formed the bride's travelling costume, and she also wore a beautiful brown fur cheviot (the bridegroom's gift). When the couple return they will reside in Northcote.

DASH—DEMPSTER

On April 13 Rev. J. T. Duggleby officiated at the marriage of Miss Jean Dempster, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dempster, of Dundas street, and Mr. Harry Dash, third son of Mrs. and the late Stephen Dash, of Kelvin View, Euroa. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a vine-colored three-piece ensemble suit flecked with silver, and blue chenille velvet hat. Mrs. Dempster (mother of the bride) was smartly attired in black satin, with green chin hat. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Dempster entertained a number of guests at their residence. The honeymoon was spent at Lakes Entrance. The future home will be at Strathbogie.

CHALKLINE AS AID TO GRACE SUGGESTED

Among the Hollywood players who are walking the chalkline these days is Fay Wray, who is appearing in Paramount's production, "The Conquering Horde."

According to Miss Wray the new evening gowns with their long skirts and accompanying trains need a graceful gait, and she takes a morning workout walking over a chalkline, by placing one foot directly in front of the other each step.

RECIPES.

Tasty Luncheon Dish

Fry four small onions in a tablespoonful of butter; place eight small tomatoes (previously skinned by pouring boiling water over them) on top of onions. When cooked thicken with half teaspoonful cornflour, half tablespoonful curry powder, half pint of milk. Season to taste and serve on slightly buttered toast.

Peanut Soup

One pint good soup stock, 3 tablespoons tomato catsup, third cup top milk, but butter, 1 tablespoon minced parsley. Add the hot soup to the peanut butter a little at a time. Mix thoroughly and combine with the other ingredients. Serve with toast sticks.

Sausage Cheese

Take one sausage and a slice of brown bread toasted for each person, and 2oz. grated cheese. Fry sausages in the usual way, remove the skins, and spread the meat on each slice of toast. Sprinkle with grated cheese and serve hot.

Mutton Pudding

Ingredients.—One pound of minced cold mutton, one chopped onion, one ounce of butter, two tomatoes, two ounces of breadcrumbs, one egg, a little chopped parsley, pepper and salt to taste. Method.—Hind ingredients with seven egg. Steam for one and a half hours.

Pommes De Terre Sautte

Cut a pound of cold boiled potatoes into thick slices and sauté. Fry in very hot bacon dripping until brown on both sides. Place on a hot dish, sprinkle with chopped parsley, and serve.

Velvet Cream

Two ozs. gelatine, 1 pint cream, 1 cupful milk, 1 grated rind of lemon, 1 wineglassful of sherry, sugar to taste. Soak gelatine in half a gill of water 1 hour. Put milk, sugar, wine and lemon rind over the fire, and when nearly boiling add the gelatine, and stir till dissolved. When nearly cold add the cream, mix well, and put in a cool place to set.

Fancy Gingerbread

Take a cupful of granulated sugar, 1 cupful of melted butter, 1 cupful of treacle in which dissolve 1 teaspoonful of soda, 1 cupful of sour milk, 1 teaspoonful ginger, 1 teaspoonful cinnamon, 1½ cupfuls flour. This is rather moist, but added flour will make it heavy instead of being light and fluffy.

Sanitarium Biscuits

Four ozs. sugar, 3ozs. butter: cream together. Add 1 egg (beaten), sufficient S.R. flour to make a stiff paste. Roll thin; spread with raspberry jam, sprinkle with cocoanut. Roll up, cut in slices; bake in hot oven till set very slowly afterwards.

Yorkshire Tea Cakes

Ingredients.—Two ounces of butter, a quarter of a pound of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder, two dessertspoons of caster sugar, one egg, a little milk to make into a stiff dough. Method.—Mix together and remember that a Yorkshire tea cake is shaped like a thick, large bun.

AUTUMN MODES

The unusual has only responds happily on the lighter materials. A serviceable frock made with an uneven hem seldom looks well. The afternoon frock of crepe de Chine, georgette or flowered silk is an attractive medium for the dipping hem. Plain satins look better for the more severe type of frock. Fish-tail skirts and uneven hems are not now so smart for evening wear as the skirt that is long all round.

The evening coats to cover those long frocks may be of any length—providing we can afford a new one! They may be very long or very short: They may be heavily trimmed with fur or quite devoid of fur. If economy is your plan you will choose a short coat for wear over your long frock. It may be of brocade, silver or gold tissue, or of velvet. You may have a fur collar or a high Medici collar or the neck may be finished at the back simply with a reasonably large bow. If your coat is of a length that does not look well with a long frock, have it shortened, or if this seems to you a waste, have it graduated up in the front so that the coat is longer at the back. This type of coat worn and held correctly looks better with a long frock than the coat which is neither long nor short.

Capes have been shown and worn on some of the winter coats. A few have made their appearance on some of the long evening coats. More still are to be worn on the little tweed coat-frocks of autumn. It is a common mistake to think that the cape is only for the tall woman. The small-

Mary Doran, popular M-G-M player, wearing one of the close fitting felt helmets which are to much in vogue at present.

er capes are equally attractive for the small woman, providing the quaintness that they lend suits her type. In most instances these little capes can be fixed on with fasteners so that the frock may be worn with or without.

Underclothes also show certain changes. If you like the capes you must have one on your new nightdress too. Otherwise lingerie, particularly for evening wear, shows a tendency towards the severe. Washing satin grows more and more popular. It wears well and is particularly suited to the more tailored type of garment. The new lingerie is out to preserve the slim line, so is cut to the figure and shows hemstitching as trimming rather than lace, tucks and frills.

Belts on coats and every kind of frock are mostly adjustable. There is wisdom in this. Few women look well with a belt at their natural waistline; for most of us the belt worn slightly below the normal waistline is more becoming.

It has always seemed to me that selvedges, which are often so decorative, should be cut off and wasted. In some of the striped and patterned flannels they are particularly attractive. Now they are being used as trimmings on many frocks.

Hats continue to be worn American fashion, well off the face and showing a generous expense of forehead. This rule does not only apply to brimless cutaway hats and hats turned back from the face, but also to the brimmed varieties. Bonnet-shaped hats and turned down felts are as popular as ever, but both should be worn well back from the face.

With such hats it is essential not to frown. So many women wear a worried look with these hats, and that is often because they are too tight. With a turned-back hat the frown may be due to the unaccustomed light occasioned by lack of brim. With the brimmed hat the frown is nearly always due to lightness of the head or forehead. Hats worn back must be easy fitting. Often a hat that fits cosily when worn low is not so comfortable when forced back. It is silly to suffer discomfort and at the same time prejudice beauty, when a good milliner will stretch or shrink it for you.

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TENNIS.

NORTH SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION

COOMA WINS PENNANT

In perfect weather and under ideal conditions, the fight for the 1930-31 pennant of the North Suburban Association was concluded on Saturday last at Reservoir courts between Cooma and Capitol, and after a thrilling and exciting contest was won by Cooma by the narrow margin of one game.

When Capitol passed through the first round undefeated, and thereby gained the right of challenge, it was realised by Cooma that only by a herculean effort could they hope to defeat this combination twice. But it was not realised even by them how intensely dramatic the final results would be. In the final Capitol held a two-game lead with one set to play, but Cooma took that set 9—6 and gave them a one-game victory. In the grand final an even greater effort was needed by the last pair. With a three-game lead and one set to play Capitol looked the goods, but not to be denied the Cooma pair staged a spectacular recovery which resulted in a 9—5 set victory for them. A remarkable coincidence is that both teams strengthened their team by the inclusion of one man, yet the result of both games was identical—59 games to 58.

This tournament has been the most successful conducted by the N.S.T.A., splendid tennis and spirited contests being displayed by the ten teams. The two finalists showed themselves to be the outstanding teams, and no finer nor more exciting contests could have been staged than the last two between these two teams. Cooma, by their victory, have proved themselves the stronger combination, but only by the narrowest of margins, and their congratulations are extended to Capitol for such splendid contests. This is the first pennant won by Cooma, and it has been well earned.

One change was made in each team, R. Thorburn replacing Woods for Capitol, and A. Schier replacing D. Sykes for Cooma. This last minute alteration was quite unexpected (although unavoidable) for Cooma, but as events turned out it was only the remarkable play of Schier that gave Cooma the match.

The first gents' set between H. Jones and O. Dolphin (Cooma) and R. Thorburn and W. Taylor (Capitol) resulted in a win for the latter, 9—7. Some splendid tennis was witnessed, particularly the driving of Thorburn. The first ladies also saw Capitol victorious, E. Buckley and Mrs. Trickett defeating T. Jenyns and P. Lewis, giving them a four-game lead. The Cooma players were palpably nervous and could not get settled down, allowing Capitol to win on their mistakes. Settling down to better tennis the second gents resulted in a victory for Cooma, H. Jones and A. Schier defeating R. Thorburn and C. Stewart, 9—6. Spurred on by the success of the gents T. Jenyns and N. Tuppen (Cooma), displaying exemplary tennis, quickly ran through the Capitol second ladies, E. Buckley and Mrs. Taylor, 6—2. Cooma now led by three games. The third gents further increased this, Dolphin and Schier defeating Taylor and Stewart, 9—6. However, this was reduced to a four game lead when N. Tuppen and P. Lewis went down to Mrs. Trickett and Mrs. Taylor, 4—6. With four games up Cooma were in a handy position, but at this stage Capitol came into their own. In the first mixed the Capitol pair, R. Thorburn and E. Buckley, by a masterly exhibition, completely overshadowed Cooma's representatives, H. Jones and T. Jenyns (6—3). A 9—2 victory, thus turned a four-game deficit into a two-game lead, with two sets to play. Excitement was intense among the huge gallery, as it was realised that a finish as spectacular as that of the final was imminent. Who would win the second last set? A close result would give Cooma a fighting chance, but another runaway victory for Capitol would settle their chance. The players were O. Dolphin and P. Lewis (Cooma) and W. Taylor and Mrs. Trickett (Capitol), and by their first few games they were apparently feeling the responsibility imposed on them. Soon steadying down to good tennis, the games went with the service, Capitol taking the set 9—5, giving them a handy lead of three games, and leaving them only six games to win in the last set.

It was here that the ability of A. Schier and the match temperament of N. Tuppen manifested itself. Amidst intense excitement they took the court against C. Stewart and Mrs. Taylor, and were probably the coolest pair in the vast assemblage. Allowing nothing to upset them, they quickly ran into their stride, taking three games straight, losing one, and then winning three more straight to lead 6—2. Then Capitol steadied and games went with the service to 8—4, mainly due to the clever and heady play of Nance Tuppen and the remarkably consistent serving and driving of "Ace" Schier. When Capitol took the next game at 8—5, both pairs required only one game for victory. At this stage Schier lived up to his reputation, and with a series of devastating services he clean aced his way to victory, his service being absolutely unplayable. Taking the set 9—5, Cooma won the match, the totals being:—Cooma, 59 games; Capitol, 58 games.

By their display in the final set N. Tuppen and Schier showed themselves the outstanding players, but the sextette as a whole proved an excellent combination and richly deserved the win. The Cooma Club is fortunate in possessing such a combination, and hopes are entertained that in the next summer competition they will compete in a higher grade.

The thanks of the association were passed to Mr. Coffey and the Reservoir Tennis Club for their assistance, and to the assistant secretary, Mr. S. T. Grey, who umpired the match. The association's congratulations are extended to Cooma. The match was played in a fine sporting spirit.

NORTHCOTE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The first matches of the above association were played on May 2.

The A Grade commences next Saturday. Owing to the large entry of 48 teams each of the A, B and C grades was divided. This association comprises teams from Preston, Northcote, Ivanhoe, Clifton Hill and Fitzroy. Scores:—

B Grade.—Ivanhoe Methodists, 47, d Baptists, 33; Capitol, 50, d South Preston (24); East Preston, 48, d Holder's, 35; Baptists, 43 (5), d Capitol, 43 (4); Holy Trinity, 48, d Ivanhoe Methodists, 41; Cooma, 54, d Thornbury School, 18.

C Grade.—Danella, 50, d Church of Christ, 28; Knox, 53, d Danella Park, 27; Thornbury, 52, d St. Paul's, 53; South Preston, 26, d Spensley street, 54; Oakover, 52, d St. Andrew's, 21.

Bankruptcies

Robert Charles Ballantyne, cartage contractor, of Ballantyne street, Northcote. Causes of bankruptcy:—Falling off in busines as a carrier and seizure of motor-truck. Liabilities, £219/9/11; assets, £132/17/7; deficiency, £86/12/4.

IN THE GARDEN

VEGETABLE CULTURE

The sowing of broad beans will ensure good crops in spring, and will generally be found to remain immune from blight and black spot.

Make large sowings of short horn carrots. Prepare the ground well, and dig in a quantity of well-rotted manure. This should be well worked in and not left near the surface, for, if the strawy material is left near the surface the roots of the carrots are liable to be forked.

The turnip rooted parsnip does splendidly if sown now in shallow soils and is a most tasty and excellent variety.

Early white queen onion matures early and is a good variety to sow now. Extra early golden globe should also be sown, as well as the odorless variety.

Iceberg and hanson lettuce, if sown now, will not bolt or run to seed or get bitter.

Turnips are excellent winter vegetables, and large sowings can be made.

Spinach and silver beet are amongst our best autumn and winter vegetables are easy to grow.

Commence now and make successive sowings every three or four weeks of peas, which are undoubtedly one of our most popular vegetables during the spring months. Reliable sorts to sow are American wonder, English wonder, William Hurst, green feast, Yorkshire hero and Day's early sunrise. The latter variety is an exceptionally sure cropper when sown at this time of the year.

General Work

Cucumbers, pumpkins, marrows, French beans, etc., that have passed their usefulness, should now be pulled out and preparations made for other suitable vegetables.

Vacant spaces, not intended for use until spring sowing should be dug over, trenched and limed, that they may have the true advantage of fallow and let the sun, air and frost have free access to them. Subsequent crops should now be grown in positions which will ensure them the maximum amount of warmth. Keep the crops moving with liquid manure; apply it weak but often.

Asparagus beds may be cleaned out and cut down. All weeds removed, and well rotted stable manure spread evenly over the surface and dug in with a fork, after which cover the beds with a dressing of soil and give a finishing touch with the rake.

Make the Soil More Productive for Vegetables

There are several ways in which the soil of the vegetable garden may be rendered more productive—by increasing the supply of humus (decaying vegetable matter or stable manure); by improving the physical conditions of the soil; by correcting soil acidity.

These lines of improvement are not all distinct and independent, for example, the application of stable manure often benefits the soil in all these ways. The elements most likely to be lacking in soils are lime, nitrogen, phosphates and potash.

Lime a Food Material

Lime is a food material itself, and its chemical action in the soil sets free other food materials which would otherwise remain inert and unavailable for the use of plant life. Sour soils, for instance, may contain large quantities of rich organic substances that are no use to plant life in their existing conditions; in fact, their presence in the soil is detrimental to plant life, but a judicious application of lime to such a soil will soon render it sweet and fertile, the organic matter having been converted into available plant food. The occasional application of lime on an old garden soil that has been heavily cropped and liberally manured, often produces an almost magical effect.

The Best General Fertiliser

The best general fertiliser for the garden is stable manure, and where it can be applied to the soil in suitable quantity, there is nothing better. A good plan is to maintain a compost heap where leaves, lawn clippings and so forth are mixed with lime and left to decay for a year. This is then worked into the garden soil like manure. Failing this, and where manure is not to be had in large amounts, commercial fertilisers or plant foods must be used. As they are devoid of humus, they cannot wholly replace natural fertilisers, and are therefore of most value when used to supplant them.

Commercial fertilisers supply one or more of three of the most important plant foods—nitrates, phosphates and potash. Nitrates in some form are necessary, and they tend to promote stable stem and leaf production. Nitrate of soda is a powerful form of nitrate, and as it is dissolved readily it is immediately available by the plant.

Phosphates promote production, and as stable manures are deficient in phosphate, it is one of the fertilisers that is really necessary in the garden. Bone manures contain much phosphate and give excellent results.

Potash used in conjunction with superphosphates of lime is good for sandy soils, which are generally deficient of phosphates and alkalies, and will be found good for potatoes, onions, and carrots, which are particularly adapted to these soils.

The cultivation of the soil is important, and it should never be broken up when it is too wet or too dry. Sandy soil is not likely to be injured if dug over when wet, but clayey soil may dry in lumps and bake. Clay soils should not be worked too fine, however, as such treatment causes the particles to run together during rains in when watering, and increase the tendency to bake.

—"Garden Lover."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The South Preston Methodist Society brought its anniversary celebrations to a satisfactory close on Sunday evening last. Commencing with a song service at 6.30 the Endeavourers who occupied the choir seats conducted a bright service of worship. Mr. Broadley contributed an acceptable solo and Mr. S. R. Hall, of Ivanhoe, preached the gospel message. Members were disappointed at the absence of their leader, Mr. E. McGain, who, owing to illness, was unable to be in attendance.

Difficulties in Scripture was the subject dealt with by Mr. A. Etherington at the last meeting of the Penders Grove Y.P. Society. Six additions to the roll have brought the total membership to 40. Interest in missionary efforts in Bolivia (South America) was stimulated at Reservoir last week when a visit was received from Mrs. Lawson by the Methodist Y.P. Society. Lantern slides depicting the surroundings and illustrating the difficulties of the work among the Indians were shown.

The West Preston Baptist Y.P. Society had the privilege on Wednesday last of hearing an address from Mrs. Middleton, who gave interesting, first hand information concerning the recent C.E. Convetion at Washington, U.S.A.

A social evening, attended by about 50 Endeavourers and friends, was held on Saturday night at the Ivanhoe Baptist Church. The members of the Y.P. Society were assisted by the Bible class members in carrying out a successful programme concluding with supper.

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Preston Council

MONDAY, MAY 4.

At the usual meeting on Monday the mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson, J.P.) was in the chair. Also present: Crs. A. E. Newton, L. Jones, H. P. Zwar, R. H. E. Maynard, W. T. Robeson, W. Spratling, W. J. Hemburrow and J. W. Adams.

About a Quarry Hole.—The Education Department advised that it did not desire to take steps to acquire land facing Collier street owned by Cooperative Brick Co. Pty. Ltd.

The mayor said he would not like to see the matter go by default.

Cr. Jones said the council, if it took the matter up, would be buying a quarry hole.

The Mayor: One third of it.

Cr. Jones: I think the department has shown good sense in turning the matter down, and I am not surprised at the department's action.

The Mayor: I think the council should secure the land to prevent further encroachment on to the school fence.

The committee of the council will consider the matter.

The £1910.—Department of Public Works advised that it could not authorise the expenditure of a tag end of a loan £1910) without the assent of Parliament. A Bill is now being prepared.—Committee of the council.

Overflowing Sewers.—The Board of Works advised of action to prevent overflow of sewers during heavy rain at Edith street, at assignments in Stepping and Gillingham streets.

Cr. Hemburrow said this was very satisfactory.

The Engineer: The connections have already been made in Edith street.

Thanks.—East Preston Social Club expressed appreciation of council's help and co-operation during recent carnival.

Cr. Newton said the council officers were deserving of the highest congratulation on the way they had done their part.

Licence.—Cd. J. J. McKenna, O.C. 57/6th Battalion, thanked the council for use of Cramer street park for the ceremony of Trooping the Colors.

Motor Registration.—The Commercial Motor Users' Association, seeking support in an endeavor to induce the Government to agree to quarterly registration of motor vehicles; also bring the matter the notice of the council the proposal under consideration of the Government of diverting the whole of the fees derived from registration of motor vehicles into consolidated revenue. During the year ending 30-6-1930 revenue from registration fees totalling £1,137,912/13/5 was paid into the Country Roads Board fund.

Cr. Jones was not in favor of quarterly payments for motor registration, which he said would involve a lot of work.

Cr. Hemburrow said the present Government did not seem at all inclined to give motorists a fair deal.

The mayor said he felt that car owners should be given the option of quarterly instalments for registration if they so desired.

As regards motor fees, he said if the C.R.B. only got £300,000 instead of £1,000,000 as formerly, the present roads would break up through lack of funds.

The matters were referred to the committee of the council.

Letter Delivery.—An extension of the delivery area east of Newcastle street is being considered by the P.M.G.'s Department.

West Preston Progress Association.—This body sought (1) removal of rubbish bin at corner of Murray and Hilbert roads; (2) footpath at same corner be lowered; (3) attention to holes in Belmont street, near drain; (4) objecting to smells from tannery at corner of Murray road and High street; (5) and 2, engineer to attend; (3) P.W. committee; (4) committee of the council, officers to report.

A Water Guarantee.—H. H. Olney requested the council to guarantee interest on £129/6/10 lodged by him with the Board of Works so that he could obtain a refund in connection with water reticulation in Pellew street, Bramhton avenue and Lockley avenue.

Cr. Jones said it was only fair that the board should guarantee the amount. In 1922 when the mains were laid the council had had a lot of difficulty in securing water extensions, and Mr. Olney came forward and put up the money.

Committee of the council to give consideration.

Application for a Wood Yard.—D. Spratt, Gordon grove, application to open a wood yard.

Cr. Newton suggested that where no offence existed the council should not enforce the by-law harshly, and so enable the unemployed people to earn a living.

Cr. Jones said the council had no power to waive the by-law. If permission was granted the council could not then prevent the installation of a circular saw.

Cr. Maynard: If the question of the by-law is raised, then the sooner it is repealed the better. The by-law prevents people from striking out for themselves. It is a petty thing to raise the by-law.

Cr. Jones: The by-law is quite a legal and proper objection.

Cr. Hemburrow: Sometimes the by-law is a hindrance when it prevents permission being given to people to open businesses where they would not interfere with anyone else.

Cr. Robeson said whilst the council sympathised with people who wanted to help themselves, yet the council should see that it protected itself.

The matter was referred to the committee of the council.

Wandering Stock.—The East Preston Progress Association protested against owners of wandering stock in the north being prosecuted, while those in the south were allowed every liberty.

Cr. Adams said he had explained the matter of wandering stock to the association.

Cr. Jones said owners whose stock grazed on Balmoral Park were prosecuted, whilst the council had granted permission to people to graze cattle in certain parts of the West ward.

Cr. Spratling said there should be no differentiation in treating owners of cattle in different parts of the city.

Cr. Maynard: Permission was only granted to owners in the south end of the city whilst there was an abundant growth of grass, which was likely to prove a menace. In the north there is a lot of personal feeling between several of the people who impound each other's cattle. Wandering stock is a great nuisance.

It was decided to obtain a report from the inspector about the wandering stock.

General

R.S.S.I.L.A., applying for the use of the new city hall on Friday nights for community singing.

A.L.P., Preston branch, applying for use of hall on May 12 for meeting of local unemployed girls.

Cr. Robeson said the object was to form an association so that unemployed girls could be helped and supplied with clothing.

Left in the hands of the mayor.

L. Bott, hon. secretary, Pre. ?y Unemployed, sought the permission of the council to hold sacred concerts at Preston town hall on Sunday evenings for a boot and clothing fund.—Not granted, in view of regulations of the council.

An application by Preston branch, R.S.S.I.L.A. (unemployed section) for the free use of the Preston city hall on Friday nights, was not granted.

This body now has the free use of the hall.

R. W. Simpson, re condition of drainage at Crookston road.—P.W. committee.

J. T. Burge, for St. Mark's Church of England Football Club, asking for filling at Crispe Park.—Parks committee.

J. Kirkpatrick, re drainage at rear of 294 Wood street.—P.W. committee.

G. Stevens, asking for attention to dangerous state of Robinson road, opposite Regent station, and suggesting that this work be carried out with funds received from recent carnival out of unemployed grant.

Cr. Maynard said the road was an awful quagmire.

Cr. Jones said the pipe track at this spot was unsightly, and since it had been fenced was a rubbish depository. If the track were levelled, rolled and sown with grass it would improve it greatly.

Engineer to report.

Committee Reports

Finance committee accounts £524 17/1 were paid.

Public works committee accounts £3176/10/3 were paid.

The following works were agreed to:—Attention to path at corner of Plenty road and Seymour street; pot holes in Plenty road, from Bell to Tyler streets; corner St. Duthus and Margmary avenue; attention to drainage Wilcox street and Plenty road (£20); pot holes in Young street; holes in right-of-way off Thackeray road; attention to slabs in Brighton avenue, Paterson street, Murray road and Highview road; pot holes along tram line in Plenty road, Murray road to Bell street (when money is available); footpaths at Carlisle street and Milton avenue, south side; engineer to lower pitchers at Gower street crossing; Elham street (£1); top dressing of Bailey avenue and Sussex street; pitchers to be re-set in Roseberry avenue, off Plenty road.

Devon Street.—Referred to list for private construction.

Washaway at Edwardes Lake.—Referred to schedule for expenditure under development grant.

Electric light committee accounts £1481/3/11 were paid.

Officers' Reports

Finance.—Collections during fortnight, £2175/8/6 (current rates £1020/14/11, arrears £156/4/7); overdraft, £40,059/10/11 (including meeting payments £42,949/15/8); E.L. account, Dr. £11S2/14/10.

Health Inspector.—Inspector has reported 15 cases of infectious disease; 36 head of wandering stock had been seized, and several owners had been prosecuted. Food samples had been taken, food shops had been inspected; dog fees collected and other duties performed.—Received.

Medical officer (Dr. Steele) reported that for the quarter five cases of infantile paralysis had been reported. There had been a record attendance at the baby health centre.

Beatrice included 2525 pigs, 2401 sheep and 94 cattle.

Quarry Output.—Total crushed for 14 days, 520 tons; dust, 41 tons.

Buildings.—Three permits were issued (approximate cost £100).

Ordinary Business

Cr. Zwar moved that attention be given to channels and slabs in Edgar and Mason streets; grating in High street at Dalgetty street; metal in gutter in Tennyson street; culvert on south side of Percival street; Bell street footpath, south side, between Plenty road and High street; footpath in Raglan street, near drill hall.—P.W. committee.

The following items were referred to the engineer for attention by Cr. Newton:—Repairs to fence round Milton street tip; condition of Florence Adams playground; hole in path in Raglan street.

Cr. Hemburrow moved that the inspector give attention to complaints of vehicles being driven on the footpath in Epping road.—Carried.

Cr. Hemburrow referred to boxthorn in Peter street.—Referred to inspector.

Other items referred to P.W. committee by Cr. Hemburrow were drainage in Epping road, near Broadhurst avenue.

The purchase of goods from the municipality was referred by Cr. Adams to the committee of the council.

Cr. Adams moved that the provision of a danger sign at the corner of Tyler street and Plenty road go to the P.W. committee; and removal of barbed wire round Bell Park to parks committee.—Carried.

Cr. Spratling said a drain from Thackeray road to Delaware street required cleansing; crossing, Cooma and Gower street.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Maynard moved that attention be given to channel on south side of David street, going towards O'Keefe street.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Jones moved that house adjoining caretaker's residence at baths be referred to P.W. committee. Some flooding occurred.—Carried.

Cr. Jones moved that recognition of the services of ex-Cr. McPherson be referred to the town clerk for attention.—Carried.

Cr. Jones moved that the question of giving local preference on all purchases by the council be referred to the committee of the council. It is only right," he said, "that the council should help its local tradespeople. The council should help its local business people all it can."—Committee of the council.

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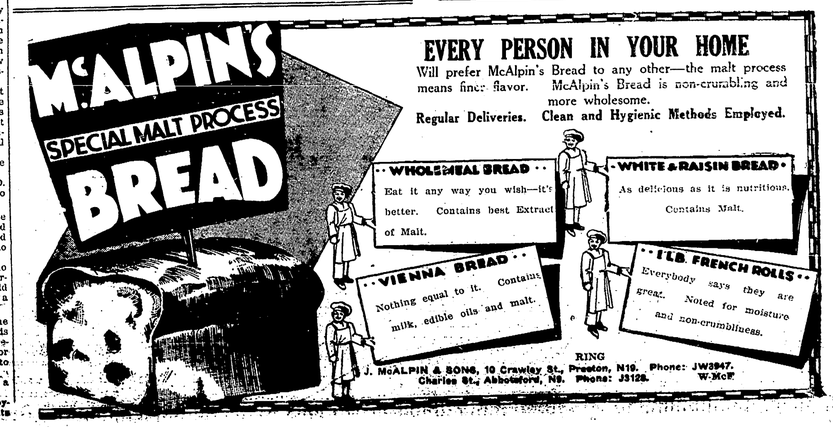

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TOWN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Under the presidency of Sir James Barrett, the annual meeting of the Town Planning Association was held at Collins Place, Melbourne last Thursday evening. The Melbourne Metropolitan Progress Association Central Council was represented by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. J. Canty).

In annual report, favorable reference is made to Mr. V. C. Bradley, Northcote's surveyor, in urging a standard position for water mains, gas pipe etc. As Mr. Bradley says: "The public are greatly inconvenienced through the overlapping and crude, careless methods adopted in tearing up and delay in repairing of broken pavements." Exactly. But the Melbourne public will tolerate anything. It requires energy and [illegible] effect a cure.

[illegible] also shows that North- [illegible] 50 acres of public parks, [illegible] equal to 3 1/3% of the [illegible] area; the purchase price [illegible] lungs was £18,485.

Speaking of the report, Mr. Edmund Jowett referred to the concentration of traffic in Melbourne which owing to the large number of narrow streets and the [illegible] of one way traffic, rendered it exceedingly difficult to handle. He suggested that an overhead railway could be constructed over [illegible] from Queen street to Spring street. Such an elevated railway would facilitate traffic and probably reduce the congestion. Big trading people in this [illegible] no objection to such a railway, for it would be a great advantage, in that there would be two ground floor frontages instead of one as at present. Sir James Barrett remarked that an engineering feat similar to this proposal had actually taken place in Chicago with considerably more success than was anticipated.

The association has asked the Postmaster General to affix to all post offices the name of the city or township etc., in the same way as the Country Roads Board names every creek etc. The adoption of this suggestion should prove a great boon to the road travelling public when passing through the country parts.

The secretary (Mr. W. F. Gates) was warmly supported in urging a strong force of public opinion in favor of passing the Town Planning Bill, which was introduced by Mr. Jones (the Minister for Lands) to the Legislative Council recently.

Referring to the probabilities of a Greater Melbourne scheme, care, said Sir James Barrett, must be exercised in seeing that a beautification scheme is not overlooked, as was the case in Brisbane.

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Dr. Ethel Osborne addressed the Town Planning Association last Thursday. Dr. Osborne has travelled extensively and stated that she had seen many beautiful places in America, but Australia was exceedingly charming; our natural scenic and flora beauty is a wonderful asset in which, unfortunately, no effort is made to make the most owing to public apathy. Speaking on Honolulu, the speaker stated that after an absence of 20 years she was surprised to see the extraordinary difference in the beautification and character of the city—where 20 years ago Honolulu was a dusty wind swept city on the side of a hill, now it is a riot of floral decoration. Towering trees, whose foliage blends with the color of the flowers at the height of their beauty, penetrate right into the heart of the city of some 150,000 people, cutting away the glare of the tropical sun. Over 200 varieties of trees and plants have been imported and acclimatised.

The eucalyptus found its way here from the deep bush of Australia, and the blue gum grows in great beauty as a road side tree.

The grounds of the two newspaper offices are laid out and have pools representative of a winter garden; the residents in the private streets are adopting the American method of having no fences, the front gardens running right up to the footpaths, and they are laid out not from the point of view of the owner, but rather from the city's aspect.

Proceeding, Dr. Osborne stated that this great change in Honolulu was brought about by the enthusiasm and whole heartedness of a few women, who banded themselves together under the name of "The Outdoor Circle." They commenced operations in tidying up and cleaning away the rubbish from the vacant blocks and keeping the footpaths neat and tidy; having accomplished this, they interested themselves in tree planting and then developed and established natural floral decoration. No hoardings are allowed in Honolulu.

At this stage the speaker remarked upon the beauty of the reserves and the pleasing view of the electric light standards at the Clifton Hill end of High street, Northcote.

Referring again to America, Dr. Osborne said that Chicago would celebrate its centenary about the same time as Melbourne, and to celebrate this event Chicago's unemployed were engaged in removing all the muck accumulated in the city, which, at four million) and depositing the refuse etc., in swamps situated on the lake shore, which runs for 7 miles along the shore of Lake Michigan, in order to construct a Centenary Memorial Park where the centenary celebrations will be held.

At this stage the speaker suggested that thought should be given to the way in which Melbourne might in 1935, fittingly celebrate its centenary, and considered it would be a splendid thing if by that time we could beautify the Yarra Boulevard which would be useful as well as a scenic acquisition.

Another possibility with the Yarra was to make Melbourne a city of bridges as the metropolitan areas spread; the wonderful impression created by the bridges in Buda Pest caused one to believe that we are not using the Yarra to its full extent.

Concluding, the speaker remarked that the beautification of Honolulu now had its business aspect, as that its third chief source of revenue came from the tourists, and she hoped that Australia would filmbelate a tourist trade, from which the Commonwealth would derive considerably, not only from the visitors' spendings, but from the expenses of our export trade.

Hard to Woo

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IV.

For a moment I stood shaking my fist at the flying boat, then I ran back to the castle.

"Wallace," I roared, "get out the motor boat! John, search the house for Miss Stanley. If you find her, come to me at once, or if I've left the island, light a flare on the shore-side beach. D'you understand?"

I found Wallace cursing furiously. "Water!" he burst out as I entered the boat house. "The engines are flooded—the petrol tank's full of it!"

There was considerable pepper of red hot language in Wallace's observations, but that was the gist of them.

So, she had thought of that even! I admired her even as I ground my teeth.

Then I roared for Lawson, a fisherman whom I had recognised among the party up at the castle. In five minutes the keel of his boat grated down the beach, and he sprang in at the stern.

But the other boat was just nearing land, and before we were half across the moonlit stretch I saw its sails flap down. I sat on the gunwale of the craft as she lay down to the wind, cursing my thick head and her clever one, chafing at the slowness of our passage and the ease with which she had baffled me.

There is only one inn in the village, and there I went hot-foot to make inquiries.

A hail to the fishing-boat had made certain of the fact of Alma's escape, but where she had gone on landing the fisherman didn't know. But old Bob, of the "Crofters," where I always stall my car, met me at the door of the inn.

"Was just coming over, my lord," he shouted, "when the young lady arrived. I got her off safe, my lord

"Got her off!" I repeated, feeling my face reddning.

"In the car, my lord. Your man was ready dressed to cross to answer the great bell. In a tick, the car was out and your orders obeyed."

"My orders!" I said with a laugh.

I was enjoying the thing now—enjoying defeat. How very, very nearly she had done me!

There was no other car in the village, but one of the footmen kept a bicycle with Bob, and I commandeered it.

I wasn't fool enough to think of pursuing her. That would have been insane, for with my man letting the car go she would be doing forty or fifty miles an hour across the moors.

But I pedaled furiously, scorching as I've never ridden before, to Orley, the nearest town.

Hot, stiff panting, I almost fell from the machine at the police station in a moment or so the telegraph was clicking an urgent message.

"Stop car ZN 861; man and young lady—accused of theft."

Then I sat down in front of a newly-lit fire, and chatted, smoked, and drank hot teddy with the inspector.

The grey dawn was making the station light sickly when an answering wire to ours was brought in.

The car had been stopped nearly thirty miles away. I was to drive over to identify it and the prisoners.

In a borrowed car we set off. At first, for half our journey, I was triumphant. She might think me—might call me—a fool, but I had outwitted her in the end.

But afterwards I knew I had behaved like a cad—a pretty bad cad—and it made me shiver.

At our journey's end I felt like a whipped dog, more ashamed of myself than I've ever felt, and I confess of being afraid to meet her—her scornful glance, her curling lips.

The police had naturally detained her. They showed me into a little, bare, cheerless room. She stood up as I came in—a white, wan tired shadow of the Alma I loved.

I closed the door.

"I'm sorry," I said. "It's no use saying that. No words are any good, and I don't suppose you've anything to say to me. Some actions are too bad for abuse. I'm the clumsy fool you think me, and the jest—half real, half sham—grew out of hand, out of my control. I didn't want you to laugh at me. I wanted to show you that I was a man. I've only showed you that I'm a cad. I apologise very sincerely, very deeply, and I tell you so, not in the hope of forgiveness, but only because I'm selfish enough to feel glad that the words are said. I meant to show you that I had ambition, that I could be roused; that I wouldn't be managed when—when I had set my heart on getting a thing done. I've played through to the bitter end. Whatever you think of me, I've beaten you. I've won. I'm with you still; you haven't escaped. My car's downstairs; the man shall drive you where you direct, without let or hindrance. I won't ever bother you again, and I'll pay any sum you care to mention to any nominated charity as damages for the wrong I've done you."

She had not moved. She heard me through, absolutely motionless.

"Is that all you have to say?" she asked me at last.

I nodded.

"You have no excuse—no other excuse?"

I shook my head.

"Nothing to—to extenuate what you've done?"

"Only this," I cried losing my head. "I didn't mean to tell you—but you shall know. What I have done—the insults, the rudeness, the outrage, the impertinence—I did because I love you! because it's purgatory to think of losing you, because I'm tortured if your hand rests in another man's. I'm in love—desperately, madly in love. I worship you. I've longed to make you think a little more highly of me. Do I know I've gone a fool's way to work! Now you can laugh at me before you go. However hurt you are, I'm hurt more, and my ache's for ever, Alma."

Suddenly she lifted her head. Her eyes were shining, but they were full of tears. "Am I laughing?" she asked very low. And, foolishly I could only breathe her name.

"It was always Gulliste—Gulliste who wanted a mistress—never you who wanted a wife. You talked as if Gulliste could tempt me to marry a man I didn't love—of Gulliste, the London barrack, your title. Why, there's nothing, absolutely nothing, as you said, to see in them!"

She took a step back from me, crying out:

"You never said: 'I love you'—never—never! You never spoke of your love or mine. Marriage isn't made by a woman's 'yes'—it's something more glorious than that. It's love."

"Two hands," I cried, breaking in on her and seizing them in mine: "two hearts. Alma, and—"

I had drawn her close—even then I was fool enough to wait for her flickering evelids to fall, for her cheeks to grow rosy, for her fingers to tremble and struggle to be free, before I added—with meaning:

"Alma—two lips!"

(The End)

A FIRST STEP

Put Down Wandering Cattle

A correspondent writes us that our city fathers would encourage the inhabitants of Northcote to beautify the nature strips of the footpaths, if decided action were taken to check the serious menace arising from wandering cattle etc. A step in this direction would be the adoption of Cr. Ogilvie's suggestion at the last council meeting that a by law be introduced prohibiting the keeping of cows throughout the whole of the city.

Meanwhile our council should make a clean sweep in clearing out all cows still allowed to graze within the prohibited area west of Victoria road. Only last Thursday wandering cows chewed and seriously damaged a number of palms from which the tree guards had been removed in Kellett street.

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Dear Cobbers,—How are you all after this changeable week? Jacko has a beautiful cold in the head. Jim has been going round sneezing and speaking in a nasty nasally and Fluffy has been making such fun of him, but all the same she has been a good little nurse. She tucks him up cosily at night, with a hot water bottle and brings him breakfast in bed in the morning so Jacko says he'll have a continual cold if it will give him such kind treatment. The Pets have both been good, amusing themselves indoors mostly, with Grandpa's endless stories to keep them content.

The new girl Cobber this week and the Pets are still thinking up a new Competition, so keep your eyes open for it. Heaps of love and greetings from Uncle Phil and the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Heartiest and Happiest of Birthday Greetings to Helen Gamble and Victor Nelson (May 7); Dulcie Jolley, Sylvia Harris, Laura Grant, Jean Hawke and Ted Stevens (May 13); Alan Northmore and George Joyce (May 14); and Rene Broadhurst (May 15).

OUR MAIL BAG

Mike Taylor.—Welcome to the Cobbers and Birthday Club. Olive, and we hope you'll send us a snap of yourself for your Album. Your contribution is in this week so look out for it. The Pets send greetings and love.—U.P.

Cohen Mahoney.—It is great to hear from you again. Cobber. How is your music going? Will you send a snap of yourself for our Cobbers' Album please? Congratulations on gaining the prize, which will be here on Monday.—Love—U.P.

Cen Power.—Bravo Cen for gaining the 100 marks. Will you call for the prize on Monday, Cobber. Heaps of love.—U.P.

Joy Joyce.—Congrats. Joan for getting 100 marks. Will you call on Monday for the prize. Greetings.—U.P.

Andrew Anthonsen.—Bravo Andrew for reaching the 100. The prize will be ready on Monday. Pets send love.—U.P.

Bert Moylan.—We can't use your word square without the clues so send them along. Heaps of Greetings.—U.P.

Kathleen Birch.—The "Six Stars" competition is good but of no use for our corner. Each as we can't use things of that sort. Send something else, Cobber.—U.P.

George Gordon.—Thank you for the snap of yourself Fred and Lee for our Album. It was nice and Jacko is so proud of you. Best Wishes.—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

Trias are a class of their own, and must constitute a prize in our ordinary 100 marks. Each entry must be marked on the top "Tria Entry" so I will know they are for this competition. The subjects chosen give a wide range of things of interest—holidays, sports, camping, motoring, about the beach or country, anything about hobbies, games to play, about your gardens and things that are 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 using the work from a book, do not just copy it out. Read it over two or three times, and then write it out in your own words, making your meaning clear. Don't hurry 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

TRIAS

THE STORY OF THE PUSSY WILLOW

It was a very windy afternoon, so I sat in the shade of a big pussy willow, eat an old log with two small children. She was telling the children a story. Once there lived in the village of Catsborough a tabby cat, who was immensely proud of his tail. It is true he had a very remarkable and beautiful one. Now all the other cats in the village were exceedingly jealous of Timothy's tail, and resolved to cure him of his boasting ways. One day, when he was getting a little drowsy, he saw some little boys coming up the path from the window: "Tails glossed and combed." He resolved to have his tail dyed. The man in the shop saw him coming to be put some stuff in the glass that makes the tail fall off. The man asked Timothy what he wanted so Timothy told him. But when Timothy put his tail in the tub it fell off. Poor Timothy took his tail, and after a few years dug a grave and buried it. In the year a little tree came up. After a few weeks little silver buds came on the tree and later the little silver buds came out into golden blossoms. He thought that he might name the tree, so he called it "The Pussy Willow." That is how the pussy willow got its name.

Alma Stephens.

SILKWORM MOTH

The Emperor moth include the largest moths yet known, the Saturnia Atlas, the extent of whose wings measures between eight and nine inches. The ground color is a fine deep straw colour, and in the middle of each wing is a large sub-triangular transparent window, each of these transparent parts is surrounded by a black border, and across all the wings run lighter and darker bars, exhibiting the maximum of varying shades. The upper wings are slightly curved downwards at their tips, and the lower wings are edged with a border of black spots on a pale buff ground ground. The antennae are widely pectinated with a quadruple series of fibres, which have an elegant appearance. This moth is most common in Southern India, and the Chinese tussah silk has been said to be obtained from it.

T. Craig.

JUMBLED COATS

This is a new game for you to play. First all the girls and boys bring in their coats and place them in a heap in the centre of the room. Then they form a circle round the coats and dance round while someone plays the piano or whistles a rollicking tune. Presently the music stops whereupon each player makes a dart for the coats, picks up one and puts it on. All the coats must be buttoned up and the last player to put on the coat he has picked up is out of the game. This goes on till only one player is left the winner. You can imagine what fun it is although sometimes the players get such funny coats and it is so amusing to watch them struggling into them.

(GOOD). George Gordon.

BUNNY

We had a dear little bunny, a tame, grey, fluffy one, with bunny whose brown eyes shine brightly; you see he's got the "twinkle eye" which everyone loves. We have had him a year. How well I remember the night we first came home carrying Bob when I dripped a drop of water on his head, and said "I have christened you Peter." Since then he has grown, what we would do without our pet I don't know, he's ever so precious.

(GOOD) George Joyce

JONES

A minister, announcing the result of a special collection, so far forgot himself as to say: "I am happy to be able to say that the total reached £35/0/11½. I am forced to add, however, in fairness, that there is a man from Aberdeen on holiday in our midst. Thirty-five pounds and three great pennies. We're wrong, sir," came a broad voice from the rear of the hall, "there's four of 'em."

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy.

DOLLIE'S CARPET SWEEPER

This is very easily, and quickly made from an ordinary match box, a pen holder, some wire and small drawing pins. First of all, bend the wire back at each end so that it will fit over the top of the match box like a bracket, and then drill a tiny hole in the end of the pen holder and thread it on to the wire for the handle. Now make a small hole at each end of the box for the wire to fit into, so that it will grip firmly. All you need do to finish your model is to push a drawing pin in at each corner of the box for wheels, if you like you can paint it over with your paints.

(GOOD) Jean Moylan.

PRETTY NECKLACE

A pretty necklace can be made of dried peas. With a small hat pin have a hole through each pea, then thread on double cotton three yards about fifteen inches apart in some thing firm and then tie each of the ends of cotton on a pin so that the thread is pulled tight. Now get your paints and tint the peas.

(GOOD) L. Scrimes.

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE TWINS' PUNISHMENT

(Concluded)

Instead of preparing the party she bought a big white dress and made it up and put it away in a box. On their birthday the twins were more than ever sad and had forgotten all about Rosie's sorrow. In the afternoon Grannie said that they were going to have their party with Rosie. So she called Rosie and they all went into the dining room where on the table lay a big box. The twins opened it and there lay the doll with a note bearing the words: "To Rosie. To replace the doll we broke, apologising for our unkindness. With love from Bobbin and Bubbin." The faces of the twins were worth a shilling to see as Rosie ran home with the doll to tell her mother. Grannie saw that they had been punished enough, so she took them into the town and they had a jolly little tea party at a tea shop, and after went to see their Auntie Nell who lived a train journey of about 20 minutes from Wiewild Village.

(The End) Betty Muter.

NAUGHTY TOMMY

Oh, dear! Oh, dear! I must not cry,
For I just stole an apple pie.
Cook was doing in her chair,
When I came down the kitchen stair;

Twelve nice tarts I did spy,
So I took one on the sly:
When they find out they will say,
Where has Tommy gone to play?

They will come with sticks for me,
And I will get a whipping see;
So where, oh where can I hide,
Oh, but I feel queer inside!

For sneaking tarts there's sure to be,
A whipping hard for bed Tommy.

(GOOD) Leslie Gordon.

THE MOUSE

He ran up the candle stick
The little mouse brown;
To steal and eat the tallow
And he couldn't get down.

He called for his Grandma
But his Grandma was in town;
So he doubled up into a wheel
And rolled himself down.

(GOOD) Kevin Power.

BERTIE'S MISCHIEF

On a lovely summer's evening
When the moon was shining bright,
Sister Sadie went out walking
In the soft and silvery light.

"Hooray!" cried Bertie in mischevious glee;
"Now, let us have some fun!"
Belinda, Bud and Bubs agreed,
And soon the deed was done:

They opened all the letters
And the contributions tore to bits,
Said Bertie, "If those pets could only see us,
They'd have some purple fits!"

When sister Sadie home returned
She found an awful mess;
For what she said to those young imps
I'll leave the Pets to guess.

BABY BOY

Mother has a baby boy;
Daddy's mad with joy;
Threw his hat up in the air,
Said his best clothes he will wear.
Mother too, is very proud,
Singing his praises very loud;
Now a back seat we will take—
Baby boy will get the cake;
Never was there such a joy,
As mother's tiny baby boy.

(GOOD) Bert Moylan.

COMMON FOLK

Common folk, like you and me, can ride upon a bus,
Just as we please, for no one cares about the likes of us;
And if we see a little joke we catch a friendly eye,
And share a cheerful, common grin with any passer by.

(GOOD) Jean Doggett.

A PUSSIE'S DIARY

I'm a cat of great renown,
And I'm known throughout the town.
As a dauntless and most persevering ratter;
I've a nose and ears that can't be beaten,
And the rats I've killed and eaten;
Well, the number of them really doesn't matter.

(GOOD) Audrey Doggett.

If I had a pup
I'd call him Joe,
And I'd dress him up
In a pretty bow.

If I had a kitty
I'd call her Dot,
Isn't it a pity
That I have not.

(GOOD) Ruby Keele.

CUSHLA MACHREE

Dear Erin, how sweetly thy green bosom rises,
An emerald set in the ring of the seas,
Each blade of thy meadows my faithful hearts prizes,
Thou Queen of the West the world's cushla machree.

Thy gates open wide to the poor and the stranger,—
There smiles hospitality, beauty and free;
Thy friendship is seen in the moment of danger,
And the wanderer is welcomed with cushla machree.

Thy sons thy are brave; but, the battle once over,
In brotherly peace with their foes they
And the roseate cheeks of thy daughters discover
The soul-speaking blush that says cushla machree.

(GOOD) Terry Power.

THE PANCAKE

Mix a pancake; stir a pancake,
Pour it in the pan;
Fry the pancake; toss the pancake
Catch it if you can.

(GOOD) Frank Power.

TWISTERS

See how many times you can say these without getting your tongue twisted:—"Which colored collar would Colin like for Connie."

"Six ships swiftly shifting seven ship-wrecked seamen."

(GOOD) Myra Whipp.

STORYETTES

"My wife is away so I have to do my own cooking." "Can you cook?" "It is very easy. You just put food in the saucepan, put it on the stove, and when you smell burning, it is done."

(GOOD) Irene Whipp.

The Lion.—"Teddy, come and help me to move the rabbit hutch," cried Tom. "I can't Tom," replied Teddy. "I'm using myself at the moment."

(GOOD) Winnie Birmingham.

"When my office boy asked me the afternoon off to bury his grandmother, I knew about the football match, and told him I would go who I went, and the worst of it is that he did go to his grandmother's funeral."

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

Spectator: "I say goalie; how did you come to be so fat?" Goalie: "A half back kicked me in the full back and rushed my centre forward."

(GOOD) Keith McIntosh.

Teacher: "Now, can any boy give me a sentence with the word 'rounds' in it?" George: "Yes, sir. I drew a picture of a cart and I wrote under what it was."

Teacher: "Mother, is this big piece of cake for Mary?" Mother: "No, dear, it is for you." Baby: "Oh, what a little piece."

(GOOD) Enid Love.

Explained.—Mother (looking at the black currant jam): "Oh, dear, I must not buy this jam any more, it is simply full of stalks." Irene: "Yes mother, it says on the label 'Branches everywhere.'"

(GOOD) Clyde Birmingham.

Jack: "Why would Ginger Meggs never be hungry if he was lost in a desert?" Billy: "Because he has a dinner pail."

(GOOD) George Joyce.

Elsie: "You've heard of the 'sheep song?'" Joe: "What is it: 'Wool You Be Mine.'" Elsie: "No, no, "All I Want is Ewe."

(GOOD) Colleen Mahoney.

"I shall be so happy, darling, when you give a ring," she murmured. "Yes, of course, Ern—what's your number?"

"I always encourage my husband to recline in an easy chair and put his feet on the mantelpiece." "Why?" "When he goes to bed he can change his left in the chair."

(GOOD) Aileen Capper.

A printer ran short of vowels and had to leave a line like this:—

T. M. BR. W N. V. R C. M. S.

He was only short of two vowels. Which were they, and what was the sentence?

Answer: O and E. Tomorrow never comes.

(GOOD) Colin Smithwick.

Teacher: "What is your name little boy?" Small Boy: "I don't know." Teacher: "What was your mother call you when she has cake or cream for tea?" Small Boy: "She doesn't call me, I am already there!"

(GOOD) Leslie Page.

Shopper: "I'd like a bar of soap please." Shopkeeper: "Would you like it scented?" Shopper: "No, sir; I'll take it with me."

(GOOD) Con Power.

"Can I see the Minister for Agriculture?" "Well, he's very busy, madam; what did you want to see him about?" "Well, a specimen of mine isn't doing very well."

(GOOD) Joe Jowett.

Friend: "How do you like married life?" Dramatist: "Fine! I have made three plays out of my wife's past already."

She: "Darling, Father has gone bankrupt." He: "I always said he would find ways and means of separating us."

Moneylender: "What expectations have you got?" Youth: "Oh, forty quid—it you can manage it."

(GOOD) Kathleen Birch.

The Vicar (to small boy): "Thank you very much for these eight apples for the harvest festival. I must call round and thank your mother personally. Small Boy: "P—please, sir, if you do, will you thank her for twelve?"

(GOOD) Roy Murphy.

Magistrate (during assault case): "You say this man called you a blackbird?" Country Yokel: "Well 'e says, 'Pull your 'at down over yer 'ead 'ere come a wood pecker!'"

(GOOD) Alan Gray.

What is that which you take and yet leave behind?—Your footsteps.

(GOOD) Beryl Page.

Small Boy: "Auntie, was Robinson Crusoe an acrobat?" Aunt: "I don't know, why Willie?" Small Boy: "Because it says soon after he had finished his day's work he 'sat on his chest.'"

(GOOD) Syd Grenfell.

Airman (who has crashed on top of a tree): "Bang it, and I was trying to make a record, too." Farmer Gubbins: "Well, sir, you've made one, I reckon ye be the first man who ever climbed down a tree without having to climb up it first."

(GOOD) Allan Love.

How It Seems.—Pilot (to nervous passenger): "What makes you think we're going too fast?" Passenger: "W—w—we just passed a b—bunch of m—mile stones."

(GOOD) K. Newman.

Customer: "Why do you tell me about stories?" Barber: "Because it makes your hair stand on end and it's easier to cut."

(GOOD) Brian Mahony.

Captain (calling down hatchway): "How many men are there below?" Mate: "Seven, sir." Captain: "Then send half of them up on deck."

(GOOD) Margery Upton.

A mile down the water has a pressure of over a ton to the square inch. Sometimes waves are 40 feet in height and travel 50 miles an hour.

(GOOD) Jean Grenfell.

Johnnie: "My voice has been well trained." Uncle: "Good. Now teach it to lie down and be quiet."

(GOOD) Colleen Mahoney.

KIDDLES

What table has not a leg to stand upon?—Multiplication table.

What animal was last to enter the ark and the last to come out? The elephant was last on both occasions because he had to pick up his trunk.

(GOOD) Mary Tierney.

When is a bird on a fence like a penny?—When it has its head on one side and its tail on the other side.

Where was Amy Johnson when the candle went out?—In the dark.

(GOOD) Olive Taylor.

When are we like the hands of a clock?—When we mark time.

What musical instruments do we all carry?—Two drums.

What has many ears, and yet cannot hear a thing?—A field of wheat.

When is a heavy umbrella light?—When it is down.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

Why did the cow go over the road?—To get to the other side.

(GOOD) Jack 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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Quit not your post whate'er betide;
Stand fast 'mid peril, wounds and pain,
Tho' death you dare still steadfast bide.
When winter's bronchial ailments rage
Fear not the symptoms you endure,
There's sure relief for every stage
In woods' Great Peppermint Cure.—

Advt.

HOCKEY

The hockey season opened last Saturday.

A2 Grade

Herald-Sun defeated Ivanhoe after a good match by five goals to three. Bellew did well, scoring three goals, and with K. Rush and Gardner were the best of an even side. W. Bromley (2) and McLaughlan shared the goals and were conspicuous for Ivanhoe.

Fairfield, four goals, defeated East Malvern, two, Gleeson (back) did well for Fairfield, whose goal hitters were K. Brown, E. Brown, Clarke, and Munro. Crozier and Dougall were the losers' best. J. Teague was the goal-hitter, the other being knocked in by a Fairfield back.

B Grade

Essendon, two, defeated Fairfield, one. Fine (2 goals), McCure, and Smith played well. McInnes and Doig were Fairfield's best. McInnes scored their goal.

Fourth Division A.M.C., nine goals, defeated Kew, two goals. Higgins (6) and Sigley (3 goals) were outstanding. Eades and Cohn scored. Kew's goals. Wood (Kew) played well.

C Grade

Ivanhoe, 1, d Old Melburnians, nil; Y.M.C.A., 8 (Cole 6 goals), d East Malvern, nil; Brunswick, 4, d Essendon, nil.

BASKETBALL

In the Victorian Girls' Basketball Association's matches on Saturday in the B grade, Footscray Baptists, 21, d Croxton 12.

In F grade Millers, 47, d Croxton 12.

STAR OF NORTHCOTE, I.O.R.

The fortnightly meeting was held on April 30, Bro. T. McWilliams, C.R., presiding over a good attendance. Two new members were initiated and welcomed by Bro. Findlay, while three members were received on clearance. The delegate to the cricket association reported that the batting average of the association had been won by Bro. C. McKay, a member of the Northcote team, whose figures were 45.5. He also scored the highest number of runs (631). Another member of the team, Bro. A. Scott, was a close second, his average being 45.2. In the junior section the batting average was won by Bro. Grant, of the Dennis Team. These members are to be congratulated on their splendid achievements.

Several minor matters were dealt with, after which nominations were received for the more important offices. The half-yearly elections will take place at the next meeting on May 14, at which the other officers will be represented by Bro. R. Andrewartha, D.D., and it is expected that the members will roll up in full force.

After the meeting the I.O.R. indoor bowls team played Ivanhoe B, and after an interesting, although one-sided, game the home team won easily, the scores being 18 to 8.

The Cobbers' Club

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OUTPLAY BRIGHTON IN HARD-FOUGHT CONTEST

BRILLIANT DASHING FOOTBALL CAPTIVATES ONLOOKERS

FRANK SEYMOUR PILOTS SEVEN GOALS

(By "Aequus.")

In a game brimful of tense and exciting incidents, and by superior team work and excellent high marking, Northcote removed the "hoodoo" by defeating Brighton at Elsternwick for the first time since the seasiders removed their quarters from the Brighton Beach ground.

Both teams excelled in fast, dashing football, but the superiority of the locals in all branches of the game allowed them to finish comfortable victors by 19 points.

After a fortnight's spell, occasioned through the observation of Anzac Day, football was resumed last Saturday when Northcote, having recovered from their thrill of the opening match with Preston, journeyed to Elsternwick Park to meet the formidable Brighton team.

As Northcote had not tasted success as yet on that oval, there were many misgivings as to the ultimate result.

Several Changes Made

Following on the disqualification of Jack Perkins for the remainder of the season, the locals included Charlie McSwain (a former Carlton follower) to fill the breach. Jack has played sterling football for Northcote and his enforced omission was a sad blow. Supporters, however, welcomed the reappearance of "Doug" Nicholls, the popular wingster, who took the place of Towers.

Seasiders Include Fresh Players

Brighton considerably strengthened the team by including Fordham, Moreom and Alexander all former players, and Wallish, from Sandringham in place of Marshall, Redda, Gallagher and Goldsworthy.

The ground was in excellent order and, as the day was a splendid one for football, it was surprising that the attendance was not more than 2,000.

The Teams and Umpires

Northcote.—Backs: Humphries, Cockram, Hill; half backs: Stockdale, McSwain, Woods; centres: Garrett, Corrigan, Nicholls; half forwards: Gray, Briggs, Poulter; forwards: Simmonds, Seymour, Hoak; followers: Rowe, Honig; rover: Brown.

Brighton.—Backs: Storey, Cantwell, Hunt; half backs: Robertson, Wallish; centres: Barnes, Clotz, Fordham; half forwards: Burnes, Bolwell, Moreom; forwards: Alexander, Cooper, Hunt; followers: Lilburne, Schneck; rover: Tucker.

Umpires.—Field: Hassett; boundaries: Barfoot, O'Meara; goal: Bryce and Laidlaw.

The Play

Rowe won the toss from Lilburne and selected first use of a slight breeze. Nichols soon made his presence felt, initiating attacks which Stewart and Carswell nullified.

Newcomer's Success

Play travelled up and down smartly McSwain twice turned the seasiders back with high marks. Garrett and he co-operated nicely.

Brighton Captain's Goal

Smart, nippy play by Barnes and Tucker carried the ball for the first time into Northcote's goals, where Lilburne cleverly snapped first goal of the match. Northcote were having much the better of the play, but the forwards, through bunching, spoilt each other. Garrett continued to excel on the wing. He gave Seymour two chances, one of which gained a point.

A Thrilling Dash

Combining dash and cleverness, Dore, Hunt, Stewart and Tucker carried the advance by Rowe and Briggs to an onslaught on Northcote's citadel. With a free, Burnes notched a single.

Northcote Take the Lead

From a capital kick to his Cockram Poulter marked. He played to Stockdale, who found Briggs, the latter marking and kicking beautifully for the possible. Then Gray forwarded and Seymour marked well for another big point. Bolwell replied with a single.

Some Fierce Tussles

Barnes and Nicholls were both playing well on the wings. Each did much fine work. From a long kick by the latter a point was recorded, and Cole manoeuvred another from a fine sortie close in. Northcote, led by Garrett and Corrigan, hammered away in bright attacks, but both Cole and Brown spoilt by sending the ball out. A chain of marks by Hill, Rowe, and Poulter, resulted in the inevitable single, while Humphries obtained another.

Rack Duel

Rowe and Honig following, more than held their own against Lilburne and Schneck, but Tucker's roving was first class. He outwitted several of his opponents and half forwarded where Bolwell was freed. He scored a minor.

Failure and Success

Brown, Gray and Humphries soon had Northcote attacking, but Seymour with a penalty missed close in. However, from a speculative mark he nicely punted a sixer and Northcote single. Several shots either went across the goals or out. A dashing run by Brown found Dore and Stewart in the way.

Brighton's Turn Comes

With the wind behind them away, the home team again and again surged forward. Cochram and Humphries saved determinedly. Rosenbrock at last gained a point and superb foot passing between Bolwell, Morcom and Petersen resulted in the latter goaling.

The Gem of the Match

Play was now fast, willing and exciting. Neither side spared the other. Outplaying two opponents, Garrett began a beautiful series of exchanges in which Simmonds, Cole and Briggs took part. Seymour received from the latter and easily punted the ball between the undefended goal. Northcote held a substantial lead of 21 points.

Brighton Die Gamely

Undismayed, Brighton fought back, and, through the medium of Lilburne and Petersen, added goals. Then Hunt, Wallish and Alexander scored singles while Simmonds, Cole and Rowe were as equally successful for the visitors. When the bell rang Northcote were 19 points in front. Final scores:—

NORTHCOTE.—13 goals 16 behinds (94 points).

BRIGHTON.—10 goals 15 behinds (75 points).

The Players

Northcote's all round supremacy won a comfortable victory, but more steadiness in a crisis is essential among the forwards. Over anxiousness seems the chief fault. It causes selfishness and crowding when the play should be open and systematic. Seymour is entirely free from blame. Brighton had a fairly even combination but also were weak forward.

Garrett in Form

No one was more prominent than Garrett, who completely outplayed Fordham and gave a dashing display. Corrigan showed much improvement in the centre and Nicholls did well for his first run.

Humphries an Improved Player

Both Honig and Rowe showed not much better than against Preston but Humphries has made wonderful bounds of progress and played a capital game. Poulter again showed great form and ran Garrett close for the honor of the day. Gray does not seem in last year's form yet, but Brown worked like a Trojan throughout.

Good Defenders

Cockram and Stockdale were safe in defence while Woods and McSwain did their share. Hill, at times was undecided, but was fairly reliable. He has a safe pair of hands.

Seymour Shines

With brilliant marking and sound judgment, Seymour was able to kick 7 goals. Briggs, who was ill, did fairly. Simmonds, 3 goals, improved immensely after half time. Cole, fought bravely throughout without much luck. Both these players will do much better if they take more time with their kicks and not try to cover big distances. They should study Seymour for coolness.

Hunt and Schneck

For Brighton, Hunt and Schneck played delightful football. Barnes was good on the wing and Tucker roved finely. Lilburne scored some nice goals, and Bolwell marked in good style. Morcom Dore and Burnes were the best of the others.

The Umpire

Hassett gave a fine display with the whistle. He did not hold up the play unnecessarily and it will not be long before Association football will draw bigger crowds if the game is to be allowed more freedom and dash.

FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!

SANDRINGHAM

v.

NORTHCOTE

AT SANDRINGHAM

SATURDAY, MAY 9

At 2.45 p.m.

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R. L. WALSH,
Hon. Secretary.

TOMORROW'S MATCH

Northcote v Sandringham

Another visit to the seaside, this time to Sandringham, will be made by Northcote, when the locals play the young club there. As both have beaten Brighton and, as Sandringham are a tough proposition on their own ground it should be a fast and exciting contest.

ASSOCIATION

Clubs	Matches				Points Scored			
	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	Percentage	Premiership Points
Oakleigh	2	2	..	193	126	65.24	8
Northcote	2	2	..	176	154	87.50	8
Port Melb.	2	1	1	176	126	65.61	4
Camberwell	2	1	1	193	183	94.81	4
Coburg	2	1	1	178	169	94.94	4
Brunswick	2	1	1	162	153	94.44	4
Preston	2	1	1	173	173	100.00	4
Sandringham	2	1	1	166	200	120.52	4
Williamstown	2	1	1	166	181	109.03	4
Yarraville	2	1	1	166	184	112.04	4
Brighton	2	1	1	187	214	114.43	4
Prahran	2	..	2	141	218	154.88	..

V.J.F.A.

NORTHCOTE v BRIGHTON

In their second match the Northcote second eighteen met Brighton at Northcote Park and fielded a strong combination, as follows:—Backs: Davies, Ackland, Gray; half-backs: Houlicroft, Smith, Jackson; centres: Rocking, Turner, O'Neill; half-forwards: Russ (vice-capt.), McCasker, Woods; forwards: Randall, Bresnan, Oakley; followers: Goullett, Haw; rover: Laxon. Emmens (awaiting clearance), Bob Woods (on sick list), Franzi, Power, Powell, Jupp and Rowe, who played in the opening match, were replaced by Len Smith, Ted Woods, McCasker, Oakley, Jackson and also Haw and Goullett from the seniors.

Northcote won the toss and came the Fairfield goal. Goullett obtained possession at the bounce and forwarded. Randell, marking well, passed to Bresnan, who scored first goal for the day. Goullett, hitting out well to Laxon, gave the visitors little opportunity, and any forward move was repulsed by the formidable back line. Len Smith playing a fine game. The first quarter ended with Northcote 9.4 to Brighton's nil. In the second quarter the visitors kicked two points, while the home team added 2.14, the forwards having difficulty in reaching the goal. The Brighton full back was outstanding in defence, but for the score from reaching mammoth proportions. The visitors scored then second point in the third quarter, revealing good defensive work on their back line and occasional glimpses of good play in other departments, were hopelessly outclassed. Northcote, after their poor display in the opening match, showed a fine return to form, and with more accuracy in the final quarter should prove hard to beat in future engagements. There were no passengers in the side, but perhaps the most prominent in the game were Laxon, Goullett, Oakley, Len Smith, Randall, Ted Woods and Ackland. Jack Haw, who is endeavoring to strike form after an enforced lay-off, should be a valuable acquisition to the side in hard games. McCasker, in his first game for some years, also played a fine game. Captain and coach Bob Skilton, is very satisfied with the talent available and the progress made. The final scores were Northcote, 23 goals 25 behinds (173 points); Brighton, 2 behinds (2 points).

The result is a poor advertisement not only for the Victorian Junior Football Association, but for the Brighton senior club, who, in accordance with an agreement between the V.F.A. and V.F.L., are obliged to field a second eighteen.

CLUB NOTES

The dance held by the club in the Austral Hall on Thursday proved a success, and it is the intention of the committee to run weekly dances.

Mr. A. Proposch, of High street, Northcote, a member of the committee, has donated for competition a diamond ring, valued at £2/2/, for the ladies, whilst a gent's hat is being donated as a prize for the men. The competition will commence on May 16, and extend over six nights, heat winners being presented with small trophies nightly.

A telegram wishing the club success has been received from Mr. Russell Johnson. Mr. Johnson, who is now in Tasmania, was an outstanding player during 1930, and won the coveted president's trophy for the year.

Cuttings received from Sydney papers describe Jack Ludlow (who played with the club last season) as the best player on the ground in a Sydney League game.

Mr. Ern Watkins, who has given valuable service to the club as timekeeper and press correspondent, has been notified of his appointment to the "Herald" football reporting staff.

Doug Spencer, a popular player of the club a few years ago, and Phil Lane have been granted clearances to Fairfield and Preston respectively.

A visitor to the training rooms during last week was Mr. Ern Easton, on a business trip from Westbury.

PRESTON TOO STRONG FOR COBURG

Preston second eighteens went across to Coburg last Saturday fully confident of doing what they were not able to do in the 1930 final, which was to defeat Coburg.

Prior to the bouncing of the ball the president of the association (ex-Cr. A. A. McDonell) presented Coburg with the 1930 pennant, the presentation being received with enthusiasm.

In a game of fluctuating fortunes, spectators were treated to an excellent exhibition. Neither side appeared to reveal superiority until a run by the visitors gave them a handy lead, which they fought desperately to maintain till the bell, the final scores being:—Preston, 11 goals 12 behinds (78 points); Coburg, 6 goals 17 behinds (53 points).

For Preston, Smith (captain and coach), Sparrco, Ewing, Ryan, Robison, Haddrick and Mooney were always prominent, whilst Glover, Allan, Short, Foley, Street and Hedger revealed best form for Coburg.

The goal-kickers were:—Preston: Robinson (3), Ewing (2), Fennell (2), Lee, Haddrick, Avery and Daten. Coburg: Eley (2), Street (2), Fangher and Austin.

The engagement for Saturday is against Prahran on the Preston park.

ASSOCIATION SUB-DISTRICTS

A Grade.—Pascoevale, 12—16, d Abbotsphington, 8—5.

B Grade.—Preston, 9—16, d Northcote, 5—5; South Melbourne B, 17—25, d Croxton, 5—6.

C Grade.—Heidelberg, 10—16, d Fairfield, 3—4.

PRESTON UNITED v NORTHCOTE ROVERS

Played at Hanby Park, Bell street, the home ground of the United, was intensely interesting. Under Umpire Lewis, whose manipulation of the whistle was not overdone, and whose decisions were undoubtedly impartial, this was the first meeting of these two clubs, and the keen rivalry existing between the neighbouring senior teams was reflected in that of the junior graders. Preston at the bounce were two men short, but "hopped right in," and had the satisfaction at the first change of having a small lead of 2—3 to the visitors 2—1. Lang and Thuenen scored for Preston, while Page got Northcote's pair. In the second quarter, still one man short, United, with sparkling wing play by Ford, Prome, Chatley and Buzza were able to increase their lead considerably and safely held their opponents. Individual efforts by Ryan, Harris, Aitken and Merritt were outstanding on the offensive, and after an intensely vigorous and strenuous term, in which bumps were taken and spills frequent, the home side doubled their opponents 6—5 to 4—4. Donath, full back, with Ryan and McGlynn on the wings, were proving too strong in defence for the "Cycles." Goals this quarter came from Lang, Aitken and Ryan. The weak spots in the visitors' play became more apparent in the third term, while United were almost everywhere proving the masters. At "oranges" the score board showed:—Preston, 7—10; Northcote, 4—4. The last quarter saw the overwhelming of the visitors. Northcote failed to get even one through, while the Preston lads put on 2—6, and at the call of time rejoiced in the second successive win in their new grade by scorings 9—10 to Northcote's 5—5.

Preston's best were Chatley, Harris, Aitkin, Frame, Merritt and Ryan. Goal-kickers: Lang (4), Thuenen, Aitkin, Ryan, Rogers. Northcote's each side had many stars, but their two best were Page (4 goals) and Black (1 goal).

PROTESTANT CHURCHES

NORTH SUBURBAN

South Preston Methodist K.S.P. premiers of the North Suburban last season, journeyed to Royal Park for their first contest on Saturday, when they scored a runaway victory over St. Mark's, the scores being:—South Preston, 19 goals 19 behinds (133 points); St. Marks, 4 goals 3 behinds (27 points). Goal-kickers for the winners were Steele (7), W. Davies (3), Fox (3), N. Davies (2).

To-morrow South Preston will be at home to Moreland at Hanby's Park.

HEAVY SCORING

North Melbourne District, in the second grade of the Metropolitan Junior League, kicked 32—22 against North Melbourne Old Boys, Ellis scoring 16 goals.

In the third grade Thornbury kicked 33 goals and only 1 behind. Cook scored 16 goals.

BAND OF HOPE

Croxton, 40—31, d South Hawthorn. 1—3. Goal-kickers.—Croxton: Oxenham, 8; McCann (8), Gilks (3), Morgan (2). Best Players.—Croxton: Oxenham, R. McCann, Pridham. Hawthorn: Dunnan, Porter, Miller.

BOUKE EVELYN ASSOCIATION

Epping, 8—8, d Whittlesea, 2—5. Donnybrook, 10—12, d Mernda, 8—8.

PRESTON'S NARROW MARGIN

AN ENTERTAINING EXHIBITION STAGED

COBURG'S FINAL DASH FOR VICTORY

FRUSTRATED BY PRESTON'S DEFENCE

(By "Follower.")

The match at the Cramer street park between Preston and Coburg aroused considerable interest. Both teams had League stars representing them. Cazaly led Preston, whilst Duncan appeared for Coburg (both of carnival fame). The match was most interesting throughout, Preston eventually winning by the narrow margin of three points. Once again the game held the intense interest of the excited spectators right up to the final bell.

THE TEAMS

Preston.—Backs: Gray, Taylor, Spargo; half-backs: Smith, Monohan, Reichman; centres: Dowling, Izzard, Todd; half-forwards: Seebeck, Davie, Warr; forwards: Escott McEachern, Gall; followers: Cazaly (c.), Campbell; rover: Summers.

Coburg.—Backs: Gregory, Chapman, Elliott; half-backs: Rogers, Duncan, Deegan; centres: Sheldon, Donnelly, Farrin; half-forwards: Harris, Curtis, Lechy; forwards: Plant, Deegan, Willox; followers: Jenkins (c.), McGrath; rover: Mears.

Under ideal conditions the second round of the Association fixtures was opened on Saturday, Preston being home to Coburg in the presence of 20,000 spectators.

The game was another triumph for the V.F.A. Duncan (Coburg) and Seebeck (Preston) delighted the onlookers with their spectacular feats of high marking, which was a feature of the match.

The park has been receiving attention for the past month. Filling round the May street wing tended to make it round very slippery, players experiencing difficulty in keeping on their feet.

Preston won the toss and elected to kick towards the Cramer street goal. Coburg attacked smartly, but Taylor marked well and checked the move.

Preston's back men were inclined to kick too much fine on the man, as Davis and Willox achieved the majority from free kicks.

Coburg maintained a high speed and generally had their opponents in difficulties. Concentrating on the offensive, Mears cleverly snapped full goals.

The visitors kicked off again, but Prince effected a timely save. Then Preston for the first time came under the cloud.

Coburg forwarded. Preston's coach was disappointed. A free to Davis successfully snapped.

Boring splendidly, Mears was freely under battle for the visitors. Preston, at a signal, pass he quickly kicked the ball through.

Preston then attacked successfully, and Campbell both scoring the points.

Just before the term ended Harris (Bell for Coburg), the scores at the end of the quarter being:—

Coburg: 5 goals 1 behind (31 points)
Preston: 4 goals 4 behinds (28 points)

Changing over, Coburg were the first more off. Deegan, playing his first game, was doing good work. He will become a useful forward when he confines more time into his movements.

Preston was following effectively, but Coburg lads put one over despite a want position, he happened to be.

Preston attacks frantically, finding Coburg defenders repeatedly send defeating them of their objective.

After a tussel lasting, the game soon developed into systematic play. The movements of the players became cleaner, and it was evident that a treat was in store for the onlookers.

Seebeck initiated an advance. Cazaly, marking high, forced a further ahead by passing along to McEachern, who, living up to his reputation, evaded Chapman and hoisted the two flags.

A rally by Coburg, initiated from the centre by Donnelly, was magnificently thwarted by Taylor.

Reichman drove the leather further afield, and Izzard goaled with a running shot.

Jenkins was following with his customary coolness, though not quite as effective.

On the wing Martin, as usual, was spectacular, and a trifle too experienced for Dowling, who, despite this handicap, performed well.

An easy chance was given to Willox, but he failed badly to seize the opportunity.

Preston drove ahead again, success attending their efforts as Campbell goaled from a free.

Another concerted move followed. Escott booted the ball well up, where McEachern, actively scouting round the pack, got possession as the ball fell from the hands of the duck and smartly secured his objective.

The scores at half-time were:—

Preston: 8 goals 8 behinds (56 points)
Coburg: 7 goals 6 behinds (48 points)

One or two changes were now made in the position of Preston players. Warr was transferred to the centre, while Izzard was stationed half-forward.

The alterations appeared to be for the best, as both Warr and Izzard were prominent during the term.

The finest marking displayed during the game was revealed during this term. Duncan, at centre half-back, was almost unbeatable. He was the rock upon which many a local attack was shattered.

At the other end Seebeck's high marking was also particularly fine. Coburg launched attack after attack, but was beaten back by Preston's lofty tolleyer.

The crowd was gradually becoming entrafled in the game, which was growing more systematic and cleaner as it progressed, and was at all times appreciative of the efforts of both sides.

The defence of both sides was sound and every point was well earnt out.

Summers dashed the ball to Davie, who failed to take advantage of the opening, which later on Cazaly availed himself of.

McGrath was doing solid work, being ably supported by Lowe for the visitors.

Mears was again to the fore when he smartly registered a siser.

For the first time during the day Plant, with a nice mark, came under notice, and he made no mistake.

Warr was frequently applauded as he held his opponent at bay with his marks.

The quarter was decidedly impressive, the football exhibited being fast, with a tendency on the part of Preston's forwards to crowd in on each other instead of keeping out.

Coburg tore afield, but a shot by Deegan was marked by Taylor.

Preston were not passing with sufficient accuracy, several of their drives going to the man for whom they were not intended.

Duncan was playing solidly, and has apparently lost none of his prowess as a footballer of class.

Izzard was dashing as he forwarded to Escott. Then a chain of systematic passes between Gray, Izzard and Escott was crowned when Davie scored a goal.

Coburg responded with a single when Harris, with a quick pass, enabled Deegan to secure the coveted number.

The locals went forward like racehorses only to see their efforts marred through Escott fumbling, which allowed Elliott to relieve the situation.

A free to Duncan accentuated the position. He passed on to Sheldon, but the latter's kick was beautifully marked by Taylor.

Taylor was then brought on to the ball, Smith being placed to guard the entrance to the citadel.

Gradually drawing closer to their objective, Preston were inclined to play too much to the Mary street wing, which was very soft and which made scoring most difficult.

Warr drove play across the stand wing to Dodd, who forwarded to Davie, whose great effort was rewarded with a single.

Coburg made a final rally when Mears heartened supporters as he steered the leather clear, bringing his side to within three points of their rivals.

Up to this stage the crowd had been strangely quiet. This effort had the effect of arousing the spectators, as they roared tumultuously at each forward move. The game concluded without either side adding to scores, which were as follows—

PRESTON: 13 goals 16 behinds (94 points)

COBURG: 14 goals 7 behinds (91 points)

Goal-kickers

Preston:—McEachern (4), Cazaly (2), Campbell (2), Izzard (2), Gall, Summers, Davie.

Coburg:—Mears (6), Deegan (3), Plant (2), Willox, Harris.

For the winners Seebeck held sway, his marking, particularly in the third quarter, being effective and delightful. Cazaly followed well, whilst Warr, Taylor, Izzard, McEachern, Gray, Gall, Dodd and Campbell were the most outstanding of an even side.

For the losers Alec Duncan was a stalwart. In the third quarter his exhibition was greatly appreciated. Others to do well were Mears, Jenkins, McGrath, Lowe, Martin, Deegan (although rather slow) and Donnelly.

NOTTINGS FROM PRESTON

At the close of the contest, in the absence of the president (the mayor of Coburg, Cr. de Chene), Mr. Rogers complimented Preston on their victory.

Cr. Zwar, Preston's president, also visited Coburg's rooms, accompanied by Mayor Robinson, and offered his congratulations to Coburg on their fine display.

At the close of the game Cr. H. P. Zwar presented Bert Taylor with a gold medal, who, in the opinion of the donor (Mr. J. Holliday) was Preston's best player last season. Judging by the applause which greeted Taylor as he accepted his trophy, Vice-president Holliday was not far out in his selection.

It is not likely that Preston selectors will make much alteration to their side. A vacancy may be made for A. Gilley against Prahran at Toorak Park to-morrow.

Have you secured your membership ticket yet? It provides you with the cheapest form of recreation.

Following last Saturday's success there was a large crowd at the club's weekly dance at the town hall, when the second heat of the fox trot competition was decided.

By playing against Coburg Summers has created the record of playing his 101st game with the locals.

GRAY QUITE CONTENT TO REMAIN

On Monday night the Preston committee received an application from Gray, their dashing defender, for his clearance to return to Richmond. The committee, however, were loth to lose the services of such a player, and consequently his request was not complied with. Gray is quite content to remain with his old club.

Can Preston find a vacancy for Jeolen? This rover of repute has been cleared from Tasmania to Preston. Last season he showed exceptional form.

Dave Holliday has been cleared to North Melbourne.

PRESTON COMMITTEEMAN'S ESCAPADE

CHASES TASMANIAN AIR MAIL

Preston officials were greatly perturbed over the clearance of their captain and coach, Roy Cazaly, which was delayed in coming from Tasmania last Friday. The air mail was due at 1.30, but did not arrive till 4.30. This meant that there was no possibility of the mail being delivered before Saturday morning. However, the enthusiasm and zeal of a committeeman were amply rewarded. Arriving at the aerodrome at 1.30, he waited till 4.30 for the arrival of the mail to ascertain as to whether there was anything on board for the Victorian Football League. He received little encouragement, however, as the mail was transported to the P.M.G. waggon and hastily driven to Spencer street. Preston's official, at the same time, dashed off on a motor cycle after the mail, eventually landing himself with the mail in the sorting room at Spencer street. On inquiry from the superintendent he was advised that the mail was to be immediately forwarded to the G.P.O., Elizabeth street. In the meantime, in his dash for Cazaly's clearance, the official met Messrs. Cazaly and Hannah, who were lamenting their misfortune. However, fresh hope sprang up as this ardent member wended his way to the sorting room at the G.P.O., and succeeded in secuing the mail for the V.F.L. He was then advised that it would be necessary to obtain from the secretary of the League (Mr. L. H. McBrien) his authority to hand over the correspondence. This being done Mr. McBrien received his correspondence, and on opening it discovered a clearance from Tasmania for Cazaly. The League met on Friday night and granted the clearance. Hence, Cazaly took the field with his side, where his influence was strongly felt. This fact was certainly a triumph for the committee, whose energies never relax when there is a possibility of doing anything likely to assist the club. Citizens are you doing your share to assist the committee.

A change of position in regard to certain players should be regarded by those affected as being made in the interests of the side and should not affect the harmony of the side. They should be taken in the spirit in which they were offered:

Several changes effected by Captain Cazaly were evidently for the better. Up till half-time little was seen of Warr at half-forward. After the interval he was played in the centre and Izzard was sent half-forward. Both these players were much in evidence in the third term, Warr frequently doing good work. Izzard was under notice throughout the game.

It was noticeable that Preston's forwards too frequently bunched together. On two occasions players collided in the air, leaving the Coburg defenders unfettered to relieve the advance.

TO-MORROW'S BATTLE

PRESTON PLAY PRAHRAN AT TOORAK PARK

The third round of the Association contests will take place to-morrow. Preston will visit Prahran to try conclusions with the home team, who will be captained by W. ("Bull") Adams, a former coach and captain of Preston. The wonderful game he put up against Northcote in 1928 is ever before the minds of Preston supporters. Should Adams reproduce his form he will prove a tough obstacle to overcome.

THE PROBABLE TEAM

The following side should be a strong one to represent Preston at Toorak Park. A slight alteration in the placings has been suggested:—Backs: Smith, Taylor, Spargo; half-backs: Gilbey, Monohan, Reichman; centres: Dowling, Gray, Dodd; half forwards: Izzard, Seebeck, Warr; forwards: Davie, McEachern, Gall; followers: Cazaly, Campbell; rover: Summers.

LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Preston, 13 goals 16 behinds (94 points) d. Coburg, 14 goals 7 behinds (91 points).

Northcote, 13 goals 16 behinds (94 points) d. Brighton, 10 goals 15 behinds (75 points).

Oakleigh, 14 goals 12 behinds (96 points), d Williamstown, 6 goals 13 behinds (49 points).

Yarraville, 10 goals 11 behinds (71 points) d Port Melbourne, 8 goals 15 behinds (63 points).

Brunswick, 12 goals 16 behinds (88 points) d Sandringham, 9 goals 12 behinds (66 points).

Camberwell, 17 goals 14 behinds (116 points) d Prahran, 12 goals 14 behinds (86 points).

LEAGUE RESULTS

Collingwood, 13 goals 14 beihnds (92 points) d. Geelong, 12 goals 15 behinds (87 points).

Richmond, 14 goals 23 behinds (107 points), d. Carlton, 15 goals 8 behinds (98 behinds).

Melbourne, 15 goals 16 behinds (106 points), d Fitzroy, 14 goals 10 behinds (94 points).

St. Kilda, 13 goals 14 behinds (92 points) d Essendon, 11 goals 14 behinds (80 points).

Footscray, 9 goals 13 behinds (67 points), d Hawthorn, 9 goals 6 behinds (60 points).

South Melbourne, 19 goals 21 behinds (135 points), d North Melbourne, 11 goals 17 behinds (83 points).

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES

Sandringham v Northcote.
Prahran v Preston.
Port Melbourne v Camberwell.
Brighton v Oakleigh.
Brunswick v Williamstown.
Yarraville v Coburg.
Matches to be played on ground of first-named club.

LEAGUE SUB-DISTRICTS

First Grade

Alphington, 13—8, d Fairfield, 9—11. Goal-kickers.—Alphington: Hutchins (5), Barker (2), Holloke (2), Skewes, Westlake, Wells, Robertson. Fairfield: Denver (3), Sutherland (2), Ames, Goldie, Yates, Kopte. Best Players.—Alphington: Barker, Robertson, Skewes, Ellis, Crisp, Hutchinson. Fairfield: Shearer, R. Powell, A. Powell, Yates, Murphy.

Second Grade

Abbotsford, 8—12, d Fairfield District, 6—6. Goal-kickers.—Abbotsford: Lasky (2), S. Hart (2), W. Hart, J. Hart, Polsin, McKay. Fairfield District: Harris (2), Milne (2), Craven, Keith. Best Players.—Abbotsford: Polsin, Kay, Beers, Warry, W. Hart, S. Hart, Gilbert, Lasky. Fairfield District: Milne, Harris, Marshall, Beckwith, Keith, Pannam, of Abbotsford, fractured his collarbone.

North Fitzroy, 12—20, d Fairfield, 9—10. Goal-kickers.—North Fitzroy: Burnett (3), Stokes (2), Grimshaw (2), Clarkson (2), Hooten (2), Elvt. Fairfield: Moss (3), Marriott (2), Horne (2), Nicholson, Martin. Best Players.—North Fitzroy: Munro, List, Grimshaw, Short, Booth, A. Honig. Fairfield: Matthews, Nicholson, Moss, Ross, Mitchell, Martin.

Canterbury, 14—13, d Ivanhoe, 8—8. Goal-kickers.—Canterbury: Williams (5), Jenkins (4), Walsh (2), Sherry, Horne, Briggs. Ivanhoe: Bridgford (4), Hudson (2), Anderson, Garlick. Best Players. — Canterbury: Walsh, Ogden, Sherry, Williams, Dowling, Atkinson. Ivanhoe: Garlick, Mylor, Carbro, Rutherford, Hudson, Anderson.

C.Y.M.S.

A Grade

South Yarra, 5—9, d Northcote, 4—8. Thornbury, 3—9, d Williamstown, 3—6.

B Grade

Preston, 10—6, d Carlton, 8—1. Fairfield, 15—27, d East Brunswick, 2—3.

North Essendon, 13—8, d North Fitzroy, 9—5.

WILLIAMSTOWN v THORNBURY

Williamstown were at home to Thornbury. Thornbury were first away, only to be sent back with a free to Williamstown, who went forward and secured a behind, followed by a goal by Andrews. Thornbury failed to score. Scores: Williamstown, 1—1; Thornbury, nil. In the second quarter Thornbury could only manage two behinds, while Doig (Williamstown) secured and kicked a beautiful goal, quickly followed by several behinds. Scores: Williamstown, 2—6; Thornbury, 0—3. In the third quarter Williamstown went out to increase their score, and Mooney, with a free, secured third goal, while Thornbury could still only manage behinds, leaving Williamstown with a three-goal lead at the last change. Scores: Williamstown, 3—6; Thornbury, 0—9.

Thornbury's Great Dash.—In the final term Thornbury set off immediately to decrease the leeway, scoring 1 goal 1 behind soon after the bounce. Thornbury still attacked hard and scored 2 goals, both kicked by Mithen, and 2 behinds. Final scores: Thornbury, 3 goals 9 behinds (27 points); Williamstown, 3 goals 6 behinds (24 points). Goal-kickers.—Thornbury: Mithen (2). Williamstown: Andrews, Doig, Mooney.

PRESTON DEFEAT CARLTON

Preston opened the season well by defeating Carlton after a hard and exciting game. Before the match the players elected J. Moran captain and F. Pitts vice captain. The team displayed fast football up till the last quarter, when they held a seven-goal lead, but owing to lack of solid training most of Preston's men gave out, and Carlton added 3 goals 1 behind to Preston's 3 behinds. But Preston's big lead at the start of the last quarter was too much, and the final bell rang with Preston 2 goals 15 behinds in the lead. Preston's forwards lost many opportunities owing to too many men crowding the play. The final scores were:—Preston, 10 goals 16 behinds; Carlton, 8 goals 11 behinds. Preston were best served by J. Hamilton (best and fairest), B. Monagle, Lockwood, Ryan, Kinsella, Tannock, F. Pitts, Cleary, Masson, Clarke, Sheehy, H. Ryan (3), Leonard (3), Lockwood (2), Moran, Tannock.

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR LEAGUE

THORNBURY DISTRICT v ASCOT VALE

Thornbury District played at home to Ascot Vale in the Metropolitan in the first match for the season. Ascot Vale were hopelessly outclassed from the beginning. Thornbury District included five new men in D. Broadbent, G. Nicholls, G. Miller, C. Wallbank and H. Hughan. It was a day out for the home forwards, who were not watched by the opposing backs. Final scores:—Thornbury District, 32 goals 11 behinds (223 points); Ascot Vale, 1 goal 4 behinds (10 points). Goal-kickers: — Thornbury District: H. Chick (16), K. Harper (4), H. Hughan (3), E. Jenkins (2), J. Cleary (2), D. Baxter (2), G. Nicholls, A. Climas, G. Thompson, V. Henming. Ascot Vale: Lamont. Best Players, Thornbury District: G. Thompson, E. Jenkins, H. Clack, E. Wallbank, J. Cleary, K. Harper, A. Climas. Ascot Vale: Duncan, Mason, Clarke.

Thornbury play Richmond at Richmond to-morrow.

The team regret to hear of the fatal mishap to the sister of A. Dalton, one of last year's players. The club and officials extend their sympathy to Mr and Mrs. Dalton and family in their sad bereavement, their daughter having died from the result of an accident in Smith street recently.

SOCCER

Grade 2.—South Yarra, 4 (Burnell 2, Hawkes, Currie), d Preston, 3.

Grade 3.—Spotswood, 5 (Ritchie 2, Johnson 2, Squires), d Ifeidelberg, 0.

Grade 4.—Spotswood B, 6, d Heidelberg B, 3.

Grade 2 Reserves.—Preston, 8, d South Yarra, 2.

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FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!

TO-MORROW'S CONTEST

PRESTON

v.

PRAHRAN

AT TOORAK PARK

Supporters! Follow the fortunes of your team by accompanying them to Prahran on Saturday. He sure to see "Bull" Adams (a former captain and coach of Preston) pitted against Roy Cazaly, which should create an interesting duel.

ADMISSION:

Outer Ground, 6d. Reserve, 1/- (plus 1d. tax)

Secure your Member's Ticket before the match outside the gates.

Trams from Bell to Toorak Park: Prahran Class, 1/6; Second Class, 1/3. (Station quite handy to ground)

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In the

PRESTON TOWN HALL

TOMORROW (Saturday) NIGHT

Admission 1/6.

E. J. HANNAH,
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ILLEGAL USE OF CAR ALLEGED

Youth Sentenced to Three Months' Imprisonment

The offer of a youth of about 15 years of age "to borrow his uncle's car" led to the appearance at the Northcote court on Tuesday of two youths, one of whom was holidaying in Melbourne. Alfred Stevens, of Hunter street, Euroa, and John Wells, clerk, of Andrew street, Northcote, were charged with having on March 13 used a motor car, the property of William Bradshaw, without the owner's consent.

William Bradshaw, auctioneer, Queen's parade, Clifton Hill, stated that on the night of March 13 his motor car was removed from the street near his place of business.

Constable Buchan said:—On April 26 I saw Wells and asked him what he knew about the removal of Bradshaw's car. He said, "I did not steal it. I waited for the others, and they picked me up." Asked when he had gone to Euroa in the car he said, "The day after the car was stolen."

Mrs. Rosanove (for defendants): There is no doubt that a youth named Hodgson drove the car?

Witness: I believe he did.

Did Wells deny that he knew the car was stolen?—No.

Wells told you that he thought the car belonged to Hodgson's uncle?—Not till several days after.

Wells has a car of his own?—I understand that that is so.

Senior-Constable Hanna, of Euroa, said:—I questioned Stevens as to whether he knew the car was stolen, and he said, "I suppose I did."

Wells said:—On the night of March 13 I was at Clifton Hill with Stevens. We met Hodgson, who, when he learned that Stevens was going back to Euroa the next day, said, "I'll drive you home if I can get my uncle's car."

I left to do some shopping, and when I rejoined Stevens and Hodgson they were in a car. The next day I went to Euroa in the car with Hodgson, and it was not until later that I learned the car was stolen.

Stevens said:—Whilst Wells was doing some shopping Hodgson said he would go and get his uncle's car. I went with him, and as we were walking along the street Hodgson said, "That is my uncle's car," and pointed to a car at the kerb. We got in and drove away, later picking up Wells, and Hodgson drove us to Northcote.

By majority decision the case against Stevens was dismissed. In regard to Wells, by majority decision a conviction was recorded.

Wells admitted having been convicted for larceny at Heidelberg, and also a previous conviction for having illegally used a car.

A sentence of three months' imprisonment was imposed.

OTHER CHARGES PREFERRED

Wells was then charged with having on March 14, in company, broken into the premises of the Euroa Bowling Club, and with having stolen certain articles. There was a second charge in respect of breaking and entering the premises of the Euroa Rifle Club and stealing a rifle, ammunition and other articles, valued at £10.

Constable Buchan said:—I arrested Wells and two other youths in a motor car. Wells admitted having broken into the rifle club. From his home I recovered cartridges and other articles, which he admitted were proceeds of the robbery."

An application by the police for a remand to the Euroa court was granted, bail being fixed at £100, with a surety of a like amount.

BAG SNATCHING AT NORTHCOTE

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Mrs. Charles Anthony, who resides at 28 M'Cracken avenue, Northcote, on April 29 visited a Northcote bank and withdrew a sum of money, which she placed in her hand bag, and whilst proceeding at 2.30 p.m. to her home by way of Helen street, a man, riding a bicycle, snatched the bag from her and rode away.

The bag contained £109/12/. The robbery was immediately reported to the Northcote police and every available man was immediately detained to endeavour to apprehend the culprit.

Although they continued their search until daylight the following day they were unsuccessful. They searched several houses and arrested two suspects, but after explanations had been obtained from them they were allowed to leave.

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MOTOR CYCLIST'S SKULL FRACTURED

Leslie Dight, of Walter street, Northcote, received a fractured skull when his motor cycle collided with a motor van in Wellington street, Clifton Hill, last Saturday morning. He was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital.

When the boss is away, the clerks get gay.—And sometimes when the boss is detained at the office at night, he's as gay as the best of them.

NEIGHBOURLY AMENITIES AT FAIRFIELD

THREATS OF STONE THROWING

Woman Bound Over to Keep the Peace

"If this woman is not bound over to keep the peace I shall have to move out of the district" said Mrs. Dorothy Smith in giving evidence against Amy Hubbard, her neighbour, in Rathmines street, Fairfield, at Northcote court on Tuesday.

"I have three neighbours who are very deadly towards me" was Hubbard's outburst. "These people are trying to drive me out of the neighbourhood because I won't mix with them" (laughter). Later she cried out "These people are always insulting me, calling me vile names, and they are trying to drive me to the madhouse."

In this kind of atmosphere was heard a case in which Amy Hubbard was charged with having on April 23, thrown a stone to the danger of the person.

When asked to plead Hubbard said: "It is all lies. I never threw any stones."

Hysterics

As the first witness stepped into the witness box, the defendant burst into violent hysterics, which the complainant's solicitor averred were "not genuine."

When Hubbard had been quietened Mrs Dorothy Smith, of Rathmines street, Fairfield, said: "Amy Hubbard lives near me. On April 23 I had tethered a pony on a vacant allotment, when Hubbard's son ran under the rope and frightened it. I told the boy to "clear out" and with that Hubbard rushed at me and called me vile names."

James Sutch, laborer, Hanna street, Northcote said: "At about 5 p.m. on the day in question I was visiting Mrs. Hewitt when I heard a scream. I got up on the fence and saw Hubbard throw a stone into Mrs. Smith's yard.

Clara Hewitt, married, Rathmines street, said: "I saw the stone thrown."

Defendant's Denial

Amy Hubbard said: "I did not throw any stone."

Cross-examined: "Where were you at 5 p.m. on that day?—In my house getting tea.

The evidence of the three witnesses is a "pack-of lies"?—Yes.

Asked if she wished to call any witnesses, Hubbard said: "No, I stand alone."

A Second Complaint

There was a second complaint by Mrs. Smith that on April 24 Amy Hubbard did maliciously threaten one Dorothy Smith, and application was made to have her bound over to keep the peace.

Mrs. Smith said: "On April 24 my grandson was playing outside my gate when he rushed inside. I went to see what was the matter, and at the gate saw Hubbard.

"When she saw me she picked up a stone which she menaced me, at the same time threatening to "Knock my brains out," and to "rip my guts out."

This is not the first occasion on which this kind of thing has happened.

Throwing Stones

I have also seen her inciting boys to throw stones on my house. Hubbard has threatened me innumerable times, and I'm always afraid that I'll get my brains knocked out with a stone.

"Thought I was Shot"

On one occasion a big stone landed on my roof. I fainted, as I thought I was shot (laughter).

Stones and Dogs

Hubbard said: "Mrs. Smith has some savage dogs, and I am afraid of them. As I pass her place I usually pick up a stone or something so as to be able to keep them off.

Language and Pot Stick

On April 24 Mrs. Smith's grandson was at the gate as I passed. He went inside, and then Mrs. Smith rushed out and abused me in vile terms, at the same time waving a pot stick in the air.

Knife and Horse

On one occasion Mrs. Smith chased me with a knife. Mr. Smith has also tied his horse to my fence to annoy me, and the animal damaged my property.

The court ordered that Hubbard enter into a bond of £10 with a surety of £5 to keep the peace for a period of twelve months; that the bonds be entered into within seven days, in default imprisonment and that she pay £2/7/ costs.

Hubbard (pointlessly): I didn't throw any stones. I really did not. These people are tormenting me and trying to drive me into the mad house.

The charge of throwing the stone was withdrawn.

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The Club Championship was retained by the energetic president, J. Taylor, who defeated Geo Wild by a narrow margin after a thrilling race. This is Wild's first season in racing, and he deserves congratulation on his success over many experienced paddlers, and the good showing he put up against that second champion, F. Taylor.

The club entered three crews for the 3 Mile Pairs at Elwood, for which crews, representing the affiliated clubs of the Victorian Amateur Rowing Association, were entered. The race was won by Essendon club, with a field crew second and third—a very creditable showing when it is remembered that there is a great difference between racing on the still waters of the Yarra and the open bay.

Still the club was able to defeat the representatives of the Elwood and Brighton Road Clubs on their own waters.

An interesting winter programme for the entertainment of members is being drawn up.

CENTRAL PRESTON

An unfortunate trend has arisen between the local V.F.A. team and the Preston United F.C., the home of cricket being the loser of Preston Park training purposes.

While repairing the back wheel of a bicycle belonging to one of the boys around the district, a young man caught his finger between the gear wheel and the chain. It was necessary to amputate the finger at the first joint.

Wednesday was observed at Flower in Preston, a stall for the sale of flowers, etc., being erected at the Memorial Hall.

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Cons. Higgins is relieving Cons. Crawford (on leave).

The search for the Southern Cloud is being continued. The Whittlesea party, composed of about 15 men, is camped on Mount Disappointment, and with fine weather the rest of the area will soon be covered. Mr. H. C. Blair is in charge of the party. The search is being carried out by voluntary subscription to pay for rations.

A good deal of interest is being shown in the forthcoming meeting at Wesley on Thursday, when the proposed new timetable for the Whittlesea line will be placed before the public for discussion. It is proposed to run the steam train from Whittlesea and work the service with one of the new petrol electric cars.

During the football match between Epping and Whittlesea Rupert Allchin fell and struck his head on another player and was carried off the ground suffering from concussion. He is making slow recovery.

Only for the prompt action of Mr. C. Towt and some friends his residence at "Mount Hope," Glenvale, would have been destroyed by fire on Saturday. A good deal of damage was done to the kitchen, where the fire started. The buildings and contents are insured.

Cricket.—Whittlesea Shire Association final was resumed on Saturday at Whittlesea between Epping and Humevale. The latter had seven wickets in hand and required 64 to win. Epping's bowling proved dangerous and Humevale collapsed and only added 6 to their total. Ziebell took 4 for 1. The scores were:—Epping, 77 and 54; Humevale, 24 and 50.

Football.—Matches in the Bourke-Evelyn Association commenced on Saturday, Epping, 6—8, defeated Whittlesea, 3—5, at Epping, and Doncaster, 10—12, had an easy win over Merada, 3—3.

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The Thursday change brings "Passion Flower," and "Fighting Caravans." Sex handled in an intelligent and convincing manner, pervades "Passion Flower." This story of the frustration of an unhappily married woman in her attempt to win the love of her cousin's husband rises above the usual screen domestic triangle by way of its brilliant portrayals and its atmospheric backgrounds. Kay Johnson, Charles Bickford, Kay Francis and Lewis Stone all give flawless performances. Every detail shows extraordinary attention and forethought. The scenes shift from America to France, and include beautifully decorated apartments and attractive land and sea vistas. Miss Francis has the honors as to gowns, wearing a bewildering series of them.

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1ST NOTHCOTE WILKINS ROVER SCOUT CREW

On Thursday night several of our members visited the Eastern Hill fire station. Here we were shown how alarms were received and how the vicinity from which they originated was determined. Later we went up the lookout and viewed Melbourne by night. Some of the members have volunteered for the St. John Ambulance Association for blood transfusion and are to undergo the necessary blood tests shortly. On Thursday next a visit to the "Argus" office has been arranged.

1ST PRESTON TROOP

The football team commence the season next Saturday, and a strong team is expected to be fielded. Last Saturday night ten former cubs and three new scouts were sworn in. There was a good attendance and the new members were given a hearty welcome. The cubs will parade on Thursday, and the usual dance will be held on Friday night. On Saturday the scouts will meet and badge work will commence again. Chasses are also being arranged for the ambulance, fireman, signaller and athlete badges. Preparations are being made for a concert in the near future.

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A grand bazaar will be held on May 15 and 16 in aid of the funds of the Preston Red Cross Auxiliary. It will be opened by the mayor and mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. C. E. Robinson) at 3 p.m. The afternoon programme is to be arranged by Mrs. Drinkmilk, the artists being Misses J. McDonald, Pop Brennell, Jean McFadden and Betty Allen. On Friday evening and Saturday afternoon Mrs. Ralph's talented pupils will appear. Admission is free and all are welcome. Artistically arranged stalls will appeal to everyone. The president is Mrs. Robinson, treasurer, Mrs. A. K. Allchin, and hon. secretary, Mrs. Fred Sheppard. All are invited to enjoy themselves and at the same time help a good cause.

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"Just Imagine"

Bringing the spirit of Jack London's famous "Sea Wolf" to the speaking screen with a graphic realism that the silent picture could never hope to equal, Milton Sills scores a triumph in the Fox Movietone offering of that name, which is being screened this week-end. Seldom has an actor fitted a role so well. The part of the domineering, brutal sea captain, an experiment in the stuff of which men's souls are made, might have been written for this noted player. And the two all-e victims of his curiosity, Jane Keith and Raymond Hackett, are equally well cast. "Dancing Sweeties" is a gripping melodrama of modern youth, with a strong cast that includes Grant Withers, Sue Carol, Edna Murphy and Tully Marshall.

On Monday next "Just Imagine," the new De Sylva, Brown and Henderson Fox Movietone musical comedy will be presented. It is spectacularly original and is superlative entertainment. It is laid in a 1980 setting, when the world has changed materially in virtually every element except romance. The story of the "Lindbergs of 1980" in the person of John Garrick for Maureen O'Sullivan is beset with the traditional difficulties of romance of all time. El Brendel, the hilariously funny Swedish comedian, has the principal role and moves in and out of the story at frequent intervals, providing a generous portion of comedy. Marjorie White and Frank Albertson appear with marked success.

On Thursday next "Passion Flower," Kathleen Norris' stirring account of a woman who, failing to find happiness in her own "money marriage" attempts to break up the domestic tranquillity of her cousin who has thrown wealth overboard in order to marry her father's chauffeur, is portrayed by and imposing cast including Kay Francis, Charles Bickford, Lewis Stone and Kay Johnson. In "One Night At Susie's" a strong cast includes Billie Dove, Douglas Fairbanks, jun., Helen Warre and Tully Marshall.

A continental air prevails over the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer commissary since the invasion of the foreign picture players. With the German group indulging in their favorite five course meals, including cheese cakes and other rich delicacies and the French, Italian and Spanish speaking representatives favoring their specialties, the chef is having his hands full in fulfilling their various wishes.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Before Mr. W. J. Clarke, Messrs. B. E. Johnson, W. Hayes, P. Carney and Mrs. Woods J.'s.P.

Drunk

Albert George Hibbert, charged that on May 2 he was found drunk and disorderly was cautioned and discharged.

Licences Granted

Timothy John Nicholson, Mc Cracken avenue, Northcote, was granted a business agent's and real estate agent's licence.

George Henderson was granted a real estate agent's licence.

Motor Cyclist's Offence

George J. Scal, Bird street, Preston West, charged that on March 29 he drove a motor cycle past a tram on the right hand side in St. George's road, was fined.

Constable Dowsett said: "When I asked Scal the reason for his offence he said: 'I did it to miss the rough road.'"

Fined 10/.

Police Withdraw Charge

Malcolm Cameron Stuart, Yann street, Preston, was charged with having used a motor car without the consent of the owner, Ernest F. Sykes on April 19.

Senior-constable Fowles asked that the charge be withdrawn. Stewart had been charged at Northcote and had absconded from bail. Since then he had been arrested at Colgoa, and had since been sentenced to six months' imprisonment. He was to appear at Bendigo General Sessions on several other charges, and he would also come before the Preston court on charges of illegally using cars.

The bench granted the application and the charge was withdrawn.

Ejectments

William Hodginson, as agent for the owner obtained an ejectment order against William Foster, Jeffrey street, Northcote. The arears of rent were £19. A stay of 14 days was granted.

Hodginson, as agent for the owner, also obtained an ejectment order against — McFarlane, Bridge street, Northcote. The arrears of rent were £6/6. A stay of 7 days was granted.

Maintenance Arrears

Elsie May Howlett, Westgarth street, Northcote, sought £12 maintenance arrears against her husband, Hezekiah Howlett. The husband did not appear, and the bench made an order that the arrears be paid, in default imprisonment. The maintenance order was made by consent in March, and is in respect to the maintenance of the wife and three children.

About a Recognisance

Reginald Thomas Knight was called upon to show cause why he should not be imprisoned for having failed to pay the amount of a bond.

Knight did not appear, and it was stated that his whereabouts were unknown, and that a warrant for his commitment had been filed with the C.I. Branch.

The bench ordered that Knight be imprisoned for two months if the amount of the bond be not paid.

Application for Re-hearing

In a case Margaret Dwyer Edward Dewar, an application was filed seeking a re-hearing.

Mr. Pitcher appeared for the wife, and there was no appearance of Dewar's solicitor, by whom the application was filed.

The P.M. said that in this case a maintenance order had been made three years ago, and as there was no appearance of Dewar or his solicitor, the case would be struck out with £1 1/ costs.

Illegal Use of Car Alleged

Edwin Crawshaw Reid street, Northcote, was charged with having on April 22, used a motor car, the property of H. Short.

Herbert Edward Short, Cecil street, South Melbourne, said: "On April 22 my car was removed from Collins street, Thornbury, between 9.15 and 10.30 p.m. I recovered it two days later at Packenham."

Constable Buchan said: "At about 6 a.m. I questioned Crawshaw at his home about this car, and he denied all knowledge of it. I later confronted him with two other youths, who said he had been in the car, although Crawshaw still denied that that was so."

The P.M. said that there did not appear to be any evidence that Crawshaw had been in the car, and the case would be dismissed.

A further charge against Crawshaw of having illegally used a car at Beaconsfield, the property of B. Stevens, was withdrawn.

Fairfield Assault Case

Frederick Crompton, Railway Place, Fairfield, was fined £1 for having on April 26 assaulted Edward Dundon. Crompton was also ordered to pay £2/7/ costs.

Success brings success Buy a Northcote season ticket—adult 5/5, juvenile 2/6.

CHURCH NEWS

Reservoir Baptist Church

Following on the recent additions to the building in Rathgown road, the opening services were held on April 26. The preacher at the morning service was the pastor of the Regent Baptist Church: at the young people's hour in the afternoon, the newly-appointed student pastor, Mr. Parsons; and in the evening, Rev. W. H. Holloway, of Kerang.

On April 30 a public meeting was held, when the president of the Baptist Union of Victoria, Mr. A. H. Lewis, and Mrs. Lewis were present; also the secretary of the Union, Rev. G. P. Rees, and the chairman of the Home Mission Committee, Mr. W. H. G. Ellingworth. Addresses were given by these gentlemen, also by Pastor Wm. Lowson, of the Regent Church. During the evening a handsome Bible was presented to Mr. and Mrs. C. Davies in recognition of the part they had in commencing the work six years ago, when they freely opened their home for the Sunday school. Unfortunately the visitors received an unfavorable impression of the district ere reaching the church. Their car became bogged a little distance from the building, and in getting out both Mr. and Mrs. Lewis went rather deeply into the mud. The people are indignant at the slowness of the council in remedying the disgraceful state of the roadway.

Baptist School Anniversary

The first Sunday of the Regent Baptist Sunday school anniversary proved most inspiring. The congregations at all three services were splendid, and at night late comers could not get seats. The preachers were the Rev. J. T. Duggleby, of Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church; Rev. T. Y. Paul, of West Melbourne; and Rev. T. P. Trinham, of North Carlton. The children excelled themselves in the singing of the hymns, under the leading of Mr. D. Fyfe, and the accompaniment of an orchestra of the young men of the church was of splendid help. Miss E. McCoy was the pianist. The building was tastefully decorated by members of the C.E.

On Tuesday evening the children's tea was held, and a happy band of young folks did full justice to the ample provision made. This was followed by a social evening.

The anniversary will be continued next Sunday, and concluded with the children's concert on May 13.

Preston Methodist Sunday School

The above Sunday school commenced their seventh anniversary celebrations on Sunday last, the weather being favorable. The church building had been beautifully decorated by the lady teachers, chrysanthemums being predominant, and added greatly to the picturesque scene. The children were arranged on a raised gallery. At each service the scholars (150 boys and girls) rendered specially selected hymns from the Banner Series No. 1 under the baton of Mr. R. Watson, choir conductor. The morning service was conducted by Pastor Lowson, of the Regent Baptist Church; the afternoon by Rev. G. D. Brimacombe, L.Th., and the evening by Rev. E. Tonkin. Each preacher interrogated the children, during his discourse. During the evening service the church was filled to its utmost capacity, and forms had to be brought into the building to accommodate those who attended. Some unable to obtain seating accommodation listened from the doorways. The singing by the scholars received favorable comment, as did also the messages delivered by the officiating preachers.

The services are to be continued on Sunday next, when at 11 a.m. Rev. G. F Dyson (Carlton Mission), 3 p.m. Rev. J. McIlroy, B.A., B.D., Dip. Ed. (Assistant Director of Y.P.S.), at 7 p.m. Rev. W. J. Williams (Brunswick) will conduct the services. The scholars will again render special hymns. The scholars will hold their entertainment on May 20 in the church building, when a fine programme will be presented. Proceeds will be devoted to school funds. The school has rapidly increased in numbers and credit is due to the loyal body of workers who give their time and talent in educating the young life in spiritual matters. The school will commence its new year of work on May 17, when children of the district who are not at present attending a Sunday school will be cordially received.

Northcote Church of Christ

Sunday last was observed throughout Churches of Christ in Victoria as Youth and Bible Schools Day. At the High street church fitting observance was given by a special service conducted by the young men. The pastor preached on "The Challenging Christ."

High Street Methodist Church

Last Sunday evening an enjoyable musical service was held, the preacher being Rev. F. J. Jennings. The choir, under Mr. A. Burge, rendered the anthem "Across the Bar" in memory of the late Mr. A. S. Watkins, who for many years had been a great worker in the church. Mr. Jennings also spoke a few words concerning the passing of Mr. Watkins. Items were sung by the Thelma Quartette Party.

Next Saturday and Sunday the anniversary of the Christian Endeavor Societies will be celebrated, combined with a Back to High Street Christian Endeavor movement.

On the morning of May 17 Rev. Jennings will conduct a special family service. In the evening, at a public recognition service, new members will be received into the church. On May 24 Empire services will be held, that in the evening will be conducted by members of the Y.M.H.S., and Rev. Col. A. T. Holden, C.B., C.B.E., B.A. will speak, assisted by the president of the society (Hon. J. G. Membrey). On May 31 the Home Mission Anniversary will take place.

Northcote Congregational Church

The pulpit was taken last Sunday by Pastor Perkins, of the Methodist Church. His address to the children on "Be ye kind to one another" was interesting and sympathetic. The sermon was based on the text, "And Jesus was in the ship, asleep." Rev. Duncan Reeves preached in the evening on "Dangers of an Up-to-date Religion."

Next Sunday being Mothers' Day, special addresses will be delivered by the pastor and items by the choir. All are requested to wear a white flower in honor and remembrance of Mother. The evening address will be on "Christian Leadership."

The half-yearly meetings of the Congregational Union were held during the week, at which Rev. Reeves was minute secretary. The Back to Northcote celebration has been altered to August

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

The preacher for Sunday morning will be Rev. John Sinclair, B.A., of Scot's Church, Ballarat, who is exchanging pulpits with Rev. S. C. Hadley.

The Mothers' Day service will be conducted on Sunday by ladies, the speaker being Mrs. J. C. Jamieson, wife of the Director of the Women's Youth Department. The musical portion of the service will be undertaken by a mothers' choir.

The church cricket club has won the pennant competition, and celebrated the occasion by a successful entertainment in the school hall on Tuesday evening.

All Saints' Church, South Northcote

Misses Joyce and Jean Wood have joined the kindergarten staff, and Misses Ginivan and Riley have also offered as teachers. The vicar is making lighting improvements to the church through the generosity of friends.

On Sunday evening Rev. A. H. Constable conducted a pictorial service, which was well attended. The subject was "Tell No. 6," being a C.E.B.S. Camp at Frankston." Many interesting photos were shown.

Preston Church of Christ

Last Sunday saw the beginning of the winter campaign, when a large number assembled for a sunrise prayer meeting at 7 a.m. The services during the day were also marked with spiritual enthusiasm, which is being well sustained during this week at the devotional services, which are being held each night. A competitive tournament among the Y.P. auxiliaries is also creating interest, the basis of the contest being attendance, effort, and co-operation.

Presbyterian Church, James Street

Mothers' Day will be observed on Sunday morning, when the Rev. H. J. Saw, of Port Fairy, will preach, and the Sunday school children and scholars will parade.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist

The anniversary services of the Sunday school were concluded last Sunday in the presence of large congregations. The preacher in the morning was Rev. F. G. Bremer, of Preston; in the afternoon, Rev. Joseph McIlroy, of the Young People's Department; and in the evening, Rev. J. T. Duggleby. Special hymns were again rendered by the children under the baton of Mr. Wilson, of the Presbyterian Church, in the absence through illness of Mr. E. Langfield, who had trained the children.

Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury

The services last Sunday were well attended. At 11 a.m. the Girls' Friendly Society and the girl guides of the church held their periodical parade. During evensong the choir rendered the anthem, "Turn My Face From My Sins" in a praiseworthy manner. The vicar (Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain) officiated throughout the day.

On Sunday next—fifth Sunday after Easter—services will commence at 11 a.m. with choral eucharist and sermon; at 7 p.m., evensong and sermon. Thursday, May 14, being Ascension Day, special services will be held. At 6.30 a.m. Holy Communion, followed at 10 a.m. by a similar service, while at 7.45 p.m. evensong and address, the vicar again being the celebrant and preacher.

The meeting of the C.E.M.S. on Tuesday last was augmented by an interesting illustrated lecture by the organising secretary, Mr. S. H. Robinson. The League of Mission Helpers conducted a flower day in connection with the Mission of St. James and St. John on Wednesday last. This venture proved to be an unqualified success. The dances conducted every Saturday evening in connection with the activities of Holy Trinity are rapidly increasing in popularity, and other opportunity is afforded to lovers of the light fantastic again on Saturday, May 9.

Epiphany Church Mothers' Union

The monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union was held in the Church of the Epiphany on April 20, when there was a good attendance. The speaker was Mrs. Anderson, of the Australian Board of Missions.

Compulsory Military Training Debate

A debate as to the desirability, or otherwise, of Compulsory Military Training was held in the Parish Hall of the Church of the Epiphany on April 30, between the Young Men of the Church of the Epiphany and those of St. Paul's Church, Fairfield. The affirmative was taken by Fairfield; the negative by Epiphany. The Rev. T. Cole occupied the chair, and the adjudicator was Mr. A. L. Hughes. The affirmative was taken by Messrs J. Meates, Wootten and F. Walker. Messrs. A. Singleton, Ern Cohen and V. Preston took the negative. The adjudicator awarded 213 on each side, but in team work Epiphany gained 18 points, to Fairfield's 15, thus winning by 3 points. The chairman complimented Mr. Hughes and Mr. Singleton moved a vote of thanks to Rev. Cole, and Mr. Preston (the coach). The Fairfield leader, seconded and Messrs. Hughes and Cohen briefly responded.

NATIONAL CREDIT ASSOCIATION

PRESTON BRANCH

A meeting of the above will be held at the Library Hall, High street, Preston, on Wednesday, May 13, at 8 p.m. Mr. A'Beckett Chomley will lecture on the objects and aims of the association. This meeting was to have been held at the Bradford Hall, but owing to unforseen circumstances it was necessary to meet at the Library. The movement is gaining strength in Preston. Already 100 financial members are on the roll and each meeting sees a larger attendance. Intending members and those interested in finance are cordially invited to be present. Mr. Chomley will answer questions on finance at the conclusion of the lecture. Particulars are set out in announcement elsewhere.

CYCLING

Amateurs

The Amateur Cyclists' road racing season opened last Saturday with a 20 mile handicap, there being 24 entrants. A junior 10 mile handicap was also held which drew 65 competitors.

After riding a good race R. Smart (Northcote) off the 4.15 mark secured sixth place in the senior event, and J. Gascoyne (Preston) was first off the 2.15 mark in the junior event.

Twenty Mile Senior Handicap.—T. Drew (South Melbourne), 4.45, 1; E. Kearney (Altona), 4.45, 2; J. Miller (Footscray), 3.45, 3. The followed R. Robinson (Gardenvale), 3.30, 4; S. Powell (Brunswick), 4.45, 5; R. Smead (Northcote), 4.15, 6.

Ten Mile Junior Handicap.—H. Williams (Essendon), 2.30, 1; J. Centre (Carlton), 2.30, 2; W. Wilkins (St. Kilda), 4.15, 3. Then followed Burgoyne (Footscray), 4.15, 4; J. Gascoyne (Preston), 2.15, 5; G. Hewett (Gardenvale), 2.30.

Professional

Preston Man Breaks 25 Mile Record

The event for last Saturday's opening of the road season was a 25 mile handicap, and the outstanding feature of the day's racing was that A. Walkley (Preston) clipped 2.37 off the Australian 25 mile record. The former was held by G. Veitch (Colburg) the time being 1.1.15, while Walkley's time on Saturday was 58.38.

Out of 144 starters H. K. Cox (Preston) 7.15 finished fourth.

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WESTGARTH NEWS

Residents of Westgarth street were awakened about 5 a.m. on Sunday by cries for help. One person heard a woman run past, calling for help, and went to investigate but could not see anyone. Some minutes after the occurrence, however a motor car passed. About ten minutes later, two men were seen behind a tree guard. The incident remains unexplained, but it is thought that a family quarrel was the cause.

A notice board, at the corner of Bath and Westgarth streets, continues to announce that Northcote will meet Yarraville at Northcote on Saturday next. This may, in time, be correct, but, at present, it is merely confusing.

Mothers' Day will be celebrated on Sunday, at Westgarth Baptist Church, with a family rally at 11 a.m., and a Mothers' service at 7 p.m.

The mission services, which commenced at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, on April 12, closed last Sunday.

A parlor bowls night was held in St. Joseph's Hall, James street, on April 29, under the auspices of the Northcote District H.A.C.B.S. social committee. Eight teams took part, representative of the six affiliated branches.

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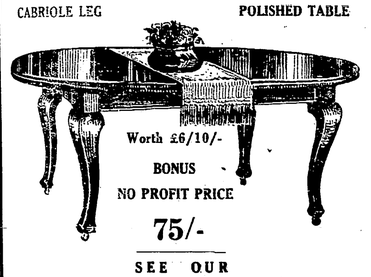

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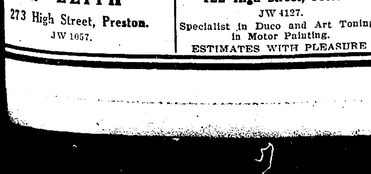

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ESTIMATES WITH PLEASURE

GOLF.

HEIDELBERG CLUB

Sixty members competed for A. J. Ferguson's trophy in a stroke round on Saturday. The leading scores were:—65, L. R. Dowell (22); 66, H. Ferguson, (26); 68, D. J. Stone, (27); 69, V. Bell, (12); 69, Dr. L. Neal, (24).

Next Saturday—President's Day—mixed foursomes.

Sixty-two associates competed for Miss A. Wippell's trophy in a stroke round. The leading scores were:—Mrs. G. Taylor (28), 71; Mrs. G. Balfour (32), 72; Mrs. W. Ferguson (32), 73; Mrs. F. Clarke (36), 75; Mrs. S. Gonzales (29), 75; Mrs. A. Chisholm (36), 77; Mrs. D. J. Stone (32), 77; Mrs. E. Worle (22), 77.

Next Tuesday, Mrs. J. H. Sharwood's trophy, stroke.

FOOTBALL

(Continued from Page 11)

JUNIOR I.O.R. COMPETITION

The opening matches in the Northcote and District Junior Rechabite competition were played on Saturday. The association, which comprises the Hope of Northcote, Dennis, Samuel Mauger, John Vale, Fairfield and Clifton Hill junior teams, and plays under V.F.A. rules, has created a good deal of interest among the juniors and members of the adult teams. The president of the association is Bro. (Cr.) A. Olds, who is so enthusiastic about the project that he has donated a beautiful silver cup for competition, to become the absolute property of the club winning the first premiership. Bro. G. McGee, D.S.J.T., has also come forward with a gold medal for presentation to the fairest (but not necessarily the best) player, to be awarded on umpires' votes. This interest shown by the adult members is appreciated to the full by the junior players, and the opening games gave indications that there will be keen competition throughout the season for the above-mentioned trophies. The form displayed by the majority of the boys on Saturday gave promise of some interesting games ahead, and a successful first season is anticipated.

John Vale v Dennis

At McDonell Park John Vale were at home to Dennis, and a fair gathering of supporters witnessed the game. In the first quarter Dennis soon settled down and by dint of better all-round play monopolised the scoring, putting on 5.6 to 1 point. In the second term John Vale made various changes, which had the desired effect, as the home team added 5.6 to Dennis's solitary goal. The third quarter produced the best football of the match, the ball travelling backwards and forwards between the back lines, which were very hard to break through. Dennis made up the leeway and again took the lead, the difference being five points in their favor at the last change. In the final term the play became willing, and consequently there was little good football, and although Dennis gamely tried to hold the lead the John Vale boys held together better, and by adding 3.3 to 5 points ran out winners, the final scores being:—John Vale, 14.11; Dennis, 6.14. Goal-kickers.—John Vale, Johnson (4), Bevan (2), Clarke, Best, Dennis: Malley, McMurtrie, Smith, Richardson, Rafters, Thomas.

Hope of Northcote v Samuel Mauger

The above match was clean and vigorous. Samuel Mauger played with better system, but Northcote's weight and long kicking, together with stronger ruck work, enabled them to run out winners. Umpire Kellett gave a splendid exhibition, setting a standard which will give every satisfaction if followed by other umpires. Final scores:—Northcote, 6 goals 17 behinds; Samuel Mauger, 2 goals 4 behinds. Goal-kickers for Northcote: Roadley (2), Coombes, Granger, J. Angus, Peters. Best Players.—North coast: J. Angus, J. Granger, Eastaugh, Peters, Roadley, Smith, Taylor. Samuel Mauger: Clarkson, Hawady, Batton, Caulfield, Dunlop.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

In the All Australia Match last Saturday the highest score was put up by No. 21 Union, 960. Second place went to the No. 21 Union No. 2 team with 946. Melbourne Cricket Club got 934, Collingwood 953, Preston 925. Preston's marksmen were:—E. Featherston, 50; T. Griffiths, 48, 46—94; S. Bell, 48, 43—93; F. Featherston, 46, 42—88; A. French, 46, 42—88; S. Chenoweth, 44, 42—86; Ames, 45, 41—86; N. Featherston, 45, 40—85; Sullivan, 40, 43—83; Bignell, 42, 40—83. Totals, 455, 430—885.

57th, Battalion Wins Lone Pine

This match was fired at Williamstown last Saturday, there being a good entry. The conditions were seven rounds at large tin bat target 500 yds, 20 1.m. bullseye. The 57th Battalion No. 1 team scored 268, winning £8 and first place. The 60th Battalion No. 1 team were 14th with 302. Sergeant Frost (57th Battalion) was amongst the spoon winners.

Sargood Shield

A Grade

57th Battalion No. 1 (Merri Regiment) gained pride of place. Details:—Capt. George, 32; Cpl. Windley, 34; Cpl. Dickson, 33; Cpl. Gracie, 33; Sgt. Gray, 33; Sgt. Jordan, 32; Lieut. Joyce, 32; Lieut. Davie, 31. Total 260.

B grade.—This event was won by the 14th Battalion No 1 (Prahran) with 236. The 57th Battalion (Preston) No. 2 team scored 211, 60th Battalion (Westgarth) 222, and 57/60th Preston-Northcote-Westgarth) 185.

Captain R. George (Preston) won the M. H. Sullivan trophy for champion aggregate against the militia units.

Entertainment at Wollert

At most enjoyable and successful euchre party and dance, organised by the Wollert Social Committee in connection with the State school, was held at Wayside House on April 27. As a result the appeal will benefit to the extent of £4/6/6, which is most creditable.

BASEBALL.

Northcote's First Match in Senior Company

Playing for their first season in senior company the Northcote team was beaten but not disgraced.

Northcote were "B" grade premiers last year, and this year are in senior company.

Northcote was pitted against Collingwood last Saturday. After batting for five innings both teams had scored two runs, but in the sixth, with the bags full, Alec Scott smashed out a three-bagger. Hits by Prenke, Taylor, and Ryder made the Collingwood total eight, and, shutting Northcote out, the "magpies" won comfortably. Patterson, a newcomer at first bag, showed fine form for the winners, while the Scott brothers, Ryder, and Puteman also played well. For Northcote Heron, Leggo Morgan, Gibaud, and Vernon were prominent.

Other Matches

C Grade.—Collingwood, 7 d Northcote, 1.

D Grade, No. 1 section.—Williamstown, 5, d Preston, 3.

D Grade, No. 2 section.—Ivanhoe, 15, d Sandringham, 9.

E Grade, No. 2 section.—Collingwood, 8, d Northcote, 2; Old Gold, 19, d Ivanhoe, 5; Ormond, 19 d Preston, 6.

FAIRFIELD CLUB

Fairfield visited Caulfield for the first match of the season, and after a good display by both sides were defeated by 5 runs to 2. Both sides made changes from last season. K. Grigg replaced Collins for Fairfield, and Hal Watson replaced Bowmen for Caulfield. Both displayed excellent form. Although Fairfield scored more safe hits their opponents turned their hits better, scoring three runs in one innings. Fairfield nose running was very bad, and lack of co-operation on the domching lines was disastrous.

Saturday's matches are as follows:—A team versus Y.M.C.A. at home; B team versus Malvern at Malvern. Special interest is attached to the Fairfield-Y.M.C.A. match, as the visitors have included an American pitcher named Ballmer, who, it is claimed, is the best pitcher who has come from U.S.A. to play here. He is a man of excellent physique, being 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighing 15 stone.

PRESTON BASEBALL CLUB

Results of matches played last Saturday:—

A Team (captain H. Fothergill, vice captain R. Spoor).—Preston suffered defeat in their third match against Williamstown. A good game; Preston lost on errors. Scores, 5 to 3.

B Team (captain J. E. Nankervis, vice-captain Ford).—Preston lost to Fairfield, 17 to 6. Best players were: Nankervis, Ford, Westcott, Brockeley.

C team played Ormond (captain Allan, vice-captain Naunton), scores be ing 19 to 6. A win for Ormond. Best players were Murray, Jackson, Allan, Crawley.

Teams for Next Week

A team v Port Melbourne, at Port.—W. Goller, O'Brien, Butler, Dolphin, Patterson, Fothergill, Thorncroft, Spoor, J. Goller, Newbouth, Duffield.

B team v Murrumbeena, at Preston.—Burr, Brockley, S. Goller, Nankervis, Souter, Westcott, Smith, Ford, Naylor, Girling, Graham.

C team v Newport, at Preston.—Jackson, Bassier, Allen, Naunton, Crawley, Dahl, Murray, Dearing, Connors, Ryan.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

The grand opening run was held at Mooney Valley Racecourse on Saturday, and although Preston-Northcote Club had a small number, the grand total was 528 runners, beating the record of 1912. St. Stephens had 116, another record. Preston were well to the fore in the run-in in the novices pack.

WOMEN'S ROWING

The Preston Ladies Rowing Club competed at the Australian Championship Carnival, at Albert Park Lake on Saturday. In the senior fours, the result was:—Essendon 1, Albert Park, 2; Preston, 3. Preston crew was:—F. Radcliffe, stroke; E. Turte, S. Peters, and M. Marlow. In the junior fours.—Y.M.C.A., 1; Albert Park, 2; Preston, 3. The representatives for Preston were:—N. James stroke, E. Gish, E. Thomas, D. Langley bow, S. Pridham cox. In the combination eights, the winning crew was stroked by Prestonite, Violet Radcliffe with S. Pridham also in the crew.

BASKETBALL PREMIERSHIP

The first round of the Basketball Association matches was held on Saturday. Forty-eight teams competed, and with 5 additional late entries, two more teams are required to make the G grade. Croxton Club teams, in E and F grade played. The Croxton first were defeated by Footscray Baptists after a stern contest, by one goal, scores at final being Croxton, 20, Footscray, 21. The Croxton second were soundly beaten by Millers by 47 to 70, but as this is a training ground for the firsts, the club performed well.

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LACROSSE

A Section

Ivanhoe d Box Hill (8 goals to 5). R. Price netted 3 goals, Bartlett 2, Eiseman 2 and Gallagher 1 for Ivanhoe, and R. Price, Boswell and Dixon were the best players. Plaisted, Cott and Bird were Box Hill's best. J. McKibbin (3 goals), Evans and Cott scored.

North Fitzroy (10goals) d Caulfield Grammarians (7 goals). For the winners Brown, Logan and Dickens played well. The losers' best were Wragge (in goal), McCall, Burgess and Montgomery. The goal-throwers were:—North Fitzroy: Renfree (7), Brown (6), Logan (3), D. Clarke (2), and Forden. Caulfield Grammarians: Kuring (5), Lee (2), Vorath and Barnes.

C Section

Ivanhoe d Camberwell, 28 to 1.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—"The Ten Commandments."
7 p.m.—"Wilson Carlyle, Founder of the Church Army."
Preacher: Rev. A. H. Constable.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
MAY 10, Easter V.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Preacher: The Vicar, Rev. Thomas Cole.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
(Shaftesbury Parade)
SUNDAY, MAY 10: Fifth Sunday after Easter.
11 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon.
3 p.m.—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Ascension Day, Thursday next, May 14.
6.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7.45 p.m.—Evensong and Address.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar (Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain)

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Children's Church.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Rev. J. J. Watt.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET.
MOTHERS' DAY
Special preacher at Morning and Evening Services.—Rev. Saw, of Port Fairy.
Evening.—Parade of Girls' Order of the Covenant. Anthems, solo.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Morning and Evening Services
Preacher: Rev. R. G. Butler, of Daylesford.

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High Street, Northcote
11 a.m.—Rev. C. Beck, C.E.A.
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings, C.E.A.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.—Rev. J. Tregaskis, M.M.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. E. Blackney
St George's Road
11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
7 p.m.—Mr. P. R. Cook.
Croxton
11 a.m.—Rev. Mitchell.
7 p.m.—Hon. Mauger.

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Local Government

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

BY-LAW NO. 56

A BY-LAW of the CITY OF NORTHCOTE made under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1928 and the Police Offences Act 1928, and numbered 56 for altering By-Law No. 42.

IN PURSUANCE of the powers conferred by the Local Government Act 1928 and the Police Offences Act 1928, and by every other Act or Power enabling it on that behalf, the MAYOR, COUNCILLORS and CITIZENS of the CITY OF NORTHCOTE, order as follows:—

1. The words "or when proceeding by the most direct route to some premises on either side of the said St. George's road" in the last two lines of Clause 20 of By-law No. 42, shall be repealed.

Resolution for passing this By-law was agreed to by the Council of the City of Northcote on the 30th day of March, 1931, and was confirmed at a meeting of the said Council held on the 27th day of April, 1931.

The common seal of the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Northcote was hereunto affixed in the presence of

J. H. GREEN, Mayor.
(Seal) B. E. JOHNSON, Councillor.
J. A. THOMSON, Town Clerk

Notice published in the Government Gazette on the 6th day of May, 1931, Page No. 1517. This By-law came in operation on the 7th day of May, 1931.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

PAYMENT OF RATES

RATEPAYERS are reminded that INTEREST will be CHARGED on RATES NOT PAID by TUESDAY, 12th MAY.
Office Hours:—9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; SATURDAYS, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Also FRIDAY EVENING, May 8, 7.30 to 8.30.
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

JUSTICES ACT 1915.
INFORMATION OR COMPLAINT FOR AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE SUMMARILY AND SUMMONS THEREON.
In the Court of Petty Sessions at Northcote, in the Central Bailiwick.
By William John Jones, Cattle Ranger to the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Northcote, Informant.
Unknown Owner, of —, Defendant.
The information of William John Jones, of Northcote, in the State of Victoria, who saith that on the 1st day of May, 1931, at Northcote, in the said Bailiwick and State, the said unknown owner being the owner of certain cattle, to wit One Dark Bay Pony Gelding, black points, about 14 hands, no visible brands, found on certain land off Hammond street, such land not being a common and such that there is no fence dividing such land from the said street without anyone having charge of the said cattle.
W. J. Jones, Informant.
To unknown owner aforesaid.
WHEREAS the above information has this day been laid by the above-named William John Jones before me one 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 12th day of May, 1931, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at the said Court of Petty Sessions at Northcote to answer to the said information and to be further dealt with according to law.
Dated at Northcote the 7th day of May, 1931.
R. E. JOHNSON, J.P.
[Stamp Fee 2/6 Cancelled.]
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LECTURE
THE Lecture which was advertised to be held at the Bradford Hall will be held at the LIBRARY HALL, High St., Preston, on WEDNESDAY, May 13, at 8 p.m. Mr. Chomley will be the speaker.—J. FOLEY, Pres.; R. HALL, Hon. Sec.

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WIFE WELCOMES HUSBAND WITH A BRICK

ALLEGED STONE THROWING AND ASSAULT

From time to time Arthur Dwyer Welton street, Collingwood, and his wife, Nellie Dwyer, High street, Northcote, figure in litigation at the Northcote court. Their latest appearance was on Tuesday when Dwyer charged his wife with having thrown a stone at him. Mrs. Dwyer cross summoned alleging assault.

When asked to plead Mrs. Dwyer said: "I threw the stone in self defence."

Dwyer, for whom Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared, pleaded not guilty. Mr. Cahir said that there had been many domestic differences between the Dwyers, and that the wife had orders for the support of herself and children. On May 2 Dwyer went to see his children, taking some clothing. There was an altercation, after which the wife threw a stone which hit Dwyer on the head.

Dwyer said: "At about 10.45 a.m. on May 2 I went to see my children. My wife greeted me with "Get out or I'll get you." I said I wanted to see the children, and she called them into the back yard. I gave them some clothing and lollies.

My wife said to me: "You'll get more next time that you got last."

I retorted: "Perhaps you'll get the man on to me who gave you the fur coat," and turned to walk away. My wife threw a piece of road metal at me, striking me on the head. I immediately took out a summons.

Mrs. Dwyer: Didn't you hit me into the fence with your closed fist?—No. I had a parcel in my hand.

Mrs. Dwyer said: "My husband won't leave me alone. On this day he hit me with his fist, and I picked up a piece of brick and threw it at him.

He had no right to come to my place.

Mr. Cahir: He comes to see the children?—He is not allowed to see them.

How is that?—He has no order from the court to do so.

What time did he come?—About 10 a.m.

What happened then?—He said he wanted to see the children. I said "You can see them off my premises."

He had some clothing?—Yes, but I would suggest that he pay me the proper maintenance.

What happened when he saw the children?—I sent the children into the house after about five minutes, then he tackled me and knocked me into the fence. Where did he hit you?—On the forehead.

What did you do?—I threw a stone at him.

Is this the stone?—No it was bigger than that (laughter).

What then?—He came to give me some more.

Did you discuss this matter with your daughter?—No. I asked the police on Sunday night for protection. It was a pity the brick was not larger (laughter).

This is not the first time you have appeared for your husband of assault?—No.

The last charge was dismissed?—Yes. He got a drunken pal with him and a lawyer and they swore my life away (laughter).

Practically every time he comes to see the children you level charges at him?—He brings it on himself.

Nellie Dwyer, a daughter of the parties, said that when her father came to the house, she saw him hit her mother.

Mr. Dwyer: I want him bound over to keep the peace.

The P.M. (Mr. W. J. Clarke): We cannot deal with that now. At any rate the evidence would not warrant such an application.

Counsel said that in the case, the P.M. had also it was apparently a domestic quarrel with faults on both sides. The complainant had a perfect right to see his children.

Bound over to keep the peace, it would only cause a lot of trouble.

The cases were adjourned for six months.

Watch for poster and fancy dress ball at Reservoir Palais.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

A large gathering of ratepayers attended the fortnightly meeting on May 7. The president, Mr. Thomas, occupied the chair.

Crs. Turner and Bird reported on the activities of the council, dealing mostly with requests and complaints sent on by this association.

The president reported having attended a function in the mayor's room on April 27, where he ventilated a number of complaints which have from time to time been brought up by the association.

Correspondence from the town hall indicated that the lighting of the northern portion of the pipe track reserve was being proceeded with, and other complaints were receiving the consideration of various committees.

The secretary expressed dissatisfaction with many of the replies received from the council, but members were of opinion that the West ward was getting its fair share of the work being done.

Abolition of Water Meter Rents.—This matter was again brought up and the meeting considered that the present was a most opportune time to make such a request to the Metropolitan Board. Householders generally are anxious that their commitments be reduced to a minimum, and with a view to bringing this most reasonable request under the notice of other associations, the Central Council has been communicated with and the aid of the Northcote council solicited.

Mention was made of the totally inadequate protection afforded the residents of the north-western portion of the ward through insufficient police. Much was said of the vandalism carried on in different parts of the city, and a request has been made to the council to endeavor to have a strict watch kept over the seating accommodation provided at the corner of Dundas and High streets. Mainly due to unseemly conduct other public facilities have had to be removed from this locality.

Members are reminded that the next meeting will be held on May 21, and as the syllabus item is set down as an old time dance night no business will be conducted after 9 p.m.

WESTGARTH NOTES

The death occurred, on May 6, at her residence, 8 High street, Northcote, of Mrs. Sarah McLaughlin. Deceased was a former resident of Seymour. The burial took place in the Old Seymour Cemetery last Friday.

Relative to the shortage of police in Northcote. They are, indeed, a rarity in the Westgarth end of the city. A policeman is badly needed at the corner of High and Westgarth streets, to control the traffic on Saturdays after the football matches. Several accidents have been narrowly averted at this busy corner.

FOOTBALL!

FOR SWEET CHARITY'S SAKE

A football match between the Association and the League teams will be played on June 6, the proceeds of which go towards the Charities.

The Association team will be selected from all the clubs in the Association. Next week in the "Leader" will be given a forecast of a prominent authority's opinion of players who should be included in the team. Write your views to the Editor.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB SEEKS YOUR SUPPORT

The membership drive of the Northcote Football Club has been satisfactory, but it is still small in comparison with the population, and so we earnestly appeal to all the citizens of Northcote for their enthusiastic support. The Association gives attractive and interesting football to residents in the outer suburbs, and there is no reason why football lovers should go from their own suburbs to support a club. Association football is one of the cheapest forms of entertainment—members' tickets 5/5, juvenile tickets 2/6 admitting to all matches except semi-finals and finals. The importance of our city demands that we maintain a football team worthy of Northcote, and with the support of the residents, we can keep a team in the field that will make us all proud. Our achievement of winning the first three matches shows the calibre of the team you are asked to support, and it augurs well for another premiership flag coming to the city.

Bring your friend on Saturday, become a member with him, and soon your enthusiasm will assist you to attract your other friends. Then we will have our ultimate aim—a large happy family of Northcote supporters—fathers, mothers, daughters, sons and sweethearts—all proud of the city and the football club. Members' tickets can be obtained from prominent business people in the city, and will be on sale as usual on Saturday outside the ground.

Northcote's success depends on you. Buy a season ticket.

QUEEN CARNIVAL

The mayor's calling a meeting for next Thursday of all ladies interested in a queen carnival to assist the funds of the Northcote Football Club.

NORTHCOTE DISQUALIFICATIONS

Supporters Greatly Perturbed

Supporters of the Northcote Football Club are incensed at the action of the V.F.A. commissioners in disqualifying their vice-captain (Greg Stockdale) for 12 weeks. The committee feel that the players concerned (especially Stockdale) have been unfairly treated, especially in view of the sentences imposed the same night on other players for similar offences. They feel that such treatment is not just and certainly not in the interests of the game. The club has gone to no end of trouble and to considerable expense to place a representative side in the field, and they are soliciting the assistance of the citizens to rally round the committee to endeavour to have this reflection removed.

UNEMPLOYMENT

RELIEF AT PRESTON

The outlook is much the same in Preston, and the list of unemployed also those in search of sustenance, is on the increase. Preston council is engaged in arranging for the expenditure of £3,800 on parks and gardens, with a view of giving employment. Of the amount named the mayor of Preston (Cr. G. E. Robinson) is entitled to receive credit for obtaining £500 to be spent exclusively on Edwardes Park.

On Wednesday morning the mayor, Crs. Robeson, Zwar, Jones and Hemburrow paid a visit to the lake and outlined a scheme of beautification and improvement.

Shortage of Wood

The State Government promised that on May 1 a supply of firewood for the unemployed would be made available. Up to date not a stick of wood has reached Preston. The last truck given by Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., has been distributed, and a further supply is badly needed.

Boots and Clothing Wanted

The appeal for boots and clothing is as great as ever, and people having such articles are requested to ring up Cr. Zwar, chairman of the distributing committee, or Mr. Williams, town clerk.

PRESTON UNEMPLOYED GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

In the super room of the town hall the inaugural meeting of the local unemployed girls and women was held on Tuesday afternoon, under the auspices of the local branch of the A.L.P. Mrs. Robeson (wife of Cr. Robeson) was in the chair. The convenor (Mrs. D. E. Hannan) outlined the action so far taken to bring the girls together. Miss Jean Daly addressed the meeting. She showed the pressing need for concerted action on the part of the women and girls in order that their claims to consideration should no longer be overlooked. The success of committees formed in other suburbs was cited. The address was received with enthusiasm and the suggestions made adopted. A committee was appointed consisting of president (Mrs. Robeson), two vice-presidents (Mrs. V. Fletcher and Miss I. Scalf), secretary (Mrs. D. E. Hannan, with Miss F. Bryant as assistant) and a management committee of twelve.

Semi-social meetings will be held weekly in the town hall every Tuesday, when any relief available will be distributed. A hearty invitation is extended to any women and girls interested. Anyone desirous of obtaining further information or assisting by donations, etc., may communicate with the president, Mrs. Robeson, 31 Cooper street, Preston, or the secretary, Mrs. Hannan, 3 Bartlett street, Preston.

NORTHCOTE UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

WANDIN, Monday.—The twenty-five volunteers who are chopping wood here are all fine and fit. Within five days they have fallen and cut approximately 50 tons. One truck is already loaded and on the way to Northcote.

Owing to the town hall being otherwise engaged there was no dance last Monday.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

The good work being done by the Diggers for their less fortunate comrades goes on undiminished and wholeheartedly.

The Friday night socials are proving a success, and a change is being made this week, when the dance programme will be wholly old time.

The Westgarth and Regent Theatres issued invitations to a weekly quota of 20 members. These acts of consideration are highly appreciated. The Northcote Theatre also entertained 150 members last Wednesday.

Between April 23 and May 8 94 pairs of boots and shoes were repaired by the two volunteer workers at association workshop, and the "buckshee" barber provided over 40 haircuts.

On June 2 at the Regent Theatre, Thornbury, the league is running a picture night in aid of distressed Diggers, and the support of the picture-going public is solicited to make this effort a huge success.

The odd jobs bureau is working hard at allotting jobs to the willing Diggers, and the citizen who has the smallest or "oddest" job is urged to ring JW3323. A competent gentleman will attend to your requirements post haste.

Watch for poster and fancy dress ball at Reservoir Palais.

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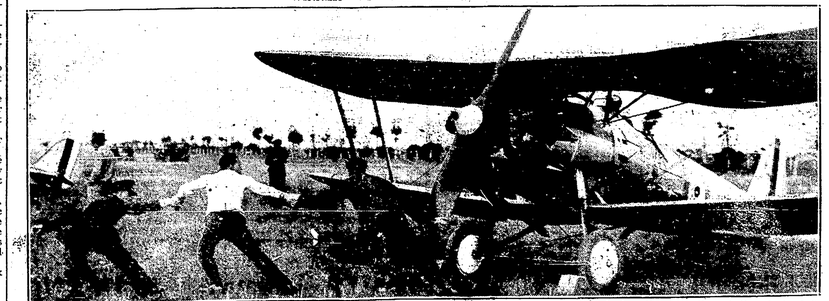

Flying-Officer C. M. Henry, in a Royal Australian Air Force British Bulldog machine, with mechanics swinging the propeller at the start of the Aerial Derby, won by him at a speed of 185 miles an hour from Mr. A. J. Turner in a Hawk Moth at the Moonee Valley racecourse on Saturday, May 9. Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

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What Preston People Are Doing

By The Roustabout.

Mayoral Ball

THE date of the mayoral ball has not been definitely fixed, but it will take place either on Tuesday or Wednesday evening in the first week in July.

Tennis Club Re-Union

SOUTH Preston Methodist Tennis is making arrangements for the annual reunion of past members. Quite a large gathering is expected, and the club is hopeful that the application for the use of the municipal tennis courts will be successful.

Swimming Certificates Presented

ON Wednesday afternoon Mr. F. J. Rae headmaster of West Preston State School, presented 50 certificates to pupils who were successful in the recent Learn to Swim campaign.

Preston Baby Health Centre

SISTER Holland reports for April:—Attendances at centre, 571; mothers, 139; babies, 452; new cases, 42.

Preston District Band

THE above body is organising a "brick drive," with a view to the erection of a bandroom and rotunda at Bell Park. The proposal is for these to be built to leave bricks outside their premises, and the band authorities will convey them to the park.

Bell State School

THE Public Works Department has authorised improved drainage at Bell State School. Cr. Hornborrow is to be congratulated upon the successful result of his efforts.

Sick Diggers Not Forgotten

PRESTON Diggers' Concert Party visited the patients at Macleod Sanatorium on Thursday evening. A fine programme was presented, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the party.

Cr. Jones to Speak on Flag Day

CR. L. Jones has agreed to address the pupils of West Preston State School on Flag Day, May 22.

A Door Stolen

SNEAK thieves continue their operations in Preston. On a recent evening a vacant house in Gower street was paid a visit and a door taken off its hinges and carried away.

"Receiving Consideration"

COMPLAINTS have been made as to the condition of the yards at the rear of the new police quarters in Rosebery avenue. As a matter of fact the space of ground referred to is a veritable quagmire and deserves immediate attention. Mr. O. Walker, J.P., got in touch with Mr. Blamey, head of the police force, and on Wednesday morning the latter gentleman informed Mr. Walker by letter that the matter would "receive consideration."

Firemen Still Annoyed

PRESTON firemen are still annoyed by false fire calls. On Thursday last week, between 7.15 and 10.46 p.m. there were three calls of this nature.

West Preston State School

A SCHEME for the improvement of the West Preston State School grounds is on foot, and is being energetically taken up by the Fathers' and Mothers' Club, which will meet next Monday evening in order to discuss the matter.

Business Quiet at Cemetery

MR. McDonald, the officer in charge of Strathallan cemetery, mentions that "business is quiet" in that direction. There were only three burials within the last fortnight. A large number of desirable allotments are still available.

57—60th Battalion

OFFICERS of the 57/60th Battalion will spend the coming week-end at Frankston. During the afternoon there will be lessons in prismatic compasses, graduated maps, text books, etc., in working out a campaign, the enemy details and problems of which will be set by Colonel McKenna. In the evening a lecture on the day's work will be delivered by the officer named. Sunday will be spent on the field on similar operations. This training for war is considered the most important part of an officer's tuition, as it covers conditions similar to those met with on active service.

Australian Women's Association

THE fortnightly meeting of the Preston branch was held in the Bradford Hall on Monday, the president (Miss J. White) being in the chair. Nominations were taken for office-bearers for the ensuing half year. At the close of the meeting the Misses Pearson conducted a candle-lighting competition which caused much amusement, and was finally won by Miss Windle. The half-yearly meeting will be held on 18th inst., when the installation of office-bearers will take place.

South Preston School Committee

THE members of the new committee of the South Preston State School (Hotham street) are Cr. A. E. Newton (chairman), Mr. V. Laidlaw (treasurer), Mrs. W. H. Crowe (correspondent) and Messrs. Harris, Humpharies, Teague and Torrens.

Preston Professional Cycle Club

THE above club held a social evening at the home of Mr. R. Jones, Gower street, Preston, on Monday in aid of club funds. The gathering proved quite successful from a financial as well as a social point of view. The 50 ladies and gentlemen present passing an enjoyable time with cards, dancing and games. It was the first of a series of social evenings.

Vandalism in Gardens

"I READ in my youthful days," remarked Mr. L. W. Williams, town clerk of Preston the other day, "that flowers are called 'God's smiles,' and I quite believe it. Why, therefore, cannot people admire, love and respect the flowers, especially when one is permitted to gaze on all the lively blooms without expense? Yet the fact remains that vandalism is rampant in public gardens and reserves in Preston." The remarks made quite casually by Mr. Williams brought to mind the fact that vandalism is more noticeable than ever in the public reserves of Preston. It is a crying shame that boys and girls from respectable homes are allowed to run riot during the hours of darkness and destroy flower beds and plants. Mr. Williams added, in the course of a brief conversation, that it was nice to have pleasant surroundings in the way of floral adornment in place of tins, litter and bottles, as could be seen in some Melbourne suburbs. Preston municipality has incurred considerable expense in establishing and maintaining beauty spots, and it is up to mothers and fathers to inculcate the love of the beautiful in the minds of their boys and girls. The headmasters of Preston schools have been circularised to bring under the notice of the pupils the necessity of respecting the public reserves in and around the city of Preston.

Community Singing

LAST Friday evening at the Preston town hall community singing, organised by the unemployed sub-section of Preston branch, R.S.S.I.L.A., was indulged in. The hall was packed, and old-time songs, under the conducting of Mr. Smith, bandmaster at West Preston State School, were greatly enjoyed.

Visit to Pine Plantation

THE originators of the scheme for a pine plantation for the benefit of the Bundoora and South Preston State Schools at Bundoora are to be commended on the foresight shown. There are now over 3000 trees planted, and they are making splendid progress. The plantation should prove of inestimable financial advantage to both schools when the trees reach maturity. In the meantime the plantation not only provides a means of inculcating in the school children a knowledge of practical forestry, but also provides a new beauty spot within reach of the city. At the present rate of progress the plantation should be one of the show places on Plenty road within a short space of time. In order to provide for the proper protection of the trees the combined school committee are arranging a working bee at the plantation tomorrow (Saturday) to place the fences in order. The trustees (of whom Crs. Newton and Adams are the South Preston representatives) would be pleased to receive any offers of assistance, either in the repairing of the fences or in transporting the workers. Those willing to help are invited to meet at the school, Hotham street, Preston, at 2 p.m. Members of the Mothers' Club will also attend to meet the Bundoora ladies, and to make arrangements for Arbor Day on June 6.

Prestohn Football Club Dance

UNDER the auspices of the social committee of the Preston football club, the usual select dance will be held in the town hall on Saturday evening. The music will be supplied by W. Lloyd's Collegians' Band, and the third heat of the fox trot competition will take place.

Ladies' Benevolent Society

THE monthly meeting of the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society was held in the mayoress' room on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Allchin presiding. The mayoress (Mrs. G. E. Robinson) and 12 others were present. The secretary (Miss Bean) reported having received £130 from the Preston council, and also particulars re unemployed single girls, three being assisted in Preston. The special Flower Day appeal resulted in £19/18/6 being realised. Donations were as follows:—Mrs. McIntyre, £1; Mrs. G. Aptel, £1; Mrs. C. Warr, £1/1/; Mr. Collins, 6/3. The society rendered assistance to 42 cases during the past month. Donations of clothes, etc., were made by Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. G. E. Robinson, Mrs. R. Carr, Mrs. W. Sheppard, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. J. Arthur (cradles), Mrs. Stone (sausages). There is still a demand for clothes, and especially children's boots, which may be left with Mrs. Allchin, Plenty road, Preston.

Regent Cricket Club

OWING to the wonderful success of the eighth annual picnic last month it was decided to hold another outing to South Melbourne on Sunday last. Favored with beautiful weather all present were able to spend a most enjoyable day. Rounders and football kept everybody occupied until dinner time, after which a large programme of sporting events was gone through. A challenge flax race, married men v single men, was won by the latter by a couple of yards. Results:—Open handicap, B. O'Neil; egg and spoon race, O. Forrest; throwing at wickets, Miss B. O'Neil; sack race, ladies Miss G. Grahame, gents L. Robinson; stepping the distance, Mr. Gray; leading the poodle, Miss Robinson; old buffers' race, Mr. Robinson; ladies' race, Mrs. Cameron. There were several other novelty events in which to prizes were given.

West Preston Progress Cricket Club

ON Saturday evening a delightful party was held at "Strathlynn," Rona St., Regent, the residence of Mr. W. H. Burland, to augment the funds of the club. The guests were entertained at cards and games in the dancing room and the supper tables were nicely decorated with blue and gold (the club's colors). The prize winners for cards were Mrs. Clark and Messrs. Jim Swanson and Ray Barnett. Much merriment was created when the booby prize (which was specially arranged) went to Mr. Geo. Strachan. With the singing of Auld Lang Syne an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

South Preston State School Mothers Club

THE South Preston State school Mothers' Club propose holding a fortnightly euchre party and dance in the Hotham street School, the first commencing on May 23, the proceeds to be handed to the Blind appeal. All parents and friends are asked to co-operate and make the appeal a successful one.

The Mothers' Club are opening the soup kitchen at the school on June 1. The club are short of cups, and as a great many are used, donations of odd cups or any other donations will be thankfully received by the hon. secretary, Mrs. W. Terrens, 188 Raglan street, Preston, N.18.

PIGEON RACING

A 72 mile race was staged from Naramble last Saturday. Northcote club results (76 birds released). E. Bucknell's r c c, time 1.23.14 (1434yds.). F. Webber Bros' p.h., time 1.25.32 (1424yds). 2: W. Sewell's r c h, time 1.23.43 (1416yds). 3.

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RESERVOIR NOTES

The Palais De Dance in Epping road, owned by Mr. Spencer, was broken into for the sixth time last Wednesday night. Confectionery to the value of £2 was taken.

The Railway Department has notified the West Reservoir Progress Association that the scheme propounded for the level crossing to the immediate north of the Reservoir station joining Edwardes street and Broadway is the most commendable yet submitted. The cost would be about £600 and at present the department is not prepared to do the work, but promised its attention later. It also intends to put further danger signals at the present crossing.

The Preston council intends to spend £58 in making a landing for the Rowing Club. The unemployed members have already built a landing.

The anniversary services in connection with the Reservoir Methodist Sunday school were continued on Sunday. The preachers were the Revs. Dyson, McIroy, and W. I. Williams. The singing of the children, under Mr. Watson, was delightful. The arrangements reflect credit on the superintendent, Mr. Hardie, and the secretary and conductor, Mr. R. Watson.

The West Reservoir Progress Association was represented by Mrs. T. R. Clinnick and Mrs. Lott at the meeting in connection with Flag Day, called by the Lady Mayoress.

The Postal Department has notified the West Reservoir Progress Association that it cannot agree to a second delivery for the area to the north of Edgewater street.

Mr. Goding has taken over the business lately conducted by Campbell Bros. Mr. Campbell will be missed, for he was always keen to do anything to advance the district. He intends having a rest.

The application of the Anglers' Club to erect a shed to act as a hatchery will meet strong opposition unless the shed is placed where it is not an eyesore in the Edwardes Lake Park, for which beautification plans are being prepared.

CENTRAL PRESTON.

A large attendance filled the City Hall on Wednesday night when a special picture was screened under the auspices of the Methodist Missionary Society of Australia. The picture, "Fiji and its Firewalkers," dealt extensively with missionary work.

Under the direction of the Preston Ministers' Fraternal, a special after-service meeting will be held in the City Hall next Sunday commencing at 8.30 p.m. All of the local churches will participate, the speaker being the Rev. Stewart.

Members of the Preston Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. paid a visit to the Shrine of Remembrance on Tuesday.

In order to provide clothing for the children of local unemployed a modern and old time dance will be held.

Under the auspices of the Preston Red Cross Auxiliary a bazaar will be held on Friday and Saturday. It will open in the afternoons at 3 p.m. and evenings at 7.30 p.m., the opening ceremony will be performed by the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. G. E. Robinson. Attractive stalls have been arranged in addition to which a special concert programme will be rendered by the pupils of Mrs. Ralph. Details are advertised.

The rally organised by the L.O.E. is proving a bigger success every week, last week's attendance being the largest for many months. The anniversary will be held on May 24, when a special service and singing will be the feature at the evening service. The Aero race is being won by the girls, however, the boys are making a big last-minute effort.

On the occasion of their daughter, Jean's birthday, Mr. and Mrs. Beveridge, of 16 Leicster street, West Preston, entertained a number of friends at a charming party at their residence last Saturday evening. Presentations were made on behalf of the guests accompanied with the singing of "For She's a Jolly Good Lassie".

PRESTON BOYS' BAND

An enjoyable evening was spent at Mr. and Mrs. Pearl's home, Gilbert road, on Saturday evening to augment the funds of the Preston Junior Boys' Band, £4/10/ being raised, which is indeed a fine effort, and for which the executive of the band is very grateful. These funds are to liquidate the account for the uniforms. The boys rendered some fine music on the lawns, followed by items by Mr. Palmer in the music room. Community singing was indulged in by all present, led by Mr. Booth. A splendid supper was then served. The vice-president spoke feelingly concerning Mr. and Mrs. Pearl, and the evening closed with Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King.

Northcote ladies' tickets admit to reserves on all grounds and to all matches (except semi-finals and finals). Price 5/6.

WHITTLESEA

H. Coller, of Pheasant Creek, was fined £20 and 18/- costs at Whittlesea court for operating a motor omnibus service between Kinglake and Whittlesea without a Country Roads licence.

Mr. Coller, who has had the mail carrying contract between Kinglake and Whittlesea for some time was not successful when the tenders were called recently for the service. The new contractor will take over on July 1.

WHITTLESEA TRAIN SERVICE

Mr. Considine, Railway Economy officer, Mr. Williams, Time Table officer, and Mr. Russell, Train Running officer, were present at a meeting of residents at Mernda when they submitted the proposed time table on the Whittlesea line. Cr. B. McCormack took the chair in the absence of Cr. L. W. Clarke, shire president, who was absent through illness. The time table was received with satisfaction and a resolution to that effect was carried. The time table will be worked by a double ended rail motor and a petrol electric car which will result in the withdrawal of the steam train and crew from Whittlesea. The goods traffic will be catered for by a goods train from Melbourne on three days a week. The estimated saving is £3,000 per annum.

In answer to a question it was stated that over a period of three years the revenue of the line had declined £6000. The meeting was informed that Whittlesea was the only line on which the service had been revised without the loss of trains. A vote of thanks was carried to the Railway officers.

Rural Land Tax Valuations

"FAR TOO HIGH," SAY WHITTLESEA COUNCILLORS

At the meeting of the Whittlesea council on Wednesday the Shire of Waranga wrote asking that a protest be lodged against any increases in unimproved values of rural lands by the Land Tax Office.—It was decided to support.

Cr. Downie said it was time there was a reduction. In many cases if owners could sell property for 75% of the value at which it was rated, they were more than satisfied.

Drop of 30 to 40 per cent.

Cr. Browne said there had been a drop of 30 to 40 per cent. in land values, but the land tax had been increased.

Cr. Scott said: "If the council favors a reduction in this direction it should reduce its own valuations.

Council Should be First to Reduce

Cr. Ferguson: The council should not attempt to disguise the fact that land values are falling, and should be the first to reduce them.

Cr. McCormack: If valuations are decreased, the council will have to raise the rates to obtain the amount of revenue it requires. I agree that the value of land has fallen one-third.

Worse Than Fiduciary Notes

There are people going about "ringing-in" tales I'm responsible for everything wrong in this shire (laughter). Fictitious valuations are worse than fiduciary notes (laughter).

Cr. Downie: Is is time that people who are paying State land tax woke up and refused to pay as the valuations are too high.

MAINTENANCE CLAIM ADJOURNED

Husband is on Strike

At Preston court on Thursday, Olive May Wright, Jacka street, Preston, proceeded against her husband, Robert George Wright, Emmaline street, Northcote, claiming maintenance for herself and seven children.

Mrs. Wright said: "Since I issued this summons my husband has returned home, and has offered to support me.

Wright: "I was turned out. We cannot agree at home, and I'll agree to support her. I average £3 a week."

Mr. Walker J.P.: What are you?—A slaughterman.

Are you one of those unfortunates on strike?—Yes, unfortunately.

Do you get strike pay?—No.

Are you serious about that?—Yes, the union has not finances.

What does it get with the money you paid to it?—It used that to help other unions.

Mr. McMahon J.P.: It is a shame that whilst these men are on strike that the women and children must suffer.

The case was adjourned for a month.

Above the clouds the plane I glide,
The "cab" behind contains my bride;
Such bird-like speed is sheer delight,
'Tis "Tempus fugit" in its flight!
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DEATH

CRACKNELL.—On May 8, 1931, at the Children's Hospital, Stanley Maurice, the only loved child of Roy and Gladys Cracknell, and loving grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Parsons, 1 Leonard St. Aged 2 years. "Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

IN MEMORIAM

HANDY.—In ever loving memory of my dear wife and fondest loving mother, who passed away on May 17, 1923.
Nine Sweet, died April 13, 1919.
Dan, died August 21, 1919, sons of the above.
Their memory is sweet and dear,
It is treasured still with love sincere.
Oh, so sadly missed.
—Inserted by their loved ones.

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

MRS. RACKHAM and Family desire to THANK their many kind friends for letters, cards, telegrams, and floral tributes received during their recent sad bereavement, and all please accept this as a personal acknowledgement?
502 High St., Preston.

THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. MEADE wish to tender SINCEREST THANKS to all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, floral tributes, letters and telegrams in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Dr. Neal. Will all please accept this as our personal gratitude?
42 Northernhay St., Regent.

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An important notice to ratepayers of the city of Northcote re payment of rates to secure enrolment appears elsewhere.

The following pupils of Miss Hazle Tait, Preston, were successful at the pianoforte examinations held during May at Melbourne University:—Grade VI., Beryl Tait; Grade V., Lorna Deacon (passed with credit), Beryl Fry; Grade VI., Betty Ferguson (passed with honours).

Legislative Council Election

MR. OLNEY'S CANDIDATURE

Mr. "Bert" Olney, contesting the vacancy in Melbourne North Province of the Legislative Council caused by the retirement of the sitting member by his father, Mr. J. Olney, is receiving great encouragement.

Mr. Olney, who for many years resided in Regent and is well a resident of Northcote, will open his campaign at the Preston Town Hall on Tuesday, May 19, at 8 p.m. Prepara-tions are now being made for a vigorous campaign and committee rooms have been opened in Northcote, Preston, Coburg, Essendon and other places and local advocates appointed in each centre. At the meeting in Northcote, Mrs. Claude Cunningham, B.A., J.P., president of the Women's Non-Party Political Association, will be the principal speaker.

Workings of supporters will be held on Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Northcote Town Hall (upper room), Preston Town Hall (rear of picture theatre) at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Mr. Geo Henderson is campaign director, and is an experienced hand in conducting election campaigns. The fact that Mr. Olney is so well known throughout the districts and has served for years in the bowling world should be considerably in his favor.

Those Who May Vote

Not everybody is entitled to vote for the return of a candidate to the Legislative Council. Only the following persons may vote, provided at the same time that they are 21 or over, and are natural-born or naturalized for three years and resident in Victoria for 12 months. The owner of freehold rated at an annual value of £10; the owner of a leasehold created originally for five years or the occupying tenant of land rated annually at £15; graduates of a British university, matriculated students of the Melbourne University, barristers and solicitors, ministers of religion, certificated school teachers, and naval and military officers active and retired.

Much interest will centre in the approaching elections because of the nomination for membership of two members of the new United Australia Party—Mr. H. E. Hall, who will oppose Mr. Disney, a former Labor Minister, at Melbourne West, and Mr. H. Olney, who will contest the Melbourne North seat with the Minister for Health (Mr. Beckett).

Messrs. W. J. Robinson and Sons, of 173-5 Victoria Rd., Collingwood, who have been in that district for over 40 years, have opened in High St., Preston. A feature offered by this progressive firm, who have opened in Preston, at 379 High St., is their £2/12/6 tailored to order suits. Men's mercery and the better class of men's wear are also handled by this firm, who have an announcement in another column.

PERSONAL

Mr. Cliwes, one of Reservoir's business men is very ill, but is slowly mending.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Shaw of Robbins street, Ivanhoe, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Mr. Lyons of Reservoir has taken a bad turn and is recovering slowly from its effects.

Beryl Hanlie, daughter of Mr. Hanlie, superintendent of the Reservoir Methodist Church is ill with pneumonia.

Mr. Butterfield of Reservoir is very slowly regaining strength after long and painful attack of blood infection.

Mrs. Mary Shannon, wife of Mr. James Shannon, of 27 Rotherwood road, Ivanhoe, passed away at her residence last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Neelands, of "Rydale," James street, Northcote, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have returned from a tour abroad including a visit to Scotland. They have taken up their residence in their home in Edwardes street, Reservoir, which during their absence was leased to Mr. Blitz.

The engagement is announced of Essie, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Scott, "Aloha," Pearl street, Westgarth, to Dr. N. N. Harrington, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Harrington, of the Commercial Bank, High street, Northcote.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sharp, of "Sylvetta," Lima grove, Northcote, celebrated their Silver Wedding on Saturday. The wedding took place at Clifton Hill, by Rev. Secombe on May 9, 1906. Mrs. Sharp was formerly Miss Sylvia Carter.

Congratulation are being sent to Mr. and Mrs. Callam, of 30 Jessie street, Preston, on the birth at Sister Smith's Private Hospital, of a daughter (Eunice Edith). Mrs. Callam was formerly Miss May Schultz.

The National Trustees Company is applying for probate of the will of Mrs. Beatrice Gertrude Moore, of Noel street, Ivanhoe, who died on February 25, leaving estate valued at £3 303 10/0, consisting of realty £3,014 and personalty £289/19/2, to her husband and daughter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cracknell of Leonard street, Preston recently lost their only child, Stanley Maurice, aged two years. The burial took place at the Thanksgiving cemetery on May 9, Rev. Wilkinson officiating at the home and the graveside. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. E. Jensen.

The decision of Mr. Olney to stand as a candidate for the Northern Province for the Legislative Council is pleasing to Mr. Olney lived at Reservoir for a number of years, and is known locally by resident voters. He has already been assured of active support.

The engagement was announced at a dance given by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gutteridge, of Yarraville on Saturday evening, of Miss Eleanor Clapham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clapham, Ivanhoe parade, Ivanhoe to Reginald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor Molesworth street, Kew.

There passed away on Sunday at her residence, Wallace street, Ivanhoe, Mrs. Mabel Edith McComas, wife of Mr. Robert C. McComas. Mrs. E. Lambert of Ivanhoe is a twin sister. Mrs. T. Gossip of Ivanhoe a sister, and Mr. Claude Shepherd of Ivanhoe a brother. The interment was made privately.

The death occurred at the residence of her son, Darebin street, Northcote on Tuesday of Mr. Harriet Lowe, at the advanced age of 81 years. Members of her family are Henry G., John (deceased) Susan (deceased), Walter, Dick Charles, Gordon, Mabel (Mrs. Brown), and Frederick. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the interment being made at the Coburg cemetery.

There passed away on May 6 Miss Elizabeth Ann Trembeath of High street, Preston, aged 56 years. The interment took place at the Coburg cemetery the following day. Pallbearers were:— Messrs. Nankervis senr., Atkinson, Mitchell, Lawson, Lawson jun., and Sonnenberg. Deceased was the sister of Mrs. Bartlett, Spring street, Preston, Dr. Trembeath, Colac, and R. F. Trembeath of Collins street, Melbourne. Mr. E. Jensen was the funeral director.

Whittlesea council on Wednesday granted three month's leave of absence to its president (Cr. Leslie W. Clarke, J.P.) who has been suffering from an illness. His many friends will be pleased to learn that Cr. Clarke is now on the way to recovery.

Euchre players, don't forget Saturday, May 23, at the schoolroom, Clifton Gve, Preston. Prizes valued at £4/4/ will be given, and a first-class band has been engaged for dancing.

Become an enthusiastic Northcote member. Season ticket: 5/6.

CHURCH NEWS

High Street Methodist Church

A family service will be conducted on Sunday morning by Rev. F. J. Jennings, assisted by men of the congregation. Families will sit together as in the old style family pew, and the address will be on "Family Religion." In the evening Mr. Jennings will conduct a recognition service, when new members will be received into the church membership and welcomed.

On May 24 (Empire Sunday) the evening service will be conducted by members of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society. The preacher will be Rev. Colonel Holden, C.B.E., B.A.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

Service on Sunday morning was conducted by Rev. John Sinclair, of Scots' Church, Ballarat, who exchanged pulpits with Rev. G. S. Hadley. The evening service took the form of a Mothers' Day celebration, the speaker being Mrs. J. G. Jamieson.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist

Last Sunday being Mothers' Day appropriate addresses were given by Rev. J. T. Duggleby in the morning, and Mr. J. E. Blackney in the evening. Unknown to each other, both preachers took the same text: "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother." Coupled with the Mothers' Day service in the morning was a flower festival, and for this the church was tastefully decorated by the Misses Warren.

School Concert.—In connection with the Sunday school anniversary scholars' night was held on May 6. The hall was full and receipts were well in advance of last year's. Each section of the school was responsible for an item, and all were splendid. "The House That Jack Built" was spectacular and exciting. A dialogue, "How We Got Our Bible," was greatly appreciated, and the final scene, "At the Foot of the Cross," illustrated the work of the Sunday school. Mr. F. C. Henzing made a capable chairman. Votes of thanks were moved and seconded by Messrs. Lennon Walker and Don McFadden respectively.

Northcote Congregational Church

Mothers' Day was celebrated last Sunday morning in a fitting manner. A large congregation, wearing white flowers, listened to a fine address by Rev. Duncan Reeves, who based his talk on the letters of "Mother"—mediator, observer, teacher, healer, expects, revealer. The junior choir rendered two items with solos. At the Men's Club a lecture on Beauty Spots of Victoria was given by Messrs. Cyril Stevens and Belcher. The "Back to Northcote" celebration will be held on August 1 and 2.

Church of the Epiphany

A communion breakfast will be held in the parish hall on the morning of May 24, to which all men of the church are invited.

All Saints' Church, South Northcote

On Sunday evening Rev. A. H. Cole spoke on the life work of Prebendary Wilson Carlile, founder and chief of the Church Army. Many incidents of this remarkable work were related. The Prebendary recently celebrated his 84th birthday and is still going strong.

Next Sunday the evening service will be conducted by young men, and the sermon will be preached by a member of the League of Youth. The 3rd Troop of Boy Scouts will parade.

Miss Archer, of the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, gave a lantern talk on the society's work in India. Mr. James Petie presided.

At the monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union on May 12 there was a good attendance. The president (Mrs. Constable) occupied the chair, and Mrs. Baglin gave a helpful and inspiring address. Afternoon tea was served.

Church of Christ, Northcote

On May 6 a successful Australian tea was held in the Church of Christ, High street. A fine gathering, including many visitors, enjoyed a splendid programme, arranged by Mrs. Graham.

At the Mothers' Day services last Sunday appropriate addresses were given, the church being prettily decorated with white flowers. The young ladies ably conducted the evening service with songs by Misses Hilda Drakeford and Mavis and Phyllis Anderson.

St. Aidan's Church, Victoria Road

At evensong on Sunday Rev. J. O. Hughes admitted 32 members of the Girls' Friendly Society. The choirs of the Thornbury and Halcyon Lodges under Mr. Davies rendered "Seek Ye the Lord," with Mr. J. Wilson at the organ. Mr. B. Hobby sang "I Will Arise." Mr. Jerram, the general secretary of the G.F.S., was present.

Northcote Methodist

A "Back to High Street" Christian Endeavor rally was held during last week-end. There was a large attendance on Saturday night when Rev. H. Palmer Phillips gave an address. A gramophone reproduction of an address by the president of the World's Christian Endeavor Movement (Dr. Daniel A. Poling) was heard with interest. On Sunday evening there were special musical items at a young people's service.

Preston Church of Christ

A successful series of devotional meetings was held last week when the various auxiliaries of the church united each night for prayer and praise. The attendance was excellent. On Saturday a largely-attended social was held, presided over by Mr. T. Salisbury, when each auxiliary provided an item and a game. As a result of the social a very satisfactory amount was raised for the benevolent work of the church deaconesses. On Sunday, before large congregations, the pastor, Mr. A. J. Fisher, began his series of studies of outstanding events of bible history.

Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury

On Sunday last (fifth Sunday after Easter) the services were attended by inspiration and attentive congregations. During evensong the choir sang the anthem, "If Ye Love Me Keep My Commandments," the solo part being taken by Miss Tomlinson. Thursday last, May 14, being Ascension Day, services appropriate to the day were held.

This Sunday (Mission Sunday), May 17, the services will commence at 8 a.m. with holy communion, followed at 11 a.m. by matins and sermon, the celebrant and preacher being the vicar, Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain. At 7 p.m. the usual service of evensong will be of particular interest, in that the preacher will be the Rev. J. T. Pay, vicar of St. Paul's, Fairfield. A congregation of more than usual magnitude is expected to be present.

Again one of the most interesting and entertaining functions in connection with the activities of Holy Trinity will be the dance this Saturday night, May 16, commencing promptly at 8 p.m. The slogan of the sponsors of this form of recreation is in the words of Byron, "On with the dance, let joy be unconfined." All those fond of "chasing the glowing hours with flying feet" declare these evenings to be time and money well spent.

The local branch of the C.E.B.S. provided the artists for an entertainment under the heading of "The 1921 Revue," on Tuesday last, May 12. The general opinion was expressed that the boys taking part in the performance enjoyed it as much as those in the audience.

James Street Presbyterian Church

Sunday's services were conducted by Rev. Saw, of Port Fairy. In the morning members of the Order of the Burning Bush and the Order of the Covenant attended. The church was graced, in honor of Mothers' Day, with white flowers—the emblem of purity. Special anthems were rendered. That in the morning, "Praise the Lord, O My Soul," included a quartette by Mesdames Capp and Paull and Messrs Lewis and Muir.

Croxton Methodist Church Anniversary

The anniversary services on Sunday were largely attended. In the forenoon the preacher was Rev. Mitchell, and in the evening Rev. C. Cain. A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was held, the speaker being the Hon. Samuel Mauger, who spoke about the unprecedented state into which the whole world is involved. The following items were rendered:—Anthem, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds," choir; recitation, "Gabriel's Victory," Miss Pat Cornish (encore, "Mother's Hand"); aria, "Open the Temple," Mrs. G. J. Smith; anthem, "Praise Thee," choir; song, "From Day to Day," Mrs. G. J. Smith; recitation, "Song of the Market Place," Miss E. Cornish.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Stott, Son and Watson at 3.30 p.m. on May 16, on property, 9 Priva road, Northcote, 5-roomed D.F. W.B. villa on land 43 x 130ft. 8in. See advertisement.

By Stott, Son and Watson on May 15 at 3 p.m., on property, 3 Gooch St., Northcote, sale of furniture and effects. Particulars advertised.

By Stott, Son and Watson in conjunction with E. H. Smith, on May 16 at 3p.m., on property, 60 Martin St., Northcote, 4-roomed S.F. W.B. cottage, on land 34 x 110. Particulars elsewhere.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on May 23, at 3 p.m., on property, 31 Wilcox St., Preston, 5-roomed D.F. hardwood villa, on land 40 x 107. See advertisement.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on May 27, at 3 p.m., on property, 10 Munro St., Northcote, 5-roomed D.F. W.B. villa, on land 50ft. 5in. x 109. Particulars elsewhere.

By Angus McDonald Pty. Ltd., in conjunction with S. L. Willmott and Co., on May 23 at 3 p.m., on property, 30 Christmas St., Northcote, sale of 4-roomed W.B. cottage, on land 33 x 145. See advertisement.

By Coghill and Haughton on May 20, at 3 p.m., 4-roomed cottage, 15 Rushall St., Fairfield, on land 49ft. 6in. x 146ft.; at 3.45, 4-roomed cottage, 2 Plimsoll Gve., N.W. corner White St., Fairfield. Both to be sold on easy terms. See advertisement.

By Angus McDonald Pty. Ltd., and J. G. Robson, at 3.45 p.m. on May 23, on the property, 11 Margaret Gve., Preston, 4-roomed bungalow. Particulars elsewhere.

Youth Missing

Ian Young, 13, Kellett street, Northcote left his home to attend the Prince of Wales Park Methodist Sunday School last Sunday. As he did not return home inquiries revealed that he had not been at the school. His disappearance was reported to the police and he was later found at Box Hill.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure For Children's Hacking Cough.

Australian Natives' Association

NORTHCOTE BRANCH

The fortnightly meeting was held on May 7, the president (Mr. Turnbull) occupying the chair. Nominations were received for officebearers for the coming half-year. The election takes place at the meeting next Thursday. A representative of the Metropolitan Committee will address the meeting and install the officers. A vote of thanks was recorded to Mr. Berry for services as secretary to the rifle team. The final of the single-handed bowls competition resulted in a win for Mr. W. Preston, who will represent the branch in the Preston single-handed competition. A single-handed competition is now in progress to select a representative in the A.N.A. championship.

COLLECTING THE RATES

Northcote Gets Over £50,000

Up to last Tuesday, the last day for payment of rates without incurring interest charges, the Northcote council received £50,295 out of a total of £66,462 to be collected.

Arrears of rates at October 1 last year stood at £4739, of which £837 has been collected.

Current rates outstanding are £16,167, and this together with £262 arrears carried forward, leaves a total now outstanding of £19,119.

Receipts for the last three days before May 12 were £2012 from 1000 and £16,639, making a total of £20,512.

The percentage collected this year is 75.6 as against 81.6 at the corresponding date last year.

Epiphany Entertainment Society

As presented in the Northcote Town Hall on Tuesday last by the above society "A Peaceful Night," a comedy in three acts, proved anything but peaceful. The story dealt with a legacy of three valuable jewels, and the family's individual efforts to protect them and each other from the "Black Terror." Tense drama was introduced in parts; some exciting action taking place in the dark to the accompaniment of revolver shots. Miss E. McPherson as "Gram" Pembroke, Miss W. Harris as Kay Millis, a detective, and Mr. K. Riches as "Granny" Pembroke were laudable while the other characters took their parts capably. The team and comedy work were excellent and the staging good. The play was produced by Miss Elsie McPherson and Mr. Keith Riches. In the company also were—Nell Gurney as Edith Whitman, Lena E. Orchard as Evelyn Whitman, F. D. Perkins as Arthur Whitman, E. Hodges as Captain George Whitman, Olive Yates as Alice Borden, Jack Bowes-Palmer as Jim Hayes and D. N. Burnett as Fred Alden, and the Black Terror. During the intervals between the acts, the Northcote Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Basil Farrell Mus. Dip., rendered selections. The attendance was good, but not as good as the performance merited.

REGENT TALKIES

"Playboy of Paris"

"A Lady Surrenders" comes on Monday, telling the story of a fine novelist wife and her manufacturer husband, of how her jealously sophistication lose her husband's love to her best friend. It poses the most fascinating dramatic problem of any marital drama the talking screen has yet offered. George Brent, Tobin is the wife's friend, Rose Robart the novelist wife, Conrad Nagel the neglected husband, and Basil Rathbone the sentimental philanderer who attracts the novelist.

At the Chevalier whimsicality and all the Chevalier personality are at their best in "Playboy of Paris," a gaudy and rollicking tale of a waiter with aspirations to "paint the town red," who falls heir to a million francs, only to find himself dies to his job. So, waiter by day, and millionaire man-about-town at night, he leads a "double" life, that mystifies his numerous lady friends in both spheres. His amours place him in many embarrassing and highly humorous situations, ending, as a climax, in a near-duel, the pseudo-waiter's pseudo-gentleman, being saved from a very dangerous predicament by the woman he really loved all the time.

"Raffles"

Thursday brings two superb features in "Renegades" and Raffles." In the former action, excitement, treachery, heroism and a strange romance are combined when a Frenchman, a German, a Russian and an American form a comradeship that neither death nor a woman can break. Warner Baxter is supported capably by Myrna Loy, Noah Beery, George Cooper and Gregory Gaye. Raffles the gentleman-crook is a character which seems to fit none other than Ronald Colman. The thrilling scenes of midnight burglaries, the high life of an English gentleman, the elegant pensive cars, luxurious and English setting combined with hair breadth escapades holds listeners throughout. The climax brings about a satisfactory compromise between the gentleman crook and Scotland Yard. A theme of love gives the realistic touch to this excellent British talkie.

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ROMANTIC CIRCLE.

HERD—JOHNSON

The Clifton Hill Presbyterian church was very prettily decorated on Wednesday evening, April 29, by friends of Eva Spence, only daughter of Mrs and the late Mr. W. B. Johnson, of Kinowles street, Northcote, the occasion being her marriage to Mr. Melville W. Herd, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Herd, of Gourlay street, St. Kilda. The bride, who was given away by her mother, wore a quaintly-made frock of ivory tulle mounted over beautifully fine cobweb lace cut to follow the lines of the bride's slim figure, the train being part of the skirt fullness. Under the layer of tulle on the back was a turquoise blue bow, making a very effective finish. Her tulle veil fell in enveloping folds from her headdress with turquoise blue cords, forming a chaplet at the back. The diadem of orange blossom continued round the head and formed a lover's knot at the nape of the neck. She carried a shower bouquet of azaleas, roses and lily of the valley. The bridesmaids, Misses Mollie Reed and Burne Hastings, were prettily frocked alike in patou pink velvet, styled on long graceful lines. They wore hats to tone, introducing a touch of palest green, which matched their shoes and gloves. Each carried a bouquet of pink roses and green hydrangea. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Alan K. Johnson (brother of the bride) as best man, and Mr. Hazil Reed as groomsman. After the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. J. Garnon Owen, a reception was held at the Hotel Windsor by the bride's mother, who wore a frock of black georgette and lace, with black velvet and silver lame hat. She carried a beautiful bouquet of red roses. The bridegroom's mother wore a frock of black lace and bridge velvet toque and carried golden roses—and autumn leaves. The honeymoon is being spent at the Blue Mountains and Sydney.

FANCY'S FASHION.

Lady's "Tuck-In" Yoke Blouse

The vogue for the ever useful "tuck-in" blouse, is perhaps the most popular of the present day styles for utility wear, and rightly, for there is no garment so comfortable for sports wear as a blouse of simple design, one that is easy to make, and suitable for frequent launderings. Our illustration shows a pattern which is right up to the mark as regards both style and fit. The blouse is designed with a yoke at the front, which terminates in a bow and ends. The blouse may be sleeveless, as desired. Almost every class of material is suitable for making up this blouse, excepting of course, heavy winter weight goods.

The materials particularly suitable are plain or figured georgette, crepe-de-chine, washing satin or fuji, and cotton goods such as fine voiles, cambrics, tobralco, and similar weaves. The pattern is No. 3446, price 10d. cut in sizes to suit small women, medium, and outsize figures. Skirts patterns to suit can be supplied in sizes to correspond with blouse. Demarch vest patterns can be purchased from agents everywhere, a list of local agents will be found elsewhere in this paper. Ask for free copy of the Monthly Fashions leaflet.

FROCKS GO UP

With the lengthening of dress lengths the prices have accordingly risen in value. This has been pointed out by Mr. Gordon Tobin, manager of the wardrobe department. In the days of knee-length dresses the prices ranged from £6 upwards for evening dresses, whereas an evening gown of modern pattern cannot be fashioned under the £20 mark.

PYJAMAS FOR DINNER PARTIES SUGGESTED

Pyjamas have left the precincts of the boudoir and go dining in style, according to recent fashion ultimatums.

Fay Wray, who is appearing in Paramount's production, "The Conquering Horde," has adopted the dinner costume for the film colony season.

She recently entertained at dinner wearing a turquoise satin blouse with trousers of sun burst pleated, black satin.

NOVEL MILLINERY TO MAKE DEBUT

Autumn millinery is rumored to be doing astonishing things behind the locked doors of Hollywood's millinery establishments.

Ruth Chatterton, appearing in Paramount's "The Right to Love," recently went schopping and let out the secrets of the mode.

"The motto of the autumn season is 'place your hat on your head, do not pull it down over the ears,' says Miss Chatterton.

"Ribbons, flowers, feathers and quills have started an unprecedented comeback, and we find the hats of the mannequins fairly weighted with trimmings.

"The new hats are far more than just hats," Ruth concluded, "they are picture frames, worn to outline the face, to complete a picture of the individual wearing it."

Black Velvet Ensemble
featured by FAY WRAY
in the Paramount Picture
"Conquering Horde"

BLACK VELVET ENSEMBLE

With the winter season almost here, milady is looking to her new ensemble, and the smartest will be black velvet and turquoise.

Fay Wray is appearing in the new fashion which boasted a flared skirt and form-fitting bodice. The dress is without ornamentation, but Miss Wray has added a turquoise satin scarf which she ties tightly round her neck, and it falls into a soft bow on the left shoulder. This color is again repeated in her velvet toque, which sports a narrow head band of the color and a chic metal buckle.

Black satin pumps, with matching buckle, and a black bag with a short touch of turquoise, give the finishing accessories.

WET DAYS

Half the irritation and boredom that find expression amongst children and grown-ups on wet days may be put down to lack of exercise. It is not all due to the depressing influence of the weather.

Although it may be uncomfortable it is often better for us if we have to go out, but unless we have to there is little sense in venturing forth and getting soaked if the weather is very bad. And as far as a child is concerned it is naturally very bad for it, particularly if it is liable to catch cold easily.

On wet days see that a child gets plenty of exercise in the house. Even if it seems inclined to, don't let it sit or loll about for hours on end with a picture-book. Moodiness or a bad night is sure to follow.

Keep Them Occupied

If the child is inclined to become mischievous try to devise something that occupies the mind as well as the body. Send him or her on little errands.

On a wet day the big house comes into its own. Its possibilities of adventure are far greater than those of a small house. The child will appreciate this more than anybody. Although I know one old lady whose health and beauty are a source of wonder to her family and who manages to keep fit even when the weather keeps her indoors for days at a time. She lives with her daughter in an old-fashioned house with two staircases and many passages. She gives herself so much running up and down and makes for herself so many journeys that she does not notice the lack of exercise when the weather is bad and it is not wise for her to go out.

Give a child little journeys to run. If a child becomes very bored or difficult to manage try some exercises performed in time to the gramophone. This will often work wonders. If there are two or more children so much the better. You can call it a little drill class.

Stretch Your Limbs

Grown-ups who have been confined to the house for a whole day will cheer up considerably if they push the furniture back and dance in the evening. Dancing is a great solution of the wet day problem, and as long as there are two of you and a gramophone it is quite practicable.

Don't make a wet day or a house-bound day an excuse for no exercise. Exercise in the fresh air is the best possible thing, of course, but where this is impossible exercise indoors or by an open window is the next best thing. If you have work to get on with you will return to it with renewed vigor if you stretch your limbs between whiles. Welcome the extra journey or the extra flight of stairs when you have forgotten something. Running up and down stairs is excellent exercise.

Last but not least remember for yourself and the children some deep breathing and some gentle exercise before bed if you have not had a breath of fresh air all day, and you will have a good night's sleep in spite of it all.

TASTY RECIPES

Bacon and Cheese Savoury.

Cut slices of cheese into 2 inches square. Put a slice of bacon on each side of cheese, and bake in oven for 15 minutes. Serve on toast.

Lemon Whey.

Half a cup milk, 2 teaspoons lemon juice. Add lemon juice to milk and let stand for five minutes. Strain through cheesecloth and serve. This is a nourishing drink, and is often served for invalids.

Substitute for Whipped Cream.

Take 1 oz. butter, 2oz. sugar, 1 tablespoon cornflour, 1 teacup of milk, vanilla to taste. Make the corn flour in the usual way, and beat till it is cold. Beat the butter and sugar to a cream; add cornflour gradually, then beat all well together. Add vanilla, and the mixture is ready for use.

Prince Cakes

Take 1lb. flour, ¼lb. cornflour, 5oz. butter, ¼lb. sugar. Beat butter and sugar to a cream, add the egg, sift in flour and baking powder. Put in greased patty tins and bake in a quick oven for ten minutes.

Jelly Cakes

One cup flour, 1 small teaspoon cream of tartar, ½ of soda, 2 well-beaten eggs. Cream ½ cup sugar, ½ cup butter, add eggs, milk, flour, etc. Place in patty papers in a fairly hot oven. Set a jelly, and when partly set roll little cakes in it and cover with cocoanut. The jelly then sets on the cakes, and the result is delicious.

Snow Balls

The above recipe, only whip cream and cover all over, then roll in cocoanut.

BIBS FASHION WINS HOLLYWOOD'S FAVOR

Bibs of linen, organdie and crepe cover the fronts of many smart frocks from the neckline to waistline this autumn.

Clara Bow was one of the first to introduce this mode in her starring Paramount picture, "Kick In." On a grey crepe-de-chine frock, Miss Bow has added a sheer linen bib, edged with narrow lace, and caught to the bodice with a row of white crochet buttons.

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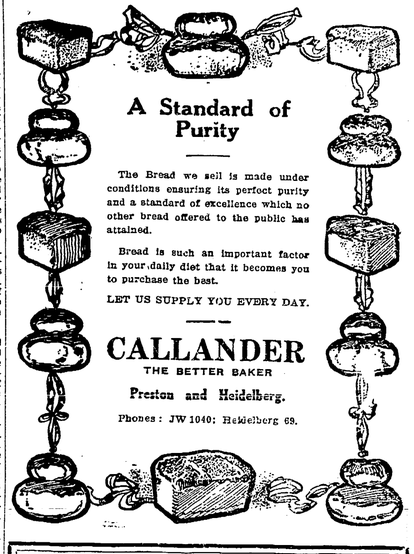

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IN THE GARDEN

PROPAGATING CARNATIONS BY CUTTING

NOW IS THE TIME FOR THIS WORK

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

(By R. Poulter and Sons, Carnation Specialists, Burwood, Victoria.)

Now that the season for propagating carnations has arrived, a few practical hints on the subject of propagation from cuttings will not be out of place.

The spring blooming, the border carnation, or semi perpetual carnation, which is only of value to exhibitors in late spring and summer here, is not a useful type, and it is not my intention to give much attention to this class. This remark applies equally to Malmaisons. Spring blooming carnations may be propagated from cuttings struck in the autumn, but the plants at the ensuing flowering season will be too small to produce the best results, so this method is not advised. Layers should be made as soon after the blooming period in the spring as possible, and planted out as soon as rooted. Incidentally it may be stated that spring blooming or semi perpetual carnation is at its best in the second flowering season.

The Modern Perpetual Carnation

The modern perpetual carnation, being a short lived plant, requires different treatment. It gives the best results when treated as an annual, so it will be wise to always have young plants on hand; they can be produced from cuttings or layers, according to the season of the year.

It is a point in favor of the carnation that it can be propagated so readily. When every plant gives its half dozen young ones, there is no reason why any garden should go without carnations. At present it is desired to point out how readily stock may be increased by cuttings. It frequently happens that there are growths on a carnation which are not suitable for layering. They may be so situated that if they were drawn down for layering they would snap off. Material of this sort need not be wasted where there is a shortage of stock.

Increase by Cuttings

The first step to success is to choose the correct cutting. This is a young growth about three inches long, found midway between the base of the plant and the top of the flower stem. Tempting looking wood will be found at the bottom of the plant, but this should be avoided, as it produces plants which are "weedy," and not free flowering, while cuttings taken from the top of the plant result in small plants with weak flowering shoots.

The cutting should be pulled (not cut) off the plant, and after the removal of the small leaves at the bottom the cutting is ready for planting. In places where there are very severe frosts and heavy rainfalls it is advisable to trim the ends of the leaves with a sharp knife: this will prevent the leaves from being beaten on the ground and damping off.

It should be borne in mind that poor cuttings make poor plants, and only strong healthy growths should be used. Cuttings taken about the end of April to the early part of July can be placed in the open ground.

The propagating beds should be in a sheltered position away from the strong winds; we prefer the beds to get the morning sun.

Any good garden soil well worked up with a quantity of sharp sand will be found ideal for striking your cuttings.

Make your beds firm and level; thoroughly moisten before planting the cuttings. Next make your holes for inserting the cuttings about one inch deep, or according to the size of the cutting. A cutting three inches long will require to be at least a good inch deep in the soil, leaving enough space between the cuttings in order to press the soil firmly around them. This is the secret of growing cuttings.

Give them a good watering to settle the ground, and after this watering only water when the earth is drying. Frequently cuttings will develop stem rot owing to too much moisture. As a preventative, it is advisable to have your cutting beds well raised and drained, and to dust the cuttings overhead occasionally with air-slaked lime.

It all depends upon the variety and the seasons how long cuttings take to form roots. In cold, damp months we have known cuttings to stand still for four months without showing the least sign of root action, and all of a sudden, when the temperature begins to rise in the early spring, they root right away, and catch up to those which have been rooted for months.

Again, some varieties, such as "Florrie" and "Poulter's Surprise," we have seen take root in four weeks; so we cannot say definitely how long a cutting will take to root.

When a cutting starts to make roots—a process you can tell by the lengthening of the central shoot of the cutting—it should not be disturbed until root action is well advanced. The plant will then send up a flower shoot, which should be pinched back halfway to the ground level, to induce the young plant to make fresh shoots from the base.

Cuttings inserted now should be ready to plant out in September, which will make strong, vigorous plants by next autumn, and produce a good display of blooms from March onwards.

During April and May the bushy, sturdy little plants require to be staked and tied up. This must have attention immediately, otherwise a rough wind may do damage.

Staking and Tying

There are various methods of tying, and, of course, right and wrong ways, the base of the plant should first be secured to the stakes, and should be brought under control before it has finished throwing up its flowering stems. It is probably unnecessary to tell people why they should tie up the plants. If anyone spends hard cash for a choice collection of carnations, surely they are worth a little attention.

Stakes of any sort are an eyesore; but, being necessary, we have to put up with them. The least unsightly of all are made from stout galvanised fencing wire. Thin paling sticks also look neat, but we prefer half inch square hardwood stakes, about 30 inches long. These will last for a few years, and it is a good plan to dip them in boiling tar for about six inches or one end of each, and let thoroughly dry before putting them into the ground.

Some people place three stakes round each plant and keep them tied loosely, which would give the plant a larger appearance than if only one stake were used. We ourselves prefer only one stake, placed close to the plant, our reason being that the wind does not interfere so much with them as when more stakes are used. If you are growing your plants in a bed one stake is the right method, as in cultivating it would be more convenient and with a well grown plant the stake would be hidden.

For tying the plants we use a fine quality binder twine, which we find lasts at least twelve months; it is cheap, and when the plants grow it is not noticeable.

Raffia is also a good material; in fact, anything that is soft and strong will do. Care should be taken not to tie tightly. It is well to remember that the plant is growing and the shoots are swelling so that every allowance should be made for that. As the plants grow further it will be necessary to tie the shoots to the stakes. Generally about three tyings in the year are sufficient.

Do not hurry to see your young plants bloom; if they are not well developed, they will not produce good flowers, and if when the plant is small it throws up a flower shoot, it is wise to pinch it out and by so doing your will strengthen the plant, and it will give better results later on.

When your plants have grown into nice sized bushes, showing plenty of vigorous growth, they will then be capable of sending up strong flower shoots; each shoot will produce a number of buds, and in most cases the side buds should be nipped off in the early stages, leaving only the centre or crown bud, which will develop into a much larger and finer flower when treated in this manner.

This is a month when your carnations need a fair amount of attention. The ground should be kept well worked with the Dutch hoe, so as to keep the soil open and from setting hard, and will also destroy most of the seed of winter weeds. An occasional dusting of air slacked lime will keep down the carnation rust; which will soo nmaks its appearance.

If you dust your plants during late autumn and early spring while the dew is on them, preferably early in the morning, with air slaked lime, you will not be troubled very much with rust. Regular dustings about every three weeks during these months keep the carnation in good health.

—"Garden Lover."

MALVERN FLOWER SHOW

Northcote Exhibitors' Successes

Competing at the Malvern Horticultural Society's autumn flower show last Saturday, Mrs. J. W. Firth, 66 Thornbury, secured six prizes for exhibits in the bouquet section as follows:—Bride's shower bouquet, bowl of flowers, ladies' sprays, bunch of mixed roses, bowl of roses (one kind), bowl of mixed roses.

At the same show Mrs. C. Lovelace, of Northcote, secured first prize for a basket of flowers.

WATER METER RENTS

MOVE TO SEEK ABOLITION

A letter was received by Northcote council on Monday from Northcote West Ward Progress Association, requesting that the council urge the Board of Works, through its representative, (Commissioner Dennis) to abolish water meter rents.

Cr. Turner: No council can plead a better case to the Board than this council, which has itself abolished electric light meter rents.

Rent has been paid on some of these meters for years, and they have been paid for time and again.

Cr. Jones: It is like a grocer trying to charge customers for the use of his scales!

Might Cause Increased Rate

Cr. Dennis: If the meter rent is abolished possibly the rate might be increased. I would point out that possibly more than half of the water users in Northcote have no meters.

Cr. Olver: You don't think for a moment the Board will abolish the meter rents right away.

Cr. Sutch: How many times over have the meters been paid for in rents?

Cr. Dennis: I think it would be better for the council not to come to a decision until I get a statement of the capital cost, cost of repairs and all information in connection with meters.

Cr. Olver: It certainly is an ingenious thing for the Board to charge for putting in a measuring device, so that the Board could get more revenue. (Laughter) The Board does not insist on the installation of meters if it does not think the water consumption will be greater than the amount of water allowed for under the amount of rate paid.

Cr. Oldis: I think it would be a good idea if the Board would credit the 6/ a year paid as rent towards the cost of rates on behalf of the persons using them.

Cr. Johnson: A vast number of people do not use meters, and they will probably be asked to pay a higher rate.

Cr. Turner: The Board only insists that meters be put in where it thinks more water will be used than would be accounted for by the extra rates. Then these people are compelled to pay 6/ a year ever after, as well as paying for extra water. This rent charge should be spread over the whole scheme.

It was decided to ask Cr. Dennis to obtain information for the council.

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENTS

CR. TURNER SUGGESTS BY-LAW BE WIDENED

At its next meeting Northcote council will consider a regulation in connection with its by-law controlling amusement halls etc., on Sundays, the object of the regulation being to bring under the provisions of this by-law all halls and land in or on which public amusements are conducted etc.

Cr. Turner said the present by-law stated that all buildings for amusement must be closed from 11.30 on Saturday night to 8 p.m. on Monday except for purposes of divine worship.

The council had violated its own by-law by allowing community singing in the Town Hall.

The by-law, he said, should be made more elastic, and the halls thrown open for educational purposes as well as divine worship.

Cr. Dennis: That is a bit too wide. You don't want a by-law at all if you widen it as you suggest. Who is going to say what "educational" means?

Cr. Turner: The by-law is of a religious nature. The council has "winked its eye" at its own by-law in allowing community singing on Sundays. I suggest the by-law be amended.

Cr. Dennis: The council has to be careful with this matter. If Cr. Turner's suggestion were agreed to, and an application for a hall for dancing on Sunday was made and it could be shown that people would be taught to dance, that might be termed "educational."

Cr. Bird said: "If a discretionary clause is introduced into the by-law, it will cause endless trouble, and will be the thin end of the wedge as far as Sunday entertainments are concerned."

Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary BIRTHDAYS

A meeting was held on May 7 in the Northcote town hall, 53 members being present. Work sent to the Melbourne Hospital for May: 88 pillow slips, 14 patients' shirts (men's). The amount raised by the musical afternoon for the local Unemployed Relief Committee, arranged by Northcote Red Cross and Benevolent Society, was £24/9/. Arrangements are in hand for a ball in aid of the Auxiliary funds on May 26. Tickets are 5/ each and may be had from the secretary of the Red Cross, 27 Bastings street, Northcote, phone JW4106, or the town clerk, Northcote.

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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL

MONDAY, MAY 11

The usual meeting of the Northcote Council was held on Monday. Present were the mayor (Cr. J. H. Green) and Crs. H. E. Johnson, W. Glanfield, A. H. Oldis, J. O. Hughes, A. C. Bird, M. C. Jones, W. Hayes, S. Dennih, W. Oliver, A. C. Cornish, A. E. Peters, J. Sutch, S. Pinkney and W. H. Turner.

Verandah Blinds and Intersections.—The Municipal Association has suggested that these be prohibited where they are likely to obscure the vision and so cause accidents.—To receive consideration.

Police Protection.—Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., advised that he would be pleased to supply particulars as to police in Northcote and their duties.

Tramway Statutory Payments.—Mr. Cain, M.L.A., advised that the Government had previously approved of the Tramways Board being so relieved, but owing to the financial position the matter could not be proceeded with last session. It would be reconsidered, however, in the near future.

Bus Route.—The Public Works Department has agreed to the temporary deviation of the motor bus route from Clarke street and Victoria road to Rathmines and Bastings streets.

Pearl Reserve.—The Education Department, which owns this reserve, has agreed to extend the council's lease for another five years from April 1, 1931.

Infant Welfare Advisory Council.—Lilydale Shire sought support for its nominee on the infant Welfare Advisory council.

Cr. Turner moved that the writers be informed that the council had dissociated itself.

Cr. Bird: We are not playing.

The Mayor: Are you serious?

Cr. Turner: Quite. It is the only thing to do.

The motion was carried.

West Ward Progress Association.—This body sought the erection of a light on the St. George's road beautification reserve between Watt and Miller streets.

Cr. Turner said there was a need to erect another light to preserve the symmetry of the lighting scheme.

Referred to E.L. Committee.

The same association requested the preparation of a nature strip on the footpath in front of Glen Iris Brick Company's property in St. George's road for the purpose of tree planting.

Cr. Turner said a citizen had offered to supply the trees to be planted by the council alongside the Brick Co's place.

Work already authorised.

Street Seats.—West Ward Progress Association, expressing appreciation of the council's action in providing seating accommodation at the corner of High and Dundas streets, and urging the need for police supervision to protect same.

It was decided to ask the police to keep an eye on the seats to check vandalism.

Cr. Hughes said the bus proprietor had provided half the cost of the seats at Dundas and Westgarth streets.

Printing of Rolls.—The Printing Industry Employes' Union objected to the council's proposal to type municipal street rolls, instead of printing them, and asked that rolls be printed as usual.

Cr. Turner: The council must take into consideration that typing is usually carried out by junior girls, whilst printing is usually done by men who have family responsibilities.

The Mayor: The council must be decided to have the rolls typed. It has only invited alternative tenders.

The matter was referred to committee of the council.

General

The following matters were referred to the Public Works Committee:—C. Adams and others, re paths and channels in Christmas street; J. J. Smyth and others, requesting construction of right-of-way between Peel and Stafford streets; A. J. Rushford and others, re roads and paths, Jamieson and Roberts streets; W. Copperthwaite, re path and channels, East and Cunningham streets; M. Mews, re Canby street; M. Young, re drainage, Taylor street.

Referring to Taylor street, Cr. Turner said that a drain would have to be constructed to give relief to one property. This drain would have to be paid for by the people in the street, and as 20 or 30 were affected, most of them being unemployed or rationed, it was most difficult to know just what to do.

Fairfield North State School asked the council to donate 2cwt. of firewood per week for a children's soup kitchen.

Cr. Oliver moved that the request be referred to the Central Relief Committee.—Carried.

McGeary and Booth sought the fixing of bus stands in High street at Westgarth and Dundas streets.—P.W. Committee.

Fairfield North State School, re drain in Station street.—P.W. Committee.

Unemployed Musicians' Community Singers sought rebate in hall hire when dances were held.—Finance Committee.

Committee Reports

Public Works Committee accounts £1144/12/0 were paid.

Easement.—A tender for £106/3/8 was accepted for the construction of an easement between Traill and Osborne streets.

L. Gorr was granted permission to build a private garage in Bastings street.

Electric Light Committee accounts £326/19/7 were paid.

Parks Committee accounts £147/15/ were paid.

Finance Committee accounts £647 11/2, and general purposes accounts £2118 were passed for payment.

Street Construction Payments.—The town clerk was instructed to take action to recover amounts from several owners due for street construction and interest.

Ordinary Business

Cr. Hughes moved that the following matters be referred to the P.W. Committee:—Concentration of water on footpath after rain in Beaconsfield parade; surveyor to inspect all crossings along High street; growth of weeds in Smith street, from High street to the railway line; rubbish deposited on vacant land in Bent street; health inspector to report.

Cr. Hughes spoke of condition of Beaconsfield parade and asked that consideration be given to re-sheeting it.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Turner spoke of pipe track crossings at Beaconsfield parade and Gadd street, and asked when they were to be attended to.

The Engineer: In these places the mains are close to the surface. To make the crossings will be costly as the board will insist on concrete.

The matter was referred to P.W. Committee.

Cr. Turner moved that the engineer give attention to bad holes in Gadd street and patching footpath in Bent street.—Carried.

Cr. Turner said that in winter time there was always a lake at the corner of Herbert street and Beaver's road. A couple of loads of filling would do a lot.

Cr. Oldis: Do you wan. an islet in the lake? (Laughter).

Referred to P.W. Committee.

Cr. Turner said people living in Woolton avenue complained of bad gases from Bullen's drain, and he suggested that the Board of Works be asked to have vents erected at various intervals along the covered drain.—Carried.

Cr. Oliver said drainage in Clifton street, east of Victoria road, was causing a lot of trouble. In Kellett street the path required attention.—Referred to P.W. Committee.

Cr. Oliver asked if permission had been given for a glider in McDonell Park on Sunday.

The Town Clerk: No.

Cr. Oliver: I should say it would be a danger to children.

Officers to report.

Cr. Bird moved that pot holes in Leinster grove; hole at corner of Bent and High streets; displaced pitchers in St. George's road, near racecourse; and footpath in Bent street be referred to P.W. Committee.

Cr. Bird spoke of neglected state of street sweeping and cleansing in the West ward.—Surveyor to report.

Cr. Bird said most of the trees and tree-guards in Henderson Park were gone, and the several trees remaining were only an eyesore.—Parks Committee to consider removal of remaining trees and guards.

Cr. Glanfield said on the east side of Separation street, near Victoria road, there were a lot of bad pot holes; broken footpath at corner of Balgonie place and Separation street.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Jones said there was an area in the North ward classified by the postal authorities as Fairfield. This often caused delays in letter delivery.—A protest to be lodged and a request to be made for the alteration of the postal boundaries.

Cr. Jones spoke of an open channel coming from Preston across Dundas street, and said it was flooding badly during heavy rain.—Engineers of Northcote and Preston to confer.

Cr. Jones spoke of stagnant water in Dundas street, south side; also broken slab; channels in Mansfield street, Jones street to the concrete; footpath in Christmas street, near Station street.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Pinkney said in St. George's road south weeds were growing in the channels.—P.W. Committee.

Cr. Oldis: I have not any requests for the expenditure of money, considering our finances.

Cr. Turner: Not after you've spent all yours and somebody else's, too. (Laughter).

Cr. Oldis moved that readjustment of pitchers in Bastings street, at the corner of High street, go to P.W. Committee.

Cr. Hayes: I understand that although the McDonell Park tip is closed, rubbish is still tipped there.

The Engineer: The tip is not yet closed.

Cr. Johnson: Is it a fact that rubbish has been carted a certain distance into the park and then charged over the drays?

The Surveyor: It did happen once after a heavy storm.

Cr. Oldis: No. I drove in on Sunday in my car.

Cr. Oliver: Did you leave it there? (Laughter).

Cr. Oldis: No.

Cr. Dennis: The council has decided to close the tip.

Cr. Cornish spoke of water lodging at the north-east corner of Merri Park and said when soil was available it might be tipped there.—To be noted.

Cr. Turner asked for a report of the amounts still available under wards' apportionments.—Carried.

EPPING.

A combined meeting of the Central and Kenner Country members of the Pindon Harriers Hunt Club was held at Wellert on Monday and decided that the opening meet of the season would be held on May 22. It was decided also to hold the point-to-point meeting on the first Tuesday in September. Opportunity was taken to congratulate Mr. J. L. Byrne who was elected master.

The Ratepayers' League held a meeting last Friday night which was well attended. Much interest is being taken in the movement. Several matters pertaining to the shire were discussed and when the league gathers the strength it is aiming at, much good may be done in assisting the shire council in its administration of ratepayers' affairs. Destructive criticism or action is not the object of the members for they hope from time to time to make concrete suggestions to councillors which may help to relieve the heavy burden of municipal taxation which the Whittlesea shire is suffering from.

Cricket enthusiasts are delighted that the Epping team has won the Whittlesea shire competition for the second year in succession. The final match against Hume Vale was a thrilling game, the spectators' interest being held until the last day. The magnificent bowling of Henry Ziebell and Tom Dea throughout the year was the biggest factor in the success of the club. Ziebell took 61 wickets at an average of 3.9 runs per wicket and Tom Dea secured 74 wickets at the cost of 4.3 runs per wicket. The batting of the club's players was not of the highest standard but its evenness was responsible for a respectable score on most occasions. E. J. Dea with an average of 22 per innings took the honors.

The football club has started the season well having two victories to its credit. Many of the young players are showing a decided improvement and the committee anticipate a very successful season.

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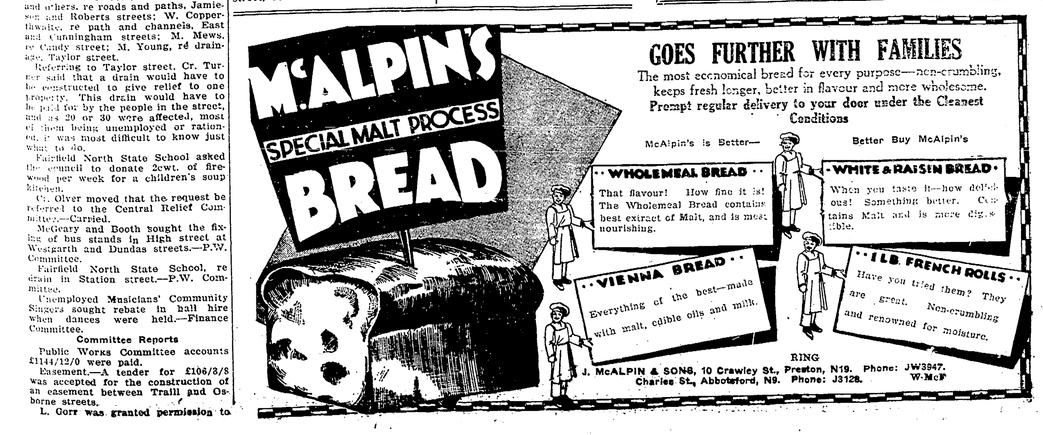

"GO ON WITH THE CASE!"

WIFE DOES SO AND OBTAINS MAINTENANCE ORDER.

"You'll get nothing out of me. Go on with the case." This is what Lily Mary Bass, Mutimer street, Preston, alleged her husband, Albert William Bass, of Mutimer street, Preston, who carries on business as a plumber in Brunswick street, Fitzroy, said to her when she asked him for money.

Mrs. Bass was seeking maintenance for herself and two children at the Preston court on May 7.

Mrs. Bass said:—We were married in August, 1926, and there are two children. The last time I got any money from my husband was on April 20, prior to which he had been giving me £1/5/ a week. He often sleeps at his shop, and when I asked him for money he said, "Go on with the case." I issued a summons two days afterwards.

Bass: Did you get 35/ the week before April 20?

Mrs. Bass: I might have, in which case it would be arrears. The 25/ weekly was not always paid regularly.

The P.M.: Your husband has a business?—Yes.

And he often sleeps at the shop?—Yes.

Bass said:—I pay the rent of the house, and ever since we were married I gave her an allowance of 25/- a week. I pay for electric light, rates, wood, etc. About two years ago she got £50 worth of groceries, and I did not make any deduction from the allowance.

In April I came home ill one night and she did not offer to make me a cup of tea, or give me any consideration. I was annoyed, and although I could hardly walk I went back to the shop. Since then I have offered to give her any food she might want, and she has used my name to obtain credit.

The P.M.: What are your earnings?

Bass: Last week I earned 1/9.

The P.M.: But that will not always be?—Business is bad.

What have you earned since January?—About £20.

What will you do, if I adjourn this case?—It is no good for me to make promises. As soon as I do so her people interfere.

The Wife: My husband has only given me one dress and money for two pairs of shoes since we have been married. When I asked him for money for clothes he usually said, "Go and earn it."

The P.M.: What are you prepared to do?

Bass: I will keep my children.

The P.M.: It is no good trying to help you. There will be an order that you pay your wife 15/ weekly for herself, and 7/6 weekly for each of the two children.

Bass was also ordered to find a surety of £25 to comply with the order, and to pay 6/ costs.

NEVER BEEN PROPERLY SUPPORTED

Wife Obtains Maintenance Order

"During our married life my husband never adequately supported me, and I have worked on and off for a week after we were married," said Mrs. Anna Maria Bagley, Rathgown Rd., Reservoir when seeking a maintenance order against her husband Peter James Bagley, Salvation Army Home, Little Latrobe street, Melbourne, at Preston court on May 7.

Mrs. Bagley said, "We were married in December 1922, and my husband has never adequately supported me. The most I have ever received from him was £1 weekly, and that was when he was earning between £6 and £8 a week in 1926 and 1927. Since then the amounts he has given ranged from 4/- to 10/- a week, but he paid the tradesmen.

Six weeks ago my husband left me, and since then he has not given me anything.

My married life has been unhappy, as he constantly annoyed me. On one occasion he threw water in my face, and six weeks ago he was fined in this court for having assaulted me.

On several occasions he has said "No woman is good enough to spend my money."

I have worked since a month after we were married, up to last June after which date I was unable to get work.

Bagley: I did not leave my wife. She had me arrested, and I was brought before the court.

Told Not to go Back to Wife

After the proceedings a constable told me to call at the Reservoir police station and get my bag, after which I was to go to the city, and not back to my wife. Prior to that I had never been in trouble.

The P.M. (Mr. Tibb): You did not go back to your wife?

Bagley: No the constable told me not to.

The P.M.: It would be a terrible thing if we all left our wives if someone told us not to return. (Laughter)

Bagley continuing said "In the past six weeks I have only earned an average of 13/6 a week. I sell office requisites, and since the depression there are a great number of people doing the same thing.

Mr. Cahir (for the wife): Your wife has worked during her married life?—Off and on.

She cannot get work now?—No.

You have not given her anything for six weeks?—I have been unable to. I do not make enough to pay my own way.

Will you make a proposition?—I will keep her if I can get a position.

Mr. Cahir: The path to Heaven is paved with good intentions. Your wife has got to live so why don't you give her something. She has got to live.

Defendant: So have I. She has made my life a misery, and has been cursing and nagging at me for years.

The P.M.: You only gave your wife a £1 a week when you were earning £6.

Bagley: She said she did not want more than £1, and that I should put the rest into the house. She now has the use of the house.

Mr. Cahir: This is your second wife?—Yes.

And your first wife had a maintenance order against you?—Yes.

When she died you were in arrears to a considerable amount?—I do not remember.

Mr. Cahir: A very convenient sort of memory.

Rev. Parsons, vicar of St. Mary's Church of England said that his church was assisting Bagley.

Mr. Cahir asked for an order, no matter how small the amount.

An order was made that Bagley pay his wife 10/- weekly; that he find a surety of £25 to comply with the order, and pay £1/7/- costs.

Mr. E. C. Tibb, P.M. and Mr. O. A. Walker J. P. were on the bench.

Blood Will Tell

By E. NEWTON BUNGEY

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Stuart Wrayford hurried through the hall of Grelston Manor.

"Has my father returned, Walker?" he asked.

"Yes, sir; he just gone up to his study," replied the butler.

Stuart ran up the broad staircase, along the balcony which ran the full length of the hall, and entered the study, where his father stood starring out of the window at the Manor gardens bright and gay in the June sunshine.

"Had a good journey, dad?" Stuart asked; and then, without waiting for a reply, added swiftly: "I've got some good news for you, dad. I am going to be married."

Sir John Wrayford swung round, his face drawn and haggard, and stared at his son with eyes that were slightly bloodshot.

"Dad!" exclaimed Stuart in alarm. "What's happened?"

"You are engaged to Nancy Sinclair?"

"Yes. But—you are ill, dad. Has anything happened in London? Have you had an accident?"

Sir John's fists clenched, and he slipped slowly into a chair, sitting with his hands on his knees, staring at the ground.

"I don't know how to tell you, Stuart," he said hoarsely.

"What? Tell me what?"

"Almost the worst news I could give you, considering what you have just told me."

He waited a full minute before he spoke again, and then he continued, slowly and huskily:

"Your mother was not my first wife, Stuart. I was widower when I married her. She knew that, but we neither of us dreamed of what I have just learnt. My first marriage was unfortunate. It was a hurried affair—a boy and girl marriage. She was a-a-a waitress. My people never knew. We parted soon after our marriage. I settled an allowance on her. Then she died. But she—" Sir John's voice faltered, and only with difficulty did he speak the next words. "She had a son, Stuart, and did not tell me."

"A son!" repeated Stuart. "Why, he must be my stepbrother. Where is he? Have you seen him?"

"Yes. I have seen him. He is employed by a Lambeth greengrocer. He pushes a barrow and sells vegetables in the streets. I knew him at once—he is the image of me."

For a moment Stuart forgot the tragedy in his father's voice, and his eyes twinkled as he thought of the tall, aristocratic-looking man, the image of his father, selling vegetables from a barrow in the streets of Lambeth.

"His mother deliberately kept his birth a secret from me. We did not get on well together after the first passion had died away. Her ways were not mine. That was why we parted. She nursed a secret resentment against me, and designed her son for her revenge. She placed ful particulars in the hands of a cheap solicitor, with instructions that nothing was to be done until her son reached the age of thirty, unless I died before then. She evidently reckoned by that time I should have married again and have children that I loved and a heir whom I expected to follow me. She was cunning enough to know that in no other way could she hit me so hard. God knows she has had her revenge!"

Sir John buried his face in his hands, whilst Stuart stood by him, the full meaning of his story sinking into his heart.

"Then—then your other son will come before me?" he said.

"The estates are strictly entailed. I have an appointment with my solicitor the day after tomorrow. I don't know if anything can be done. I shall try to arrange matters by settling a considerable sum on Stephen—that is his name. But in any case he must inherit the title. I am afraid.

"I don't know what I ought to do about Nancy," Sir John continued. "Admiral Sinclair may not agree to the match when he hears the truth; particularly if I cannot make the arrangements I hope to."

"I have my mother's money," responded Stuart dully.

"I'd better see Sinclair at once."

"And I must see Nancy."

Father and son sat together for an hour or more talking over the terrific blow which, in one fell swoop had added ten years to Sir John and appeared likely to wreck Stuart's future.

Presently they set out to call on Admiral Sinclair. Stuart found Nancy in the house, and she was hastening to meet him, her pretty face aglow after her ride. But as she saw his expression the smile froze on her lips, and she grasped his hands, bidding him tell her what was troubling him, and with difficulty he obeyed.

"If the worst comes to the worst, Nancy," he said, "I have eight hundred a year left me by my mother."

That was a very different proposition to being a baronet and having an income of some six thousand a year, the Manor, and the big estates that went with it. But Nancy did not look at it from that point of view and she released his hands and slipped her arms around his neck.

"As though I care about that, Stuart," she said softly. "It's you I want, not money and position. I've got an income too, as you know, and we shall be able to manage splendidly."

"You won't want to give me up, then?" he cried.

She gazed into his eyes.

"Do you realise how much I care for you?" she asked, and then kissed him.

Admiral Sinclair's views co-incided with the daughter's Fortunately he possessed considerable means.

"Even if this other son of yours takes all he is entitled to, Wrayford," he said, "between us all we shall be able to arrange for a good income for the young couple. I never have your boy for a son-in-law than any man I know, and I think we may safely leave the young people to decide for themselves."

Sir John gripped the Admiral's hand, and presently they joined Stuart and Nancy, and the expressions on the faces of the lovers plainly showed what decision they had made.

"I hope Baxter will be able to help us when I see him." said Sir John, as he and Stuart went on their way home. "He has a splendid knowledge of legal matters."

"If he can it will be all right, dad," responded Stuart.

To the south he was more concerned about his father's health than about his own future. They were walking home, and Sir John seemed to find the journey an effort, and at times he experienced a difficulty in getting his breath.

Stuart felt relieved when they came in sight of the Manor, but as they approached the entrance, Sir John suddenly stumbled and then slid sideways against Stuart, his face livid, his eyes closed.

A shout broke from the younger man's lips as he caught his father in his arms, and in response to it the butler came running from the house.

Sir John was unconscious and they carried him in and laid him on a settee in the hall. Stuart telephoned for the doctor, but before the latter could arrive Sir John Wrayford had passed away without recovering consciousness.

(To be continued).

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[illegible] competition this week: also a new boy Cobber, Alan [illegible] for Tria entries. Heaps of love from the Pets and

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[illegible] in Blossom, [illegible] not in leaf, [illegible] in spirit, but not in speed; [illegible] in hour and minutes abound, [illegible] in Tom, but not in Hilly; [illegible] 4th yet will find [illegible] 5th is in a deep green, [illegible] 6th is with the beauty of the world [illegible] 7th is in a [illegible] and adjective [illegible] 8th's a native flower, [illegible] don't yet know.

BIRTHDAYS

[illegible] Cobbers, Uncle Phil sends the Pets his Happiest and Heartiest Birthday Greetings to Lois Wall (May 14), Ruth and Arthur Sellick (May 15), Nellie Gay (May 17) and Fred Hughes (May 21).

OUR MAIL BAG

[illegible] congratulations Alma on the three Tickets. The prize will be [illegible] Monday so please call for it. Fluffy [illegible] and greetings.—Uncle Phil. [illegible] Kings-Wells Cobbers, the Cinema Alan. [illegible] Certificate arrive safely? Are you [illegible] Cobber? Yes, we have heard lots of [illegible] Gill.

[illegible] O'Connor, Glavo for writing the Tria at last Frank. The book will be [illegible] Monday, so call for it then.—Uncle Phil. [illegible] Cobber, Hooray! Hooray! [illegible] delighted you've won. Heaps [illegible] Cobber, Congrats Roy on [illegible] the [illegible] Will you call for the prize [illegible] or after Monday. Yes you are [illegible]

[illegible] Fullerton.—The song is a country Jack [illegible] you a lucky boy to have been to [illegible] a fancy place. Jacky saw his young [illegible] taken like that. Greetings [illegible] the Pets.—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

[illegible] are a class of their own, and [illegible] constitute a prize. Trias can be included in your ordinary 100 [illegible] six. Each entry must be marked [illegible] the top "Tria Entry." [illegible] so I will [illegible] the entries in the order they [illegible] subjects chosen give a wide range [illegible] things of interest—the days, sports, [illegible] shopping, motoring, about the beach [illegible] country, anything about hobbies, [illegible] to play, about your gardens [illegible] things that can be made by Cobbers. The best each month will [illegible] in a special mark, a "tria," while other entries just get the ordinary [illegible] Mail. When you have three "trias" [illegible] the same as 100 marks and a [illegible] will be given for them. So, [illegible] go ahead and send in your [illegible] If you are talking the work [illegible] a book, do not just copy it out, [illegible] it over two or three times, and [illegible] it in your own words, [illegible] your meaning clear. Start [illegible] away now, and let me see who [illegible] gain the first prize—a boy or a [illegible] Tria, if original, and a book [illegible] "original" in one corner.

TRIAS

WHY DOES THE CHAIN TRAIL?

[illegible] many Cobbers have often wondered [illegible] the chain that hangs from the back [illegible] of petrol lorries and trail along the road [illegible] Without knowing it [illegible] actually think this was a matter of [illegible] on the part of the drivers, but [illegible] trailing chain serve a very useful purpose [illegible] in case of lightning striking a lorry [illegible] current passes harmlessly through the [illegible] into the earth, avoiding what might [illegible] have caused a serious explosion owing [illegible] inflammable nature of the petrol.

Duncan Matheson.

VERANDAH IN THE AIR

[illegible] my brother and I [illegible] through the front windows when, [illegible] the heavy wind, we saw the verandah suddenly lifted in the air. We immediately ran into the kitchen to tell Auntie what had happened. We had just reached [illegible] when there was a deafening crash and a [illegible] of the verandah fell through the chief [illegible] and rest lining left on the roof.

Lily Anthonsen.

A LIFT ON THE OCEAN WAVE

[illegible] are serious-looking animals, [illegible] bodies are covered with loose flesh, and [illegible] of feet they have long fins. [illegible] so they can swim and dive as easily as [illegible] large fish. They go about together feeding [illegible] and sleeping. In the open sea, [illegible] cannot swim until they are [illegible] old — they are obliged to spend [illegible] weeks of their lives in rookeries on [illegible] shores. Early in the springtime the [illegible] leave the sea and take possession of [illegible] stretches of coastland. Then a [illegible] commission takes place. The old bulls [illegible] and fight, for they all want the best places nearest the sea for themselves and families. But at last all settle down, and while the mother sea lions nurse their babies the father keeps guard. As soon as the babies can come to the water's edge their mothers teach them to swim and dive. Then when they have learned to use their flippers properly the whole party starts off once more for "a life on the ocean wave."

WONDERFUL CLOCKS

Curious clock was made years ago by Robert Knox. It plays six tunes, but is silent on Sundays, on which day a hand points to the words "Remember the Sabbath." In the British museum there is a wonderful clock in the form of a ship. The clock is at the bottom of the mainmast, and on the deck a German Emperor is seated in state surrounded by his court. When the works are wound up a number of different actions are performed by the crew of the vessel. The clock is supposed to have been made in 1581.

Bessie Goldstein.

(GOOD)

FOR STAMP COLLECTORS

You should collect only perfect stamps. Bad stamps should have all adhesive paper removed, by placing them face upwards on wet blotting paper, taking care that no moisture touches the printing on the front. The edge should never be trimmed. To handle stamps safely, any risk of damage, use nickel plated tweezers. Stamps should be mounted in an album with stamp hinges, fold, over about [illegible] in, with the gummed side affix to top edge of stamp. The intermediate is thus left in view. Afterwards moisten the stamps and they will be found to easily peel off clearly, leaving little or no mark. On foreign stamps they have strange names. Here are some of them.—Belgium, Belgique; Belgique; Canada, Canada; Danish West Indies—Danish Vest Indien; Esthonia—Zeeland; Czech-Slovakia—Cesko-Slovensko; Germany—Deutches Reich; Holland—Nederland; Hungary—Magyar-Kiraly; Persia—Postes-Persanes; Norway—Norge; Poland—Postes-Polska; Russia—Koii; Spain—Espana; Sweden—Sverige; Switzerland—Helvetia; Turkey—Postes-Ottomanes.

(GOOD)

Cyril Maes.

ALL SHE HAD

Young Angus had been out all the evening with his best girl. When he arrived home he was in the parlour still, waiting up for him. The old man looked up and shook his head. "Hae ye been out wi' you lassie again?" he asked. "Aye dad," replied young Angus. "Why Said the undertaker. "It's dead." "Falling off," said the riding school teacher. "The dressmaker." "Well," he said: "It's all write with me," said the author, "Picking up," said the man on the dump; "My business is sound," said the bandman. Said the athelete, "I'm kept on the jump;" The bottler declared it was "corking." The parson, "It's good," answered he: "I make both ends meat," said the butcher, "The tailor replied, "It suits me."

Joe Jowett.

CHANGE THE TUNE

In a large hotel recently one of the diners was not pleased with one of the chief efforts of the orchestra. Calling to the head waiter he said: "Does this orchestra play anything by request?" "Oh, yes sir, certainly," was the reply. "Well, said the diner, "Do you mind asking them to play a game of dominoes while I finish my lunch?"

(GOOD)

Mavis Maduwick.

CONTRIBUTIONS

MORE ABOUT SILK MOTHS

Among the various silk moths found in Assam, and other parts of India are the Bombyx Mori; the tussah (Saturnia Pajphia) the eria, or ordinary (Bombyx Cynthia — Phaloena Cynthia), the moonga (Saturnia Assamensis of Helfer) the jerce (Bombyx Religioza, Helfer) and the Saturnia Silhetica Helfer. Another species of the Saturnia (Sieleine), the posterior wings of which are prolonged into a tail like process, is common in southern India. Its chrysalis is enveloped in a silky covering, so like that of S. Pajphia, that it would probably be found to yield a strong and useful thread.

The cassimbazar produces a large cocoon; but will only produce silk annually. Dense is the small indigenous or native silkworm of Bengal, which may be produced nearly throughout the year. It yields silk of a bright yellow color. The eggs are hatched and formed into cocoons in from fifty five to sixty days in the November and March bunds, or sessions; from twenty eight to thirty days in the April and June bunds. The nistry tribe of silkworm consisted of three species—the madrassie, the soonamocky, and sramee. The soonamocky are the best; like the madrassie, they are very hardy, requiring little care, and not being at all choice about their food.

(GOOD)

Thomas Craig

The Little Boy Blue

The little toy dog is covered with dust,
But sturdy and staunch he stands
And the little toy soldier is red with rust
And his musket moulds in his hands
Time was when the little toy dog was new
And the soldier was passing fair,
And there was the time when our Little Boy Blue
Kissed them and put them there.

"Now don't you go till I come," he said
"And don't you make any noise!"
So toddling off to his trundle bed
He dreamed of his pretty toys;
And while he was dreaming an Angel song
Awakened our Little Boy Blue.
Oh the years are many, the years are long,
But the little toy friends are true;

Ay, faithful to Little Boy Blue
Each in the same old place
Awaiting the touch of a little hand,
The smile of a little face;
And they wonder as waiting the long years
through,
In the dust of that little chair,
What has become of our Little Boy Blue
Since he kissed them and put them there?

(GOOD)

Jack Power.

HOW'S BUSINESS?

Wherever you go, wherever you meet, in the tram, in the train, on the open street, it's a cert that each the other will greet.—"How's business?"

"Business is poor," said the beggar Said the undertaker, "It's dead."
"Falling off," said the riding school teacher,
"The dressmaker, "Well," he said:
"It's all write with me," said the author,
"Picking up," said the man on the dump;
"My business is sound," quoth the bandsman,
Said the athelete, "I'm kept on the jump;"
The bottler declared it was "corking,"
The parson, "It's good," answered he:
"I make both ends meat," said the butcher,
"The tailor replied, "It suits me."

Joe Jowett.

UNCLE'S SORROW

Stories of snake scares in the Cobbers' Page remind me of a story my mother told me of a John she and her brother played upon their eldest brother. They were looking for ferns along the creek when they came across a snake's skin which had been shed by its owner. John picked it up and hung it on a stick over it, then both setting up a howl, and holding up the skin too called their big brother (who was some distance away) that the snake had bitten them. He, much to their joy, started to cry. When they laughed at him he refused to be comforted, and said they deserved to get bitten, for their foolishness.

(GOOD)

Jean Moylan.

THE HALF CROWN

As Tommy was walking home with his father he stopped for a moment to watch some men working on a drain. "That" remarked Tommy, "is the grate, where my little brother lost half a crown." One of the workmen's eyes lit up. "Well young man," he said with a show of carelessness, "you'd better be getting home with that dinner before it gets cold." In about half an hour's time Tommy returned to find the men at the same grate. "Are you quite sure that it was in this grate your brother lost the half crown?" said the workman. "I am certain," replied Tommy, "because I watched my father get it out!"

(GOOD)

Dorothy Harris.

GAURISANKAR

This mountain, the height of which was measured by Major Everest, after whom it is named, is the highest in the world and lies in the Himalaya range in Nepaul. No one has approached even within miles of its sides, so impassable are the crevasses and yet the height has been accurately taken by science, which enables us with certainty to know the sizes and distances of the unvisited stars.

Its summit is 29,002 feet, or big miles above the sea level, the mountain next in elevation being Dapsang in Western Thibet. Kinchinjunga, straight north of Calcutta, ranks third but this, though 1,000 feet lower than Everest, is bigger than any point of the Pyrenees were it piled on top of Mount Blanc itself. Between Kinchinjunga and Gaurisankar, which rises west of it, extends a panorama of mountain, gorge, and glacier, which, with the snow peaks in the rear, is, for grandeur and sublimity of effect, unapproached by any spectacle in the world.

(GOOD)

Leslie Craig.

Chief: "What fool told you to place those papers on that file?" Office Boy: "You did, sir." Chief: "Well leave them there and take a week's notice for calling me a fool."

(GOOD)

Boy! Page. "Are you a vegetarian?" "Are you a fly in my soup!"

(GOOD)

For the tenth time that day a little Scotchman boarded the bus, dumped a huge parcel near the stairs and seated himself inside. "Look here," said the bus conductor: "How many more times are you going to litter the bus with your parcels?" "Only twice more," returned the Scotchman. "There's only the harmonium and the mangle, then we're moved."

Alec Murphy.

Slow waiter: "Have you ordered anything sir?" Disgusted diner: "Well, I asked for some Christmas pudding, but that's so long ago that you'd better bring me some hot cross buns."

(GOOD)

Margery Upton.

Inspector: "Got away, has he? Did you guard all the entrances?" Constable: "Yes; but we think he must have left by one of the exits."

(GOOD)

Audrey Doggett.

Her: "Great Heavens, woman! Do you think I am made of money?" She: "I wish you were. I could get changed them."

(GOOD)

Edward Grenfell.

"Can anyone tell me," demanded the Hyde Park orator, "who did most in the nineteenth century to raise the working class?" "Yes, sir," replied one of the crowd, "the inventor of alarm clocks."

(GOOD)

Ruby Kupsch.

Maude: "I always encourage my husband to recline in an easy chair and put his feet on the mantelpiece." Visitor: "Why?" Maude: "Then in bed, there is usually some small chance left in the chair."

(GOOD)

Jean Doggett.

"How did your wife like the diamond brooch you gave her for her birthday?" "Disliked! She was awfully nice for a couple of days. But she's herself again now."

Allene Campbell.

Spent Out.—Judge: "Have you anything to offer the court before sentence is passed on you?" Prisoner: "No yer 'onor; I ain't got a penny 'alf shillin'."

(GOOD)

Con. Power.

"Now, boys," said the schoolmaster, "is there any point you would like to ask me about long measure, before I pass on to the next subject?" "Yes, sir," replied a small boy. "How many policemen's feet does it take to make a Scotland yard."

(GOOD)

Frank O'Connor.

Old Lady: "Does it take much to feed the giraffe?" Keeper: "No, a little goes a long way with them!"

The Fox.—"Do you mean to tell me you couldn't see me coming on a straight piece of road like this?" said the owner of a very small car, after a collision." "Sorry, guv'nor," said the furry driver, thought you were a fly on me windscreen."

L. Kemp.

Bobbie: "Can I pretend I have another little boy in the yard to play with me?" Mother: "Yes my dear." Bobbie: "Would my I have a piece of cake for the other little boy?"

(GOOD)

Graham Harris.

Singer rushing into doctor's: "Alas! I've swallowed a mouth organ while playing it." Doctor: "Well, it's a good job you weren't playing the piano."

(GOOD)

Keith McIntosh.

Teacher: "Do you know a grasshopper can jump a hundred times its own height?" Geoff: "That's nothing. I once saw a wasp lift a big same man 3 feet in the air."

(GOOD)

Ruby Keele.

Heavenly.—Old Gentleman (to newsboy): "Have you Wings?" Newsboy: "Do I look like an angel?"

(GOOD)

K. Newman.

It was the beginning of the new term at school, the boy told the teacher his new address. After entering it in her book she added "Now are there any other boys or girls who have changed their address?" Little Bertie Williams' hand went up. "Please, teacher," he said, "I heard mother say we be in Queer street next week, but I don't know the number yet."

(GOOD)

Roy Murphy.

Johnny had a little lamp,
He filled it up with benzine;
He went to light that little lamp,
For days he's not "benzine" been seen.

(GOOD)

Syd. Grenfel.

Lady: "Aren't you the man to whom I gave a piece of cake recently?" Tramp: "Yes ma'am." Lady: "Have you been working since?" Tramp: "No, ma'am ,I've been in the hospital ever since."

(GOOD)

Coleen Mahony.

RIDDLES

Spell a lady's Christian name in two letters.—L.N. (Ellen).

(GOOD)

Bruce Kohn.

Why is an empty purse always the same?—Because there is never any change in it.

(GOOD)

Leslie Page.

Who was the first that bore arms?—Adam.

(GOOD)

Andrew Anthonsen.

Why can the world never come to an end?—Because it is round.

(GOOD)

Walter Anthonsen.

Give a new name for a nursery?—A bawl room!

(GOOD)

Wilma Price.

Teacher: "What was the first thing King James did when he came to the throne?" Tommy: "Sat on it, sir."

(GOOD)

Ernest Anthonsen.

COMPETITION CORNER

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

WANDERING CATTLE NUISANCE

Northcote Council Asked to Extend By-law

Mr. W. J. Canty wrote to the last meeting of the Northcote Council re the wandering stock nuisance, expressing appreciation at the prompt action taken to prohibit the keeping of cows to the whole of Northcote.

Cr. Olver: Perhaps I was a little warmer than usual at last meeting, as I now had been in my garden. (Laughter). Mr. Canty should be thanked for his assistance. As to the by-law, I do not think it should be made to apply to the keeping of cattle on the vast uninhabited side of Victoria road.

Cr. Oldis: The East ward suffers from the depredations of stock from the North ward.

Cr. Johnson said cows were let out after the inspector had paid a visit to the ward. Wandering stock damaged the council's paths.

The matter was referred to the committee of the council.

EXPLOSIVES STOLEN

Theft from Preston Council Magazine

On the night of May 6 the lock on the Preston council's quarry magazine in Prince's street, Preston, was forced, and a coil of fuse, 500 detonators, fuse clippers and a knife were stolen.

The police fear that the explosives may be used for safe blowing.

The Cobbers' Club

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

Name.....

Address.....

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

15/5/1931

Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week.

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OVER-CONFIDENCE CAUSES PRESTON'S DOWNFALL

PRAHRAN'S BRILLIANT DISPLAY

RED AND WHITES LOSE AMIDST SLOPPY CONDITIONS

(By "Follower.")

Prahran sprung a surprise by gaining a decisive victory over Preston. Prahran quickly adapted their tactics to suit the sodden area and gave a brilliant display. Preston's downfall was largely due to over-confidence.

There was only a moderate attendance at Toorak Park to witness the game. Prahran, in a splendid exhibition, particularly in the second quarter, appeared to demoralise the visitors, who played like a disorganised side.

When Prahran are at home the game is always a hard one for Preston.

THE TEAMS

Preston. — Backs: Smith, Taylor Spargo; half-backs: Gray, Monohan Reichman; centres: Dowling, Warr Dodd; half-forwards: Izzard, Seebeck Davie; forwards: Mackie, McEachern, Gall; followers: Cazaly (c.), Campbell; rover: Summers.

Prahran.—Backs: Rennie, Koop, Banks; half-backs: Barvall, Thompson, Price; centres: Neck, Smedley V. Smith; half-forwards: Ross Adams (c.), Featherstone; forwards: Williams, Greenwood, Andersen; followers: Trim, Lucas; rover: Jordan.

Prahran Win the Toss

Prahran were captained by Adams, a former Preston captain, who won the toss and elected to kick towards the southern goal.

First Goal to Prahran

Adams opened the attack, which Greenwood capped off by marking high and scoring full points. Gray followed another advance, and Seebeck passed to Davie, who scored a single.

Preston's First Big Point

By cleverly shepherding off Koop, McEachern, marked splendidly, goaled with a long drop.

Through Cazaly's rack work Seebeck smartly snapped a major.

Prahran attacked again, but Greenwood missed badly.

A few minutes later Adams, from a free, piloted the leather clear.

Lack of Understanding

The visiting forward line lacked understanding and appeared disorganised.

A dash from the half-back line by Reichman was rewarded with a goal.

Preston continued to attack unsuccessfully.

Erratic Kicking

Prahran's defenders experienced a busy time with Preston on the offensive, but their goal shooting was erratic. Five shots from favorable positions produced only singles. The scores at the first change were:—

Preston: 3 goals 6 behinds (24 points)
Prahran: 2 goals 2 behinds (14 points)

Prahran's Paralysing Effort

Concerted efforts and smart team work enabled Prahran to completely outplay Preston in the second quarter.

A fast forward by the home team culminated in Jordan goaling, and Ross repeated the performance after receiving a short pass from Greenwood.

Through Adams the two blues swept forward. Jordan failed to hold a mark, but he recovered the ball and goaled. This effort proved a great stimulant to Preston's defenders, as a spirited attack individually led by Trim was rebuffed by Seebeck.

Ross, scouting out well, headed many clever drives. Prahran were cracking the whip over Preston, who were fighting desperately to counteract repeated attacks. Gray defended particularly well. When the visitors attacked Koop, at the entrance to the citadel, turned many promising moves. Preston were faulty in passing, and Mackie, fumbling badly, could net do anything right. Adams had a shot "off the carpet," which went wide.

Prahran had a firm grip of the game until a lack of understanding between three of their defenders permitted Cazaly to easily score through an open goal. Gray stopped a run of short passes. From a snap Trim goaled. Prahran again attacked and Ross notched a sixer.

Preston Outplayed

The quarter was in favor of Prahran in every department. Preston were outplayed, outmarked and outpaced. Half-time scores:—

Prahran: 7 goals 5 behinds (47pts)
Preston: 4 goals 7 behinds (31 pts)

Resuming after the interval Prahran rushed a couple of singles.

Tale of a Dog

A black dog parading the arena was troublesome to players, the game being held up until the animal was removed by a trainer.

Prahran Held the Lead

Preston seemed helpless to offer much resistance, although Smith was marking well in defence, supported in the ground play by Spargo. Prahran maintained their superiority.

Campbell and Cazaly in the Ruck

Following with his great doggedness Campbell helped his colleague, Cazaly, to dominate the ruck. A dash forward by Preston was turned by Koop marking in goals.

Sound position play by Ross enabled Trim to score his objective, then Ross got another goal, making the scores at the final change:—

Prahran: 10 goals 9 behinds (69 pts)
Preston: 5 goals 11 behinds (41 pts)

Preston's United Rally

In the last quarter Cazaly brought Taylor on to the ball and Smith went full back. Preston attacked consistently, but fruitlessly, singles piling up until Warr, from a free, got a major.

Preston gave of their best in an effort to retrieve the position. Gray and Reichman continually coming under notice, with Campbell giving them good support.

Adams brought Greenwood on to the ball and Prahran penetrated successfully, when Greenwood put the issue beyond doubt by goaling. A few minutes later he got another.

Preston's Position Hopeless

In a hopeless position, Preston struggled on stubbornly McEachern hit the post with a flying shot, and a final dash by Summers ended in McEachern scoring a sixer. This was the end of the scoring, the final scores being:—

Prahran: 12 goals 14 behinds (86 pts)
Preston: 7 goals 16 behinds (58 pts)

The Players

In Koop, Prahran had the best man on the ground. His defensive work was admirable. Ross gave a clever exhibition, while others of an even side to do well were Jordan, Adams, Greenwood, Neck and Trim.

For the losers Gray was pleasing and effective, his dashes being cool and spectacular. Campbell followed splendidly, his shepherding for Cazaly being a feature. Cazaly followed and led his side ably. Smith was sure in defence, receiving every assistance from Spargo and Reichman. Dowling performed well, whilst Seebeck was again a stalwart.

Goal-kickers

Prahran.—Greenwood (4), Ross (3), Jordan (2), Trim (2), Adams, Preston.—McEachern (2), Seebeck, Cazaly, Reichman, Gall, Warr.

Preston were beaten in and across the centre.

There is no need for consternation amongst Preston's supporters. The team probably had a day off, the conditions apparently not suiting their style of play. It is to be hoped they do not have many "days off."

Preston forwards need to understand each other. Last Saturday they were at times a disorganised line and far too prone to wander.

Preston need a more suitable centre man. I suggest that Reichman should be tried. He has dash, is a fair mark, and is a lengthy kick.

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES

The fourth of the series of home and home matches of the Association games will be played to-morrow and promises to provide interesting contests. Northcote and Oakleigh are the two undefeated teams. Northcote will be at home to the strong Yarraville side, and the contest should be a most attractive one. Oakleigh and Port should attract a very large crowd to Oakleigh, where a sterling battle will be waged for supremacy. Preston and Brunswick should provide a thrilling afternoon's entertainment at Preston, whilst Coburg will have a confident team against them in Prahran, who performed so splendidly against Preston last match. Williamstown and Brighton should provide interesting football. Camberwell will be at home to the greatly improved Sandringham combination, who should seriously trouble the home side.

Details:—

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

Matches to be played on grounds of first-named clubs.

TO-MORROW'S TUSSLE

Preston will be at home to-morrow when they meet Brunswick, who decisively beat Williamstown last Saturday. The locals are anxious to redeem their failure against Prahran and feel confident of revealing their true form against Brunswick. The contest should provide another interesting and exciting game.

PRESTON CLUB NOTES

Mackie Appears

Mackie, from whom great things were expected, made his first appearance and gave a distasteful display. On Monday night he again made application for a clearance to play with Carlton. After due consideration the committee deferred his request till Monday evening next, despite his most disappointing exhibition. A full committee will investigate his case, although there appears to be little likelihood of them acceding to his request.

Gray Goes to Richmond

Preston will experience difficulty in finding a substitute to fill Wallace Gray's half-back position. Gray renewed his application for clearances to Richmond, and after hearing the applicant's case the committee unanimously, though reluctantly, granted his request. Gray has already given great service as a defender, cool, clever, and capping his movements with powerful kicks. Our best wishes of the committee accompany Gray in his new company.

The V.F.A. Versus the V.F.L.

It looks as though the much talked of match between the Association and the League will eventuate on Saturday, June 6. If so, the matches arranged for that date will be played on the following Monday (King's Birthday, June 8. It is to be hoped that the Association will select the best possible side to represent them in this all important engagement. Players who are selected, should they be not available, should be called in to state their reasons, as, in many cases they may view the club interests as more important than this fixture. Next week we will publish what should prove a solid representative combination for this proposed game. The Association will probably finalise the issue at its meeting on Monday night.

Certificate of Service

The committee are considering a scheme whereby a player, after completing five years' continuous service with the club, will be presented with a finingly prepared certificate of membership.

After training operations on Thursday evening some plain speaking was indulged in by the local skipper, who strongly criticised the forwards for their wanderings last Saturday. It is fully expected to see a decided improvement on Saturday, as the outcome of Cazaly's observations.

To regain their prestige Preston will need to manifest their superiority over Brunswick to-morrow. A win at the expense of the "Magpies" at this junctuie would give an impetus to the side and create a more contented feeling amongst supporters.

Preston supporters would not be dismayed on seeing a few new faces to-morrow. Davie has not yet struck form, whilst the same can be said of Izzard and Gall. These three, with Gray, may probably be onlookers. Bolman may be included to go full back, allowing Taylor to take up his position as centre half-back. Morgan is due for a run and will go forward, and will also probably be used on the ball. Joolen should be seen on the half-forward line, whilst Wilson, of the Police team, may be tried forward, changing places with McEachern, who could be sent centre half-forward as an experiment. It would not be surprising to see Escott again included. A feature will be the appearance of Bob Skilton, captain and coach, who is generally considered he was treated unjustly by the tribunal, and his return to the side will be welcomed by players and supporters alike. He is also being tried as the overcoming of clearance difficulties will enable Wal Emmins to resume his place in the side.

The following selections should prove a worthy and strong combination:—Backs: Smith, Bolman, Spargo; half-backs: Monohan, Taylor, Reichman; centres: Dowling, Warr, Dodd; half-forwards: Seebeck, McEachern Joolen; forwards: Gall, Wilson, Morgan; followers: Cazaly, Campbell; rover: Summers.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES

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Prahran, 12—14, d Preston, 7—16.
Port Melbourne, 18—17, d Camberwell, 7—14.
Oakleigh, 16—16, d Brighton, 12—5.
Northcote, 11—18, d Sandringham 5—29.

ATTENDANCES AND TAKINGS

Attendances at the Sandringham-Northcote and the Prahran-Preston matches last Saturday were estimated at in both cases at 3,000. The gate takings were £33 and £29 respectively. It was estimated that 23,500 attended Association matches last Saturday and paid £322.

GOAL KICKERS

Seymour (Northcote) is in fourth place on the list with 12 goals to his credit. Other locals who are making a showing are McEachern (Preston) S. and Briggs (Northcote) 7.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

ASSOCIATION

Clubs	P	W	L	For	Ag'st	Per	Pts
Oakleigh . . .	3	3	.	305	207	67.86	12
Northcote . . .	3	2	1	269	213	81.92	12
Port Melb. . . .	3	2	1	325	182	56.34	8
Brunswick . . .	3	2	1	278	226	81.32	8
Yarraville . . .	3	2	1	256	225	87.89	8
Preston	3	1	2	241	259	112.12	4
Coburg	3	1	2	232	272	117.24	4
Sandringham .	3	1	2	215	264	113.31	4
Williamstown .	3	1	2	249	287	120.68	4
Camberwell . .	3	1	2	249	306	123.09	4
Prahran	3	1	2	222	305	134.36	4
Brighton	3	1	2	264	322	121.64	4

V.J.F.A.

NORTHCOTE v SANDRINGHAM

A fair crowd was treated to fast and clean football when Northcote and Sandringham met at Northcote Park on Saturday.

Prauser and Boyd, from the first eighteen, replaced Goullet and Ted Woods, and the following team took the field:—Backs: Davies, Ackland, Gray; half-backs: Anderson, Jamieson, Russ (c.); centres: Docking, Turner, O'Neill; half-forwards: Boyd, McCasker, Randle; forwards: Pruser, Bresnan, Oakley; followers: Houldcroft, Hawe; rover: Laxon.

First goal followed some goal play from Houldcroft to McCasker to Laxon. Houldcroft, playing splendidly, repeatedly sent the ball down, and goals by Bresnan, Laxon and Pruser gave Northcote a good first quarter lead, maintained throughout. At the change over Sandringham attacked strongly, but excellent work on the back line by Ackland and Davies held form, whilst the same can be said of better of the play at this juncture as the result of sterling work by Voight (captain) and McCubbin in the centre. Pruser, playing a dashing game forward, kicked two beautiful goals.

In the second half the game evened up considerably. Ackland, defending ably, collided with a Sandringham player and opened up an already damaged eye. The pace was still on in the third quarter, Sandringham made game efforts to reduce the leeway, but the efforts of Russ and Gray kept them in check. Another burst by the visitors realised two goals in quick succession, bringing them within 14 points of Northcote, but a further goal by Pruser put the issue beyond doubt, Northcote winning by a comfortable margin of 21 points. The scores were:—Northcote, 12—13; Sandringham, 9—10.

For the winners there was no better player than Houldcroft. Pruser played a clever game forward, kicking 5 goals. Ackland, full back, although a novice in this position, performed creditably. Bresnan (3 goals), Smith, Laxon (2), Turner, O'Neill, Russ and Randle also played well, whilst Davies, on the back line, gave his usual sound game.

The arena is now in excellent condition and reflects credit on the curator, Mr. Dick Vernon.

CLUB NOTES

Players and committee were agreeably surprised when Mr. Bill Jowett attended the match. Jowett was badly injured in a motor accident some weeks ago, but has made a quick recovery, although, of course, a broken leg will prevent him from taking an active part for a few weeks yet.

The first of the series of weekly dances will take place on May 14 at the Austral Hall, when the first heat of the Monte Carlo will be competed for.

Mr. Geo. Bennie has been appointed social secretary.

Next Saturday's match will be against Yarraville at Yarraville, and buses will leave the corner of Sutton road and High street at 1.

PRESTON SECOND EIGHT

Queen Carnival

At the residence of Mr. and McLeod, 4 Wattle road, Hawthorn, a house party was given for the Queen of Players (Miss Avis Porter). The enjoyable evening was spent in playing games and dancing. Items were given by Miss J. McLeod and Miss G. Smith. Miss McLeod also gave an item of dancing, which was highly appreciated. McLeod ably assisted by playing the bagpipes. A delicious supper was served by the ladies' committee.

ASSOCIATION SUB-DISTRICT

First Grade.—Alphington, 10; East Brunswick, 1—15.

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Preston United v Newport

played at Newport. On a ground that was little better than a swamp, with scarcely a dry spot on the whole of the playing area, the United Greys had a good first quarter and added the third goal to their string of vanquished opponents. Umpire Groves had an unenviable task, but handled a difficult and arduous game with tact and firmness. The ball soon became spattered with mud, and little short of miracle Soccer rules were the order of the day. Baths were frequent, and the finish it was difficult to say who was who, although the uniforms were in striking contrast.

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CLUB NOTES

Supporters were surprised to hear that Stockdale and Garrett, two of the best and fairest members of the team, have been reported. Should these players be suspended the loss will be severely felt.

E. Wilson, R. Milne and J. Perkins, all of whom must stand down for this season, keep their interest in the club. Occasionally they have a run to keep fit.

A collection will be made at the next match to help J. Matthews, a junior, who broke his collar bone in a practice match.

Holders of membership tickets and money from sale of same are asked to return same to Mr. W. S. Jackson, 2 Membrey street, Northcote. He is the club's treasurer.

Training List Reduced

The selection committee, after much consideration, has again revised the list of players in training to the following 28:—

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Old Players.—Rowe, Gray, Brown, Hill, Poulter, Stockdale, Nicholls, Corrigan, Cockram, Pruser, Simmonds, Humphries, Seymour, Milne, Cole Wood, Garrett, Goullett, Towers, E. C. Briggs and Honig.

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BOURKE-EVELYN ASSOCIATION

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SUPREMACY OBTAINED IN FINAL QUARTER

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OBTAIN ONLY FIVE GOALS FROM 34 SCORING SHOTS

(By "Aequus")

Playing on the rough, sandy oval at the seaside, Northcote were fully extended to gain the day after a hard, gruelling contest. The path was made clearer by the erratic attacks of the Sandringham forwards, who missed numerous opportunities to place their side in a favorable position. The visitors also missed chances but showed better combination work and understanding in front of goals.

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There was an attendance of 3000 spectators to see the much-improved Sandringham team encounter Northcote on the seaside ground. Both sides were strongly represented, Northcote including Dea from North Melbourne, and Byrne, from Williamstown, in place of Corrigan and Cole. Dockendorf, who had been much sought after by Hilltonians, reappeared for the home side. The weather was delightful, but the ground was very undesirable for good football.

THE TEAMS

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Umpires.—Field: Mewlam; boundaries: Murphy, Maddock; goal: Durham, McPherson.

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Next Saturday Preston play East Brunswick at home.

Thornbury v North Brunswick

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RAMBLERS' MATCH

P.W.P. Methodist v Mabro

Prince of Wales Park Methodists commenced the season with a match against Mabro (Matear Bros., Richmond) at Hayes Park on Saturday. The first half of the game was decidedly in favor of Mabro, who excelled in the air and in general play, giving them a comfortable lead. From then on the locals made a bold bid to gain the lead, and by playing together better had the best of the play, but atrocious kicking for goal robbed them of what chance of victory they might have had. A well-contested game, in which excellent football was displayed by both teams, ended with Mabro winners by two points. Scores:—Mabro, 6—7; P.W.P., 5—11. Goal kickers.—Mabro: Bills (2), Burgess, Kramer, Roberts, Delahunty. P.W.P.: Cornish, Henning, Jordan, Dowsett, Read.

JUNIOR I.O.R. COMPETITION

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Samuel Mauger v John Vale

Played at McDonell Park on Saturday. John Vale showed out early and took the lead, but in the second term Samuel Mauger, who was using the kicking were able to reduce the leeway considerably and were only 10 points behind at half-time. The third quarter was all John Vale, better all round play and team work enabling them to score 5.4 to 0.1, giving them a commanding lead at the last change. Samuel Mauger made a great effort to retrieve the position, but their forward play was weak, and at the final bell Vale were winners by 13—15; Samuel Mauger, 7—1. Bro. Kellett gave a splendid exhibition of umpiring.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES

B Section

South Preston Methodists had a runaway victory over Moreland. The locals were too fast and vigorous for their opponents, who on the day were outclassed by this solid combination. Final scores:—South Preston Methodists, 18—18 (126 pts.); Moreland, 5—13 (43 pts.). To-morrow South Preston will play Croxton Methodists on the ground at the rear of the Fitzroy racecourse.

NEWSBOYS' MATCH

Green's v May's

A match was played on Saturday between Green's and May's newsboys. The ball was donated for the match by Hannah and Dupe, Elizabeth St. Final scores:—Green's, 11—12; May's, 4—9. Goal-kickers.—Green's: Maslin, F. Hughson (3), Green (2), Akerley, Dinwoodie, Beveridge. May's: Sharp, Durham, Fraser, Hudson. Best players.—Green's: F. Hughson, Maslin, M. Hughson, G. Ward, T. Edwards. L. Green. May's: Reid, Haylock, Seelan, Fraser.

SOCCER

Grade 2.—Box Hill (4) d Preston (1), McIver scored for Preston.

Grade 3.—Heidelberg (3) (Chesters, Eccles, Inglis), d Pascoevale, nil.

Grade 4.—Nettlefold's (5) d Heidelberg B (nil).

Reserves (Grade 2).—Preston (3) d Box Hill (2).

Junior Association.—Heidelberg (6) d Collingwood (2).

Tom: "I'd like to give my fiancee a surprise for her birthday." Jerry: "Why not tell her what your income really is?"

GREG. STOCKDALE

NORTHCOTE'S VICE-CAPTAIN

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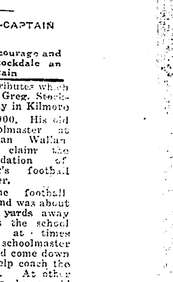

Greg. Stockdale

The football ground was about 200 yards away from the school and at times the schoolmaster would come down to help coach the boys. At other times he would chase them with his cane back to the school and as the master was an excellent runner, Greg. learnt the value of a quick getaway, and this has proved to him a valuable asset.

As time went on Greg was always in demand by the local team and during a match in 1917 one of Essendon's scouts tried to induce him to come to Essendon. His three brothers were at the front and he felt it his duty to remain at home.

In 1919 Greg shifted to Rushworth and was a star in local local ranks. His fame soon spread and several league teams eagerly sought his services. At last he accepted the invitation to try his luck with Essendon.

His first game with Essendon in 1920 on the old East Melbour

Preston Sorely Disappointed : Green and Gold's Third Successive

OVER-CONFIDENCE CAUSES PRESTON'S DOWNFALL

PRAHRAN'S BRILLIANT DISPLAY

RED AND WHITES LOSE AMIDST SLOPPY CONDITIONS

(By "Follower.")

Prahran sprung a surprise by gaining a decisive victory over Preston. Prahran quickly adapted their tactics to suit the sodden area and gave a brilliant display. Preston's downfall was largely due to over-confidence.

There was only a moderate attendance at Toorak Park to witness the game. Prahran, in a splendid exhibition, particularly in the second quarter, appeared to demoralise the visitors, who played like a disorganised side.

When Prahran are at home the game is always a hard one for Preston.

THE TEAMS

Preston.—Backs: Smith, Taylor Sparrow; half-backs: Gray, Monahan Reichman; centres: Dowling, Warr Dodd; half-forwards: Izzard, Seebeck Davie; forwards: Mackie, McEachern, Gall; followers: Cazaly (c), Campbell; rover: Summers.

Prahran.—Backs: Rennie, Koop, Banks; half-backs: Parvall, Thompson, Bruce; centres: Neck, Smedley V. Smith; half-forwards: Ross Adams (c), Featherstone; forwards: Williams, Greenwood, Anderson; followers: Trim, Lucas; rover: Jordan.

Prahran Win the Toss

Prahran were captained by Adams, a former Preston captain, who won the toss and elected to kick towards the southern goal.

First Goal to Prahran

Adams opened the attack, which Greenwood capped off by marking high and scoring full points. Gray followed another advance, and Seebeck passed to Davie, who scored a single.

Preston's First Big Point

By cleverly shepherding off Koop, McEachern, marking splendidly, goaled with a long drop.

Through Cazaly's ruck work Seebeck smartly snapped a major.

Prahran attacked again, but Greenwood missed badly.

A few minutes later Adams, from a free, piloted the leather clear.

Lack of Understanding

The visiting forward line lacked understanding and appeared disorganised.

A dash from the half-back line by Reichman was rewarded with a goal.

Preston continued to attack unsuccessfully.

Erratic Kicking

Prahran's defenders experienced a busy time with Trim on the offensive, but their goal shooting was erratic. Five shots from favorable positions produced only singles. The scores at the first change were:—

Preston: 3 goals 6 behinds (24 points)
Prahran: 2 goals 2 behinds (14 points)

Prahran's Paralysing Effort

Concerted efforts and smart team work enabled Prahran to completely outplay Preston in the second quarter.

A rush forward by the home team culminated in Jordan goaling, and Ross repeated the performance after receiving a short pass from Greenwood.

Through Adams the two blues sewn forward. Jordan failed to hold a mark, but he recovered the ball and goaled. This effort proved a great stimulant to Preston's defenders, as a spirited attack initiated by Trim was rebuffed by Seebeck.

Ross, scouting out well, headed many clever drives. Prahran were cracking the whip over Preston, who were fighting desperately to counteract repeated attacks. Gray defended particularly well. When the visitors attacked Koop, at the entrance to the citadel, turned many promising moves. Preston were faulty in passing, and Mackie, fumbling badly, could net do anything right. Adams had a shot "off the carpet," which went wide.

Prahran had a firm grip of the game until a lack of understanding between three of their defenders permitted Cazaly to easily score through an open goal. Gray stopped a run of short passes. From a snap Trim goaled. Prahran again attacked and Ross notched a sixer.

Preston Outplayed

The quarter was in favor of Prahran in every department. Preston were outplayed, outmarked and outpaced Half-time scores:—

Prahran: 7 goals 5 behinds (47pts)
Preston: 4 goals 7 behinds (31 pts)

Resuming after the interval Prahran rushed a couple of singles.

Tale of a Dog

A black dog parading the arena was troublesome to players, the game being held up until the animal was removed by a trainer.

Prahran Hold the Lead

Preston seemed helpless to offer much resistance, although Smith was marking well in defence, supported in the ruck by Sparrow. Prahran maintained their superiority.

Campbell and Cazaly in the Ruck

Following with his great doggedness Campbell helped his colleague, Cazaly, to dominate the ruck. A dash forward by Preston was turned by Koop marking in goals.

Some position play by Ross enabled Trim to score his objective, then Ross got another goal, making the scores at the final change:—

Prahran: 10 goals 9 behinds (69 pts)
Preston: 5 goals 11 behinds (41 pts)

Preston's United Rally

In the last quarter Cazaly brought Taylor on to the ball and Smith went full back. Preston attacked consistently, but fruitlessly, singles piling up until Warr, from a free, got a major.

Preston gave of their best in an effort to retrieve the position. Gray and Reichman continually coming under notice, with Campbell giving them good support.

Adams brought Greenwood on to the ball and Prahran penetrated successfully, when Greenwood put the issue beyond doubt by goaling. A few minutes later he got another.

Preston's Position Hopeless

In a hopeless position, Preston struggled on stubbornly. McEachern hit the post with a flying shot, and a final dash by Summers entded in McEachern scoring a sixer. This was the end of the scoring, the final scores being:—

Prahran: 12 goals 14 behinds (86 pts)
Preston: 7 goals 16 behinds (58 pts)

The Players

In Koop, Prahran had the best man on the ground. His defensive work was admirable. Ross gave a clever exhibition, while others of an even side to do well were Jordan, Adams, Greenwood, Neck and Trim.

For the losers Gray was pleasing and effective, his dashes being cool and spectacular. Campbell followed splendidly, his shepherding for Cazaly being a feature. Cazaly followed and led his side ably. Smith was sure in defence, receiving every assistance from Sparro and Reichman. Dowling performed well, whilst Seebeck was again a stalwart.

Goal-kickers

Prahran.—Greenwood (4), Ross (3), Jordan (2), Trim (2), Adams. Preston.—McEachern (2), Seebeck, Cazaly, Reichman, Gall, Warr.

Preston were beaten in and across the centre.

There is no need for consternation amongst Preston's supporters. The team probably had a day off, the conditions apparently not suiting their style of play. It is to be hoped they do not have many "days off."

Preston forwards need to understand each other. Last Saturday they were at times a disorganised lite and far too prone to wander.

Preston need a more suitable centre man. I suggest that Reichman should be tried. He has dash, is a fair mark, and is a lengthy kick.

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES

The fourth of the series of home and home matches of the Association games will be played to-morrow and promises to provide interesting contests. Northcote and Oakleigh are the two undefeated teams. Northcote will be at home to the strong Yarraville side, and the contest should be a most attractive one. Oakleigh and Port should attract a very large crowd to Oakleigh, where a sterling battle will be waged for supremacy. Preston and Brunswick should provide a thrilling afternoon's entertainment at Preston, whilst Coburg will have a confident team, against them in Prahran, who performed so splendidly against Preston last match. Williamstown and Brighton should provide interesting football. Camberwell will be at home to the greatly improved Sandringham combination, who should seriously trouble the home side.

Details:—

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

Matches to be played on grounds of first-named clubs.

TO-MORROW'S TUSSLE

Preston will be at home to-morrow when they meet Brunswick, who decisively beat Williamstown last Saturday. Home backs are anxious to redeem their failure against Prahran and feel confident of recalling their true form against Brunswick. The contest should provide another interesting and exciting game.

PRESTON CLUB NOTES

Mackie Appears

Mackie, from whom great things were expected, made his first appearance and gave a distasteful display. On Monday night he again made application for a clearance to play with Carlton. After due consideration the committee deferred his request till Monday evening next, despite his most disappointing exhibition. A full committee will investigate his case, although there appears to be little likelihood of them acceding to his request.

Gray Goes to Richmond

Preston will experience difficulty in finding a substitute to fill Wallace Gray's half-back position. Gray renewed his application for a clearance to Richmond, and after hearing the applicant's case the committee unanimously thought reluctantly granted his request. Gray has already given great service as a defender, cool, clever, and capping his movements with powerful kicks. We wish him the best wishes of the committee accompany Gray in his new company.

The V.F.L. Versus the V.F.L.

It looks as though the much talked of match between the Association and the League will eventuate on Saturday, June 6. If so, the matches arranged for that date will be played on the following Monday (King's Birthday, June 8). It is to be hoped that the Association will select the best possible side to represent them in this all important engagement. Players who are selected, should they be not available, should be asked to state their reasons, as, in many cases they may view the club interests as more important than this fixture. Next week we will publish what should prove a solid representative combination for this proposed game. The Association will probably finalise the issue at its meeting on Monday night.

Certificate of Service

The committee are considering a scheme whereby a player, after completing five years' continuous service with the club, will be presented with a fittingly prepared certificate of membership.

After training operations on Thursday evening some plain speaking was indulged in by the local skipper, who strongly criticised the forwards for their wanderings last Saturday. It is fully expected to see a decided improvement on Saturday as the outcome of Cazaly's observations.

To regain their prestige Preston will need to manifest their superiority over Brunswick to-morrow. A win at the expense of the "Magpies" at this juncture would give an impetus to the side and create a more contented feeling amongst supporters.

Preston supporters would not be dismayed on seeing a few new faces to-morrow. Davie has not yet struck form, whilst the same may be said of Izzard and Gall. These three, with Gray, may probably be onlookers. Bolman may be included to go full back, allowing Taylor to take up his position as centre half-back. Morgan is due for a run and will go forward, and will also probably be used on the ball. Joolon should be given a trial, half-forward line, whilst Wilson, of the Police team, may be tried forward, changing places with McEachern, who could be sent centre half-forward as an experiment. It would not be surprising to see Escott again included. A feature will be the reappearance of Bob Skilton, captain, and one is generally considered that he was treated unjustly by the tribunal, and his return to the game will be welcomed by players and supporters alike. It is also hoped the overcoming of clearance difficulties will enable Wal Emmerton to take his place in the side.

PRESTON SECOND EIGHT

Queen Carnival

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, 4 Wattle road, Hawthorn, a house party was given for the Second Eight of Players (Miss Avis Porter). An enjoyable evening was spent, dancing being plenty of games and dances were given by Miss I. McLeod and Miss G. Smith. Mrs. J. McLeod also gave an item of song which was highly appreciated. Supper was served by the players, assisted by their sweethearts. A delicious supper was served by the ladies' committee.

ASSOCIATION SUB-DISTRICT

First Grade.—Alphington, 18—21, d East Brunswick, 4—15.

Second Grade.—Preston, 2—11, d Newport Juniors, 3—8; Victoria, 14—11, d Croxton, 7—7; Oakleigh, 19—14, d Northcote, 6—16.

Third Grade.—Yarraville, 2—7, d Albert Park, 2—2; Heidelberg, 2—2, d Richmond.

Preston United v Newport

played at Newport. On a ground that was little better than a ploughed field, with scarcely a dry spot on the whole of the playing area, United Newport for the first time in grade and added the third scalp to their string of vanquished opponents. Umpire Groves had an unenviable job, but handled a difficult and arduous game with tact and firmness. The ball soon became saturated, marking was little short of impossible, and Soccer rules were the order of the day. Baths were frequent, and the finish it was difficult to see who was who, although the uniforms were in striking contrast.

The first quarter opened quickly. The small men were in their element (when above water) and at the end of the quarter had a lead of 2 points, which was a reflex of the play—Newport, 1—3. At the change Preston benefited by having the wind behind them, and kicking downhill, and increased the lead to 1 goal to Newport's 4—4. Some bigger men were now showing, and Ryan, Harding, Gorry, McCarthy and Bourke (full back) were troublesome. Half-time scores saw the visitors an advantage of 1 goal, Newport's 1—5.

In the third quarter Preston's big men (Fraser, Ford, Merrett and Buzza were too sure in the marking their more heftly opponents, "orange" cell Preston appeared to have the game safe, having increased the lead to 4 goals, the board showing 6—5 to 2—3. The final term was rather disconcerting for the home boys. Preston's forwards were inaccurate and fed by injury reserve Wing on their left, Newport battered at Preston's goal, and held the upper hand to the end. Final scores:—Preston 11—9—66; Newport B. 3—8. Preston's goalsmen were: Harris, Ford, Merrett, Aitken and Ryan. Newport's goalsmen were Barker, Rogash, Bessier and Rosser.

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR LEAGUE

Second Grade.—Alphington 16—21—17, d Malvern, 5—5.

Thornbury District v Richmond District

Played at Richmond City Park on Saturday. E. Hales and V. Hughan, Nicholls, The club playing Sunshine at Thornbury East Row.

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E. J. HANNAH, Secretary.

GOAL KICKERS

Seymour (Northcote) is in fourth place on the list with 12 goals to his credit. Other locals who are making a showing are McEachern (Preston) 8, and Briggs (Northcote) 7.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

ASSOCIATION

Clubs	P	W	L	For	Ag'st	Per	Pts
Oakleigh	3	3		305	207	67.86	12
Northcote	3	3		269	213	81.92	12
Port Melb.	3	2	1	182	192	56.04	8
Brunswick	3	2	1	258	225	84.32	8
Yarraville	3	2	1	259	256	95.20	8
Preston	3	1	2	241	239	112.12	4
Coburg	3	1	2	232	232	112.06	4
Sandringham	3	1	2	215	284	115.91	4
Williamstown	3	1	2	249	287	120.68	4
Camberwell	3	1	2	249	288	123.69	4
Prahran	3	1	2	257	303	134.96	4
Brighton	3	1	2	268	322	121.64	4

V. J. F. A.

NORTHCOTE v SANDRINGHAM

A fair crowd was treated to fast and clean football when Northcote defeated the visiting Sandringham at Northcote Park on Saturday.

Fraser and Boyd, from the first clearance, replaced Goullet and Fred Woods, and the following team took the field:—Backs: Davies, Ackland, Gray; half-backs: Jackson, Smith, Russ (c.); centres: Bourke, Hunter, O'Neill; half-forwards: Boyd, McCasker, Randle; forwards: Fraser, Bresnan, Oakley; followers: Houldcroft, Hayes; rover: Lonnon.

First goal followed some good play from Houldcroft to McCasker to Lawson.

Houldcroft, playing splendidly, repeatedly sent the ball down, and goals by Bresnan, Laxon and Fraser gave Northcote a good first quarter lead, maintained throughout. At the change Sandringham attacked strongly, but excellent work on the back line by Ackland and Davies held them in check. Sandringham had the ball in their forward line most of the time, the result of sterling work by Voight (captain) and McCubbin in the centre. Fraser, playing a strong game forward, kicked a beautiful goal.

In the second half the game evened up considerably. Ackland, defending splendidly, was well supported by Smith, who was a strong player and opened up an already damaged eye. The pace was still on in the final quarter and Sandringham made gallant efforts to overhaul the leaders, but the efforts of Russ and Gray kept them in check. Another burst by the visitors realised two goals in quick succession, bringing them within 14 points of Northcote, but a further goal by Fraser put the issue beyond doubt. Northcote winning by a comfortable margin of 21 points. The scores were:—Northcote, 12—13; Sandringham, 9—10.

For the winners there was no better player than Houldcroft. Fraser played a clever game forward, kicking 5 goals. Ackland, full back, although a novice in this position, performed creditably. Bresnan (3 goals), Smith, Laxon (2), Turner, O'Neill, Russ and Randle also played well, whilst Davies, on the back line, gave his usual sound game.

The green is now in excellent condition and reflects credit on the curator, Mr. Dick Vernon.

CLUB NOTES

Players and committee were agreeably surprised when Mr. Bill Jowett attended the match. Jowett was badly injured in a motor accident some weeks ago, but has made a quick recovery, although, of course, a broken leg will prevent him from taking an active part for a few weeks yet.

The first of the series of weekly dances will take place on May 14 at the Austral Hall, when the first heat of the Monte Carlo will be competed for.

Mr. Geo. Bennie has been appointed social secretary.

Next Saturday's match will be against Yarraville at Yarraville, and buses will leave the corner of Rennie and High streets at 1 o'clock.

NORTHCOTE EMERGE SUCCESSFUL AFTER CLOSE CALL

SUPREMACY OBTAINED IN FINAL QUARTER

SANDRINGHAM'S ERRATIC KICKING LOSES THEM THE DAY

OBTAIN ONLY FIVE GOALS FROM 34 SCORING SHOTS

(By "Aequus")

Playing on the rough, sandy oval at the seaside, Northcote were fully extended to gain the day after a hard, gruelling contest. The path was made clearer by the erratic attacks of the Sandringham forwards, who missed numerous opportunities to place their side in a favorable position. The visitors also missed chances but showed better combination work and understanding in front of goals.

In the first half Sandringham, with a more dashing display, were to top, but Northcote gradually warmed up, and, obtaining a good grip of the game in the last quarter, won by 25 points.

There was an attendance of 3000 visitors to see the much-improved Sandringham team engage Northcote on the seaside ground. Both sides were strongly represented, Northcote adding Box from North Melbourne, and Byrne, from Williamstown, in place of Corrigan and Cole. Dockendorf, who had been much sought after by Richmond, reappeared in the home side. The weather was deceitful, but the ground was very unsuitable for good football.

THE TEAMS

Northcote.—Backs: Humphries, Jackson, Box; half-backs: Stockdale, Byrne, Woods; centres: Garrett, Nicholls, Box; half-forwards: Poulter, Ellis, Oakley; forwards: Simmonds, Wood, Byrne; followers: Rowe, Hill; rover: Brown.

Sandringham.—Backs: O'Donnell, Harris, Ord; half-backs: Young, Bourke, Kennedy; centres: Anderson, Jamieson, Dockendorf; forwards: Ellis, Ed. Rendorf; forwards: Smith, Hughes, Rayment; followers: Kennedy, Ford, Hughes; rover: R. Kenna.

Umpires—Field, Mowlam; boundary umpires, Maddock; goal: Durham, McPherson.

THE PLAY

Within a few seconds of the bounce the ball Sandringham swung into attack, but Northcote quickly transferred attack after attack was checked by Jamieson and Kenna, but the latter passed McSwain and Box for two singles early. The home team made a few excursions into Sandringham's goal, but poor kicking gave the visitors the advantage.

First Goal to Northcote

The visitors had 7 behinds as the result of their attacks, but Northcote, by a long kick, obtained first goal for Sandringham. After mutual up and down wing play the home team again broke away, and Beckton, Jamieson, Box and Byrne accomplished the goal, Box adding the second behind. Sandringham checked Northcote repeatedly.

Mary Chances Missed

Sandringham continued to have the ball in play, but the visiting backs, Woods and Stockdale, cleared their lines hurried kicks by A. Anderson, Ellis and Ed. Rendorf, who helped Humphries and Jackson, Sandringham had many chances to add to their goal tally, but Northcote were eight points behind when the term ended.

Sandringham: 2 goals 10 behinds (22 points)
Northcote: 2 goals 2 behinds (14 points.

Close Slogging Quarter

As in the first term Sandringham went forward and Bailes obtained the inevitable single. Play was rugged and fierce and well umpired. The ball cut queer capers on the unlevel surface. The home team, more accustomed to the circumstances, gained many advantages, but failed badly forward.

Northcote Excel in Play

In the flashes of fast, open play Northcote prevailed. Nicholls was a star on the wing. He outshone Anderson, but on the other wing Lewis and Garrett were well matched. Briggs could only manage a single from three tries, but Gray nicely snapped a goal. Then a series of exchanges between Gray, Brown, Rowe and Seymour found Lunn out of position and Seymour coolly walked in and goaled. A great dash and long kick by McSwain was cleverly marked by Seymour for another sixer.

Behinds Galore Scored

In the meantime Sandringham made their supporters groan repeatedly by notching successive behinds. One bright patch, however, when Dockendorf and De Luca combined for a goal by the former, brought a roar of approval. Woods and McSwain were great defenders, but the former allowed Dockendorf too much latitude.

Hit the Post

Bailes was shaping well forward. A shot by Rayment gave Briggs each hit the goal post. The scores were level at half-time, but on the play and the opportunities available the home team should have been well in front. Half-time scores:—

Northcote: 5 goals 6 behinds (36 points)
Sandringham: 3 goals 13 behinds (35 points)

An Even Term

Fast, open play characterised the opens passes, the ball being swept up and down at a great pace. After a slow beginning Briggs came into the picture and outmarked Bourke, who was a excellent form early.

Northcote Miss Chances

It was Northcote's turn to fall forward. Simmonds could only obtain three behinds from chances, while Seymour and Briggs both missed in front of the open goal. Points resulted.

A Player Replaced

Lewis, who had been doing well, crashed into Poulter and was replaced by A. Anderson. Both Anderson and Rayment added points for Sandringham. Woods and Box the latter now on the back line, were stars for the defence. Briggs missed another easy shot, but Byrne, marking nicely after clever play by Gray and Seymour, scored the possible. Then Simmonds added another after smart exchanges between Rowe, Hunt, Gray and Briggs. Both teams attacked in turn, but singles only were obtained. Northcote led by seven points at the last change. Scores:—

Northcote: 7 goals 13 behinds (55 points)
Sandringham: 4 goals 24 behinds (48 points)

A Brilliant Quarter

As if reserving the best for the last, the football reached a high standard. Splendid marking and kicking, interwoven with smart dashes, thrilled the crowd.

Strong Defence Put Up

McSwain, Box, Stockdale and Woods were given plenty to do, but they failed not. At the other end Orr, Young and Bourke were very reliable. At last Northcote broke through, when a long shot by Briggs was picked up quickly and piloted through by Gray. Long shots by Seymour, Poulter, and Simmonds gained minors. Poulter was marking well, but Lunn and Bourke kept down the scoring.

Gray Again Prominent

A beautiful kick by Briggs again put the ball in the teeth of the goals, and Gray cleverly converted it to the maximum. Northcote then held a comfortable lead. Both Simmonds and Rayment snapped sixers. An excellent drop kick by Briggs also was successful. Sandringham made desperate efforts to retrieve the position, but all they could do was to add to the already excessive number of behinds. Northcote, after appearing in a precarious position, ran out comfortable winners by 25 points. Final scores:—

Northcote: 11 goals 18 behinds (84 points)
Sandringham: 5 goals 29 behinds (59 points)

Three Consecutive Victories

By gaining their third consecutive success Northcote remain on top of the list, with Oakleigh. This is the first occasion for many years that Northcote have held this position at the beginning of the season. When Northcote won the premiership five of the first eight matches of the season were lost.

Ground Troubles

Sandringham, on the seaside ground, will be a distinct danger to any of the visiting clubs. The arena is very lose and sandy, and in places devoid of grass. Northcote were bewildered at times as a result. Used to a fast, springy turf, the big men were often anchored, while the fast men found difficulty in running with the ball.

Ruck Beaten

It was not surprising to see the home team's ruck supreme. Beckton is still a great footballer, and, with Yemm, was top, massive for the local lightweight followers like Honig and Humphries, in the centre, too, Jamieson had a field day at Dea's and Hill's expense. Corrigan was sadly missed.

Nicholls Hits Form

Right back to his best form, Nicholls played beautifully. Garrett was a power on the other wing. McSwain marked and kicked splendidly half-back. Woods played his best game for many a day, while Stockdale was also in form.

Promising Players

After being placed back Dea proved himself a footballer, while Byrne did much good work. Cockram kicked in well. Hill was not as active as the occasion demanded.

Gray's Three Goals

Supporters were pleased to see Gray back to his top. Seymour and he obtained three goals each. Brown, Rowe, Poulter, Humphries and Hunt did much of the gruelling heavy work, and Briggs and Simmonds did best in the closing stages.

Sesiders' Best

In addition to Beckton and Jamieson, Dockendorf and De Luca were among the best players. They worked cleverly half-forward. Lewis shaped well on the wing, and Bourke, Young, Orr and Lunn were safe defenders. Bailes and Rayment were active if not accurate forwards.

The Umpire

Mowlam gave a splendid display with the whistle. The standard of umpiring has improved tremendously. Taking the three games Northcote have been engaged as examples.

THE MATCH OF THE DAY

NORTHCOTE v YARRAVILLE

Northcote play Yarraville at the Northcote Park to-morrow. Both teams finished in the final four last year and should provide a splendid exhibition. As Yarraville have two wins and Northcote three up to date, the sides should be well matched. Much will depend on the success of the forward divisions. Northcote should again succeed by a narrow margin.

CLUB NOTES

Supporters were surprised to hear that Stockdale and Garrett, two of the best and fairest members of the team, have been reported. Should these players be suspended the loss will be keenly felt.

E. Wilson, R. Milne and J. Perkins, all of whom must stand down for this season, keep their interest in the club. Occasionally they have a run to keep fit.

A collection will be made at the first match to help J. Mathews, a junior, who broke his collar bone in a practice match.

Holders of membership tickets and money from sale of same are asked to return same to Mr. W. S. Jackson, 2 Membrey street, Northcote. He is the club's treasurer.

Training List Reduced

The selection committee, after much consideration, has again revised the list of players in training to the following:—

New Players.—Boyd (Fitzroy), Craven (Fairfield), Laxon (St. Kilda seconds), Healy (Collingwood seconds), W. Byrne (Williamstown), T. Dea (North Melbourne), McSwain (Carlton).

Old Players.—Rowe, Gray, Brown, Hill, Poulter, Stockdale, Nicholls, Corrigan, Cockram, Pruser, Simmonds, Humphries, Seymour, Milne, Cole Wood, Garrett, Goullet, Towers, E. C. Briggs and Honig.

The committee regret that in reducing the list they were reluctantly compelled to drop H. Ross, who has served the club well during his association with them.

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Preston v Fairfield

Last Saturday Preston were at home to Fairfield and were defeated by 59 points. The game was not as one-sided as the scores indicate. At half-time Fairfield were only 9 points in the lead, but in the third quarter they dominated the play and kicked 11 goals to Preston's 2 behinds. Preston rallied in the last quarter and had most of the play on their forward line, but from 14 shots they were only able to score 2 goals 8 behinds. The final scores were:—Fairfield, 17—5; Preston, 5—12. Best players for Preston were Couple (best and fairest), J. Hanrahan, B. Monagle, Naughtin, F. Pitts, Moran, Ryan, Klasella. Goalkickers: Couple (2), Leonard, Moran, Prince, Pitts.

Next Saturday Preston play East Brunswick at home.

Thornbury v North Brunswick

Thornbury team:—Backs: Lacey, Cassidy, Hayes; half-backs: Bahen, Hollowood, Favier; centres: Whiting, Riddell, Ryan; half-forwards: McFilvogue, Mithen, Mussett; forwards: Keenan, Gibson, Harnett; followers: L. Gibson, Howard; rover: O'Connell. Final scores were:—Thornbury, 12—29; North Brunswick, 5—15. Goal kickers: Gibson (5), Mithen (2), McFilvogue, Harnett, Hollowood.

RAMBLERS' MATCH

P.W.P. Methodist v Mabro

Prince of Wales Park Methodists commenced the season with a match against Mabro (Matear Bros., Richmond) at Hayes Park on Saturday. The first half of the game was decidedly in favor of Mabro, who excelled in the air and in general play, giving them a comfortable lead. From then on the locals made a bold bid to gain the lead, and by playing together better had the best of the play, but atrocious kicking for goal robbed them of what chance of victory they might have had. A well-contested game, in which excellent football was displayed by both teams, ended with Mabro winners by two points. Scores:—Mabro, 6—7. P.W.P., 5—11. Goalkickers—Mabro: Bills (2), Burgess, Dean, Roberts, Delahunty. P.W.P.: Cornish, Henning, Jordan, Dowsett, Read.

JUNIOR I.O.R. COMPETITION

Northcote v Fairfield

This match was very keenly contested, and in the second and third quarters the game became very fast. Scores: Northcote, 12—11; Fairfield, 11—10. Best players were—Northcote: J. Angus, Bradley, Peters, Smith, Parry, and Flint. H. Angus, Coombes and Trotman showed definite improvement. Fairfield: Bob Mullenger, L. Mullenger, Holcomb and Jones.

Samuel Mauger v John Vale

Played at McDonell Park on Saturday. John Vale showed out early and took the lead, but in the second term Samuel Mauger, by more accurate kicking were able to reduce the lead considerably and were only 10 points behind at half-time. The third quarter saw all John Vale, better all round play and team work enabling them to spare 5.4 to nil, giving them a commanding lead at the last change. Samuel Mauger made a great effort to retrieve the position, but their forward play was weak, and at the final kicking scores were John Vale, 13—15; Samuel Mauger, 7—1. Best Kellett gave a splendid exhibition of umpiring.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES

B Section

South Preston Methodists had a runaway victory over Moreland. The locals were too fast and vigorous for their opponents, who on the day were overplayed by this solid combination. Final scores:—South Preston Methodists, 14—15 (99 pts.); Moreland, 2—13 (25 pts.). Semi-final to-morrow, Sat. Preston will play Croxton Methodists on the ground in the rear of the Pinnacy racecourse.

NEWSBOYS' MATCH

Green's v May's

A match was played on Saturday between Green's and May's newsboys. The ball was demarked for the match by Hannah and Dyer, umpires. Final scores:—Green's, 11—12; May's, 1—9. Goalkickers—Green's: Martin, P. Hughson (4), Green, Ahern, Drysdale, Beveridge. May's: Sharp, Durham, Fraser, Hudson. Best players.—Green's: P. Hughson, Martin, M. Hughson, G. Ward, T. Edwards, L. Green. May's: Reid, Haybock, Seelar, Fraser.

SOCCER

Grade 2.—Box Hill (4) d Preston (1). McIver scored for Preston.

Grade 3.—Heidelberg (3) (Chasters, Eccles, Inglis), d Passcoe'vale, nil.

Grade 4.—Neilefold's (5) d Heidelberg B (nil).

Reserves (Grade 2).—Preston (2) d Box Hill (2).

Junior Association.—Heidelberg (4) d Collingwood (2).

Tom: "I'd like to give my fiancee a surprise for her birthday." Jerry: "Why not tell her what your income really is?"

GREG. STOCKDALE

NORTHCOTE'S VICE-CAPTAIN

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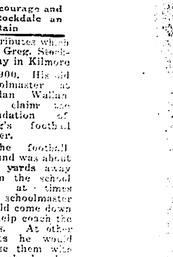
Possessing all those attributes which make a class footballer, Greg. Stockdale first saw light of day in Kilmore in 1900. His old schoolmaster at Wallan Wallan can claim the foundation of Greg's football career.



Greg. Stockdale

The football ground was about 200 yards away from the school and at times the schoolmaster would come down to help coach the boys. At other times he would chase them when his cane back to the school and as the master was an excellent runner, Greg. learnt the value of a quick getaway, and this has proved to him a valuable asset.

As time went on Greg was always in demand by the local team and during a match in 1917 one of Essendon's scouts tried to induce him to come to town. His three brothers were at the front and he felt it his duty to remain at home.

In 1919 Greg shifted to Ruchworth and was a star in the local team. His fame soon spread and several league teams eagerly sought his services. At last he accepted the invitation to try his luck with Essendon.

His first game with Essendon in 1920 on the old East Melbourne ground will live long in his memory. Being shy and of a very modest disposition, he was conscious that perhaps he was not good enough for the team, but his ability, pluck and determination won such admiration that at the conclusion of the game ful game the enthusiastic supporters rushed the ground and carried him on shoulder high to the dressing room. That match made Greg Stockdale a worthy footballer and a credit to his side.

The travelling to town every week from Ruchworth was too great a strain and in 1922 Corowa persuaded him to accept their offer and for Corowa were runners-up.

Still Essendon were persistent and they got Him back in 1923. He played as their full forward and in 1924 that their confidence was justified when he broke Dick Lee's record of 66 goals and was included in interstate teams. In 1924 Essendon recognised that he was a leader, that he could be placed in any part of the field and he proved such an expert half-back that they kept him in that position.

Essendon were premiers in 1923 and 1924 and Stockdale was the mainstay of the defence.

He continued as one of Essendon's "mainstays" up till 1928 and was selected at different periods at present (1931) in Ballarat, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth, Tasmania and other places.

At one of the trips to Ballarat he by settled Greg's football days. Leaving town late on Friday night, the car in which he was travelling collided with a truck. Repairs could not be made without sacrifice of time. The driver decided to try to reach the city from Ballarat, went well until coming to a sharp bend in the road when the front wheel made the turn successfully but the driving chain broke, causing the embankment. Fortunately no one was at hand and all were rendered unhurt and continued their journey.

Northcote recruited him in 1928 for a year, but he was not the same man. Injuries, combined with marriage, made Greg realise the necessity of a permanent job. Northcote's generosity allowed Greg's value to be recognised by the club and he was given a permanent job. Greg is a great asset to any club. He is a great leader of men, a great strategist and a great footballer. Greg's advice to the young footballer is "Always have a good time, but remember that you are playing for your club and your supporters. Be a good sport and obedience to your captain and coach, never think you are the whole team and unbeatable, keep your boots and look after your health."

New Post Office Sought

A movement is on foot to obtain a new post office in High street near the Thornbury tram terminus. A petition has been prepared, and up to the present has been signed by a large number who would be greatly convenienced if the new facility were granted. The petition asks that a branch post office be opened at the business premises of Messrs. McCarker and Eaton, newsagents, which would be central and convenient, not only for the business people of the area, but also for the residents. The petition will be sent to the postal authorities, and the Federal member (Mr. Frank Brennan, M.H.R.) will be asked to give his support.

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South Preston State School Mothers' Club

In order to express their appreciation of the services rendered to the school and to the district by the South Preston School Mothers' Club, the school committee entertained the members at a social evening in the school on Saturday evening last. Opportunity was also taken to express the congratulations of the committee to the School Queen (Miss Ilma Laidlaw) and her committee on the successful outcome of their efforts for the local unemployed during the recent carnival.

Amongst those present were the mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson, J.P.) and Mrs. Robinson, and the president (Mr. Jenner), secretary (Mr. Paton) and treasurer (Mr. Coote) of the East Preston Social Club.

The chairman of the school committee (Cr. A. E. Newton) presided and a first-class programme of musical and elocutionary items was rendered by Misses H. Pike, Burlacister, Cooke, D. Cheesley and Messrs. V. McGraw and Teague. In addition Mr. Rosenberg mystified and thrilled those present with his display of magic.

During the evening Cr. Newton expressed the admiration and appreciation of the school committee for the work carried out by the Mothers' Club, not only in the interests of the school, but also on behalf of the various appeals made for the charities and aid for the unemployed during the past twelve months. During the last winter the club had organised a soup kitchen at the school, at which every child attending the school could obtain a mug of soup per day. It had also been instrumental in raising over £20, which had been handed to the late headmaster for relief of distress among children attending the school. During the recent carnival for the unemployed the Mothers' Club, with the other helpers, had raised over £70 for the South Preston School Queen (Miss Ilma Laidlaw). The club had recently considerably extended its membership and he expressed the hope, on behalf of the school committee, that the combined efforts of both for the old and new members would result in even greater success in their efforts for the school and for the benefit of the district in the future.

The mayor expressed his pleasure at the opportunity to congratulate the Mothers' Club on their splendid achievements. He appealed to the club and to all those present to do their utmost in support of the various efforts for the charities and for the unemployed which, under present economic circumstances, will require all the help that can be obtained. He also congratulated the School Queen, her court and her committee on the success that attended their efforts, which, combined with the efforts of the other queens, had resulted in over £3000 being made available for work for the unemployed in the district.

Messrs. Jenner and Paton also expressed, on behalf of the East Preston Social Club, their appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Mothers' Club and other workers for the South Preston State School Queen. They also mentioned that the Mothers' Club and the late school committee could claim even greater credit than had already been given them, for, with one or two exceptions, the whole of the original members of the Social Club were members of the South Preston School Committee or Mothers' Club. They thus had been largely responsible for the foundation on which the recent unemployed effort was based.

Mrs. Toohey, responding on behalf of the Mothers' Club, assured those present of the continued interest of the club, not only in the school, but also in every effort made for the benefit of those in distress or for the benefit of the district generally. She also desired to thank those who had assisted the club in the past and expressed the hope that their interest and support would be continued in the future.

Mrs. Toohey announced that it is proposed to commence the issue of soup to the school children again at an early date. Regular contributions of vegetables, bread, etc., are particularly desired, and those who are prepared to assist would greatly help if they would communicate with the secretary (Mrs. Torrens, Raglan street, Preston) or the head teacher at the school.

The evening concluded with a vote of thanks to those who had assisted in making a most pleasant and memorable evening, moved by Messrs. Laidlaw and Harris, of the school committee.

The school committee were congratulated by all present on the successful evening they had provided, and in particular on the fact that "mere men" had been able to decorate the school room so tastefully and serve supper as well without calling upon the Mothers' Club to assist.

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INDECENCY AT PRESTON

Man Sentenced to Imprisonment

Appearing at Preston court on May 7 on three charges of having behaved in a grossly indecent manner in Elizabeth street Preston, on April 29, 30 and May 5, Thomas Dickson, 36 years, at present unemployed, was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment on each charge. The sentences were made concurrent.

Dickson admitted that he had a wife and six children, and that he had previously been convicted for an offence of a similar nature.

Mr. E. C. Tibb P.M. and Mr. O. A. Walker J.P. were on the bench.

A.N.A.

PRESTON SOUTH BRANCH

The Preston South branch held its usual fortnightly meeting on 7th inst. The president (Mr. F. Telfer) was in the chair. One new member was admitted and two proposed. The president of the Preston branch (Mr. W. J. Ross) was given a hearty welcome. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. Aitken for installing a wireless set in the Bradford Hall in connection with the diamond jubilee celebrations. Nominations were taken for office-bearers for the ensuing half-year, and the elections will be held next meeting night.

Director H. Drew will represent the board at the half-yearly meeting on 21st. He will install the officers and give an address on the work of the A.N.A. All members and the public are requested to attend.

The syllabus item was an interesting lecture by Mr. A. O'Dowd entitled "Australian Poets." The lecturer was accorded a vote of thanks.

"RADIO-LITES DRAMATIC CLUB

Under the auspices of the Oakover Tennis Club, on May 28, the "Radio-Lites" Dramatic Club will present in the New City Hall, Preston, an entirely new domestic comedy by Richard Mappin, entitled "Family Harmony." This is the story of the eldest son of the DeLisle family, who meets a charming girl during his holidays, and marries her without the knowledge of his family. He has been "personally conducted and supervised" from babyhood by a spinster aunt and two sisters. His final revolt against their domination is the culmination of a clever and exceedingly humorous play. The "Age," in reviewing a recent performance by the "Radio-Lites," described it as "a play that really sparkled." The producer is Mr. Frank Pearson, who is well known to many thousands of radio listeners. The members of the club have been well cast in parts that are distinct types. Miss Yetty Landau meets with a lot of trouble in a Williamson companies, and who played "Sarah" in "On Our Selection" with Bert Bailey for five years, is cast for "Dorothy Baird," the sweet young girl John DeLise brings to the family nest. Mrs. H. V. Ransom plays the spinster aunt in an inimitable manner. Miss Dorothy Bethune plays a modern flapper who speaks many witty lines, and occasionally shocks Aunt Margaret. Mr. Hugh Cronan is a philandering man about town, who causes a crisis in the history of the DeLisle family. Mr. Tom Falone is the younger brother, who, when played by Mis Eve Vaughan, causes some heart-burn with the philander. The eldest sister, who bids fair to become a replica of Aunt Margaret, is portrayed by Miss Eve Matthews, and Miss Edna Turner plays the family servant, who has a way of way of displaying her temper. The cast is completed by a fine portrayal of an Irish menage by Mr. William Devine. Tickets are obtainable from members of the Oakover Club, and at West Preston P.O.

Erections To Be Removed

Northcote council on Monday resolved that "buildings or erections" in High street, erected contrary to the by-law be pulled down by the city engineer.

Cr. Turner protested against the attitude of the council. These people, he said, were running stalls and were trying to make a living. These men were allowed to sell from a barrow. "The council," he said "has deviated from its zoning by-law in the past by granting permits for dairies in back streets, but where it comes to High street, and these small businesses come into competition with shop keepers all the council by-laws are put in operation against them. It seems to me there is discrimination."

Cr. Oliver: Cr. Turner is unfair. He has mentioned dairies, but there come under the Health Act, and we refuse permits for dairies where they are not needed. As to High street, our regulations say that shops of certain types must be put up, and all sorts of conditions must be complied with. If shopkeepers sold food under the same conditions as some of these men, they would be prosecuted.

Cr. Bird: I would like to ask the engineer if all these are in order?

A Voice: No they are out of order. (laughter).

The Engineer (Mr. Bradley): I will inspect all the places mentioned before taking any action.

Cr. Olds: The council receives a lot of revenue from rates from shops, and it is unfair competition to allow a man with a movable stall to sell against a shopkeeper. The council should protect the shopkeeper from unfair competition.

Law.

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Northcote Notes

Railway Fares

The executive of the Melbourne Metropolitan Progress Association Central Council met last Wednesday in order to draw up plans for the representative deputation to the Minister for Railways to ask for a reduction in freight and fare charges. The council contends that a cheap and rapid train service is closely allied to the housing question and the development of the outer suburbs. That high fares conduce to concentration (with its attendant slums) in the inner suburbs verging on the centre of the city proper. That lower fares will encourage an increased passenger trade, the increased revenue which should more than compensate for the lowering of fares, as the railways should be run on competitive commercial lines. One of the chief causes of their declining revenue is because high freight charges drive away trade to the cheaper transport on the road. This and other aspects of the case were fully dealt with, and the executive's recommendations will be placed before the general meeting to be held on Monday.

Holy Trinity Dance

At the Holy Trinity parish hall, Penny parade, Thornbury on Saturday a good night's enjoyment is assured at the dance. The orchestra picks rhythmic music and the floor good; also supper is provided and Mr. Mc.C. keeps the fun going.

The Gas Question

In reply to a request Mr. W. J. Ray has agreed to a request from Preston to participate in a deputation to the Chief Secretary with the object of trying to induce the Government to expedite the passage of the Gas Bill. He says that one of the main reasons for the attitude of the Gas Co's would be for the State Electricity Commission to amend its Act so as to enable the municipalities generally to permit these later to dispose of power at lower prices. Keen competition by a competitive commodity tends to combat the "monopolistic" attitude of gas companies. In a congregate the increase in power consumption would not make much difference in the profits made by the various municipalities.

Northcote Youngers' Set

Since the establishment of the Northcote Youngers' Set, four of five years ago, their body has raised £50 for the Hospital Appeal, and it is hoped that this year they will raise £100. It has a membership of something like 150, which is growing from week to week.

Noxious Trades

In reply to a request from the Progress Association Central Council, the Northcote council states that it does not approve of the proposed Act for the operation of noxious trades within the Metropolitan area. It proposes to submit to the Municipal Association for consideration at its present session.

Aeroplane Landing Grounds

Aeroplane Glider.—A machine of this description with a propellor was pulled by two motor cars on a.m. on Sunday morning into McDonald Park, and experiments carried out. While none of us have any desire to discourage enterprise, we must, however, consider the dangerous risks to the 60 or 70 children attracted to, and congregated around the machine. The circumstance recalls a similar motion in the recent Town Planning Association paper, that all towns with populations of 5,000 or more, should prepare land for aerodromes, as with the rapid strides in aviation, the time is not far distant when the air will be commercialised for the transport of goods, mails, etc.

Maintenance Order

Christina Hansen, Tower street, Alphington, obtained an order for maintenance at Northcote court on Tuesday against her husband, Alfred Hansen, of Timboon, for £1 weekly. The parties were married in 1917 and there are no children by the marriage. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Hansen was a widow with three sons. Hansen was formerly a driver employed by Sharp and Sons, but in November got out of work. Since then he obtained a Closer Settlement block at Timboon.

Catholic Church, Thornbury

At a commencement breakfast in the Thornbury Catholic Parish Hall, the silver jubilee of the ordination of Father Vaughan, the parish priest, was mentioned, and he was presented with a breviary and charge with contents was severely damaged, and the rest of the building slightly. There was no insurance on the cottage for £950 in the British General office.

Northcote Citizens' Dance

The Northcote Citizens' Dance Club held a most enjoyable old time and modern dance in the Masonic Hall on 8th inst. Many of the patrons adopted fancy dress, which lent color to the assemblage, which numbered close on 200. Prizes were awarded for costumes as follows:—Mrs. and Miss Nicoll (toy soldiers), Mr. G. Singler (Silly Sam), Mrs. Sauter (Tilly from the Farm), Miss H. C. Clarey (black cat). Among other good characters worthy of mention were Mr. Davis (Harry Lauder), Mrs. Thomas (Eat More Fruit), Mr. R. M. Gathercole (Charley's Aunt), Mr. H. F. Hoyle (S.B.A.), Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Carlson (Two Little Girls in Blue), Mrs. R. Clarey (Collingwood F.C.), Mrs. F. Ward (If Winter Comes), Mrs. Davis and Miss Garter (gipsies), Mrs. Ryan (absent-minded gentleman), Mrs. Prouse (old lady), Miss L. Jackson (Gilted Jane), Mrs. Stead (Jilted). Splendid music was supplied by Bundall and Aumont's ILO dance orchestra. Dancing went with a swing, with Mr. W. Nicoll as M.C.

Community Singing

On Thursday evening, 7th inst., there was a good attendance at community singing under the auspices of the Northcote Unemployed Professional Orchestra. The music comprised many selections, among the best being "Under the Stars," "Dancing the Devil Away," "Toymaker's Dream," Community singing was conducted by Mr. W. Nicoll. "Sally Horner," by Mrs. Ryan, was loudly applauded. The Misses Beryl Cook and Gwen Carter gave a well-received duet. The audience asked for a further contribution, to which Miss Carter responded by reciting "A Visit to the Photographer." Mr. Hemsworth, sketch artist, amused with an exhibition of sketching. Miss Beryl Cook recited "Mr. and Mrs. Nicoll at Home to Music," for which she was encored, and gave "The Lazy Dog."

The Friday session was well attended with Miss O'Halloran at the piano. The artists were Miss Freda Colquhoun songs, and Miss Weatherly entertainer.

Wandering Cattle Nuisance in North

There is a slight improvement in the absence of these. Thanks are due to the ranger for his efforts and also the determination of the residents concerned to stop this evil. However, there is a lot to be done yet.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

The monthly meeting was held in the small town hall, Northcote on May 13. Mrs. J. J. Ryan, vice-president, presided over a large attendance. Dr. Ethel Osborne and Mrs. Bouchier (organising secretary) were present as guests of the president. Dr. Osborne presented life governor certificates to Mesdames Carew, J. P. Cooper, L. Roberts, J. Gorey and P. Ryan.

Four new members were enrolled and welcomed. The result of the card afternoon was £5 7/- and the first prize was won by W. Alder, Smith street, Thornbury (No. 787). The first of a series of chain teas was held at Mrs. Cook's home, Rossmoyne street, Thornbury. A hostesses' dance will be held in the small town hall on June 16.

Motor Accident

At the intersection of Bastings and Oxford streets on Tuesday evening, two motor vehicles came into collision in which a resident of Carlton named King sustained a fractured leg. He was removed to a Melbourne hospital for treatment.

Accident at Thornbury

On Tuesday forenoon an elderly lady essaying to cross High street, Thornbury was pushed off her feet by a tram. Seeing the danger the gripman threw the rope, and applied the brakes in the hope of avoiding an accident, but the lady who is partially blind and is also stated to be deaf, evidently did not realise her danger and kept on her way. With assistance she managed to walk into a business establishment. She undoubtedly owes her life to the prompt action of the gripman.

Fire in Northcote

The fire brigade was called upon at 4.45 a.m. on May 8 to extinguish a fire in an unoccupied five-roomed weatherboard cottage at 22 Mitchell street, close to the Salvation Army barracks. The cottage was owned by Mrs. Jones, Commercial Hotel, Northcote. A strong wind was blowing, but a good save was made. The kitchen with contents was severely damaged, and the rest of the building slightly. There was no insurance on the cottage for £950 in the British General office.

Unemployed Effort

The Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary held a most successful euchre party and dance in Normanby hall on May 12. The proceeds were in aid of the local unemployed relief fund. Towards the close of the evening, the president (Mrs. D. H. Mott) handed to the mayor (Cr. J. Green, J.P.) a cheque for £12/18/3. The mayor welcomed Mrs. W. M. Robbins, president of the Queen Victoria Hospital Auxiliary, who responded and asked for support for the Queen Victoria Hospital Appeal. Councillors J. O. Hughes and C. Jones supported a vote of thanks passed by the mayor to the Thornbury Auxiliary. Many thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Olorenshaw for donating the use of both halls, crockery, and providing part of and making the coffee, and to Mr. Dexter's orchestra for supplying the music gratis. Also to members for providing supper. The prizes were donated by the following members:—ladies euchre, won by Mrs. Smith donated by Mrs. Francis; gents euchre won by Mrs. Lane donated by Mrs. H. Wood; beobies won by Mrs. Thayer and Mrs. Mitchell, donated by Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Bain; lucky spot dance, won by Miss Mercovitch and Mr. Seeger, donated by Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Page.

Mrs. H. C. Dyte donated a Divinia powder set to be disposed of and it was won by P. Flatner.

The auxiliary are holding a euchre party and dance at Normanby hall on May 21. On Friday, May 15 a stall will be placed in High street, Thornbury, opposite the State Savings Bank. Members are asked to send goods for same. The proceeds are in aid of the Queen Victoria Hospital Special Appeal.

Unlighted Cycles in Victoria Road

An increasing number of foot cyclists and motorist use this throughfare after dark without lights. It needs a round up by the police to check this evil.

Shop and Factory Breaking in Northcote

Lately persons broke into the factory of Messrs. Clarke and Co's furniture factory, in Park street, near the Merri station, by removing two Yale locks on the front door. They appropriated about £50 worth of cabinetmakers' tools, mostly the property of employes.

On Thursday morning, Mr. Radcliff, manager of Messrs. Olver Bros. grocery store at the corner of Charles and Park streets, Merri, on proceeding to open the establishment, found that the front door had been forced by shopbreakers, who had removed an amount of stock.

The premises 463 High street, occupied by Messrs. Robertson and O'Donnell, electricians, was entered by burglars on Tuesday night and stock to the value of £50 was taken. Entry was effected by removing a number of bricks from the wall separating the premises from an empty shop adjoining. The loss comprised Astor wireless sets, loud speakers, electric irons and records. This is the fifteenth time entry has been sought by thieves to the premises since the firm has occupied them. Hitherto the attempts have been unsuccessful. Fortunately on this occasion the loss is secured by burglary insurance.

Jeweller's Window Broken

An unusual mishap occurred on Wednesday shortly after 4 p.m. in Northcote. A motor lorry, the property of the Northcote Coy Council, was travelling along High street in a southerly direction when suddenly a wheel came off a trailer which was attached to the vehicle. The wheel traversed High street, mounted the footpath, and smashed through the window of Mr. Fettling's jewellery shop. Fortunately no one was hurt although there were many people about at the time. A quantity of crystal which was displayed in Mr. Fettling's window, was damaged.

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Garden Party

Mrs. S. Dennis of "Clivedon," Walker street, Northcote gave a garden party at her home on May 9. It was a brilliant day and a pleasant afternoon was spent by all present. The occasion was to say "au revoir" to Mrs. Brownell-Montgomery who intends leaving at the end of the month to spend the winter in Fiji. Keen enjoyment was found in tennis, miniature golf and a croquet-croquet tournament in which Mesdames J. H. Green, T. Cole and A. W. Harley tied. The play-off resulted in a win for Mrs. Harley to whom Mrs. Dennis' prize was presented. The mayoress (Mrs. J. H. Green) wishing her "God-speed," presented a beautiful basket of chrysanthemums to Mrs. Brownell-Montgomery who suitably responded. Afternoon tea was daintily served.

Municipal

CITY OF PRESTON

Empire Day Celebration, 1931

FLAG DAY IN AID OF HOSPITALS AND LOCAL CHARITIES

A MEETING of LADIES of PRESTON is hereby convened to be held at the Town Hall, High Street, Preston, on WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1931, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of ORGANISING for the SALE of FLAGS within this municipality in connection with the above appeal, to be conducted on FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1931.

Helpers are needed.

Mrs. GILBERT E. ROBINSON, Mayoress of Preston.

Town Hall, Preston. May 13, 1931.

CITY OF PRESTON

PAYMENT OF RATES TO SECURE ENROLMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that NO PERSON will be ENTITLED TO BE ENROLLED on the MUNICIPAL ROLL for the respective Wards of the CITY OF PRESTON, in respect of any property, unless BEFORE or ON WEDNESDAY, the TENTH day of JUNE, 1931, ALL SUMS PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF RATES MADE, DUE AND PAYABLE ON SUCH PROPERTY, shall have been paid.

The Rate Collector will attend at the Municipal Offices, High Street, Preston, from the FIRST to the TENTH day of JUNE, 1931, (EXCLUSIVE (Sundays and Public Holidays excepted), from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. DAILY, SATURDAYS 9 a.m. till 12 NOON, and also on the TENTH from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m., to receive payment of such rates.

Ratepayers are particularly requested to bring Rate Notices when paying rates, also to give notice to Collector of any change of ownership or of the Occupier of Properties, in order that the ROLLS may be as complete as possible.

Corporations are also required to take notice that Nominations, under seal, for representatives to be placed on the Rolls, may be lodged at this office not later than 10TH JUNE, 1931.

By Order,
L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Preston.
1st May, 1931.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

Payment of Rates to Secure Enrolment

NOTICE is hereby given that NO PERSON WILL BE ENTITLED TO BE ENROLLED on the Municipal Roll for the respective Wards of the City of Northcote, in respect of any property, UNLESS BEFORE OR ON THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1931, ALL SUMS PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF RATES MADE DUE AND PAYABLE ON SUCH PROPERTY SHALL HAVE BEEN PAID.

The Rate Collector will attend at the Municipal Offices, High Street, Northcote, from the 2nd to the 10th DAY of JUNE, 1931, inclusive (Sundays and Holidays excepted), from 9 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily, and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Ratepayers are particularly requested to give notice to the Collector of any change of ownership or occupation of properties in order that the rolls may be made as complete as possible

Corporations are also required to take notice that nominations under seal for representatives to be placed on the Rolls must be lodged at this office not later than the 10th DAY of JUNE, 1931.

By Order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Northcote.
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WESTGARTH TALKIES.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

Before Mr. W. J. Clarke P.M., Messrs. A. H. Oldis, W. Hayes, H. Evans, P. Carney, P. J. Kean and Mrs. Wood J's.P.

Licence

Clarence B. Warliamont was granted a substitute agent's licence.

Speeding Charges

John Brooks Roberts, St. Vincent's Place, Albert Park, was fined £5 and his licence was ordered to be endorsed for having travelled on his motor cycle at a speed of between 45 and 48 miles an hour in Queen's parade, Clifton Hill, on April 18.

Traffic Constable Prott said: Roberts drove through a crowd of people likewise a stationary tram, causing them to scatter.

George Donnett, Richmond, charged with having travelled at 45 to 48 m.p.h. along Queen's parade, Clifton Hill, and in High street, Northcote, was fined £5.

Daniel Albert Birch, Station street, Fairfield, who drove his motor cycle at a speed between 43 and 48 miles per hour in Queen's parade, Clifton Hill, and in High street, Northcote, was ordered to be endorsed. Constable Prott said that Birch and Roberts were in company.

Unregistered Motor Truck

Walter A. Bishop, Darebin street, Northcote, was fined £3 for having driven an unregistered truck in High street on March 19.

Traffic Constable Bridgland said that when questioned Bishop said that he had only purchased the truck about a month before.

Bishop: As soon as I found out that the truck was unregistered I sold it.

Alan Kent, Grange road, Alphington, charged on April 11 with having driven an unregistered car was fined £1. He was also fined 10/ for driving without a licence.

Kent said that he had bought the car several months ago, and had just been reconditioning it. He added: "I bought the car for experience, and was anxious to try it. As I was doing so, the police caught me."

Father and Son Charged

Maurice Rhodes, Normanby avenue, Thornbury, was charged that on April 16 he drove an unregistered car. There was a second charge of having driven without a licence.

Traffic police said that Rhodes was detected driving an unregistered car in St. George's road. Asked if he was licenced he said "No. I am only 17." The car had not been registered for four years, according to traffic records.

It was stated for the defence that the boy's father had another car, which was out on a job when he wanted to go home. The father had a considerable sum of money in his possession, and sooner than go home by train, he got out the old car, which had not been used for some time, and used it. He had some trouble to start it, and whilst the boy took the wheel he gave it a push. The boy was driving when the police came along.

Fined 5/ for not having a licence, and 10/ on the other charge.

William Archibald Rhodes, the father of the former defendant, was then charged with having aided and abetted his son in the commission of an offence punishable summarily. There was a second charge of having fraudently allowed to be used an identifying number.

Traffic police said that the number borne by the car which Maurice Rhodes was driving, was the same as that issued to William Rhodes for another car. Rhodes was with his son in the car when the traffic police stopped it. Fined £3 for aiding and abetting, and £2 on the other charge.

Maintenance Arrears

Ada Josephine Hamilton sought £80 maintenance arrears against her husband, Joseph Patrick Hamilton, in respect of four children.

Mr. A. E. O'Connor (for Hamilton) said that defendant was unable to get work. His brother was paying 10/ weekly on the order.

By majority decision the case was adjourned for four weeks to enable Hamilton to find work. He was also ordered to pay £2/2/ costs.

Case Withdrawn

Auntibeena Hansen v Walter John Warr, a claim for the return of certain goods.

The case was withdrawn, as the goods had been returned.

Ejectment

An ejectment order was made against H. G. Miles.

Motor Cyclist Fined £10

Theo Henry Sabelberg, Wood street Preston, carrying on business at Clifton Hill was charged with having on March 31, driven a motor cycle in a dangerous manner in High street. There was a second charge that he allowed the motor cycle to emit an offensive noise. Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for Sabelberg who pleaded not guilty.

Traffic Constable Arnott said: "At about 6.20 p.m. on March 31 as I was on patrol duty I saw Sabelberg drive past the intersection of Darebin and High streets at a high speed. I gave chase, and as I drew near Sabelberg, he was travelling at 45 miles per hour.

He looked round and saw the police cycle. Then he took his hands off the handles of his machine, and after adjusting his goggles speeded up to 50 m.p.h.

At the Thornbury tram terminus he passed five stationary cable trams on the wrong side, I followed. He then turned into Plenty road and his speed increased to 60 m.p.h.

Petrol Gives Out

As I gave chase, after I had gone about 400 yards along Plenty road my petrol gave out, and I was compelled to give up the chase.

Later that night I saw Sabelberg at his home and can positively identify him as the man whom I followed, and I also recognised the machine he rode.

After I stopped I heard Sabelberg's machine making a loud noise which I could hear when he was a quarter of a mile away.

Sabelberg said: On that night I went home at my usual speed. About 9.15 the traffic police called on me and asked about the registration of a machine, but nothing was said about travelling fast or noise.

Reginald Hughes, Gold street, Collingwood, and Joe Jellett, Johnson street Northcote, said they saw Sabelberg going home that night at a moderate speed.

Mr. Cahir submitted that the noise charge must fail, as the only evidence relating to it was in Plenty road.

The bench upheld this submission, and this case was dismised. On the other a fine of £10 was imposed, and Sabelberg's licence was suspended for three months.

Mr. Hayes J.P. (chairman) said that this was a very serious type of offence, as excessive speed by motor cyclists caused many accidents.

This case was heard in the magistrates' room before Messrs. W. Hayes, A. H. Oldis and P. J. Kean, J's.P.

School Cases

Henry Barker was fined 7/6 for having failed to send his child to school the required number of half days. Others fined were Clarence Burke, 2/; Henry Brown, 2/; Henry Carman, 5/; Mrs. Nixon (2 cases), 6/; John O'Connell, 5/; Edward Page 5/; Horace Warren (5 charges), 14/; Frank Wells, 5/.

BOY SCOUTS.

PRESTON TROOP

The football team played the opening match on Saturday, and were defeated by Footscray, the scores were 14—13 to 2—9. The team was weakened by the absence of several players. We hope to make amends against Second Essendon on Saturday. The best players were, H. Dineen, A. Rackham, B. Kilpatrick and W. Fitzgerald.

It has been decided to change the night of meeting from Saturday to Friday, the first meeting under the change will be held on the 15th inst. Cubs will meet on Thursday, and the gymnasium class on Monday. Preparations are being made for the mock trial in three weeks time. Scouts and cubs are requested not to forget the concert.

FIRST NORTHCOTE TROOP

On Thursday night the troop were guests of the "Argus" office. A very instructive evening was spent. On Saturday afternoon the troop attended a scout march and inspection at Kew, of which the march was headed by Northcote scout band under the leadership of Rover A. Foletta. Northcote and Kew troops were beaten for the cup by 8 points to 6 the contest was close. The winners, First Malvern, deserved their win as they were a credit to their district.

Every Saturday the troop will hold their weekly dance.

It has been decided to change the scout night to Wednesday night, and the Parents' Committee meeting to every second Thursday, starting on May 21. The Northcote scout band has been asked to lead the march to a special service at Preston some time next month.

RECENT SCOUT CARNIVAL

(To the Editor)

Sir,—On behalf of my committee I wish to thank all who assisted and attended our late carnival at Northcote football ground. I am sorry to say our expectations were not realised to the extent required. I would like to ask any person who would care to assist further by sending suggestions of any kind or donations solely for paying off the scout hall which will be thankfully received by me and acknowledged through this paper. Yours etc.,

A. J. SANGSTON Hon. Sec.

14 Menash St., West Preston.

First Northcote Wilkin's Rover Scout Crew

On May 14 a general meeting will be held by the rovers in the scout hall. This will be the first time that they have been able to procure a separate night for their meeting. The scouts, who previously held their meetings on a Thursday night, have changed to a Wednesday, thus allowing the hall on Thursday's free for the rovers. The syllabus item will be gymnastics. One of the coming activities which the rovers are looking forward to is a lecture on banking by Rover R. Cerutty.

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AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON-NORTHCOTE CLUB

The above club held a pack-run at Trinity Hall, Coburg, joining in a combined run with Moreland and Collingwood. Altogether about six miles were covered, and at 1000 yards from home the runners formed up for a race in. Don McEachern, the club captain, won the Preston run in from Arch Hunter (who has improved, with 100 yards start, and Jack Tannock. Although Harold Lang, a Collingwood clubman, won the combined run-in, it was virtually a Preston victory, as Lang resides in the district, as also does Norm Francisco (Collingwood), the third man in To-morrow the club will hold a run from their home ground, St. Mary's Church, Tyler street tram terminus.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Members of the women's club are practising hard for the basketball season, and a large muster was in attendance at the meeting on Tuesday night at Preston town hall. Mrs. Orr (president) occupied the chair. Officers elected were:—President, Mrs. Dudgeon; vice-presidents, Mesdames Orr, Anderton and Butcher; secretary, Mrs. Anderton; assistant secretary, Miss McWilliams; treasurer, Miss Hopbert; sports officer, Miss Kimber; captain, Miss S. Jones; vice-captain, Miss Lowery; auditor, Mr. Butcher; press correspondent, Miss McWilliams; committee, Misses Kruse, Anderton, Cameron, Dudgeon and F. Jones.

The first pack run will be held on Saturday at Edwardes Lake, and the discus and walking championships on the following Saturday. Training will be held on Monday evenings at S. at Preston Park, and basketball on Wednesday at the Scouts' Hall at S. The usual training times will be discontinued. Miss S. Jones will make arrangements for teams each Wednesday. The annual report and balance sheet were favorably commented on, and the raising of £175 for the queen carnival by a club just six months old augurs well for the future.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

The event of outstanding importance for the week was the Northcote Methodist Y.P. Societies' anniversary. Many former Endeavourers returned to convey their greetings, and responses were received from others unable to be present. The celebrations commenced on Saturday afternoon, the meeting being followed by a welcome tea. The evening meeting was addressed by Rev. H. P. Phillips the topic being "Friends, not Servants," which proved an inspiration. The services on Sunday were well attended, particularly the evening gathering. This was marked by a deep sense of God's presence. Visiting Endeavourers in Miss R. and Mr. A. Muller (who contributed duets) and Messrs. Little, Parker, and Osborn (trio) added to the spirit of the service. In response to an appeal by Rev. F. J. Jennings a number of decisions to accept Christ as Savior were recorded.

Although Mothers' Day is usually celebrated by Endeavourers on the Sunday, this year the Fenders' Grove Y.P. Society has adopted the subject for their week night meeting also. This topic was used last Wednesday at the meeting which was led by Miss Olive Kettle.

Plans for the State Convention on June 5, 6, 7, and 8 are now taking definite shape.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure For Influenza Colds.

VALEDICTION

MR. AND MRS. A. WALES

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Northcote and Preston group of the Victorian Associated Newsagents' Association the opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. A. Wales, of High street, Croxton, who are on the eve of departure for a trip to England and the continent. Mr. Wales has disposed of his business, his successor being Mr. C. H. Keifel.

Since the formation of the association, Mr. Wales has been secretary to the Northcote group and by unbounded enthusiasm and a tremendous capacity for hard work has brought his group to the forefront. There was a splendid representation of Northcote and Preston newsagents and glowing tributes were paid to the many good qualities of Mr. Wales by Messrs. McCaster (president) Burns (sec. Y.A.N.A.), Harris (Northcote), Newbegin (Regent), E. G. Green (Preston), and Norrish (Clifton Hill). Mr. Wales was made the recipient of a letter of appreciation signed by all members of the group, and travelling rugs were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wales as tokens of esteem. Mr. Wales suitably responded giving his fellow business men some good advice.

FAIRFIELD NOTES

Football

Fairfield v Carnegie at Carnegie. Fairfield led throughout the match. Competition was keen and the second interval but Fairfield increased their advantage, winning easily at 13—15 to 7—8. Fairfield players who distinguished themselves were Sampson (6 goals) Kopte, R. Powell, W. Murphy Andrews and Hayson.

The club commenced their fortnightly socials in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. The attendance indicated that these will be successful social functions in the future.

Spensley Street Mothers' Club held an enjoyable social and euchre party on Saturday evening. Children's entertainments were provided making a thoroughly successful evening.

NORTHCOTE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

The new committee of the Helen street State School has combined with the band committee to assist at an American tea. Both committees deserve the support of those interested in the Northcote State School Band. The new committee, headed by Mr. Stephens (pres.) and Mrs. Hammond (sec.) should do well. Many improvements are badly needed. Mr. W. F. King, baudmaster and organiser of the American tea, has secured the services of the West Preston School Band and Prince's Hill School Band.

The following letter of appreciation was received by Mr. Perry, headmaster of the Helen street State School, from the Melbourne Rotary Club:—

Dear Sir,—It is with the greatest possible pleasure that I desire to thank you, on behalf of my committee, for the service of your school band at the recent Roy Scouts' march. The precision and quality of the boys' playing combined with their smart appearance and bearing, called forth such numerous eulogies that it would be superfluous on my part to attempt to detail them. Wishing the band every success and with kind regards—Yours faithfully, A. E. PASCOE, Chairman, Boys' Week Committee.

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BASEBALL.

NORTHCOTE GO DOWN TO ST. KILDA

Northcote was beaten by St. Kilda at Elwood on Saturday. Mr. W. S. Stott, the president of the cricket club, unfurled last year's pennant for R grade, and Mr. R. Ryan (the president of the Baseball Association) congratulated North Northcote on its success. St. Kilda received 12 hits, and the last innings, in which seven runs were scored, was finished.

Northcote batted hard, but was baffled by Jack Hunter, the St. Kilda pitcher, who fooled his opponents to a hit, and in all-round play he was well supported by Barter, McLean, Porter, and Crawley. For Northcote, Beale, Morgan, and Gibaud played well. Mr. R. Hindson umpired.

D Grade.—No. 1 Section

Port Melbourne and Preston drew 12 runs each.

No. 2 Section

Northcote v Preston, 11—4; Carlisle d Brunswick, 17—10.

E Grade.—No 2 Section

Port Gold and Northcote, tie, 11 runs each; Newport d Preston, 7—1.

PRESTON BASEBALL CLUB

Preston A v Port Melbourne at Port Melbourne, terminated in a draw, scores 11 runs each at the end of the 9th innings. An exciting game and fine ball was played. Preston's strong point being catcher second base. The pitching of T. Patterson was almost faultless. Preston's batting can be much improved.

Preston B v Murrumbeena, at Preston, resulted in a win for Murrumbeena. Preston weakening in the first innings and giving them the winning runs. Scores, 11 to 4. Best players for Preston were Westcott (who pitched well), Brady (catcher), Ford and Nelder.

Preston C v Newport at Preston.—Defeat for Preston, but a big improvement in team work. Scores, 17 to 1. Best players were Connor, Allen, Naunton.

Teams for Next Week

Preston A v University, at Preston. Patterson, O'Brien, Butler, Dolphin, Duffield, Goller, Fothergill, Spoor, Goller, Newbegin.

Preston B v Ormond Park, at Ormond Park.—Wescott, Brockley, Kanberwin, Hill, Nelder, Jeanes, Burr, Thornycroft, Goller, Souter.

Preston C v Northcote, at Northcote.—Naunton, Allen, Bassier, Jackson, Murray, Dearing, Smith, Connor, Crawley, Dahl.

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TENNIS.

EAST PRESTON CLUB

Electric Light Tournament

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Monday, 18th—8.30, A. Quick v M. Benison; 10, E. Ruffin v D. Moore.

Tuesday, 19th—8.30, C. Thorn v Wallace Clayton; 10, J. Doherty v P. Hedger.

Thursday, 21st—8.30, G. Jackson v D. Zwar; 10, H. McC. Jones v J. Moore; bye, E. Butler and Walter Clayton.

Ladies' Doubles

Monday, 18th—7.45, Misses Walker and Ball (owe 40) v Mrs. Baker and Miss Buckley (owe 15.3); 9, Mrs. Tunby and Miss D. Thorn (rec. 2) v Mrs. Tatterson and Miss Tatterson (owe 15).

Tuesday, 19th—7.45, Misses E. and I. Thorn (owe 15) v Misses Wearne and McPherson (owe 40); 9, Misses Richardson and Fraser (owe 5) v Mrs. Ford and D. Hedger (owe 5).

Thursday, 21st—7.45, Misses Lang and Haywood (owe 3) v Misses Tuipen and Stevenson (owe 15.1); 9, Mrs. Ruffin and Miss Saunders (scr.) v Mrs. Strachan and Miss Cotchin (5).

Byes, Misses Copner and Hollwood and Mrs. Keir and Miss Reid.

Exhibition Tennis Match

An exhibition tennis match will be played between W. Teague, G. Gaffy, B. Pitchers and J. Purcell (all Victorian interstate players) at St. Joseph's tennis court, Westbourne Gve., Northcote, on Sunday afternoon, May 17. Admission is by silver coin, and the gross proceeds will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul's Society (for the poor).

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GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

All members were the guests of the president (Dr. E. B. Heffernan) and Mrs. Heffernan on Saturday afternoon, and 148 took part in the mixed foursomes. A long driving competition and a nine secret holes competition were also held, all the trophies being donated by the president. Scores:—Mixed foursomes—67, Mrs. Wallis and A. R. Wallis (25); 67, Miss I. Provan and J. F. Morris (30); 69, Mrs. F. Clarke and G. S. Gay (25); 69, Miss L. Day and G. Balfour (23); 71, Mrs. Binney and J. W. Binney (30); 72 Miss Maggs and J. H. Chandler (25).

The men's long drive was won by A. Chisholm; the ladies do. by Mrs. D. J. Stone. The nine secret holes was won by Mrs. G. Youren and W. Bell.

On Saturday 54 associates competed for Mrs. J. H. Sharwood's trophy in a stroke round, the best scores being:—Mrs. G. Kemter (26), 70; Mrs. F. Clarke (26), 71; Mrs. E. C. Rhind (34), 71; Mrs. D. J. Stone (32), 71; Mrs. Wallis (34), 73; Mrs. T. Lingford (28), 75; Mrs. G. Taylor (20), 75; Miss I. Provan (36), 75.

BASKETBALL

Croxton Firsts met Mont Albert on Saturday but were defeated badly by 66 goals to 6. The Croxton Seconds were also beaten by Legacy, 16 to 4.

CYCLING.

Amateurs

Fifteen Mile Handicap.—Scascighini (1min. 30sec.), 1; F. Shaw (6min. 45sec.), 2; L. Henry (6min. 45sec.), 3. Winner's time 42min. 7sec. Fastest time, J. Nichols (scr.), 41min. 27 sec.

Northcote.—10 Mile Handicap, at Epping road. Thomastown, N. Belitzel (33min.), time 27.10, 1; K. Ferns (33min.), 2; D. Moss (33min.), 3. Fastest time—J. O'Brien' (15sec.), time 25.12. This was the first of a series of 10 races for a cup, presented by Mr. E. A. Eastman (president).

L. Gibbons collided with another rider (V. Woods). The handlebars loosened and came off, but Gibbons escaped with minor injuries and was only slightly hurt.

PRESTON AMATEURS

On Saturday the club held a 25 mile handicap on Plenty road. This race also started the senior and junior aggregates for the Metcalf cups, and also a special cup for Reichem Star riisers. The front bunches made the pace a cracker and kept the back markers at bay. At Coles Hill E. Scholz went to the front, followed by H. Creighton, who came around Scholz in the sprint to win rather comfortably. Harry Hodges gained fastest time, and G. Stevens was the fastest scratch man. G. Evans had the misfortune to fall, but escaped with slight abrasions.

On Monday the annual meeting was held and the following officers elected:—Time-keeper, handicapper and race secretary, R. G. Harris; hon. secretary, C. Hargreaves; president, Mr. H. Webber; assistant secretary, P. Hatton; treasurer, G. Harris; timekeepers, J. Robbins and R. C. Harris; road stewards, P. Hatton, C. Hargreaves, T. Dredge; press correspondent, H. Neumann; delegates to V.A.C.U., J. Robbins, R. C. Harris; committee, F. Dickens, H. Neumann, R. Luttke, J. Robins, W. Anderson, G. Evans, G. Stevens, F. Gascoyne.

PRESTON PROFESSIONALS

Last Saturday marked the opening of the Preston professionals' road season. The event was a 10 mile handicap on Plenty road, the prize money being donated by Mr. Bert Graham. Thirty riders faced the starter, and punctually at 3 o'clock the limit man, S. Davies, was sent on his way. Five minutes later the scratch men, A. Walkley and S. Whiteoak, set off. L. Jones and M. Gay made a merry pace from the start and were soon in command and riding strongly all the way, won by a good margin, Jones proving too good in the sprint for his young adversary, Gay, who took second place. Alan Walkley, who on the previous week, broke the Australian 25 mile record, continued on his record-smashing career by taking the fastest time honors in the excellent time of 24min. 50sec., which easily betters the club record—a great ride considering the hilly nature of the road. Details:—L. I. Jones (4min.), 1; M. Gay (4min.), 2; S. Andrews (3½ min.), 3. Winner's time, 26min. 51 sec. Fastest time, A. Walkley (scr.), 24min. 50sec.

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ROADS AND MOTOR FEES

GOVERNMENT'S ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS

At the meeting of the Northcote council on Monday evening a letter was received form the Commercial Motor Users' Association, urging that a protest be lodged against the proposal of the State Government to divert the whole of the fees derived from motor registrations into consolidated revenue.

Cr. Hayes moved that this association be given the council's best support and thanks.

He said: The Government wants to take away the bulk of the money raised from motorists, and divert it into general revenue. I do not know a word strong enough to condemn the Government's action.

Cr. Dennis, in seconding, said: "It has taken years to bring these country roads up to their present high standard. If the money which the motor users pay in registration is diverted to consolidated revenue, instead of on roads, for which purpose it was raised, the roads will go to pieces."

Cr. Bird moved an amendment "that the council agree with the proposal of the C.M.U.A. in the main, but with a request that none of this money be allotted to metropolitan councils for arterial roads.

He said: "Last year £1,137,000 was raised in motor fees of which 4% was allocated to metropolitan councils In the past 15 years £23,000,000 has been spent on country roads. The time has come when justice should be done to the metropolitan municipalities where a very large percentage of the fees are raised.

Cr. Oldis: Metropolitan municipalities have endeavoured from time to time to obtain grants for the upkeep of their arterial roads. I agree with many of Cr. Bird's statements but suggest there are other factors which might also be discussed.

Continuing, he said: "In New Zealand each municipality collects and spends the motor fees derived from its areas."

Cr. Olver: "A previous deputation which asked for a more equitable distribution of fees, was told that all the money was wanted for the country roads.

Now if all the fees were diverted to consolidated revenue they would about balance the deficit on the railways, and that apparently is the Government's idea, and let the country roads hang. I think it is now a fight to preserve the motor fees in their entirety, and then discuss afterwards a more equitable distribution of the fees. The first objective is to preserve the fees from any interference."

Cr. Turner: This council has been complaining that for years all these motor fees have gone to the Country Roads Board. The country roads have now been built up, and have got to be kept going.

I do not think the Government's idea is to use the motor fees to balance the railways deficit.

The Government has had to find enormous amounts for unemployed relief, most of which is to be spent on country roads. The Government through the C.R.B., is already spending all motor fees on roads, and the Government feels that there is a lot of double banking. The result is that the country roads are getting better and better, and the city more dilapidated.

I suggest that this council should go to the Government and say: "The country has had a very good deal, but we think that the metropolitan municipalities should get more of these fees for metropolitan roads.

The amendment was lost.

Cr. Turner then moved a further amendment that the matter be referred to the committee of the council with a view to calling a conference This amendment was carried, and the matter was referred to the committee of the council. The council may call a conference of metropolitan municipalities.

RIFLE SHOOTING

PRESTON MAN SUCCESSFUL

Wins Union Match

In the No. 19 Union's match at Port Melbourne last Saturday, the winner of the A grade was T. Griffiths, of Preston, who scored seven bulls and an inner, a total of 49 out of a possible 50. Conditions were 10 shots at 300 yards. L. Castle (Fitzroy) was second with 48.

Club Matches

Northcote.—First Stage Captain's trophy—Hook, 46 (4), 50; Parsons 43 (10), 50; Appleby, 44 (6), 50; Kaye, 45 (4), 49; Randall, 44 (4), 48; McQuien, 35 (8), 43. Porter cup won by M. McQuien with 282 points out of possible 300 points.

Preston.—First Stage Porter Cup and Bignell Trophy—T. Griffiths, 49 (2), 50; Ames, 44 (4), 48; Bignell, 44 (3), 47; Sullivan, 39 (7), 46; Bell 42 (3), 45; S. Chynworth, 38 (7), 45; L. Chynworth, 37 (8), 45.

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EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
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Evensong, 7 p.m.
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8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
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1200 ATTEND NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL PROTEST MEETING

TREMENDOUS ATTENDANCE CROWDS OUT HALL

CRITICISM LEVELLED AT TRIBUNAL

Something like 1200 citizens of Northcote gathered at the town hall on Wednesday evening as a protest against the treatment meted out recently by the Association Tribunal to Northcote players. So great was the attendance that the hall was not able to hold all who wished to enter, although all seats were occupied and many stood around the walls. The meeting passed resolutions concerning the disparity in punishment inflicted on Northcote players, and urged the Association to consider the advisability of placing all evidence given before the tribunal on oath.

It is a long time since there was such a crowd seen at the Town Hall. The Mayor (Cr. J. H. Green) who convened the meeting, was in the chair.

The Mayor said that ever since Northcote had joined the Association, it had been loyal to that body. In winning the premiership in 1929, however, it seemed that Northcote had committed an unforgivable thing, for since that time, events would indicate that this team had been "marked".

Not Had a "Fair Go"

Whilst it is easy to be indignant," he declared "yet is not always easy to put forward constructive criticism. In the last two deals Northcote has not got a "fair go"

Punishment Should be Equitable

I do not want to go to a football match to see a pugilistic event, and I agree that when players are found guilty of rough play, they should be punished. At the same time, whatever punishment imposed should be just and equitable.

Resume of Recent Cases

Before the Association Tribunal appeared Tom Garrett, an inoffensive man and a splendid player. (applause) Perhaps the greatest part of his offence is that he is a good player and a member of the Northcote team. Garrett was charged with striking Anderson of Sandringham and the umpire said in evidence that he might have had provocation. Anderson said he was surprised to know that Garrett was reported, and Garrett said he did not strike a blow. The Tribunal disqualified Garrett for four matches. In a parallel case H. Johns (Williamstown) was charged with having struck another player. Here the umpire said it was a deliberate hit. The Tribunal in this case let Johns off with a caution.

Continuing Mayor Green said "Stockdale appeared before the same tribunal on a charge of elbowing Bayment. Stockdale said he simply raised his arm to protect his ribs, and that the occurrence was entirely accidental. The tribunal suspended Stockdale for 12 weeks, and an intimation was given that the disqualification would have been greater but for his previous good record. On the same night G. Warden (Brunswick) was disqualified for two matches, the charge being that he elbowed G. Burns (Williamstown) and the evidence went to show that Burns was elbowed both in the air and on the ground. Members of the tribunal in this case stated that they were "justified in taking a lenient view."

These instances go to show that there appears to be an animus against Northcote players.

That there are others in Northcote who agree with my views is shown by the fact that there are so many here tonight. We do not want rough play we are out for premierships, and we are going to get them. (applause).

Cr. W. Oliver moved:—

That the meeting is in accord with the Association in its determination to eliminate rough and (cowardly play; but emphatically protests against the penalties inflicted against Northcote players by the Tribunal of honorary Commissioners, it is being definitely felt that there was an outstanding disparity in the punishment meted out to Northcote players, which was not in any way compatable to that imposed by the same Tribunal on the same evening on players of other clubs for offences of a similar nature, and it is against this considered and unjust treatment that this meeting enters its most strenuous objections.

Cr. Oliver said that no one wanted to harass or try to prevent the Association from eliminating rough play. In the past three years clubs like Northcote and Oakleigh had raised money and built up teams which were a "draw card" to Association football, so that the type of play was now second to none played on metropolitan grounds (applause). After the last Northcote-Oakleigh match a number of Northcote players had been dealt with—severely it was thought by many—but Northcote did not "squeal." The same thing had happened again since, and it seemed now that if anyone was "smacked," it was a case of "blame Northcote for it."

A Conundrum

Cr. Oliver propounded a conundrum for the audience in these terms "What is the difference between an elbow at Sandringham and one at Brunswick?"—"Ten weeks" (laughter and cheers).

"Such 'justice,'" declared Cr. Oliver, "Calls for the utmost indignation for its unfairness. Not for one moment do we want to try to justify rough play. We want fair play and justice from the Tribunal."

Those Injuries

Cr. A. H. Olds supported the motion, saying that amongst Association clubs it had become the fashion for teams with which Northcote had played, to state a long list of injured—but a surprising thing was that a great number of these so called "injured" were able to play on the following Saturday (laughter).

Mr. Nelson Harry said that undoubtedly the vast muster of citizens was a true reflection of the views of the citizens who held the view that Stockdale and Garrett had been unfairly treated. He only hoped the matter would be taken further by the Association and the cases reopened (hear, hear).

The motion was carried amidst applause.

Evidence Should be Taken on Oath

Cr. W. Hayes moved:—

That in the interests of justice and all parties concerned, and to ensure that true and correct evidence is placed before the Commissioners composing the Tribunal, when dealing with cases where players are charged with breaches of the football by-laws, in future all evidence be taken by the Commissioners on oath.

Cr. Hayes said that if ever a change was needed in Association affairs it was required in this direction. He had had experience as an advocate before football tribunals, and on many occasions was of the opinion that at least some of the evidence given on occasions was absolutely false.

"Another matter the Association should consider," continued C. Hayes "is that of giving players a right of appeal against the tribunal's decision."

Cr. M. C. Jones supported saying that only when sworn evidence was given before the tribunal, would the players get justice.

Cr. S. Dennis said that if this meeting only cleared the air as far as Northcote's interests were concerned it would do a lot of good so that Northcote would get a better "go" in future

Mr. A. J. Gill said whilst foul play should be put down, the methods used should be according to the tenets of British justice and fair play. (applause).

The motion was carried.

Mr. F. Trainor, president of the Football Club, expressed pleasure at the attendance. He said the meeting had been called by the Mayor at the request of a number of Northcote supporters. The fine attendance showed the people were behind the club and its dissatisfaction at the way its players had been treated.

A man in the audience, who gave his name as Mr. Shaw moved that it be a recommendation to the Northcote Football Club Committee that Stockdale and Garrett be paid as usual during the period of their suspension. This also was carried.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Up to the present the promised supply of firewood by the Government for the unemployed in Preston has not come to hand. Fortunately Mr. Thos. Riddell, Harold street, Thornbury, has kindly come to the rescue and relieved the situation by contributing a cheque for £6/10/-, which will be spent on the purchase of a truck of wood, which will be welcome news to many people who at present are looking at fireless grates.

A very fine action has been performed by Mr. W. Braithwaite, who has promised to contribute £5 weekly to the unemployed fund.

Mr. Williams, town clerk, is at present engaged in putting matters straight in connection with carnival matters. The documents connected therewith are in a somewhat tangled state, but Mr. Williams is hopeful of unravelling the tangle. It is hoped that a balance sheet will be made available within the next few days.

Unemployed Girls

The Preston council has granted rate free use of a room weekly to the Preston unemployed girls' committee.

Old Time Dancing at Preston

Old time and modern dancing will be held on Monday, May 25, at the city hall, Preston. Proceeds are for the purchase of boots, etc., for children. Troubles have been donated for euchre. Hayes' band will supply the music, and Mr. Syd. Smith will be M.C.

Residents are notified that unauthorised persons are collecting. A notice appears elsewhere to the effect that all authorised collectors are furnished with badges of authority.

NORTHCOTE UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held on May 18. The membership is on the increase. The social held last Monday night was a great success. The band was a great factor and their playing was a treat to hear. Items were given by Misses Avery, Fisher, Moss, Mr. Stroud, Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Mandeloy and Mrs. [illegible]. The hall is open for engagements. Also the M.C. for dancing (Mr. Exton) information may be had from the Unemployed Jobs Bureau, phone JW1431.

THORNBURY SCOUTS TO HELP

The 3rd Thornbury Troop of Boy Scouts will hold a door to door canvass for old clothing, boots, etc., in connection with the appeal of the mayor of Northcote for the unemployed.

MELBOURNE'S BIRTHDAY

On May 28 in the Central Hall, Lit. Collins street, Sir James Barrett will preside over an evening to celebrate the 96th anniversary of Melbourne's birthday. Addresses will be given by the chairman, Mr. Isaac Selby and Mr. R. H. Croll. Moving pictures of Phillip Island, the forests of Victoria, Central Australia the Yarra and Melbourne will be shown, and songs will be rendered by Mr. E. Sage. Mr. A. S. Kenyon will give an illustrated lecture on Aborigines in Their Native State.

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NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL ARTICLE
The life and career of Doug. Nicholls, the most popular man playing football.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Stott, Son and Watson, at 4 p.m. on May 27, on the property, 31 Wales St., Northcote, D.F. W.B. 5-roomed villa, on land 36 ft. 6in. x 110ft. Particulars elsewhere.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on May 27 at 3 p.m., on property, 31 Wilcox St., Preston, 5-roomed D.F. hardwood villa, on land 40 x 117. See advertisement.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on May 27 at 3 p.m., on property, 10 Munro St., Northcote, 5-roomed D.F. W.B. villa, on land 36ft. 5in. x 109. Particulars elsewhere.

By James and Hobson, on May 27 at 3 p.m., on properties, 19 and 21 Kelvin Gve., Northcote, 4-roomed brick cottage and 6-roomed brick cottage. Particulars in another column.

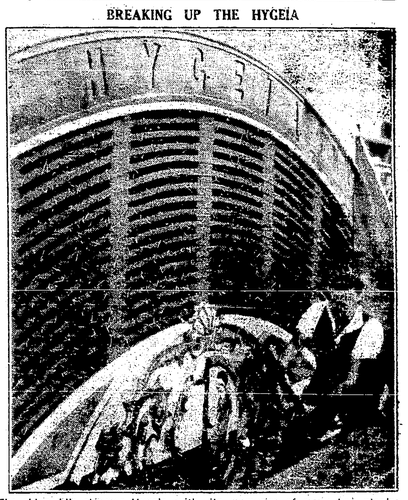
By Angus McDonald Pty. Ltd. (G. Henderson, auctioneer) and J. G. Robson, in conjunction, on May 23 at 3.45, on property, 11 Margaret St., Preston, 4-roomed bungalow advertised.

How to Pay Your Rates

Messrs. Frank Hale Pty. Ltd., 321 High St., Northcote, publish an announcement of great interest to ratepayers. In order to assist property owners arrangements can be made for an advance of the money necessary to pay the rates at a specially low rate of interest. This can be repaid by small instalments spread over a convenient interval. Messrs. Hale Pty. Ltd. will give sympathetic attention to all requests.

A political meeting under the auspices of the Young Nationalists' Organisation will be held at the Mechanics' Institute, Whittlesea, at 8.45 p.m. on Friday, May 22. Hon. Russell Clarke, M.L.C., Mr. W. H. Everard, M.L.A., and Cr. Mr. A. Ferguson will speak upon current political questions.

BREAKING UP THE HYGEIA



The old paddle steamer Hygeia, with its memories of many bay picnics, is being dismantled at Station Pier, Port Melbourne. The hammer of the demolisher is about to obliterate the figure of the Goddess of Health on the paddle-box.

Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

Help the Tradespeople who are out to Help You!

What Preston People Are Doing

By The Rousabout.

Bogus Telephone Calls

THE telephone has its abuses as well as its uses. Last Sunday moning Mr. Jack Green, son of Mr. Green, newsagent, High street, Preston, was in the house alone and on answering a phone ring was told his presence was required at Dorchia Garage at once. The latter place was rung up and a denial given that any message had been sent by that firm to the house of Mr. Green. About half an hour later Mr. Scott, engineer to the Preston city council, arrived at Mr. Green's house and made it known that he had received a like message that his presence was urgently required at the home of the gentleman named. Both calls proved to be hoaxes.

Working Bee

ON Saturday afternoon, June 6, a working bee will be held in honour the West Preston State School grounds. Mr. Roe, headmaster of the school, extends a cordial invitation to all fathers to go along and assist in the good work.

Larceny from a Motor Car

BETWEEN 9 and 10 p.m. on Saturday last a lady's black coat, with fawn fur cuffs and collar, valued at £5, was stolen from a car outside 4 Lowe in Gregory grove, Preston. The coat was the property of J. Marter, Tullor, Victory street, Abbotsford.

Successful Social Evening

A SUCCESSFUL house party to further the interests of Miss Marie Porter, Queen of the Second Eighteen Footballers, was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Meehan, Shakespeare avenue, on Saturday evening. Dancing, cards, music and indoor games helped to make the evening pass pleasantly. The financial result of the function was satisfactory.

Larceny of Horse Rug

A RUG, valued at £2, the property of Charles Gilbert, a Preston council employe, was stolen from his horse at the corner of Miller and Robeson streets between Sunday night and Monday morning last.

Successful in Elocution

THE friends of little Joy Drinkmilk, late of Cooper street, Preston, will be pleased to know that she was successful at Bendigo competitions during the week-end by winning first prize in the elocution competition for boys and girls under 10 years of age. Joy is to take part in the concert at Bendigo town hall on the occasion of the presentation of prizes.

Housebreaking and Stealing

EWEN McMahon, shopkeeper, High street, Preston, was favored with a visit from burglars last Sunday evening. Notes and silver to the value of £9 were carried off. The money had been left in the kitchen of the house. Articles of value in other parts of the place were left untouched.

Appeal for the Blind

THE recent appeal organised by the Mayoress' Guild in Preston, which included an American tea and dance was quite a success, the result being the ingathering of £31/0/9.

Community Singing

LAST Friday evening there was such a big attendance at community singing that the large hall at the civic municipal centre had to be pressed into service, and a very enjoyable time was passed. Mr. Smith, who has charge of West Preston State School Band, had his youthful team well in hand outside the hall, and their efforts were successful in attracting many to go inside, where Mr. P. Himes and orchestra were responsible for some fine selections, and the artists who assisted were the Ralston Sisters and Messrs. N. Bunker and W. Irving. The arrangements for the evening were carried out by the unemployed subsection of the Preston branch, R.S.S.I.L.A.

A Brick Drive

PRESTON District Band is organising a "Brick Drive," with the object of erecting a band rotunda and band room at Bell Park.

Disgusting Telephone Messages

ON two occasions recently complaints have been made as to the sending over the telephone messages of a most disgusting nature addressed to women. The voices speaking were those of a male. The police were notified and as a result two youths will shortly appear before the Preston court charged in connection with the matter.

Cockatoo Gives the Alarm

BURGLARIES and attempted burglaries are the order of the day and night in and around Preston just now. How one burglary was frustrated in David street by the house cockatoo last Sunday evening was related to "The Rousabout" on Wednesday. The bird is a fairly well educated one, and sometimes his language is not of the Sunday school order. On the occasion referred to Cocky screeched out "What the ——— are you doing here? Get out!" Then the house dog, aroused by the bird's talk, joined in the hullabaloo, and barked in his best Sebastopol evening manner. The united voice of the bird and the dog had the effect of rousing the occupants of the house, the result being that when the back door was opened several youths were to be seen scaling the back fence. It is believed that the police have a fair idea as to who the youths were and investigations are in course of procedure. In the meantime the proud cockatoo has been the recipient of extra rations for his action in scaring the would-be burglars away, and the dog has also been treated to an extra delicacy or so.

Theft from Garage

ON May 12 the garage of Edwin Britten, Spring street, Preston, was entered and a Dunlop tyre, with rims and tubes attached, was stolen. The value of the property named is set down at £10.

Theft of Coins

A THIEF entered the house of Robt. S. Smith, Josephine grove, Preston, on Sunday evening and made off with a fairly weighty box, which he evidently thought contained good and negotiable money. It must, however, have been disappointing to the pilferer to find that the box only contained foreign coins of no great value. There were also articles of jewellery in the box.

Death of Schoolgirl

MUCH regret was expressed among the pupils at West Preston State School when they learned that on Friday last one of their number, Gwenneth Hearson, only 6 years of age, had passed away. Gweneth was a bright little girl and greatly liked by her schoolmates. The cause of death arose from a tumor on the brain.

Too Much Metaylated

MICHAEL Quinlan lost control of himself on the corner of Bell street and Gilbert road last Thursday afternoon, owing to over-indulgence in drink. Michael's special beverage on the occasion was methylated spirits, and he was seeing all sorts of funny things—pink lizards, fawn colored spiders, magenta blowflies, turquoise blue mosquitoes, etc. Just then Plainclothes Constable Edgerton happened along and took a hand in the proceedings by escorting the methylated Michael to the Preston watchhouse. Next day Mr. O. Walker, J.P., had his services requisitioned and after hearing details of the case asked the erring one if he had the sum of £3 about his person. Mike looked aghast and muttered something about not having as many shillings. Mr. Walker ended the matter by sending the delinquent up for 14 days, in view of the amount named not being forthcoming.

Tailor's Shop Robbed

FREDERICK George Freestone, tailor, Plenty road, Preston, had his shop broken into on Wednesday and two suit lengths, valued at £6, were stolen. The shop window was broken with a large stone.

Petrol on Fire

A MAN in a car called at a shop owned by T. Hearn, Oakover road, Preston, and occupied by L. Williams, on Wednesday of last week and carelessly threw a lighted match to the ground. The match was broken and the lighted portion fell on a tin of petrol, which soon disappeared in flames.

Preston Council Quarry

IN reply to Cr. Newton at the Preston council meeting on Monday, the engineer (Mr. W. H. Scott) stated that one contractor was purchasing screenings which the quarry was unable to supply. Cr. Newton said the council had spent large sums on its quarry, and inquiry should be made as to why the quarry could not supply all requirements and give all the employment possible locally. The engineer was ordered to prepare a report.

Australian Women's Association

THE half-yearly meeting of the Preston branch was held on Monday, three members of the Board of Directors being present. The visitors were recorded as hearty welcome, after which Miss Grant installed the following office-bearers for the ensuing half-year:—President, Miss Windle; vice-president, Miss Griffin; treasurer, Miss H. Lakeman; secretary, Miss V. Oldfield; assist. secretary, Miss M. Letchford; committee, Misses H. Pearson, C. Pearson, W. Bricknell, Checkett and I. Letchford; press correspondent, Miss J. White; auditors, Messrs. Winnett and Winnett; disposal delegates, Misses H. Lakeman and J. White; conference delegate, Miss J. White. At the conclusion of the speech-making Miss Grant made a presentation to the retiring president (Miss White) on behalf of the members. The next meeting will be held on June 1, and an evening will be given by Miss Pearson.

East Preston Motor Cycle Club

THE above Club's next run is on Sunday, May 24, at a sports meeting at Watson's Creek, leaving Durrant's Garage, Plenty road, Preston. The club is also running a social at the Reschabite Hall, Preston.

Tennis Reunion

A RE-UNION of members and old members of the South Preston Methodist Tennis Club will be held at the council courts in Gower street, Preston, on June 8.

Housebreaking and Stealing

BETWEEN 2 and 5 o'clock last Tuesday afternoon, the house of Margaret Best, Sussex street, Preston, was entered and a blue twill suit, grey suit, money box containing 50c, and other property to the value of £15 was taken away. A window at the rear of the house was forced open during the temporary absence of the owner.

Visit to Talbot Epileptic Colony

MR. H. G. Johnson, secretary to the West Preston State School committee and secretary of the associated schools' committees, visited the Talbot Epileptic Colony at Clayton on Saturday, May 16, with representatives of several school committees. The party, which included Mr. Roe, headmaster of West Preston State school, was shown over the institution by Dr. Birch and Matron Rowand and were greatly interested in the colony. The work done in the school is of a high quality, and the spacious grounds came in for favorable comment. Afternoon tea was served to the visitors.

Bell Park

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CHURCH NEWS

G.F.S.

A meeting of the newly formed Girls Friendly Society in connection with the Epiphany Church was held on the 12th inst., when an address was given by Deaconess Hodge on the work of the Mission of St. James and St. John. The girls have decided to work for the Babies' Home, Clarendon street, East Melbourne.

Recent Baptist Sunday School

The Regent Baptist S.S. anniversary was brought to a conclusion on Wednesday evening, when a crowded audience spent a most enjoyable time. A varied programme was opened by a piano duet by Misses Elaine and Sylva McCoy. The kinders and the junior school gave an acted rendering of various nursery rhymes under the direction of Miss Carmen Major, with Miss L. Roberts at the piano. Miss Joyce Kinpen and Master Jack Hildebrand gave recitations, and both were recalled. Miss Edna Gill sang The Children's Home. A popular feature was the playing of the xylophone by Master Jessie Shepherd, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Shepherd. The senior boys gave an orchestral selection—a medley of well known hymns. There were two dialogues—the first Nancy's Penny, by the girls of Miss Cockerill's class, being the story of how a penny amounted to two shillings. The other was a play rendering the Lady of the Lamp, a piece with a missionary touch, in which twelve of the senior girls took part. They were trained by Mrs. Robinson, who each year bears a large part in these functions.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

On Saturday a very successful social was held to mark the success of the Cricket Club, which terminated the season without a lost match. The Rev. S. [illegible] occupied the chair and commented the club on its victory. His occasion was taken for the presentation of trophies which had been won. T. Love won the batting trophy and G. Barnes (for bowling. The captain (J. Watson) and secretary (R. Montgomery) were presented with photographs of the team. Cr. Jones complimented the club. The evening was enlivened with items of music and recitations.

Ashfield Congregational Church

The final address of a series on Chapel Hands was delivered to the children last Sunday morning by the pastor (Rev. Duncan Reeves). The junior choir rendered its item nicely, the solo by Miss G. Marshall being sweetly sung. The sermon, was based on the text from Psalm 107, 27-28. The evening subject The Overdue Religious Reformation, was treated by Mr. Reeves in his usual painstaking thoughtful and vigorous manner. Next Sunday will be observed as Empire Day.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church

The special feature of last week's work was the annual meeting of the Sunday school teachers. About 50 teachers and officers sat down to a well arranged tea. Mr. F. C. Henning, superintendent, welcomed the teachers, and spoke of the year's work, which had culminated in the recent fine anniversary. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows:—General Superintendant, Mr. F. C. Henning; departmental superintendent, senior school, Mr. G. Westmoreland; junior school: Miss V. Collett; intermediate department, Miss Yeates; kindergarten department, Miss E. Henning. Mr. David Haysom was elected secretary and Mr. S. Moyle treasurer.

"At Home" at Croxton

On May 13 a pleasant "At Home" was held in the Croxton Methodist Church, Rev. F. J. Jennings occupied the chair. After the opening hymn Mr. Green offered a prayer. Miss Jean Menzies played several pianoforte solos and Mr. Allison's song was encored. The chairman spoke of the beautiful Croxton Church, which is a tribute to the members' self denial and consecration with God. He conveyed thanks to the appreciation of the circuit, which was heard that under Mr. Blackney the success would be even greater. Mr. Oliver read the officers' report, and congratulated the church and its officers. Mr. Wyatt read the financial report and thanked officers and organisations for their assistance. Mr. W. Menzies' song was encored and Mr. Bensley gave several humorous recitations. Misses E. and W. Menzies sang a duet, and Mr. Murden gave recitations. While the offertory was being collected, Mr. Wyatt, the church organist, rendered selections. Mr. Blackney said good things had been done in the past but he was looking to the future. A Men's Society was inaugurated and a training class for Sunday school teachers is proposed. Rev. Jennings asked the people not only to work but also to pray for assistance for Mr. Blackney. He concluded by thanking all for help so readily given. Proceedings terminated with the Benediction and Doxology.

Thornbury Church of Christ

Mr. H. Swain, preacher of the Thornbury Church of Christ, has resigned after ten years spent in the ministry. He has seen the church grow from a few scholars to its present proud position of one of the largest Church of Christ Sunday schools in Australia. Mr. Wallace E. Jackel will conduct services for the next three months.

High Street Methodist Church

Next Sunday will be observed as Empire Sunday. Mr. J. E. Blackney will preach at 11 a.m. The evening service will be conducted by members of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society, when the preacher is the Rev. Colonel Holden, O.B.E., B.A. The members of the society will render an anthem, Mr. Eric Jones and Mr. James Nabbs are the visiting soloists. The service will be preceded by a song service at 6.40. Last Sunday morning the church was crowded when a family service was held, the preacher being the Rev. J. Jennings. In the evening the Rev. Jennings conducted a Public Recognition Service when about 12 new members were welcomed into the church. Next Thursday at 3 o'clock the Women's Auxiliary to Foreign Missions is conducting an American gift afternoon, proceeds are in aid of the Foreign Mission Sisters' Fund.

All Saints' Church, Northcote

A special service was held at All Saints', Northcote, on Sunday evening. The service was conducted by young men, and Mr. N. Dalroy Roadknight preached the sermon. Mr. Reg Gray, of the Y.M.C.A., sang a solo, entitled Love at Calvary.

Preston Ministers' Fraternal

On Sunday a most inspiring United service was held in the Preston City Hall, taking the form of an After-Church Service at 8.30 p.m. Prior to the service congregational singing was conducted by Mr. H. B. Robbins, with Mr. Davies at the piano. Rev. T. C. Kelly, president of the Fraternal, conducted the service, during which several of the local ministers took part. Rev. A. J. Stewart preached a thoughtful sermon, dealing with the church's attitude to the present situation. He said that the church's task is not only spiritual. It reaches to all the relationships of life and there are problems and maladjustments of life to which we must give our attention. Religion covers all of life and rests on the shoulders of the Christian church. It was good to see so many of the ministers of the Preston churches present on the platform.

Holy Trinity Church Thornbury

Worshippers again attended in large numbers at all services on Sunday. The vicar (Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain) officiated at the early services, while Rev. J. T. W. Pay (vicar of St. Paul's Fairfield) preached at the evensong. This Sunday (May 24) being Whit-Sunday, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m., Choral Eucharist at 11 a.m. A children's service is to follow at 3 p.m. and Holy Laptism at 4.15 p.m. Evensong will be held at the usual hour of 7 p.m. the vicar officiating at all services. Trinity Sunday should be of more than usual interest to all connected or at one time conected with Holy Trinity. It is to be observed as a Back to Trinity Sunday, and the visiting cleric will be the Rev. C. Wood, a former incumbent of the parish. The following Sunday a parish social will function, the same idea of Back to Trinity being uppermost.

Epiphany C.E.M.S.

On the 14th inst. the usual meeting of the above was held, syllabus item being a games night with St. Andrew's, Fairfield. St. Andrew's were unable to be present and after business members took part in games. A young (and old) Men's Holy Communion service, followed by a breakfast, will take place on Sunday next at 8 a.m. At least 100 men are expected and all interested are invited to come along. The G.F.S. will assist with the breakfast.

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It was pointed out by several councillors that the petrol was supplied to Taylor for his car, which was doing work for the municipality, and although the man was receiving an allowance it was insufficient to cover running costs.

The mayor (Cr. Robinson) said it was unfortunate that attention had not been drawn to the insufficiency of the allowance before.

Cr. Maynard said the council had chased up other people who had owed money and made them pay, and he thought this man should pay at least something.

Dog Registrations

"I HOPE our officers will not be too hard on those who can't pay to register Fido," said Cr. Robeson at the Preston council meeting on Monday. "Many people cannot find the wherewithal to buy food, let alone dog registrations." The mayor (Cr. Robinson) said that if dogs were not registered the streets would be overrun with them.

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FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1931

A.W.A.—The fortnightly meeting of the A.W.A. was well attended, one new member being nominated. A gift given by Mrs. Sturtevant was won by Mrs. Kew. The half-yearly meeting is on May 29.

Northcote council, at its last meeting, after a somewhat prolonged discussion, decided by a small majority not to reduce the price of electric current used by the biograph apparatus of two of the picture theatres in Northcote.

Owing to pressure on our space a number of items including Preston court news, are unavoidably held over.

PERSONAL

Mr. H. H. Olney who is president of the Ballarat College Old Collegians' Association, gave a night at the Oriental Hotel last week. About 100 old boys of the Ballarat College attended and enthusiastically appreciated the hospitality of Mr. Olney.

Mrs. Sarah McLaughlin, of 8 High street, Northcote South, passed away suddenly at her residence, leaving four children, Ethel (Mrs. Mackrell), James, Michael, and Richard. Mrs. McLaughlin was the wife of the late James McLaughlin, of Seymour.

The engagement is announced of Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter, "Melrose," Turner street, Ashfield, to Leslie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barkham, of "Burra," Raglan street, Preston South.

The wedding occurred at Ivanhoe Methodist Church by the Rev. Palmer Phillips, of Gilbert Jenkin, second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkin, of Ivanhoe, to Hazel, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Foletta, Lockeley road, Ivanhoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Hearson, of 5 Fetterling street, West Preston, lost their little daughter Gwyneth, at the Children's Hospital, at the age of five.

At the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Didier, a number of friends were invited to their home, "Como," Myrtle grove, Regent, to celebrate the anniversary of their wedding. The hostess wore a frock of black lace, the design picked out with gold thread. The guests were received in the drawing room, which was nicely decorated with autumn tinted chrysanthemums. Dancing was indulged in during the evening to the strains of 3LO and supper was served in the supper room. The tables were centred by a flat bowl of lovely flowers in pastel shades. Vocal items were rendered by Messrs. Will Ashby and Harold Kinnard assisted at the piano by Miss M. Cotchin. The chimes of midnight brought the happy gathering to a close.

Mr. A. E. Illingworth, formerly of the Northcote Church of Christ has accepted an invitation to the Hindmarsh (S.A.) Church of Christ.

The death occurred in a private hospital at Preston on Friday of Mrs. M. Dick, widow of the late Mr. Hugh Dick, who lived at Cobram, and was one of the pioneers of the Murray district. The cause of death was pleurisy and pneumonia. Mrs. Dick, who was aged 71 years settled with her husband on the bank of the Murray river, near Cobram, many years ago, and Mr. Dick, a pastoralist, was one of the first to introduce irrigation from the Murray. About 18 months ago Mrs. Dick leased her property, Cobram, one of the finest homes on the Murray, and came to Melbourne to live. Mrs. Dick is survived by two sons, Mr. Craig Dick, of Queensland, and Mr. Jack Dick, of Cobram, and three daughters, Mrs. R. Mott, of Queensland, Mrs. Fairley, of Geelong, and Mrs. Tuthill, of Melbourne. The burial took place at the Cobram Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Davern, of "Ormond," Bastings street, Northcote, are holidaying at Woodend.

Two young Northcote residents were the winners at the Bendigo competitions of the section for humorous recitation under 15, viz., Jean McLennan (50 points), 1; Mavis Krueger, 88 points), 2.

Mrs. A. P. Deacon, of Plenty road, Preston, gave a delightful "snowball tea" to the ladies' social committee and friends of the Regent Central Progress Association on Wednesday afternoon. The programme included many novel games and guessing competitions and Mrs. C. Green rendered an enjoyable song. Mrs. A. Black won the progressive games and received a set of china jugs. Mrs. Grindley carried off a fruit dish and a cream sandwich. After games afternoon tea was served in the lounge by Mrs. Deacon. Mrs. A. Painter moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Deacon for her hospitality. A sum of £1/2/ was raised for the building fund as a result.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wales, of Croxton, accompanied by their son and daughter, will sail by the Jervis Bay on May 30 for a seven months' tour of England and the Continent. Mr. Wales has just disposed of his newsagency business.

Northcote Notes

Picture Night

A picture night was held at the Northcote Picture Theatre on Wednesday evening to assist the funds of the Queen for the Fire Brigade in connection with the Blind Appeal. The candidate (Miss Bonnie Bell) representing the Fire Brigades, was favorably introduced by the Mayor (Cr. J. H. Green) who spoke of the worthy object of the appeal. The Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade (Mr. J. T. Wilkins) eulogised the cause and created a full measure of support would be given the candidate. Approximately £16 will be raised by this effort. The winner of the pair of shoes, donated by Messrs. Ezywalkin, was Miss Dorothy Rushby, of Darebin street, Northcote. The Mayor and Mrs. J. H. Green and the Misses Green were present.

Burglary in Northcote

By forcing a rear door a thief broke into the premises of Frank Matisi, fruiterer, High street, Northcote, on Saturday. Clothing and jewellery valued at £80 and £40 in money were stolen.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

Northcote-Thornbury.—An enjoyable afternoon was held at the home of Mrs. McMahon, Murray street, Thornbury, on Wednesday. A scarf specially made for the occasion by the hostess, was won by Miss Winnie McMahon. Vocal numbers by Mrs. Moore were much appreciated.

Northcote Traders' Association

At the community singing session under the auspices of the Central Northcote Traders' Association on Friday last, a novel way of advertising the session was resorted to in the donating of several free gifts. Seats in the hall were selected and orders to collect prizes were given to those occupying the seats. Free gifts, which are donated by certain members of the Traders' Association will be given away at today's (Friday's) session. Next week a scone baking contest will be conducted. The community singing is from 12.30 to 2 p.m. and Mr. Will Nicol is conductor.

Fire at Thornbury

The Northcote Fire Brigade was summoned on the evening of May 13 to an outbreak at No. 133 Oakover road, Thornbury. The premises are owned by T. Hearne and are occupied by L. Williamson as a fruit shop. The petrol supply of a car was being attended to by the aid of a naked light when the petrol burst into flame. It was extinguished before much damage had been occasioned. The building is of brick, and was insured in the Eagle Star office for £600.

The only other call the brigade had for the week was on Friday afternoon, when an alarm, which was false, was received from St. George's road.

Early Australia

On Tuesday evening at the Westgarth State school, Mr. Hall, the secretary of the Historical Society of Melbourne, lectured on early days of Australia and Melbourne. The lecture concluding Mr. Hall was thanked on was illustrated by lantern views of the Henty's house at Portland, the Melbourne site and buildings. On concluding Mr. Hall was thanked on the motion of Cr. Oldis and the boys present were loud in their applause when the vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

Social Afternoon

To help the Queen Victoria Hospital special appeal, Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Page, of the Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary, gave an afternoon party in their home, Mansfield street, on Monday May 18. Musical items were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. White and Miss Broadford. A novel competition kept things going merrily and the effort was a great success, both from a social and financial point of view.

Northcote Motorist Fined

According to evidence given by the police in the Collingwood court on Monday, Edward Flannigan, of Beaconsfield parade, Northcote, drove his motor car into a blind lane when he was called upon to stop in Hoddle street shortly before 4 o'clock on the morning of April 18 for not showing a rear light and head lights.

For having failed to stop Flannigan was fined 10/, and for having no rear light or head lights fine of 10/ on each charge were imposed.

Picturesque Victoria

The Men's Society of the Northcote Congregational Church hold periodical meetings, one of which took place on May 14 in the form of an illustrated lecture on the beautiful Buchan Caves of Gippsland. The slides embraced glimpses of the township of Buchan and landscapes in the vicinity, and were most interesting. Mr. Doward moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer, Mr. Belcher, and the lantern operator, Mr. Cyril Stevens, for the entertainment. The vote was carried by acclamation.

Mayoress Gives Party

On Saturday afternoon the Mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. J. H. Green) entertained a number of friends in the Mayoress' room at the Town Hall. Card tables were made up and later afternoon tea was served. A presentation from those present was made to Mrs. Green, of a cut glass sandwich tray and a violet vase, in honor of her birthday.

Thornbury Ministering Children's League

A successful euchre party and dance was held at the Dispensary Hall, Gooch street, on May 16 to augment the funds. Among those present were Mr. Hall, head master of Thornbury S. School, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. D. H. Mott, president of the Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary. There was a large attendance of euchre players and prizes were donated by Messrs. Aird, Morgan, Hutchinson and McNamara. During the evening a display of modern dancing was given by Miss Grace Hawker and Mr. Harold Hutchinson and was greatly appreciated by all. The president (Mrs. Hosking) thanked all those who helped to make the evening a success and hoped to see a large gathering at the next euchre party and dance on June 20.

Community Singing

Quite a departure was made at Thursday's session of the Unemployed Professional Orchestra. Mr. W. Nicoll asked if any lady would relieve him temporarily as a conductor. After a pause, Mrs. Meakin essayed the task and Mrs. Ryan also volunteered and both were capable. Mrs. Gerald Davern contributed songs and Mr. Isherwood played an English concertina. The committee has determined to train young patrons in singing and a start was made last Saturday. They will be grateful for the loan of a folding organette for this purpose.

Fairfield Park Railway Station Broken Into

Thieves who broke into the Fairfield Park railway station obtained nothing for their effort. No money is kept there.

Miss Myra Hardenack, of Preston, wishes to intimate that she is in no way connected with the case of the same name reported in the "Herald" of May 18.

FOOTBALL

TO-MORROW'S MATCH

PRESTON VISIT PORT MELBOURNE

The game for Saturday afternoon should attract a large crowd to Port Melbourne, as it will have an important bearing on the premiership, both sides having two wins to their credit. Preston will journey to Port with a solid representative team, who are confident of success.

Mackie's Clearance Refused

After thoroughly investigating Mackie's application for a clearance to Carlton the committee on Monday night definitely refused his request. It is more than likely that Mackie will have to stand down as the indications are that the local selectors will not play him again.

Supporters of the red and whites, follow the team to Port Melbourne tomorrow, thereby encouraging them to defeat the strong seasiders. The ground is only four minutes from the North Port station, the fare from Bell being 1/1 second class and 1/4 first class.

There will be little change in the side that played so well against Brunswick.

Surtees, who has been fortunate in securing employment at Woodend, has been cleared to the district club.

On Wednesday evening Marshall, a young and virile rover, was cleared from Collingwood to the locals.

After last Saturday's engagement Davie "threw his togs." It is expected, however, that he will wear his old colors again at Port to-morrow.

RESERVOIR DISTRICT BAND

At a meeting at the residence of Mr. Setson, Mr. Bristow presided. It was reported that arrangements for the house party at Mr. Setson's were ready. The first appearance of the band in Edwardes Park for over 12 months was applauded and requests made for more concerts.

An enjoyable evening was given to a great attendance in the Preston town hall last Monday by the well-known organiser, Mr. "Bill" Winkelton. By request it was decided to hold another show. A first-class supper was provided by the ladies' committee.

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FEDERAL POLITICS

MR. BRENNAN AT NORTHCOTE

On Monday night Mr. F. Brennan, Attorney-General, addressed a packed house at the Northcote town hall. He was vociferously welcomed by his supporters.

Mr. J. Devery, president Northcote branch, A.L.P., presided.

Speaking of the attitude of the Government, Mr. Brennan said Mr. Scullin did not intend to resign. In the case of "No Surrender," and the Ministry would stick to its policy until the Senate could be prevailed on to accept its bills or there was an appeal to the electors.

Explaining the statement otherwise made that the Government was kept in power by the Beasley group, Mr. Brennan said this group was a section of the Labor party. On taking office the Ministry had 48 supporters in the House of 75. Without the Beasley group it had 37 as against 34 members of the Opposition. The Ministry was satisfied with its majority. After Mr. Scullin returned from England certain members of the Opposition hoped he could be detached from his party, but there was not enough money in England or Australia to buy him. (Applause). Because of his strict allegiance and loyalty to his party he had been exposed to bitter attacks and was marked down for destruction. The Senate was a "moderate House than any of the Legislative Councils." (Applause). It had arrogated to itself the right to prevent any legislation being enacted. Two examples that stood out were the Wheat Marketing Bill and the Fiduciary Currency Bill. The Government had attempted to balance the budget; it had also done the everything in issuing regulations concerning work on the waterfront, which it had been empowered to do at the last election. Since assuming power the Government had effected a saving of £2,310,000. The national debt was over £1,100,000,000. Inflation had been linked up with repudiation, and it was asserted that it was even more dishonest. Exception had been taken to statement by the Treasurer (Mr. Theodore) that the extent to which inflation would be restored to would depend upon prices and the cost of living. If it meant the circulation of money to prevent the present depletion and stagnation, the same system which had been most energetically introduced in war-time should be availed of even if there were some risk attached to it. In the meantime every avenue of assistance for those who were suffering should be explored.

Mr. J. H. Cain, M.L.A., State Minister for Railways, also delivered an address in support of the Federal Ministerial policy and was frequently applauded.

Referring to Mr. Brennan's address Mr. Latham, deputy leader of the Federal Opposition, said Mr. Brennan's figures as to the state of parties were not correct. Mr. Brennan said that without the Beasley group the Ministry still had 37 supporters against 34 supporters of the Opposition. Mr. Latham said that the correct figures showed that the Scullin Ministry was dependent for its political life upon the support of the Beasley group. The Opposition had 35 members, and the Ministry had 38, including the Speaker (Mr. Makin), who would not have a vote. The remaining five members were members of the Beasley group.

BASEBALL

PRESTON CLUB

A team played University last Saturday. The team work was much improved and the batting vastly improved. Scores:—University, 6; Preston, 5.

B team had another defeat—Richmond Park, 12; Preston, 4.

C team failed by 1 run—Northcote, 12; Preston, 11.

Teams for To-morrow

A v. Fitzroy at Merri Park:—Patterson, O'Brien, Butler, Dolphin, Duffield, Fothergill, Newbigin, Spoor, J. Goller, W. Goller.

B v. Melbourne, at Preston:—Wescott, Brockley, Nankervis, Nolan, Suiter, Ford, Thornycroft, S. Goller, Burrell, Jennes.

C v. Oli Gold, at Preston:—Newton, Allan, Bassier, Murray, Crawford, Smith, Jackson, Dahl, Connor, Harding.

The Northcote Central Relief Committee is calling for tenders for cutting firewood.

To celebrate the second anniversary of her millinery business, Miss L. Young, High St., Preston, is allowing a special 10 per cent. discount on all marked prices between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday, May 22.

Epller Skating.—Opening on Saturday afternoon at Thornbury Palais is a new and up-to-date skating rink. The venture is under new management, and under the direction of Hoyts. There will be two sessions on Saturdays, and a session every night. Skates may be hired, and novices are welcome.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure For Children's Hacking Cough.

Of Interest to Women

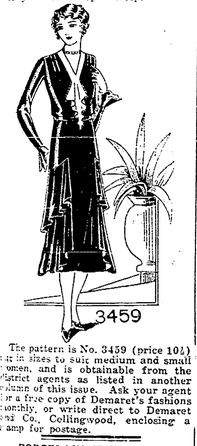
(Conducted by "PENELOPE").

FANCY'S FASHION

LADY'S DRESS, No. 3459

Frocks displaying flared effects are still at the zenith of popularity, and deservedly, for there is no other style so flattering. Suited alike to women of every proportion, whether they be slim on generous lines, or quite the reverse, than too, the flared mode may be worn by matron or maid with equal success.

In the stylish yet simple little frock which is our offering for this week, flared tiers are featured. These are drooped and arranged at each side of the front, and continue right round at the back. A flared jabot, set in one with the neck facing, makes a pretty finish at the front. Pifted sleeves with flared cuffs are also style features of this charming frock. Almost any of the new season's frockings would make up satisfactorily, including velvets, either of the plain or fancy variety.



The pattern is No. 3459 (price 10/) in 32 bust to suit medium and small women, and is obtainable from the district agents as listed in another column of this issue. Ask your agent for a free copy of Demaret's fashions monthly, or write direct to Demaret and Co., Collingwood, enclosing a stamp for postage.

PORCELAIN JEWELLERY

As rather a change from the pretentious and heavy filigaree jewellery, which has created such a furore in the past, jewellery experts have been busy, and mildly will now show the flashing whiteness of porcelain for her winter costume sets.

Clara Bow, who is starring in Paramount's "Kick In," is one of the early exponents of these new trinkets and selected the new white ornaments for accents for pastel colored sports frames. The porcelain was wrought into triple necklace, ear rings and a bracelet.

SMARTEST WRAPS SHOW WIDE VARIETY OF FUR TRIMMINGS

All fashions seem to be fur-bearing this season, for scarcely a costume appears without some "furry" touch lending it off. Both flat pelts and fluffy furs are popular for these trimmings, appearing alike for dressy wraps and sports patterns.

Adrian, creator of styles for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, has made use of this fur in styling some interesting clothes for Greta Garbo's wear in her latest picture "Inspiration."

Adopting the flat fur variety for a sports wrap, he has styled it in the season's approved short jacket with a British air achieved by a scarf tie and belted in waistline. Adrian has matched the grey shade of the galyak fur with grey flannel which is the material used for the sports dress worn beneath. There is a fur beret to wear with the costume, held closely to the head by a band of the fur. This ends in a small bow at the back just above a long bob which Miss Garbo favors. Rich red fox skins are used by Adrian to trim a red broadcloth afternoon coat. With the fur held out in billowing effect around the face, exceeding in lengthening line to the hem of her coat, a close fitting hat is appropriately worn. Adrian's choice is one of the skull type hats which become Miss Garbo's type of beauty.

RECIPES.

Liver Roll.

One pound of sheep's liver, ten ozs of fat bacon, one teaspoon of sweet herbs, a little grated nutmeg, pepper and salt to taste, one egg (beaten).

Mince liver and bacon, add herbs, nutmeg, pepper and salt; mix all together, then bind with the egg. Roll in a floured cloth for two hours. Take out, roll, still keeping it in cloth, place it between two plates with a weight on upper one, and leave until next day. Serve with pickles.

Left Over Potatoes.

These make delicious sausage cakes for breakfast. Simply mash the potato and mix it with sausage meat. Flour the rolls, and fry in a little dripping or bacon fat.

In this way half a pound of sausages will do the work of one pound, and will be equally enjoyable. Everyone likes sausages, and this is a new and economical way of serving them.

Supper Pie.

One and a half pounds of potatoes, 4lb onions, a tablespoon of chopped parsley, 2 ozs butter, short pastry.

Boil the potatoes until they are half cooked. Boil the onions and save the water. Slice potatoes and chop onions. Butter a pie dish, put in a layer of sliced potatoes, then chopped onion, a sprinkling of parsley, salt, pepper, and scraps of butter. Repeat until all are used. Pour in about half a pint of the onion water. Cover with a short pastry and bake for three quarters of an hour in moderate oven.

Tomato and Quince Jam.

Peel and core 2lb quinces, and put them through mincer; pour boiling water over 3lb ripe tomatoes, and remove skins; put all into a preserving pan with 5lb sugar, and boil from 2½ to three hours. Pot in the usual way. This has a delicious flavor.

Pear Ginger.

Six lb pears, 3½lb sugar, 1lb preserved ginger, 3lb green ginger, 13 pints of cold water. Cut the pears in squares, add sugar and let stand all night; boil all together next day until nice and thick.

Apple and Rice Meringues

Stewed apples, 2ozs rice 1oz sugar, ½ pint milk, 2 eggs, 2 tablespoons castor sugar, pinch salt.

Wash the rice well and cook gently until soft, with water and the salt. Drain off any surplus water and add the milk. Boil until thick then add the sugar and mix well. Wash the stewed apples smoothly and colour them slightly pink, then put into a greased pie dish and pour the rice over the top. Cover with stiffly whipped egg whites sweetened with castor sugar, and brown slightly in the oven. Serve hot or cold, with a boiled custard prepared from the yolks of the two eggs.

Pressses of Chops

Take as many mutton chops as required, cut off all superfluous fat. Place in a stewpan and barely cover with skim milk, or half milk and half water; simmer gently for 1½ hours, season with salt and pepper and a good supply of finely chopped parsley. Just before serving, thicken to the required consistency with a little flour blended smoothly with water.

Mutton Fritters

Mince finely enough cooked, cold mutton to make about a breakfast cup, mince, also a fair sized onion and a bunch of parsley. Make a batter of four tablespoons of flour made to the consistency of cream with milk and two well beaten eggs, then stir in meat, etc., and seasoning. Have ready a frying pan with plenty of boiling fat, drop in the mixture two tablespoons, brown nicely on both sides and drain on kitchen paper. Serve hot with a nice gravy, or tomato sauce.

Cocoanut Fairy Cakes

Four ounces of self raising flour three ounces of sugar, two ounces of butter, an ounce of desiccated cocoanut, two eggs.

Beat the butter and sugar to a soft cream—add the well beaten eggs, then beat in flour and cocoanut. Bake for fifteen minutes in well greased patty pans in a hot oven.

Treacle Sauce

Treacle sauce is very easy to make. Just get 2 tablespoons treacle, 1 dessert spoon arrowroot, ½ pint water, squeeze of lemon juice, 1 teaspoon butter. Put the water on to boil and stir in arrowroot previously moistened slightly to prevent from getting lumpy. Add treacle, lemon juice and butter. Cook for three minutes, stirring all the time. As this takes such a little time in the making, it should not be made till just before serving the pudding.

THE PYJAMA WAR

Bringing news of a pyjama war raging in the fashion circles of Paris, Travis Banton, Paramount stylist, returned to Hollywood recently from a two months tour of Europe. Immediately upon his return he designed his costumes for Ruth Chatterton's Paramount film, "Unfaithful."

"Half of Paris now wears glorified pyjamas as evening and afternoon frocks, while the other half insists that the costume be confined to the boudoir and beaches where it originated," stated Banton.

Banton predicts that the possibility of the divided skirt making an appearance as a street costume is imminent.

Among the last minute fashion items listed by Banton are the facts that skirt lengths have dropped to the ankle for daytime wear, while evening gowns display hems four inches from the ground, that the smartest hats are "postage stamp" size, and that bobbed hair is now definitely demoded.

THREE BEAUTIFUL FASHIONS

Three beautiful modes are shown in Paramount's 'Ladies' Man' in which Kay Francis and Carole Lombard play and both are chiefly dressed.

A white velvet evening wrap, striped with lines of gold thread is worn by Miss Francis. The wrap, which is a complement to a frock of white tulle and golden sequins, is generously trimmed with white fox fur.

Miss Lombard has rather a unique costume of platinum shaded chiffon and velvet. The chiffon gown is massed with parallel rows of dull bugle beads, while the wrap of grey panne velvet is finished with bands of platinum fox.

Leila Hyams, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer player in "Men Call it Love," wears a smartly cut frock of light weight tweed with a vagabond felt hat to tone.

Another gown of Miss Lombard's is the most sophisticated one of the season. The gown is deeply decolletage, and the blue tunic and long satin train are heavily embroidered with brilliants and seed pearls.

WHITE—EVER POPULAR FOR EVENING

Of all the wonderful shades now being brought out of the dye-pot, white still holds its own for the ball-room, and this year it is to be more popular than ever.

One of the most beautiful in white gowns is that worn by Mary Brian in "The Royal Family," a recent Paramount release. It is of classic simplicity, being cut along Grecian lines, and the gored skirt is outlined with the key design in crystal, as is also the low-backed neckline and armholes.

The skirt itself shows an even hemline, and is heavily flared from the tight gores which finish just above the knees.

COLORS TO FEATURE COSTUMES OF WINTER

No woman can afford to ignore colors this year, according to Claudette Colbert, playing in Paramount's "Honor Among Lovers."

The colors that will merge for new winter costumes are warm brown and copper red, deep blue and maize, brown and bud green, brown and rusty orange and dark blue and grey.

The selection of colors and shadings will not be an easy matter, since fashion demands careful contrasts but offers no fixed rules on the subject. It will be advisable to include at least two and sometimes three colors in every outfit. It will also be chic to select a dark coat for a light frock or a light coat for a dark frock.

"No I never quarrel with my husband," said the wife of a year or so. "But he often quarrels with me, the hateful thing."

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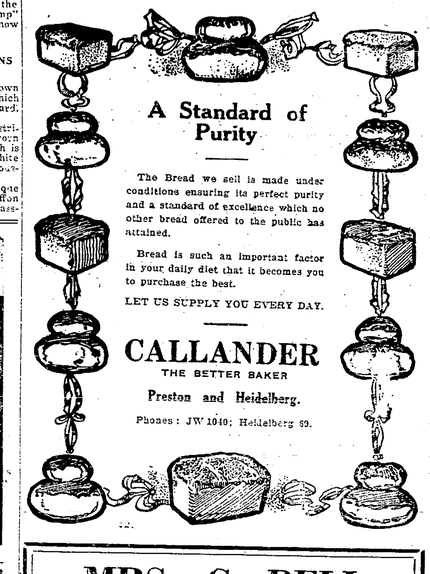
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IN THE GARDEN

PLANTING FRUIT TREES

PREPARE NOW FOR SEASONAL WORK

Australia has such a generous range of soil and climate that, if one can choose the kind of fruit which is best suited to their region, also the specific variety.

On the subject of fruits and varieties, Australian fruitgrowers, orchaymen, and departmental experts have acquired much practical experience. This practical experience is available for any intending planters.

The following notes will be found of service as a general guide for the planting of fruit trees, berry bushes and plants.—

Planting Time

All deciduous fruit trees should be planted during May to August, inclusive. June and July are generally regarded as the best months. Early planted trees get established before the dry summer sets in. Time of planting should be judged a good deal by your own locality, as in some districts spring is later than in others. It is advisable for planters in districts where spring is late to receive the trees early, and heel in till required, as they are more likely to remain dormant that way. Trees can be planted earlier or later if so desired, but there is no advantage and planting gained in planting out of season.

Ripening

The time of ripening of stone fruits varies considerably according to soil, aspect, elevation, moisture, &c. Even varies in the same orchard from year to year, depending on suitable climatic conditions. Cold and inland districts are usually about three weeks later with early to mid-season fruits, but with later kinds the margin is not so wide.

Fruiting

The age trees begin to bear is variable, and largely depends on cultivation, pruning, and conditions prevailing after planting. Trees growing extremely well in early stages will not bear as early as trees that get checked in their growth, and when trees are neglected and left unpruned from the beginning they will often fruit early but rarely develop into a tree capable of bearing a decent crop.

Weight

Fruits on light soils, where potash constituents dominate, are usually of good color and heavy in proportion to their size. On black soils, containing a high percentage of humus and nitrogen, fruits tend to be larger, thicker in skin, not as good color, and lighter in weight proportionately.

Apples

Commence bearing 4th-7th year after planting. Apples grown in warm climates are not as good keeping as those grown in colder climates, and early kinds should not be stored, as they soon go floury and dry.

Apricots

Commence bearing 4th-6th year after planting. Require a well-drained, deep soil and high situation; shaley and gravelly subsoil often produce the best fruit. Unlike other stone fruits, Apricots are spur bearers, hence seldom bear young, mostly growing into a large tree before showing much fruit-bearing wood.

Cherries

Commence bearing 5th-8th year after planting. Require a cold climate, deep soil, with good natural drainage, and in New South Wales an elevation of at least 1,500 feet. For those growing cherries largely for market, it is essential to choose good, firm cherries of large size, such as St. Margaret, Ramon Olivia, Florence, Bigg, Napoleon, and Early Lyons. The latter is the finest of the early sorts and largely planted, although it is a shade tender in the spring frost and rains.

Nectarines

Commence bearing in the first to third year after planting. They require similar soil and treatment to the peach, to which they are closely allied, but are more tender to fungus disease and brown rot, though varieties with highly colored fruits seem to resist the brown rot better than others.

Peaches

Commence bearing first to third year after planting. Thrive best in good, open loam, thoroughly drained, but will grow in almost any fairly well drained soil. Early kinds are not suited for canning as they go soft or mushy too quickly; late kinds, being slower maturing, have a tougher flesh, which keeps well when canned.

Pears

Commence bearing fourth to eighth year after panting. Thrive best in deep moist, soil, with sheltered position. Plant deeper than other trees. Slower in fruiting than most other trees. Pears grown in warmer climates are not nearly so good for keeping as those grown in colder climates, and it pays to wait ripen gently indoors. China and Keiffer are the most suitable kinds for Australian purposes.

European Plums

Commence bearing third to fifth year after planting. Most of the European varieties only come to perfection in mountain districts, or where the winter is cold. Require little attention, and can endure more hardship as to soil and situation, than most fruits. Sorts like Early Evans, Lutterborough and Tibbits are really dessons and are very fine, if not better than the English Damson for the same purposes.

Prune Plums

Commence bearing fourth to seventh year after planting. Prune is simply a French name for plum, but the expression is now mostly applied to those plums used for commercial drying. The qualities that make for a good prune are a dry, meaty flesh, high percentage of sugar, and ability to dry with the stone in without fermenting. Some of those not called prunes can be used for drying, but Robe de Sergeant and Prune d'Agen are the two highest grade commercial varieties.

Japanese and Hybrid Plums

Commence bearing in the first to fourth year after planting. This type is very popular in localities unsuited for the profitable production of many of the European varieties. They are prolific and early bearers, handsome in appearance, mostly of a flavor peculiarly their own. The tendancy in some varieties to sun scald is much more pronounced in humid climates. The modern varieties are a great advance on the older kinds, and are now largely in favor both for fresh fruit and jam making.

Persimmons

Commence bearing in the second to third year after planting. Will do in most soils, but thrive best in low, moist situations, the deeper and richer the better. Not suited for localities subject to severe late spring frosts. Can be pruned hard every year if they bear on the new growth each season. Late kinds color early, and are best left on tree till late autumn, for if picked too soon do not develop their best flavor. Newly planted trees will do much better if watered liberally the first year or two and planted deep and firm. The dried fruits are somewhere between figs and dates in flavor and quality. Trees should not be planted too near a house, as when flowering and setting fruit an offensive odor is prevalent.

Figs

Commence bearing first to third year after planting. Under suitable conditions will bear two or more crops a year. Thrive best in sandy, loamy, rocky soil, where roots can reach water; in black soils on clay subsoils they do well, but fruit is not so sugary. Require little pruning beyond shaping and thinning out, where branches are too thick and dense. In frostless regions will often develop through winter and so ripen in the spring.

Loquats

Commence bearing in their second or fourth year after planting. Will grow in almost any soil, and make a profitable, evergreen breakwind in suitable districts. The safest time to plant is late autumn, preferably when the weather is dull or raining, as they are very sensitive to drying winds after transplanting; but, once established, are very hardy. Fruits ripen in spring, and require little or no pruning, but if choicest fruit is desired, it will be necessary when heavy crops have set to either thin each individual bunch down to half the number, or else cut a number of bunches out altogether. The thinning of individual bunches will give the finest quality and best size.

Medlars

Commence bearing in their second to third year after planting. Thrive best where there is a cold winter, but will grow almost anywhere; fruit should be picked when hard, and kept in a cool place to soften.

Mulberries

Commence bearing in the first to fourth year after planting. Will grow anywhere, but thrive best where roots can reach plenty of moisture.

Quinces

Commence bearing in the second to fourth year after planting. Very hardy; thrive best in low moist soil and situations, but will do almost anywhere; useful for culinary, preserving and drying purposes.

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WESTGARTH NOTES

Another Westgarth shopkeeper has entered the bread price war by selling the 4lb loaf for 4d.

The death occurred, on Sunday last, of Mr James Moore, a former resident of Charles street, Northcote.

RESERVOIR NOTES

The Detailed Plan of the West Reservoir Park Area, which was [illegible] Tuesday night, [illegible] forward up to [illegible] of Spring [illegible] the Reservoir [illegible] Edwards.

A protest is [illegible] against the failure [illegible] Reservoir a part of the [illegible] measure of the national [illegible] are now to be residents of Reservoir and [illegible] could be easily [illegible] and Reservoir's share.

It is [illegible] that the [illegible] £1000 to be still allotted. The [illegible] Green Association has outlined a schedule of work [illegible] for the further beautification of the Reservoir Park. Falling this the reserve on the corner of Edwardes street, and the triangular reserve in front of the [illegible] are available for the improvement of the football reserve on Broadway.

The concert in aid of the funds of the Reservoir District Band was a distinct success.

The band played a selection of items at Edwardes Park on Sunday. There was an appreciative crowd present.

The Central Council of Progress Associations, of which the Reservoir United and West Reservoir Associations were a part, has been disbanded.

Beryl Hardie is recovering from her attack of pneumonia and is convalescent.

Improvement is shown in the health of Messrs. Clowes and Loffler.

BOY SCOUTS.

First Northcote Wilkin's Rover Scout Crew

On Thursday a general meeting was held. It was decided that the rovers would put over "a stunt" at the concert by the Second Surrey Hills troop, which is being organised by S. M. Lawson, who is a rover of our troop. Practice for this began after the meeting and this was later followed by gymnastics. This class was conducted by Rover F. Wilkinson.

1ST PRESTON TROOP

The football team suffered its second defeat, being beaten by 2nd Elsendon by 12—5 to 5—9. Best players were A. Rackham, H. Dineen, E. Day we play at Hampton. Last Friday saw the first meeting since the Gougon, B. Kilpatrick. Next Saturday night of meeting was changed, and 42 scouts were present. The cubs will meet as usual on Thursday. The class for the signaller's badge will meet at the hall on Tuesday nights. On Sunday next a church parade will be held at North Preston Methodist Church in the morning, and the band and all scouts and cubs are asked to meet at the hall at 9.45 a.m. sharp.

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

Fifty-four members competed for H. Nicol's trophy in a stroke round. The leading scores were: A. Chisholm (164), 64; C. Holt (174, 69; J. W. Bibby (24), 71; P. S. Renn (24), 71; C. Kingsley (25), 72; S. Orford (25), 72.

Fourfoot as-nakes competed for Mrs. J. H. Knell's trophy in a stroke round. The leading scores were: Mrs. G. Balfour (22), 70; Mrs. S. Gonzales (25), 71; Mrs. A. E. Wallis (24), 71; Mrs. W. S. Binks (26), 73; Mrs. F. Clarke (26), 73; Mrs. W. Ferguson (25), 75.

NORTHCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Northcote Horticultural Society was held in the A.N.A. Hall adjoining the Town Hall on the 18th inst. The attendance was good and a fine display of cut flowers was staged for the monthly competitions. Nine new members were elected.

A lecture entitled Travels Abroad was delivered by Mr. A. McDonell, in which he related his experiences and impressions of different countries visited. The pride of place was given to London, which, he considers both wonderful and fascinating. At the end of nearly two hours discourse, without reference to notes of any kind, the lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks and was congratulated on his wonderful feat of memory.

The monthly competitions resulted:—Cut flowers (amateur), Mr. Gibson 6 pts, Mrs. Firth 3 pts; cut flowers (novice), Mrs. Bennell 5 pts, Mrs. Bennett 4 pts; bunches of roses (amateur), Mr. Bailey 8 pts, Mr. Firth 1 pt; bunches of roses (intermediate) Mr. Lovelee 8 pts; basket of flowers Mrs. Bonnell 5 pts, Mrs. Corry 3 pts; bunch of single chrysanthemums, Mr. Gibson; 3 Japanese chrysanthemums, Mr. Atkins.

The next meeting will be held on June 10 when Mr. G. Hadham will lecture on Planting and Pruning Roses. Mr. Hardham is a vice-president of the National Rose Society of Victoria, and is an expert on the subject. This is a seasonable lecture and the public are cordially invited to be present and to obtain first hand expert knowledge.

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Preston Council

MONDAY, MAY 18

Present the Mayor, (Cr. G. E. Robinson, J.P.), Crs. A. E. Newton, H. P. Zwar, W. Spratling, J. W. Adams, L. Jones, R. H. E. Maynard, W. T. Robeson and W. J. Hemburrow.

Drainage Raglan Street.—Board of Works advised this has been included in the main drainage works to be undertaken when funds are available.

A Dangerous Corner.—Secretary of the Royal Automobile Club re the corner of Plenty road and Tyler street, and suggested that two "stop" signs be erected in Tyler street and that a "drive slowly" sign be erected in Plenty road. The club offered to supply signs.—To be installed.

Flooding of Dundas street.—Northcote council suggesting a conference re flooding in the vicinity of Dundas street owing to diversion of water from Preston on to Northcote side of the street.

The Mayor: This is the natural outlet.

Engineer to report to committee of the council and Mayor empowered to arrange a conference.

Trout Hatchery.—Preston Fish Protection Society and Angling Club has suggested that the Preston council instal a trout hatchery at Edwardes Lake.

Cr. Jones said the council had all the apparatus. It was merely the matter of a building.—Committee of the council to give consideration.

Regent Central Progress Association.—This body sought attention to (1) Cleaning street channels, Ethel grove; (2) footpath, north side Tyler street; (3) completion of repairs to footpath north side of Wood street between High street and Plenty road; (4) seeking a street light north end of Hewitt street; (5) that portion of Unemployment Grant money be spent on Wood Street Park.

Items 1 and 2 were referred to the P.W. committee; 3 receiving attention; 4 E.L. committee; 5 receiving consideration.

Cr. Maynard said if attention were not given to Ethel grove, it would be a matter not for the council but for the Public Health Department.

Cr. Dunlop.—The Board of Works advised re flooding between Yarralman street and Murray road, the main drainage works would be carried out as soon as funds were available. Cr. Zwar complimented Commissioner Jones on his able representations to the Board.

Cr. Jones said he understood that the Board would be able to get funds and to have the work in hand within three months.

Close Park.— Preston Progress Cricket Club and St. Mark's Football Club have advised Preston council that Close Park would be available immediately the council decided to spend unemployed relief funds on it.

Cr. Maynard said this showed good spirit.

Preston Association sought (1) attention to n.o.w. between Mutimer and Martin streets; (2) seeking a correspondence re application of Victory 10 Patterson street; (3) asking that a charge be made to the football club for use of Hasby's Park; (4) that Gower Park, Brunswick's Park and Darebin creek land be used for grazing.—Item 1 referred to P.W. committee and the rest to the committee of th council.

General

The following matters were referred to P.W. committee:—

R. G. Snow and A. Woolocott re footpath, Broadway. G. Folstta, re channel Oakover road, west of Robertson street; J. W. Bouchier re St. Vincent's road.

J. Brodie sought a street light at corner of North street and Goldsmith avenue.—E.L. committee.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee, accounts amounting to £724/12/6 were paid.

Health Works Committee accounts to £1392/3/11 were paid.

The engineer was ordered to give attention to the following:—Cross-Tyler street, west of Jeffrey street (£5); holes Belmont street (a correction of bridge south side of Pascoe vale road street (£5); attention to path Raglan street near drill hall (£5/10); gravel to be laid in n.o.w. Gower street between Portlands drainage Robeson street and Wood road corner (£10) Cooksch Yann street (£5).

Reine street drainage (£25) was recommended.

Cr. Jones asked if this money was to come out of municipal funds. He felt the council should do the work in the proper manner at the cost of the owners.

The engineer said an earth drain required deepening to prevent flooding of the north side of Reine street, between Wood street and Tyler street.

Cr. Jones said the work was in a private street, and the time for doing work if drainage was necessary, the work should be done in the proper way at the expense of the owners. The council had no money to waste. If the work were done permanently now, the owners could pay the cost over a period of ten years.

The Mayor: Only one house will benefit by spending this £25.

Cr. Newton: Many people cannot get a "feed" let alone pay for drains. If something is not done the Public Health Department will compel us to take action.

The recommendation was adopted by 5 votes to 3.

Reports

Electric Light committee accounts to £1,593/11/9 were paid.

Finance collections for fortnight:—£4,128/12/ (current rates £1,679/7/2, arrears £104/3/3); Bank overdraft Dr. £38,527/15/11.

Health Inspector.— Mr. Iles reported the following infectious diseases, diptheria 2; scarlet fever 4; poliomyelitis 1. Wandering stock had been impounded; food samples taken; inspections made etc.—Received.

Brandings.—2,228 pigs, 124 cattle 2,540 sheep.

Buildings. —one shed, value £25.

Ordinary Business

Bell Park.—Cr. Newton said the impression had got abroad that the council intended to lay out Bell Park as a sports ground. He would oppose any such move, believing that the East Ward was entitled to at least one properly improved park.

The Engineer: Some people want a running track there, but that will not interfere with the laying out of the park.

Cr. Newton: If Bell Park is used for sports, it will drive the children on to the roads.

The Mayor: Bell Park is now being levelled, and when finished the council can then consider what is to be done with the park.

At a later stage the matter was referred to the committee of the council.

Rationing.—Cr. Jones asked if it was a fact that men with drays had to report daily with their drays on the off chance of being picked up for work.

The Engineer: Not to my knowledge.

Cr. Zwar: What Cr. Jones says is so.

Cr. Jones said he understood one man had several horses and drays which he hired out to men offering for work, to the detriment of men who owned their own horses and drays.

The Engineer promised to make inquiries.

Cr. Maynard: Are regular hands being rationed one in three?

The Engineer: All have equal chances of employment, and all will receive an equal share of the work available over a ten week period.

Cr. Maynard: There is nothing to prevent them enrolling as unemployed when they are stood down?

The Engineer: Not if they can comply with the requirements of the Act.

The matter was sent to the committee of the council.

Removal of a Tree.—Cr. Robeson moved that tree corner High and Bell streets be removed.—Carried.

Wandering Stock Fine.—Cr. Zwar said that recently a ratepayer had been fined 10/ for a wandering horse. He was unemployed and could not pay, and was likely to be sent to gaol.

Cr. Newton said the council's officer had only done his duty. It was unfortunate that the man concerned could not pay.

Cr. Zwar: The council might give consideration to this case, and even pay the fine.—Referred to the mayor.

Unguarded Culverts.—Cr. Adams drew attention to unguarded inlets to underground street drains, remarking that in flood time children might easily be drowned in them.—An inspection to be made.

Where Did the Screening's Come From?—Cr. Newton asked when a seal coat was to be put on Plenty road.

The Engineer: It cannot be done for five months after the road is put down.

Cr. Newton: There are screenings on the job now.

The Engineer: I did not put them there.

Cr. Newton: Perhaps some kind person brought them down from Whittlesea (laughter).

The Engineer: No work order was issued for these screenings.

Cr. Newton: They might have fallen from Heaven then. (laughter).

The Mayor: It is a pity the Country Roads Board laid down the conditions they did when we were making this road. I say definitely that the Board's officers were experimenting here at our expense.

This matter was referred to the Public Works committe for a full report.

General

Cr. Adams moved that a light be erected in Crevelli street, between Steane and Tyler streets.—E.L. committee.

Cr. Adams moved that attention be given to drainage Steane street.

Cr. Newton said the drain had been cut to a certain distance and should be continued. There was water under a lot of houses there yet.—Matter referred to P.W. committee.

Cr. Jones drew attention to the inlet on the main drain in Mary street. He also asked that grass be cleared off slabs in Scotia street; that pipe out Erin street be filled.—Engineer to attend.

Cr. Zwar drew attention to drainage Shakespeare street; weeds in Allchin street; drainage Mason street; pitchers corner Plenty road and Gower street.—Referred to engineer.

Cr. Adams moved that repairs to Newcastle street, between Bell and Dundas street go to P.W. committee.

Cr. Robeson moved that drain in Spring street, north of Roma street on west side be cleaned out.—Referred to engineer.

Placing of ashes in Spring street; pipe out in Mary street; trenches in footpath, Murray road between High street and railway.—Referred to P.W. committee.

Cr. Newton said Gower and Tyler streets were becoming scoured out. Some of the reject metal at the quarry might be utilized here.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Spratling said a pipe culvert Cheddar road and White street was not large enough.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Spratling moved that screenings be laid on paths Robertson street; that ruts Roseberry avenue and corner of Plenty road be filled.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Hemburrow spoke of Devon street which he said was in a deplorable state. Ten of the 13 residents wanted the street made.—Referred to P.W. committee to find ways and means of financing the mater.

Cr. Hemburrow said water lodged in Cramer street west of Gilbert road.—Engineer to attend.

Cr. Newton: What will this cost?

The Mayor: I wish you'd thought of that an hour ago. All the works asked for would probably cost £1,000 and the council has no money to spend.

Cr. Hemburrow said a n.o.w. off Bellmont street required some attention.—P.W. committee.

The Mayor: We've got a lot in the Central Ward too.

Cr. Maynard: There are 50 in the East! (laughter).

The Mayor moved that the committee of the council consider as to what is to be done in Bell street Park.—Carried.

The Mayor said the Victorian Wattle League and other bodies were considering planting a boulevard and suggested that the claims of Broadway be advanced.—Committee of the council.

INNOCENCE !

When charged with having ridden a bicycle without a light after dark Mervyn Todd, Archerton road, Northcote, told the bench at the Northcote court that he did not think it was necessary to have one. He added that he had seen hundreds of others riding without lights. A fine of £1 imposed by the court will refresh his memory on the next occasion.

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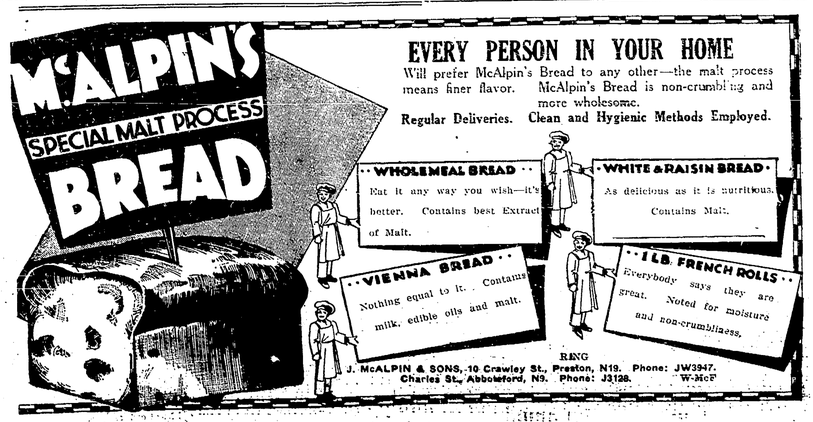

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HALF-YEARLY MEETING

The half-yearly meeting was held on May 15, Bro. L. McWilliams, C.P., presiding over a large attendance. Bro. R. Hargreaves, P.P., was elected representative of the District Officers and was extended a hearty welcome. One clearance was checked and one application received.

The quarterly circular from the I.P. (Bro. Knight) under instruction from the Grand Master of the order, to be celebrated in 1932 and requisitions members of the district for the occasion, from Victorian Registrars.

The annual State school temperance competition were also discussed, and it was decided to donate £2 2/- to the second final and £1 1/1/- to the State school in the Northcote district.

Reports from the functions committee of large increase in membership and satisfactory progress. The lodge footballers and football committee are now in full swing and creating enthusiasm among the juveniles. Junior football teams were represented at the annual conference at headquarters on June 20.

The A. Andrew Shiels team supported by Bros. Redford and Fairbird had to run a fine last meeting, while the B team had defeated Hamilton. B had won two out of three games, and the decision rests for the final game. Some fine efforts were made by the juveniles, especially for the minor competition, and the decision resulted as follows:—Bro. T. McWilliams, C.P., Bro. A. Weight, P.C., Bro. J. Gordon, Treasurer, Bro. O. Newmann, secretary, Bro. W. E. Radley, assistant secretary, Bro. J. H. Reed, W.S., Bro. S. Chapman, I.G., Bro. F. Wills, O.G., Bro. J. Ramsden, Guard, Bro. C. McKay, auditor, Bro. J. Westlake and W. Parker.

The officers were installed by Bro. Andrew Andrew, who in a short address spoke of the office and exhorted the officers of the ensuing year to carry out their duties faithfully and fearlessly to the unemployed brethren. He urged the members to show sympathy with one another, and to help in the effort to lighten the burdens of their more unfortunate brethren during the times of difficulty so prevalent. Appropriate addresses were given by the installing officer and officers, training class which was being formed with the object of creating greater hope in the youngers officers and members. At the conclusion of his address Bro. Andrew Andrew was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Bros. Fairbairn and Morris.

The next meeting will be held on May 29, at the conclusion of which further name in the minor honors competition will be played. The anniversary social will be held in Northcote town hall on May 30. All Members have been issued with tickets, and a small charge will be made at the door for the tent heavyweight fall. All members are invited to attend and enjoy a happy evening.

Australian Natives' Association

PRESTON BRANCH

The Preston branch held its half-yearly meeting on May 18, the president (Mr. W. J. Ross) being in the chair. The Chief President, Mr. H. Black, was accorded a hearty welcome. Also present was the president of the Preston South branch.

The following officers were installed by the Chief President:—President, Mr. J. Stone; vice-president, Mr. E. G. Willis; ex-president, Mr. W. J. Ross; treasurer, Mr. A. Bellchambers; secretary, Mr. R. Douglas, 79 Garnet st., Preston, phone JW2632; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Kupsch; 2 Wills st., Preston; committee, Messrs. W. Bailey, R. Strahan, W. McGuidan, H. J. Mill and Thomas; auditors, Messrs. E. Aitken and J. Kirwood; delegates to Metropolitan Council, Messrs. E. Aitken, J. Kirwood and E. Bennett; delegates to Clifton Hill and N. Coburg Dispensary, Messrs. H. J. Mills and E. G. Willis.

The chief president gave an instructive address on the work of the Association. He said this was his first official visit as an honorary officer and it was the Preston branch that gave him his first inspiration for reference in 1923. After the recent conference at Warrnambool, a motion was carried that party politics were to be cut out, but any matters affecting could be discussed. The chief referring to the present position, said that if the wheels of industry were oiled and some way would have to be found to get over the difficulty. What Australia really needs is for the people to think for themselves. He blamed some of the daily papers for misleading the people into an election. In his position as a school teacher of one of the largest schools in the metropolitan area, he found that things were very bad. The best thing to come about would be for every man to put himself first as an Australian and put Australia first always and think Australia. It was never more necessary for the ideals of the A.N.A. to be put before the people than at the present time. If the 218 branches were to get together in the near future the A.N.A. would be a force to be reckoned with.

The speaker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Messrs. Rangecroft and D. Ross, and supported by various members.

Blood Will Tell

By E. NEWTON BUNGEY

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(Continued)

The next few days passed like some dreadful dream to Stuart. As he edged round his master passionately avoided his fate. A word spoken a word to any one except Nancy.

He did not notice for some time that the servants, after starting to call him Sir Stuart, reverted to the old title of Mr. Stuart. After the funeral Mr. Baxter, the family solicitor, had an interview with him.

"Your father wrote to me from London telling me of his other son," he said gravely. "I have investigated matters and I find there is no doubt whatever. Your stepbrother is Sir Stephen Wrayford, and he inherits everything. We might have made other arrangements, but there was no time. I tried to parley with the lawyers, but he is a man of sharp practice, and would not listen to a word. He intended to secure all for himself."

"I must turn out of here. I suppose you come to any arrangement with your stepbrother."

Stuart took it that decidedly he did not. He answered:

"No!" he exclaimed. "But for him my father would still be alive. It was his work and excitement that killed him. I can never forget it."

II.

Stuart stood by the motor car from the Manor. It was waiting in the station yard. He had so far unbent as to go to meet his stepbrother.

The train came in, and presently two men emerged from the station. One was a little, sharp-featured man, wearing a frock-coat suit and silk hat, and the other was tall, and his face bore such a strong resemblance to the late Sir John that Stuart half caught his breath and turned away for a moment.

"Are you waiting for Sir Stephen Wrayford?" asked the little man, stepping up to the car.

"Yes," replied Stuart.

He gazed at the baronet again, and realised to the full what his stepbrother's upbringing meant.

Sir Stephen was attired in a suit of a hue known as "electric blue." He wore a stiff stand up collar adorned with a silk tie of pale yellow with crimson spots. His shoes were yellow, too and showed Cambridge blue socks while on his head he carried a rakish looking bowler hat set on one side. He carried a cane and was smoking a large cigar.

"I am Stuart Wrayford, your stepbrother," said Stuart, speaking with an effort.

"I'm Steve," responded the baronet. "Ow goes it, old man?"

He seized Stuart's hand in a heartiest grip, and puffed out a big cloud of smoke.

"Is this my old car?" he asked as he then walked up to the chauffeur, a German and chauffeur, and added: "Well me lads, I'm yer boss, but I ain't 'ard to get on with."

Each man promptly resolved not to test His statement, secretly deciding to look for fresh places.

"Come on, Mr. 'Obbs," said Sir Stephen to his solicitor. "Get in and have a ride. This ain't my charger."

The two men climbed in, and then the baronet beckoned Stuart.

"Come on, old man," he said. "The more the merrier. Shake yer 'ead. Any more fares?" to the imp."

But Stuart shook his head.

"I'm walking, thanks," he said.

"Proud, eh?" observed Sir Stephen, putting his feet on the seat opposite. "Orl right, 'are it yer own way. See ye again."

The car rolled away, and during the journey to the Manor Mr. Hobbs urged his client to show more dignity.

"Dignity be 'anged," retorted Sir Stephen cheerfully. "You ain't pushed a barrer for fifteen years! I'm going to 'ave the time of me life now, and them as don't like it can jump orl well jump it."

The solicitor had no wish to quarrel with his client, and so made no more suggestions.

Sir Stephen's arrival at the Manor will never be forgotten. The servants were drawn up to welcome their new master, and when he half leaped out of the reserved footman he nearly knocked the stuffing out of the stately calves.

"Only wanted to see if they were padded," he observed.

Next he chuckled a pretty housemaid under the chin and glanced up at the ceiling.

"Pity there ain't no mistletoe about," he remarked. "And yer grandma and the old boy in the white dickey!"

Mr. Hobbs swiftly informed him that they were the housekeeper and the butler.

Stuart had hurried to the Sinclair's house, where he was staying, and told the admiral and his daughter of the new baronet.

"He is impossible," he exclaimed. "He is the soul of Jambes!"

"I can't help feeling sorry for him," said Nancy.

"Sorry!" repeated Stuart in amazement.

"Yes. Just now, in the first blush of his new possessions, he is quite happy. But presently he will begin to recognise the incongruity. He will have no friends, and I honestly believe that he will begin to wish himself back at Lambeth.

"I hadn't looked at it in that light," responded Stuart thoughtfully. "I think you're right, Nancy."

Some time later Nancy heard from the Manor housekeeper that Sir Stephen did not seem particularly happy. Her sympathy grew warmer and eventually the persuaded Stuart to take her to call on Sir Stephen.

Their arrival at the Manor almost brought tears to the eyes of the butler who hurried away to find his new master.

Presently Stephen Wrayford entered the room, a half-nervous, half-shamefaced expression in his eyes.

"How do you do, Stephen?" asked Stuart, holding out his hand.

"Pretty well, sir, thank you," replied Stephen. "I 'ope you are, too."

"Yes, thanks," responded Stuart. "This is Miss Sinclair, who is going to be my wife."

"I'ow do you do, Sir Stephen" asked Nancy.

She smiled at him and held out her hand. He gazed into her pretty face, and then stared at the slim white fingers, held towards him.

(To be Concluded)

POINTED PROVERBS

THE ERA OF YOUTH

This seems to be the day when "Youth" is coming to its own. Just recently we had a monster scout parade in Melbourne, and Rotary observed "Boys and youths' week." People are giving more and more attention to the education of the young and more interest is being shown in children than ever before. Perhaps we are learning the truth of the old Scotch proverb "They're no canny folk that dogs and bairns dinna like." Even such a progressive paper as the "Leader" finds it worth while having a children's department and giving almost one page to the bairns.

Surely all this is an illustration of the quiet influence of Christ who will always be remembered for the way he rebuked those who would drive the children away from him. How we treasure in our own memory those words of Jesus when he said "Suffer the children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

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A Section.—North Fitzroy, 8 goals (H. Clarke 2, Logan 2, Brown 2, Lake and Renfreen, d. Essendon, 6 goals (K. Cohen 3, Parker, Collins and Cullen); Ivanhoe, 8 goals (Bryning 4, Clancy, Burrows, Price, Eiseman and Boswell), d. Caulfield, 4 goals (Stride 2, Booth 2).

Junior Sections.—C. Section.—Melbourne High School Old Boys drew with North Fitzroy, 10—10; Glenirle d. Ivanhoe, 12—8.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

V.G.B.A.—F Grade.—Baptist d Croxton, 16—2.

Presbyterian Girls' Fellowship Association.—Fairfield (2) d. Box Hill (2), 28—18.

Psychology of Thought and Action

At the meeting of the Croxton M.I.S. on Sunday Mr. Blackney delivered a paper on Psychology. The chair was occupied by the president (Mr. Freeman). Mr. Blackney referred at the outset to psychology of thought and action. Correct thinking is the first right step in life and it should be followed by correct action, so that each man is the architect of his career. A vote of thanks was accorded the speaker on the motion of Mr. Berndholt.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers, Didn't the Northcote team kick goals and goals on Saturday? Good boy Pete are so gladeful over the victories of their heroes. They have been very wicked lately, get one big row, but little mischievous sets and bumbles are good Grandpa and cook are thoroughly sick of the sight of them. Well on Wednesday they were unusually naughty so we sent them outside to the playroom to play. Grandpa and I went out and cook was having her afternoon nap, when she heard a tremendous Thud! and a scamper and somebody pattered quickly down the stairs and then there was a soft and low moaning noise. She thought it was just a piece of the Pet, and so rolled over and slept on. When we arrived home about tea-time later we found a pale Fluffy stretched flat on the library floor, with Jackie nearly fainting off a sling for supporting a broken arm. The cat is Fluffy had overbalanced while blending the balustrade upstairs and he had bombarded with quints the broken arm which resulted. Of course we examined and found Jackie had the arm broken in two places. Fluffy was more comfortable. It is going along splendidly but he will take some time to heal.

Two new Cobbers this week a girl and a boy. Don't forget the Riddle-me-ree Competition and Trias. Hoops of love from the Pete and Grandpa.

UNCLE PHIL

NEW COMPETITION

RIDDLE-ME-REE

Dear Cobbers, we are having a Riddle-me-ree Competition and we want all the Cobbers to send in an answer for it. There are sure to be a number of correct answers, so we will fold them up separately and put them in a bowl. Then Fluffy will shut her eyes and pull out one and that one will be the lucky winner, so send in your answers Cobbers. The Competition closes on May 30 and the result will be announced in June.

The first is in blossom but not in leaf,
The second is in sorrow and not in grief;
The third is honest and morrow abound,
The fourth is often and fashion is found;
The fifth you will find in a deep green,
The sixth is in the beauty of the sheen;
The seventh need alone, an adjective be,
The whole's a native flower, modest yet shy.

BIRTHDAYS

Dear Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets wish to heartily wish Happiest of Birthday to Grandpa Lee and Colette Comins (May 18), Eileen Gilbert, Fred Harvey and Ivy Ellis (May 19), Ona Humphreys, Ida Lee and Keith Smith (May 20); J. Wallace, Jackie Parker, Ethel Allan, Ann Gray and Dick Bouchier (May 21), Ruth Leslie, Thelma Barrett and Stephen Clark (May 22).

OUR NAIL BAG

Dear Uncle Phil and the Pets,—Will you please put me down for a Cobber, as I do like your poem very much. Will you please let me know if I am a Cobber. I wish to enter Riddle-me-ree, as mine is a little bit of poetry. Love to Pete. Your new niece,—Veda P.

Welcome to the Club Vera, and will you please send a letter yourself for our Cobbers' Club. Try the Riddle-me-ree. Greetings and Love to the Pets.—Cat.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Welcome to the Cobbers' Club Vera, and we hope you will send a page of yourself for our Cobbers' Club. Jacko and Fluffy send greetings. Love to Pete.—Cat.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Thanks for the Cobbers' Club. Greetings and Love to the Pets.—Cat.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Will you please put me down for a Cobber, as I do like your poem very much. Greetings and Love to the Pets

NORTHCOTE COME THROUGH WITH FLYING COLORS

SUPERLATIVE EXHIBITION GAINS HIGHEST SCORE FOR DAY

YARRAVILLE OVERWHELMED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

F. SEYMOUR SCORES SEVEN GOALS

(By "Aequus.")

In a characteristic, dashing and systematic display, Northcote again showed the highest football ability in completely outplaying the powerful Yarraville combination.

On every section of the field Northcote were supreme, and, finishing in truly brilliant style, gained their fourth consecutive victory by the big margin of 59 points.

Before an attendance of 4000 spectators, two of last year's finalists—Northcote and Yarraville, met at the Northcote Park on Saturday. The ground was in perfect condition, and although a north-westerly wind blew the conditions were all in favor of a good display.

Several Changes Necessary

Yarraville fielded their strongest team, replacing Cooper for Mather, but Northcote were considerably weakened by the enforced absence of Stocklade and Garrett, who had been suspended during the week. Byrne and Honig were also absent. To fill the breaches, old players in Corrigan, Cole and Goullet, and a new face in Laxon, of St. Kilda, were selected.

An "Atmosphere"

Usually before a game Northcote players are happy and light-hearted, but on Saturday there was a distinctly different attitude. The team changed quietly, and one could see the grim determined, thoughtful appearance on every face. The happenings through of the week had had an effect—not one of intimidation, as some anticipated but one of added unity; one of determination to succeed under any circumstances. And when Rowe had completed his usual final inspiring chat, he led on to the field one of the most united teams ever fielded.

THE TEAMS

Northcote.—Backs: Humphries, Cockram, Hill; half-backs: Dea, McSwain, Woods; centres: Laxon, Coghlan, Nicholls; half-forwards: Briggs, Poulter, Cole; forwards: Simmonds, Seymour, Gray; followers: Rowe, Goullet; rover: Brown.

Yarraville.—Backs: Edwards, Hunter, Hannan; half-backs: Wunhym, Fitzmaurice, Cooper; centres: Toohey, Dwyer, Penny; half-forwards: Robinson, Lawn, Evans; forwards: Powers, Buckley, Harricks; followers: Smith, Tyson; rover: Driscoll.

Umpires.—Field: Stuart; boundary: Cassidy, McGill; goals: Axton, Sharpe.

THE PLAY

Hunter won the toss from Rowe and selected the Fairfield end. The wind slightly favored that goal. Neither side settled down into stride, much uncertain play taking place. Lawn, playing well, and Wunhym had easy chances to score, but only two points resulted. The locals led by Gray, attacked but Hannan saved cleverly.

First Goal

Marking brilliantly in the centre Poulter drove straight for the posts. Rowe was fouled and he easily put the ball through.

Behinds Posted

The games was still lacking in fire, players appearing reluctant to enter into the fray with vim. The umpire, being technical, added to this. Penalty kicks to Buckley and Lawn (twice) each gained points, while Rowe helped Briggs and Cole to min or scores. Fitzmaurice and Penny sent play to the other end, where Powitt fired accurately for the possible.

An Unguarded Goal

At last the crowd was aroused. Corrigan, playing beautifully in the centre, swirled through the pack and, punted the ball through an unguarded goal. Hunter was out following Seymour. Northcote were now at their top, and Hunter kicked the ball through to save his side. A clever try by Brown went out.

A Great Defence

Play travelled up and down smartly. Fitzmaurice was a thorn in Northcote's side, while Dea and Cockram at the other end, stemmed many attacks.

Seymour's Accuracy

Northcote's ruck was outstanding. Rowe helped Gray to attack. Briggs marked beautifully and forwarded. Seymour received on the fence, but found no difficulty in finding the big opening. Northcote led by nine points at the first change, the scores being:—

Northcote: 3 goals 3 behinds (21pts)
Yarraville: 1 goal 6 behinds (12pts)

Yarraville's Good Start

From the bounce Driscoll drove to Buckley for a goal. Humphries saved cleverly and turned the play to the centre. Gray, scouting well, left Seymour in possession. Play was fast and skilful, but still over-umpired.

Cowardly Scene

Now ensued a fierce tussle in front of the scoring board. Smith held Rowe to prevent him getting the ball, when Wunhym deliberately and openly punched Rowe in the mouth. Apparently the umpires missed the incident.

Dea was working well, but a free to Buckley close in brought Yarraville to within three points of Northcote. Then the locals, through the agency of Cole (half-forward) and Seymour and Brown (forward) added three majors. Seymour getting two. Northcote completely dazzled the visitors, and after Rowe scored a single Poulter brought forth a great cheer with a magnificent mark and an equally fine kick. He registered the possible.

Corrigan in Form

Dwyer was being hopelessly beaten by Corrigan in the centre. This had a big influence on the game. Lawn was a very fine player for Yarraville, but was not adequately supported. Nicholls and Corrigan each added points, while Buckley scored a sixer and Tyson a minor. Northcote held a substantial lead of 23 points at the long interval. Half-time scores:—

Northcote: 8 goals 6 behinds (54pts)
Yarraville: 4 goals 7 behinds (31pts)

A Wonderful Spectacle

The term opened brightly. The play was thrilling and exciting, and rich in smart and clever exchanges. Hand-passing was frequently used. Time and again Hannan and Hunter saved Yarraville. The tricolors advanced but found Woods, Humphries and Cockram unsurmountable obstacles. As the result of supreme ruck play by Rowe and Goullet Simmonds snapped a goal, while Briggs in fine style concerted another. Both Rowe and Gray snapped points before Hunter helped Prewitt to the possible.

Gray in the Picture

Throughout the game Gray was fast and clever. He nimbly snapped full points from around the pack, while Brown, with a gigantic punt, also obtained a sixer. Hannan offer saved Yarraville. Dea was safe for Northcote.

Tricolors' Success

Towards the end of the term Buckley twice scored goals. A long shot by Seymour hit the post. The visitors were well behind at the final change. Scores:—

Northcote: 12 goals 10 behinds (82 pts)
Yarraville: 7 goals 9 behinds (51 pts)

A Fighting Finish

Faced with a 31 points' deficit the visitors streamed ahead and Robinson and Dwyer notched goals. Three behinds rapidly followed, and the deficiency had been reduced to half.

Nicholls Proves Unbeatable

Overwhelming all and sundry Nicholls was wonderful. He drop-kicked a beautiful pass to Seymour, who held a brilliant mark, and six more points were added.

Tyson in Evidence

The tricolors were now dismayed, and exceedingly accurate and clever position play by Tyson was rewarded by a goal from Buckley. The tricolors were within 16 points of Northcote, but it was their last score.

Seven Goals Straight

Northcote now began an offensive that was irresistible. Poulter, Cole and Briggs, by means of high marks, had the ball in front, and the latter commenced a run of goals. Twice Simmonds snapped the possible before Cole passed to Seymour for another. Then Simmonds snapped his fourth goal before he helped Seymour to his seventh. Just before time Cole scored the side's 20th major and punted a behind on the bell. Final scores:

Northcote: 20 goals 11 behinds (131 points)
Yarraville: 10 goals 12 behinds (72 points)

Northcote's Comfortable Victory

Northcote owe their success to all-round supremacy. The play was fast, open and entertaining, and the perfect understanding between the green and golds left the tricolors bewildered. Perhaps a little more weight could be added to the side. The back line could also do with some stiffening.

Best Players

For the winners Rowe played a splendid game. He was unbeatable in the ruck and captained the side well. Gray played his best game for the season and seemed to be everywhere. Corrigan beat all his opponents handsomely, while Nicholls, especially in the closing stages, seemed to have a string on the ball. Laxon, who replaced Garrett, did fairly well.

A Strong Defence

Cockram again proved the best defender. Dea and Woods, half-back, were dashing and sure, but McSwain found Lawn a handful. Humphries alled Cockram ably, but Hill, suffering from a heavy cold, was rarely noted.

Clever Forwards

Seymour, with brilliant marking and accurate kicking, played his usual serviceable game. Simmonds in the last quarter was wonderfully active, but was off his game early. Cole and Briggs proved splendid half-forwards and made many opportunities. Poulter and Goullet, either placed or following, played prominent parts in the victory.

Prominent Big Men

Lawn and Fitzmaurice, two giants, fought gallantly for the losers. The former, however, faded after the interval. Penny held Nicholls well early in the game. On the back line Hannah and Hunter did much fine work, and Buckley (6 goals) was an excellent forward. Tyson, Smith and Robinson shaped best of the others.

The Umpire

Though Stuart did fairly well he was not up to the standard of the previous week's umpire. He was too technical.

V. J. F. A.

NORTHCOTE v YARRAVILLE

Northcote at Yarraville met a strong combination. In the past two seasons Northcote have experienced little difficulty in defeating Yarraville, but on this occasion Yarraville turned the tables and won by the narrow margin of four points. Northcote omitted Pruser (senior emergency), Laxon (injuries), McCasker (ill), Oakley and included Craven, Healey and Honig (from seniors). Ted Woods and Bob Skilton (captain and coach). The team was as follow:—Backs: Davies, Ackland, Rus (vice-capt.); half-backs: Craven, Smith, Jackson; centres: Docking, Skilton (capt.), O'Neill; half-forwards: T. Woods, Haw, Healey; forwards: Houldcroft, Bresnahan, Turner; followers: Honig, Gray; rover: Handle.

Northcote had the advantage of a strong wind, and Honig enabled Bresnahan to secure first goal from a mark. Goals quickly followed by Haw and Honig. A recovery by Yarraville followed by two goals in quick succession closed the quarter, with the scores:—Northcote, 6—6; Yarraville, 2—1. Yarraville quickly set out to reduce the leeway, adapting themselves better to the heavy and slippery ground. Northcote lost many opportunities through attempting to handle the ball. Yarraville finished the quarter with a lead of 10 points. Scores:—Yarraville, 5—8; Northcote, 6—7. The wind had eased considerably and in the third quarter the game became more even. O'Neill passed ready to Healey, who quickly Bresnahan, who showed great promise as full forward, obtained two further goals. Yarraville then attacked, but strong defensive work by Smith and Craven kept them at bay. Jackson was also playing well in defence. Yarraville added two goals, and the quarter ended with Northcote four points in the lead. Scores: Northcote, 10—10; Yarraville, 10—6. Skilton, in the centre, fought hard to avert defeat. Northcote, through the efforts of Honig, then secured and a long kick by O'Neill to Healey raised one flag. A shot by Yarraville was touched by Ackland, who was standing two feet inside the goal line, but to the astonishment of players and spectators a goal was registered. Although now behind Northcote were not to be outdone, and a fine run by Docking, who passed to Woods, resulted in a goal. Honig and Houldcroft played a great game. The wind had now risen considerably and favored Yarraville. Another goal to Yarraville put the tricolors ahead. Northcote then forged in the lead, still left the issue in doubt, but, fighting gamely Northcote, was unable to secure the winning goal. Scores:—Yarraville, 12—12. Northcote, 11—14.

The game was fast and clean throughout, hard bumps being given and taken without any element of spite. There were two bad decisions by both goal umpires, and whilst not benefiting Yarraville their victory, the Northcote team justly considers that these faulty decisions cost them the match. For Northcote all played well, the most prominent being Skilton, Honig, Craven, Jackson, Gray and Ackland. Goal-kickers: Bresnahan (5), Woods (2), Haw, Hooker, Handle and Healey.

Next Saturday the team meets Coburg at Coburg, a scene of some great battles which in the past two seasons have ended in favor of Northcote.

CLUB NOTES

The second eighteen is fully in sympathy with the Northcote Club in their present against the apparent victimisation of Northcote players, particularly having in mind the unjust disqualification meted out last season by the V.F.L. to Bob Skilton, our coach, Bob Skilton, one of the cleanest and fairest players who ever donned a guernsey.

The first of a series of weekly dances held at the Austral Hall on Thursday was a great success. The first heat of the "Permanent Wave" Monte Carlo was won by Miss Maudeley, partnered by Mr. Long.

Barney Newton has received his clearance from St. Kilda records, and with another tall player in Williamson, from Fairfield, should be available for selection on Saturday.

"Bush" Tracey is again eligible, and it is considered certain that the difficulties regarding the clearance of Emmins will be satisfactorily settled on Wednesday. With this fine talent available the task of the selection committee is an unenviable one.

PRESTON SECOND EIGHTEENS

Preston defeated Brunswick at Brunswick by 7—12 to 6—14. Passage was very hard and fast through out. Brunswick's big men were a great factor, but Preston were superior in ground play. Preston's play in the last quarter against the wind stamps them with courage and determination, being 14 points behind in the last term it had them all on their toes. However, Preston prevailed and added four points to the good. Goal-kickers: Kupsch (2), Jones (2), Ewing, Owens and Haddrick.

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SUB-DISTRICTS

First Grade

Alphington, 7—20, d. South Bourne District, 7—5. Best players for Alphington were Godfrey, Hoare, Wells, Howard, Mulling-r and Stone; and the goal-kickers Gouch (3), Bailey (2), Hutchinson and Godfrey.

Fairfield, 8—16, d. East Brunswick, 7—12. Best players for Fairfield were Yates, Shearer, F. Powell, Murphy, Muir; goal-kickers Yates (3), Dempsey (2), Roberts and Newman.

Second Grade

Fairfield District, 10—26, d Box District: Stook (4), Harris (2), Moore, Jones Reynolds, Cole. Best Players for Fairfield District: Morton, Bowith, Jones, Stook, Harris, Ridd. Fairfield, 12—13, d. Abbotsford, 9—14. Goal-kickers.—Fairfield: Dr Mathews, Black, Ross. Best Players—Fairfield: Marriott, Black, Mitchell, Mathews, Dunn, Donaldson.

ASSOCIATION SUB-DISTRICTS

First Grade.—Newport, 15—36, d Alphington, 6—6.

Second Grade.—Pascoevale Junior, 9.13, d Croxton, 5—5; Williamstown District, 10—13, d. Northcote, 1—4.

Third Grade.—South Melbourne, 11—9, d. Heidelberg, 5—5; Albion Park d. Fairfield.

South Preston, 12—16, d. Croxton Grove, 7—12; East Brunswick, 8—9, d. Regent, 2—5.

Northcote Rovers v Williamstown

Northcote Rovers played Williamstown on Saturday at Williamstown and once more went down. Northcote attacked with the breeze but were lamentably weak on the forward line. As the game progressed it showed pointedly that the Rovers have to infuse more system. The game was won in the second quarter when Williamstown scored freely and the wind. The second half was really contested, but Northcote continued to fail forward and could not relieve the local team's big lead. Best players were:—Northcote: Threlfall, May, Griffen, Fitzpatrick, Broughton and Pinkham. Williamstown's best were Nice, G. McCorville and Williams. Final scores:—Williamstown, 10—13; Northcote, 4—5.

PRESTON UNITED v PRESTON

Haxby Park was the scene of the first meeting of these two B Grade clubs in a good, clean, fast game. Prestige won the toss and kicked with the breeze. The visitors were long in scoring. Donath, Ryan and McGlynn saved many points, turning attacks to their own goal mouth, soon had the Prestige men on the defensive. A goal from Wilkins and Boland woke up the home and two behinds were added. At the end of the first quarter Prestige had the advantage. Scores:—Preston, 2—4; Preston, 0—2. In the second term the Prestige twelve took hold of the upper hand, while Ford was doing some great work roving. Harris, Mc-Laren and Aitken put the finishing touch to a forward move by Batchelor and Tuenon, and Grierson capped a thrust with a sixer. Handing goal next, and then followed a series of singles until Grierson picked up another major. The quarter finished with Preston 3—10 to Prestige's 5—7. The visitors had failed to break through Preston's defence in this quarter. After the interval, with the breeze again strong against Prestige, Preston early scored another goal by McLaren. The game then became even and vigorous. At half-time Preston had added 1—1, while Prestige had reduced their deficit by 2—1. The last quarter was a rolling affair, go, clean, but vigorous. A couple of the locals were "crossed" for a while. With the wind in their favor Prestige added 3—6 to Preston's 2—6. Preston ran out winners by 7—12 to 6—10. The best for the winners were Grierson (2 goals), Harding, Tranos and Harris. Prestige's prominent players were Oswald, Boland, Ryan and Greenwood. This makes Prestige's second successive win. So far they have not suffered a defeat. Umpire Strain acquitted in a very satisfactory manner.

FEUD OR NO FEUD

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—In your edition of the issue appeared a paragraph re a feud at Preston between two local football clubs. Herewith I wish to refute such statement and to state that the club concerned are both on the best of terms, and that the arrangements for training on the Preston Park are working smoothly and without any unpleasantness whatever.—Yours, etc.,

H. STANLEY,
President, P.U.F.C.

BOY SCOUTS

Essendon, 12—15, d. the Presto 5—9.

BOURKE-EVELYN ASSOCIATION

Whittlesea, 17—19, d. Doncaster 1—5; Epping, 5—9, d. Meredith, 2—4.

DIAMOND VALLEY ASSOCIATION

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BRUNSWICK'S FIGHTING SPIRIT APPRECIATED

PRESTON'S SURE AND SOUND DEFENCE

(By "Follower.")

Preston set out to regain their lost prestige at the expense of Brunswick last Saturday. After a straggling opening both teams settled down to good, systematic football. With a point between the scores at three-quarter time, it seemed that either side might win, but Brunswick had been fully extended and were run almost to a standstill. Preston went "all out" in the last quarter and won by the comfortable margin of 32 points.

Preston were at home to Brunswick last Saturday, the game being witnessed by 4,000 spectators. It was one of the finest and toughest games seen in Preston for some time. Fast, open, clever handball, spectacular marks and high marking captivated spectators. An "all out" last quarter rally by the red and whites decided the issue.

THE TEAMS

Preston.—Backs: Smith, Bolman, Spargo; half-backs: Monahan, Fraser, Morgan; centres: Dowling, Reichman, Dodd; half-forwards: Cazaly (c), McEachern, Warr; forwards: Davie, Wilson, Joolen; followers: Seebeck, Campbell; rover: Summers.

Brunswick.—Backs: McNeill, John-ston, Barker; half-backs: Reid, Hearn, Thompson; centres: Kennet, Bannan, Carton; half-forwards: Kinnear, Anderson, Bray; forwards: Maynes, Fraser, Dowling; followers: Eudy, Muttimer; rover: Fitzgerald.

A few anticipated changes in the Preston team were made. Gall, who had failed to produce true form: Izard, who has not come up to expectations; and Mackie, anxious to strip for Carlton, were omitted to make room for Bolman (full back from Footscrays), Joolen, a rover from Tasmania, and Wilson, from the Police team. Morgan replaced Gray, who was cleared to Richmond. In the remainder of positions Taylor went to centre half-back and Bolman guarded the goals. Reichman went to the wings, Morgan in defence, McEachern centre half-forward, Wilson full forward, and Joolen took one of the forward pockets and rover. After the first quarter Taylor went full back, Bolman forward, Warr in the centre, and Reichman half-back.

First Blood to the Visitors

Aided by a north wind Brunswick attacked immediately. Fraser goaling. Preston were playing a man short as Selmon arrived late. Another Brunswick advance was successful as Fraser again scored.

Taylor Repulses Advance

The players were playing without cohesion, kicking wildly, and Brunswick looked like scoring again when Taylor counteracted the advance.

Davie Goals Against Wind

Brunswick attacked again, only to be beaten back by Smith. Joolen carried the play further afield to Davie, who scored nicely against the breeze.

Carton Everywhere

Early in the game Carton appeared to have a running commission; he was everywhere the ball went, and turned every opportunity to advantage. A free to Kennett paved the way for Anderson, who steered the leather clear.

Preston's Attack Lacks Cohesion

Preston attacked fruitlessly. Johnston returning the play to the Mary street wing. Later Pannam secured a single. Monahan removed the ball from the danger zone, and Cazaly forwarded, but Wilson failed to take advantage of the opening.

Brunswick's Rugbing Tactics

The rushing Brunswick tactics were being calmly foiled by the coolness of Smith, who was marking excellently. Brunswick did most of the attacking, but occasionally over-energising nullified their efforts.

A neat pass by Warr to Dodd terminated in Davie registering a single. A capital mark by Bray held his opponents at bay, and the first term ended in the visitors' favor, the scores being:—

Brunswick: 4 goals 5 behinds (29 pts)
Preston: 1 goal 1 behind (7 pts)

Visitors Press Forward

The visitors went forward and the alert Carton registered a minor, and when Anderson, from a free, scores, the coveted number. Brunswick maintained their advantage.

Johnston to the Fore

With a fine mark Johnston relieved his goal nicely, but Warr returned the ball to Joolen with beneficial results. McEachern followed suit a few moments later.

Dowling (Brunswick) Fails to Take Advantage of Opening

Brunswick again demonstrated their ability by penetrating their opponents' defence, which never had a weakness in its line. An unguarded opening confronted Dowling, who took a hurried shot when he could have easily run right in.

Fine Exhibition Displayed

As the game progressed the game waxed more and more interesting. Cazaly forwarded to Joolen, who failed.

Pannam Initiates Several Attacks

Playing in the centre Pannam was a source of annoyance to his rivals by his cool and elusive movements, thereby initiating many attacks to advantage.

Preston were struggling to improve their position, but met with stiff resistance from the Brunswick defenders.

McEachern Scores

McEachern, who went full forward, eventually managed to piece the back line as he piloted two goals, both through a fine combined effort figuring Davie, Cazaly and Warr.

Brunswick continued to have their opponents hard pressed, and when Bray cleverly snapped a single his side maintained the lead of one point as the teams adjourned, the scores at half-time being:—

Brunswick: 5 goals 8 behinds (38pts)
Preston: 5 goals 7 behinds (37pts)

Preston's Stamina Prevails

The third term revealed an entertaining exhibition. This was Brunswick's opportunity to stabilise their position, and they did this end in view they fought desperately.

Preston were just as resolute in their endeavors to prevent the magpies from adding a score, and with both teams straining every nerve, spectators were treated to a most interesting quarter. The red and white combination gave no quarter to the attackers, who were repeatedly beaten off.

Taylor Magnificent

The term served to show Taylor at his best; he was cheered time and again as each thrust by the magpies was frustrated by his fine efforts. Marking high and coming through forcibly, he won the admiration of all, particularly of his local admirers. His activities were well supported by Smith and Reichman.

Brunswick Fruitlessly Attack

Brunswick plays well and determinedly to penetrate. Carton being much in evidence. Play travelled up and down the field like flashes of lightning.

In the midst of the excitement Dowling booted a single for the visitors, which was followed by a dash by Monahan as he cleared the goal.

Seebeck was following splendidly, and in a rush forward he secured a single.

In an instant Brunswick transferred play to their territory, only to be deprived of success through the efforts of Smith.

Again, however, they took up the offensive; when Fraser, marking well in front, booted a hard-earned goal.

Each side continued to bring all its resources into operation and when the term ended Preston were still a single short, mainly due to the brilliant resistance of their defenders. Scores at the last change were:—

Brunswick: 6 goals 13 behinds (49 points)
Preston: 6 goals 12 behinds (48 points)

Game Hangs in the Balance

The chances appeared very bright for the locals as they entered upon the final term with such a small leeway to make up.

Resuming Wilson scored a single, which equalised the scores. This was followed almost immediately by Cazaly goaling, and for the first time placing his side in the lead.

Bray Changes the Position Again

The lead was short-lived, however, for the magpies, swooping down on their opponents, launched an attack which was brought to fruition as Bray made the scores level with a sixer.

Dominating the ruck, Cazaly was giving of his best. Seebeck forwarded to Warr, who quickly passed on to Summers, who, dashing in, made no mistake.

Staging a rattling finish, Brunswick continued to advance despite keen opposition. Pannam scoring full points.

Preston Inclined to Play the Man

This effort on the part of the visitors had the effect of Preston giving too much attention to the man, their efforts being consequently penalised.

A Brunswick Debacle

Keeping up the pressure both teams scored goals, then a debacle followed, as the continual severe offensive of Preston proved too strenuous for their opponents who broke down under the continued strain. Preston rattled on five goals in quick succession, whilst Brunswick managed only a single. One of the goals was the outcome of a long drop kick by Davie, who was instrumental in scoring four goals for the term. The final scores of a sterling contest were:—

Preston: 14 goals 17 behinds (101pts)
Brunswick: 9 goals 15 behinds (69pts)

Goal-kickers

Preston.—Davie (5), McEachern (4), Cazaly (2), Joolen, Bolman, Summers.

Brunswick: Fraser (4), Anderson (2), Bray (2), Pannam.

Preston were represented by an even side, though special mention should be made of Cazaly (who followed excellently), Taylor, Smith, Davie, Seebeck, McEachern, Summers.

Carton was the most prominent player on the green, being fast and serviceable. Fraser was an accurate forward, whilst Pannam, Johnston, Dowling, Kennett and Thompson were the best of an even side.

Davie was due for a spell. His fine performance last Saturday was welcome and will at the same time dispel from the minds of the selectors any lingering doubt that may have found a lodging place.

At the close of last Saturday's contest Northcote continued to head the premiership list, being undefeated, having two clear wins above their nearest seven opponents. To-morrow's matches should tend to determine the first four, Port Melbourne and Preston, who have two wins to their credit, should provide another hard encounter. Oakleigh will be opposed by the strong Brunswick combination, which will strain every nerve to lower the colors of last season's premier team. Northcote will probably prove too solid a proposition for Coburg, who prefer the open style of play. Yarraville should be on top after their match with Brighton, who seem to be weak. Prahran will have their work cut out to defeat the vastly improved Sandringham team at Hampton, and Williamstown will be at home to Camberwell, where a sterling contest is awaited.

TO-MORROW'S CONTESTS

Northcote v Coburg.
Port Melbourne v Preston.
Brunswick v Oakleigh.
Sandringham v Prahran.
Yarraville v Brighton.
Williamstown v Camberwell.
Matches to be played on grounds of first-named clubs.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Oakleigh, 12—16, d Port Melbourne 3—15.

Northcote, 20—11, d Yarraville 10—12.

Williamstown, 12—20, d Brighton 7—12.

Sandringham, 13—15, d Camberwell, 8—19.

Coburg, 17—10, d Prahran, 15—12.

Preston, 11—17, d Brunswick, 9—15.

ATTENDANCES AND TAKINGS

Attendances and takings at the Northcote-Yarraville match were 3,500 and £43, and at the Preston-Brunswick match 4,000 and £44. Total attendances at Association matches for the day were 23,000, and the aggregate takings were £302.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

Clubs	P	W	L	For	Ag'st	Per	Pts
Oakleigh . . .	4	4	.	393	240	61.06	16
Northcote . . .	4	4	.	391	265	72.80	16
Port Melb. . .	4	2	2	356	370	75.84	8
Brunswick . .	4	2	2	357	327	97.63	8
Preston	4	2	2	332	328	98.78	8
Williamstown	4	2	2	331	341	103.02	8
Sandringham	4	2	2	338	351	103.84	8
Coburg	4	2	2	344	364	105.81	8
Yarraville . . .	4	2	2	322	369	114.59	8
Prahran	4	1	3	329	417	126.74	4
Camberwell . .	4	1	3	316	401	126.88	4
Brighton	4	1	3	322	418	129.81	4

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With the object of assisting the Blind Appeal a match has been arranged between teams representing the Association and the League at the Melbourne cricket ground on June 6. Such a fixture, apart from the most deserving object, is bound to attract a large number of football enthusiasts, particularly those who are at variance as to whether the Association or the League play the better class of football. As a result of the engagement, should conditions be at all favorable, the Blind Appeal should benefit considerably.

Who Will Represent the Association?

The task of selecting the eighteen is by no means easy, and we publish herewith selections sent in by some of our enthusiastic football readers, "Halfbalter." Preston, forwards the following:—

Backs.—Taylor (Preston), Garbutt (Port Melbourne), Koop (Prahran). Half-backs—Hearn (Brunswick), Hyde (Port Melbourne), Seebeck (Preston). Centres—Martin (Coburg), Pannam (Brunswick), Nicholls (Northcote). Half-forwards—Cazaly (Preston), Cahill (Williamstown), Lawn (Yarraville. Forwards—Adams (Prahran), Seymour (Northcote), Summers (Preston). Followers—Rudolph (Oakleigh), Beckton (Sandringham). Rover—Mears (Coburg).

—Wish 'Em Well's" team:—

Backs—Taylor (Preston), Garbutt (Port Melbourne), Koop (Prahran). Half-backs—Bourke (Sandringham), Hyde (Port Melbourne), Seebeck (Preston). Centres—Carton (Brunswick), Corrigan (Northcote), Nicholls (Northcote). Half-forwards—Flem-ing (Oakleigh), Cahill (Williamstown), Lawn (Yarraville). Forwards—Adams (Prahran), Seymour (Northcote), Summers (Preston). Followers—Rudolph (Oakleigh), Beckton (Sandringham). Rover—Mears (Coburg).

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR LEAGUE

Thornbury District v West Sunshine.

Played at Thornbury East on Saturday. Thornbury won the toss and chose the Fairfield end, which favored by a fair breeze. The locals were first away and H. Clack notched first goal. Rough patches in the centre hampered play. First quarter scores: Thornbury, 4—0; West Sunshine, nil. Half-time scores: Thornbury, 7—1; West Sunshine, 1—1. Third quarter scores: Thornbury, 9—6; West Sunshine, 3—2. The locals overran all opposition in the last quarter, goals coming from Cleary, Clack, Barker and Jenkins. Final scores:—Thornbury District, 15—12; West Sunshine, 4—3. Best players for Thornbury District were Broadbent, Hart, Hearnden, Thompson, Miller, Jenkins and Baxter. Goal-kickers: Harper, Climas, Jenkins and Nicholls. Best players for West Sunshine were Carter, Ford, Martin and Willey, and the goal kickers were Buttimer (2), Chapman and Gamble.

Second Grade

Brunswick City, 15—8, d. Alphington Juniors, 7—14. Alphington's best were Pen Lennox, Coose, Fiddemont; goal-kickers were Corrigan (2), Fiddemont (2), Sannimon, G. and D. Gilmour.

C.Y.M.S.

A Grade.—Thornbury, 14—13, d Coburg, 9—9; Northcote, 9—7, d. Cathedral, 7—6.

B Grade.—Fairfield, 12—13, d. Clifton Hill, 7—13.

On May 2 Thornbury forwarded an incorrect players' list, and it was ordered that the game won be forfeited by that team to Williamstown.

Preston v East Brunswick

On Saturday Preston were at home to East Brunswick and after a fair game defeated one of last season's best teams. Preston set a hot pace and were two goals in front at quarter time, which was increased to five goals by half-time. Preston missed opportunities by bad and wild kicking. The last quarter opened with Preston four goals in front. East Brunswick, playing good system, soon reduced the lead to two goals, but Preston rallied and the bell rang with Preston winners by three goals. Final scores:—Preston, 8—17; East Brunswick, 7—5. Preston's best were J. Hanrahan, W. Shattery, Lockwood, Pitts, Naughton, Kinsella and Tannock. Goal-kickers: Lockwood (2), Leonard (2), Moran, Tannock, Ryan, Carlon.

NORTHCOTE C.Y.M.S.

Elated by their success in a hard-fought game with Cathedral, the Northcote C.Y.M.S. football team, which has been going through a process of "building up," is confident of further victories which will win it a place in the A Grade tour.

Old football rivals in Flemington visited our rooms on Monday night to try conclusions with us at indoor games. Results favored Northcote who scored in three of the four games played.

With an influx of new members attendances at meetings and interest in branch activities are increasing. Favored by fine weather the picnic to Emerald was a most enjoyable outing

RAMBLERS' MATCHES

P.W.P. Methodists v Myer Emporium

At Fawkner Park, St. Kilda, on Saturday Prince of Wales Park Methodists met a team from Myer Emporium. The ground was in a sloppy condition, but nevertheless an interesting and enjoyable game resulted. Play for the most part was even, neither team being able to gain an appreciable lead. With the scoring close in the last quarter excitement ran high, and although Myers lost the play well forward their kicking was astray. Whereas the Park boys' two shots produced goals, Myers added 1—6, and when the final bell rang the scores were level:—P.W.P., 7—9; Myers, 6—15. Goal-kickers for P.W.P. were Leo Jordan (3), Henning (2), Cornish and Oates.

N.U.A. v Northcote Ramblers

Ramblers won the toss and with the assistance of the wind soon had a handy lead, but N.U.A. came back and were five points down at first change. The second quarter was more even, and N.U.A. reversed the lead by half-time. The Ramblers were held in the third quarter, and in the final term N.U.A. unwound a great burst, led by Gray Bros., S. Jones and G. Blockley, and six goals put the issue beyond doubt. Final scores:—N.U.A., 9—19. Ramblers, 7—6. Best players for N.U.A. were Gray Bros., G. Blockley, S. Jones, G. Lindsay, J. Glen and G. Makin (second half).

JUNIOR I.O.R. COMPETITION

Northcote v Dennis

Northcote, 12—6, defeated Dennis, 3—7. Northcote are now on top and hope to avenge cricket defeats by winning the premiership. Kicking was very poor, only four goals on the board before a point was scored and led by five goals at quarter time. Dennis cracked up in the last term and Northcote finished with a run of four goals and ran out winners by 8 goals 5 behinds. Best players were:—Dennis: McMurtrie, Turner, Smith; Northcote: Rudley (5 goals), J. Angus, E. Smith, L. Taylor, Peters. Umpire Lobbe gave a very fair exhibition in a fast, hard game. Next match: Northcote v John Vale.

John Vale v Clifton Hill

Played at McDonell Park on Saturday. Clifton Hill led early but John Vale soon got going, and up to half time play was very even. The third term was splendidly contested, and some fine play was witnessed. Clifton Hill's forwards were great, which was responsible for John Vale having a lead of nine points at the final change. John Vale failed badly in the final term, although they had the wind, but they were completely baffled by the good team work and sidestep passing by the Clifton Hill boys. Final scores:—Clifton Hill, 8—16; John Vale, 7—10. Umpire Chantor gave a good exhibition.

BASEBALL.

Northcote's First Win

Northcote scored its first victory on Saturday defeating Melbourne by nine runs to five. Melbourne obtained an early lead of four runs to nil, but carelessness in the field cost them the game. Glaisher, Hemes, Coghlan, Morgan and McSperrin did well for the winners, while Melbourne's best were James, Quinn (home run), Francis, Darling and Leach.

B Grade.—University, 2, d. Fairfield, 1; Camberwell, 5, d. Ivanhoe, 2.

E Grade.—Melbourne, 9, d Northcote, 6.

D Grade.—No. 1 Section.—Preston, 9, d. University, 6. No. 2 Section.—Oropaul Dogs, 12, d. Preston, 6; Murrumbeena, 30, d Ivanhoe, 0.

E Grade.—Northcote, 12, d Preston, 11.

NORTHCOTE and PRESTON CHURCHES

The match between St. George's road Methodists and Thornbury Presbyterian B, played at Merri Park on Saturday, resulted in a win for the former. A. Stark, Thornbury's captain, won the toss and kicked with and sent St. George's road in to bat. They opened well with the first four men coming home before there came a slump. Thornbury could do nothing against the excellent pitching of L. Tulk, who had the first three men struck out. There was not a weak man in St. George's road side, the most outstanding being J. Wiseman, who created a club record by scoring 8 runs. D. Wood also did well with the bat, scoring 6 runs, including a home run. Not only did L. Tulk pitch exceptionally well, but he scored 5 runs, all from well judged hits. The best for Thornbury were McDonald and B. Gough (outfield), who accounted for eight men being put out. Hoe also batted

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TURF NOTES

(By Luteplayer)

For Sydney

Indicate are Sir Carillon, who carry the colors of Miss Doreen Johnston, a leading horsewoman, are likely to go to Sydney for the A.J.C. jumping double next month. They are trained at Mentone by L. Burke, who also plans to take Nightlark across the Murray. All three were runners at the Valley last Saturday. Sir Carillon competed in the hurdle event and shaped fairly well. Indicate was a runner in the Brunswick Steeplechase, finishing a moderate fourth, but he made a bold showing for a long way and will be greatly improved by the outing. Nightlark sported silk in the welter event and finished last. That was his first public appearance since November last. He looks very well.

Polygonum Not Going

Th Flemington trainer, S. J. Murphy, has decided not to make the trip to Sydney with his jumpers. Polygonum and Bang Bang, the promising hurdler Rapier is another who will not go to Sydney.

Interest in Jumpers

Entries for the Grand Nationals were taken on Tuesday and henceforth the doings of jumpers will be of greater interest to racegoers. The performances of these will be watched carefully, and those who give an indication of a return to their best form, will be popular in doubles. The new comers also will be noted and any than show form above the ordinary will not lack admirers. Mosstrooper, winner of last year's Grand National Hurdle and Steeplechase double, is to be given the opportunity of repeating the feat. When he won the G.N. Hurdle last year Mosstrooper carried 10.7 and then went on to win the Australian Hurdle with 11.12, so that his weight for the coming G.N. Hurdle is likely to be well up to the 12.0 mark. He succeeded in last year's G.N. Steeple with 11.10 and it is almost certain that he will on this occasion be given the maximum weight of 12.7 for the Steeple. Mosstrooper will be set a herculean task to win the double again, but his accomplishment is not beyond the bounds of possibility for the Kenilworth gelding is one of the greatest performers over obstacles of the times. He is a remarkably clever jumper, a good weight carrier and no distance seems beyond him.

Catkin's Good Finishing Effort

Having his first public outing over hurdles at Moonee Valley last Saturday, Catkin scored a surprise win. He had been doing well in schooling lessons at Caulfield, but backers, remembering his roughish ways on the flat, adopted the wait and see policy. Apparently the connections did likewise for the Co: mint gelding drifted from 7/1 to 12/1 in betting. Catkin won rather impressively. Five furlongs from home he was last, but shortly afterwards he began to move forward on the outside of the field and without being pushed, began to gather in the opposition in great style. From the turn he came with a brilliant burst of speed to defeat Arcadius in the last few strides. It frequently happens that a horse who proves an out and out rogue on the flat will develop into a good performer over the jumps. Catkin's display on Saturday suggests that in this branch of the sport he will make atonement for his failures on the flat.

Fast Steeplechaser

Letcott, winner of the Brunswick Steeplechase at Moonee Valley is a very fast 'chaser. He is a tearaway customer of the Nightlark type, but is sounder in his jumping than the last named. Nightlark is inclined to run down, but Letcott takes his fences boldly. Formerly a hunter, Letcott who is a five-year-old, promises to develop into a 'chaser of class. Just at present two more appears to be his distance, but as he becomes seasoned he is likely to show improved stamina. Letcott represents good jumping blood, being by Zenda, by Traquair from Miss Moore. The last named was by Tom Moore, a noted sire of jumpers.

Finished Well

Having his first race over hurdles for some considerable time, Adsim was noticed running on strongly at the end of the Moonee Valley Hurdle on Saturday. A couple of seasons ago Adsim was a high class hurdler, winning races at Caulfield and Flemington. Should the strike affording him his true form, and Saturday's showing is an indication in that direction, Adsim, is likely to win a hurdle or two.

Returning to Town

It should not be long before Myrtle returns to the winning list. His fourth in the Moranz Handicap at Moonee Valley, was a big improvement on his Sandown form and he would have finished closer had he not hung out from the turn.

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HOCKEY

Fairfield Hockey Club won convincingly against Elsternwick with 2—6. Fairfield are fortunate in having several good stick men and played all over Elsternwick. Goals were hit by E. Browne and Rush for Fairfield. Geo. Browne was the mainstay and best of an even side, and was undoubtedly the best on the ground. Smith also played a fine game for Fairfield.

Fairfield Seconds had an easy win against University by 6—1, making the double win for the club. Trevavana and Roche played well. Trevavana (3), Rocke (2) and McInnes were the goal hitters.

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P.A.F.S.

LOYAL PRESTON LODGE

The usual meeting was held on Monday May 11. The D.M. Bro. Cook took the chair in the absence of the W.M. Bro. Spiver. About 20 members from Northcote, Melbourne, Fairfield and Ivanhoe lodges were admitted during the meeting.

The secretary announced that urgent prescriptions required after dispensary hours may be found in dispensed at the Bell pharmacy, or Starks pharmacy.

A team was again entered in the rifle shooting competition and all members interested are invited to practice. Despite the economic depression one member was initiated and three proposed.

At the conclusion of the meeting a debate on Capital Punishment was held. The adjudicator, Bro. Wolfe, gave the verdict to the affirmative side the personnel of which was Bros. Butcher, Lotchead, and Watkins. The negative side consisted of Bros. Dean, Cook and Brown. The points scored were 103 to 101. A vote of thanks was extended to Bro. Wolfe.

A full attendance is expected at the next meeting on May 25 at 7.30. Bastles being quarter night the office bearers for the half year will be elect.d.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BELL STATE SCHOOL

(To the Editor)

Sir,—In your issue last week, under the heading of "What Preston People Are Doing" appears the following par.—"The Public Works Department has authorised improved drainage at Bell State School." Cr. Hemburrow is to be congratulated upon the successful result of his efforts."

We would like to know on what grounds this particular councillor is to be congratulated, for the simple reason that the Bell School Committee have had the matter of drainage at the school in hand ever since the school opened, and months back we received a send from the Department that the work was to be carried out. Cr. Hemburrow may not be aware of the fact that the Bell School Committee has had to press the Department to push on with this work, and only within the past four months authorisation was asked for to expend portion of the annual school allowance on the work. We were again informed that the Department would have the work carried out at the earliest possible moment, and therefore authority could not be given the Committee to have the work done out of the allowance.

If Cr. Hemburrow is in earnest in desiring to do something for the benefit of this school, its pupils and the parents, he could interest himself in having the right of way to Etham street properties channelled, which would lead to prevent the flooding of the school grounds after heavy rain; he could also have the weeds removed from the concrete paths laid by the council in a dangerous condition; he could insist on having plumbers street openings filled in properly; and the innumerable pot holes in the various streets filled, so that drivers of vehicles would not risk breaking springs every time their vehicles are driven along such streets. In fact, there are a hundred and one things that require Cr. Hemburrow's attention, from a municipal standpoint.

On behalf of the Bell State School Committee. Yours etc.,
W. H. WEBBER
Correspondent.

FAIRFIELD

Alphair Harmony Club held their usual fortnightly social. Ford's orchestra supplied the music. The attendance was excellent.

Fairfield Overland Light Car Club held an enjoyable dance in the Mayfair Hall (Spring) hand provided music. The hall was decorated in the club's colors. The attendance was splendid.

About 500 attended a novelty night at the Fairfield State School Entertaining moments were provided by Miss J. Linegar, little Miss Jean Tucker, who recited, and little Miss Marjory Davies (song and dance). Refreshments were provided by the ladies of the Parent's Club and there was dancing to Sturtevant's orchestra. Prizes were given to Knitting Crane (girl), Butcher Boy, Nurse (special), for the most original characters. Cadbury Girl, Pelaco (boy), and a shop in Fairfield (special) scored in the poster division, while the best sustained characters were Minnie Mouse, the Parson and Red Indian.

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THIS SATURDAY, MAY 23
A Special Performance in

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WESTGARTH TALKIES.

Four minutes—a French officer fleeing from the spectre of war, a barely German, an aristocratic Russian, and a third Yankee American—all bringing the bitter memories that drove them into the last refuge, the French Foreign Legion, rebellious of discipline, but loyal to each other, if to no one else—these are the "Renegades" in the picture of that name, being screened this week end. The adventures of this queer quartette and their joint battle with the treacherous native who had betray d their leader, form the plot on which a striking vivid portrayal of Legion life has been based. Warner Baxter plays the leading role, with Noah Beery, Gregory Gay and George Cooper as his companions and Myrna Loy as the woman in the case. "College Lovers," featuring Marion Nixon, is a highly entertaining comedy picture of college life.

On Monday next, "Her Virtuous Folly" is a talking picture that will commend itself to every picture fan, with a story of exceptional appeal admirably developed, while the comedy and dialogue are a treat. The eminent star, Constance Bennett, is fortunate in the adequacy of her supporting players, the loyal of Kenneth McKenna, Basil Rathbone, being especially praiseworthy.

"Harmony Heaven" is the first British talk talkie pictures with a musical comedy setting. The London stage favourites, Polly Ward and Stuart Hall are ably featured players. Colorful ness, dancing and singing, the part of the title is another strong appeal to come from England to her rivals.

The latest Warner Bros. (Australian) production, Robert Montgomery in a gripping comedy drama, "A Devil with Women," which opens on Thursday next, has as captain in the forces of a small republic, a fighting manager to unleash him on a series of adventures, ranging from assuming the small of sailors complete to a thrilling duel with and an desperate battle against a bandit leader. The photo-play "War Nurse," concerns the actual life of a group of nurses in all the various kinds of work, with an advance drawing ratings to the bosses. Robert Montgomery, Robert Ames and Anita Page are well cast.

INTERSTATE MILITIA RIFLE TEAM

Included in the interstate militia rifle team, which will go to Sydney on June 2 to fire a match on June 6 are Capt. R. Grange, C.Q.M.S. Webb and Corporal Cousin, all of the 57th Battalion (Preston).

You can help to improve the standard of your local club by buying a season ticket. A year's football for 5/5.

PRESTON RED CROSS BAZAAR

ABOUT £50 REALISED

[illegible] Mrs. G. E. Robinson, in her usual charming manner. She was presented with a lovely bouquet of shaded chrysanthemums and Lady Chair fern by Pathway on behalf of the members of the auxiliary. A fine program was rendered by Misses J. Rosa, E. Bell, Kelly Anstey and J. McPherson, every item being encored. Flowers were later by pupils of Mrs. Halpin, Joyce, Leslie Bain, a clever conjurer. Good business was done at the stalls, which were as follows:—Fancy and refreshment, Mesdames Mc[illegible], Stephens, Bowles and Thyne; produce, Mesdames Bodson, Bailey and J. Arthur, sweets, Mesdames T. B. Robinson, Shaw and Scott; flowers, Mesdames Welsh, Austin, Stewart and Elliott; stationery, Mesdames Tasker, Cornall, Netherton; Duff and Mason; Lucky novelty, Mesdames Stevens, Elkington, E. Bell and Mrs. Brooke; clothing, Mesdames F. Yann, Calloway, Carr and Ivy Calloway; City, Mrs. Wood and Miss S. Wood. Winners of the Gift Club:—Cloth for child's dressing jacket, No. 25, Mrs. Lutsmann; doll, No. 15, Mrs. Jones, Hawthorn; Novelty Stall: Night dress sachet, No. 1, Mrs. Yann; lady's handkerchief, No. 5, Mrs. E. Bell; dressing jacket (boy), peas in bottle, Mrs. A. Hunter; name of doll (Mary), my son Kenneth, Station; Fancy Stall: Baby's handkerchief, No. 1, Mrs. Watts; worked apron, No. 18, Flower Stall: Dressed poultry, No. 7, Mrs. J. Pearman; box chocolates, No. 19, Mrs. Treloar; Reservoir: pot plant, No. 25, Mrs. Welsh. Sweets: Lucky number, No. 5, Mrs. Pearman; Mrs. F. Hutchison, No. 2 box chocolates, No. 1, Mr. Brown, Beacon-field Terrace; Country Board, No. 13, Mrs. Hutchison; Mrs. J. Spence, No. 41, Mrs. Welsh; Produce Stall: Silk scarf, No. 10, Mrs. Clemes; Refreshment Stall: Sweet cake, No. 22, Mrs. Stevens; Lucky number on doll, No. 27, Mrs. Perrin; Mrs. Murphy, No. 4[illegible]; Chop: Johnny Eastman, 11 chop, No. 1, 5658.

The concert which followed in Sacred Heart hall in the evening and the [illegible] was a success. Mrs. Ralph [illegible] provided the programme. Dancing followed. The larger part of the proceeds will be spent on the maintenance of the ward at the Lyell and Mr. Halpin, which the auxiliary [illegible]. Mrs. Ryan will be the recipient. The hon. secretary (Mrs. H. Shapiro) relies to thank all donors of cash and kind that was so liberally [illegible]. The last meeting of the auxiliary will be held on June 3. A full attendance is requested to finalise the bazaar.

TAILOR'S SHOP ROBBED

PLATE GLASS WINDOW BROKEN

The plate glass window of the tailoring establishment of Mr. Fred Prestone, Plenty road, Preston, was broken on Wednesday. A motor car containing two men stopped in front of the shop and a crash of glass was heard. A few seconds later the car drove away in a northerly direction.

It is thought the window was broken with a brick. Constable Feden of the motor cycle patrol, who was in the vicinity, heard the crash and noticed a car being driven away without headlights. The car turned into Wood street, and Feden, although he did not at the time connect the car with the window smash, tried unsuccessfully to follow it.

Suit lengths to the value of £10 were stolen.

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THE TROUBLES OF THE TIMLINS

ARGUMENTS OVER AGREEMENT

Wife Says She Was Forced to Sign

"These parties were happy until 1928 when trouble arose over another woman" said Mr. Hall when seeking a maintenance order on behalf of Mrs. Louisa Georgina Timlin, of Oxford street, Northcote, against George Timlin, of Kendall street, West Preston.

"A woman from Corlton broke up my home," declared Mrs. Timlin, "She came to my house, sat at my table, and took my husband from me. He forced me to sign a separation agreement, threatening that if I did not do so, he would take my children away.

Mrs. Timlin: "We were married in 1921, and there are two children. In July 1928 relations became strained, and he told me he was sick of married life. In September 1928 an agreement was prepared, and he said that if I did not sign it, he would take the children away. I signed to retain my children.

By Under this agreement he transferred to me his equity in the house, the purchase price of which was £900 sus on it were two mortgages totalling £825. Certain furniture was also transferred to me, a lot of which I had helped to purchase, and he also agreed to pay me £1 weekly for the upkeep of the children.

Mr. H. H. Gray (for the husband): Your solicitor drew up the agreement?—Yes.

Did you give the instructions?—The instructions I gave were what my husband ordered to be done.

You were then earning £4 per week?—Yes.

What do you get now?—£3 10/.

You worked throughout your married life?—Yes, except my husband.

Just prior to the separation you held some dinner parties?—I had one party on my birthday.

Is it true that your husband accused?—He accused me of the pleading Eve's daughters.

Your husband threatened to your mother beat?—Yes.

Did he say you had had a row with her, and that she must go?—No.

Was there any dispute between them?—Only about his treatment of me.

Did you say if am not agreeable to my mother going. You'll have to go?—No.

Has he paid the £1 weekly regularly?—He is now £11 in arrears.

When the agreement was made you were earning £4 a week and he was getting about the same?—He got £5/16/.

It was a fair agreement?—No, I did not want to work, but I had to do so to keep up the payments on the house.

Re-examined: How did he force you to go to the solicitor about the agreement?—He used to come home drunk and say "Have you seen the solicitor yet?" When I said "No," he would say "Well you'd better get a move on before there's some bloodshed." In the end I went to the solicitor, I did not want to separate.

The Husband's Version

Mr. Gray (for the husband) said Timlin had been out of work since April and before that had only been on part time since last December. There would have been no default in the terms of the agreement if the husband had not got out of work.

Timlin said: "The agreement was signed by mutual arrangement. My wife got the agreement prepared.

I had a dispute with my mother-in-law and asked her to leave, but my wife said "She stays. You can go."

Under the agreement I paid my wife 15/ weekly if she was unable to work, and I made such payments for two weeks. On another occasion I increased my contribution by £2 5/ when my daughter was ill.

Order Made for Children

The P.M. said he was satisfied to make an order for the children, and would also have made one for the wife if it could be shown that the man could pay. What was the use of making an order for the wife if the man could not pay?

An order was made for 19 weekly for each of the two children, and no order was made for the wife.

The P.M. (Mr. W. J. Clarke) was on the bench.

REGENT THORNBURY

Reservations Phone JW 2117.

Coming MONDAY, MAY 25—Three Nights Only
The Star of "Common Clay," CONSTANCE BENNETT, in

HER VIRTUOUS FOLLY

A picture greater than "Common Clay." A gripping story of love, intrigue and misunderstanding, with a most original finish.

ALSO
ROBERT MONTGOMERY and ZASU PITTS in

WAR NURSE WAR NURSE

A story of two war nurses who faced love at the front in different ways.

Coming THURSDAY, MAY 28—Three Nights Only
CLIVE BROOK and GEORGE BANCROFT in

SCANDAL SHEET

An editor of a "yellow" newspaper—a hawk who feeds the public with its fame and shame news—does he dare print the sensational story which entangles his own life? See the answer in "Scandal Sheet."

VICTOR McLAGLEN in

DEVIL WITH WOMEN

CENTRAL PRESTON.

Steps are being taken to form a Men's Tennis Club in Preston, with the ultimate objective of playing in L.T.A.V. pennant games. Any man with district tournament or pennant experience is invited to attend the courts on Sunday next at 2 p.m. The courts are on the site of the late Murray Club hext to Preston railway station.

The Preston Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. last Thursday night entertained a number of visitors from the Brunswick Branch. On the same night the Unemployed Soldiers' Association ran a successful dance. The community singing arranged by this body has become an outstanding success, as last Friday night the New City Hall was packed.

An extraordinary vaudeville show, under the direction of the Reserve's District Band, was conducted in the City Hall last Monday night. The artists included the Ten Melbourne Marvels, Ritchie Bros, Sam Stern, Billy Meeske, and many others. The programme was under the management of Mr. Winterton, the Tivoli spruiker.

Last Sunday at the Preston Church of Christ it was announced that it was exactly 29 years to the day that the first meeting in connection with the church was held in the Rechabite Hall, opposite, and that three of the persons present at this pioneer meeting were present at last Sunday morning's service, these were—Mr. and Mrs. O. Walker and Mr. Dickens.

Next Sunday night will be observed as the anniversary of the J.C.E. when special hymns will be rendered. On Tuesday the church patrons to see that this fine club is availed of.

REGENT TALKIES

The Merry Month of May is still affording fine programmes at the Regent Thornbury.

On Monday Constance Bennett will be seen in "Her Virtuous Folly" in the role of secretary to a slandering millionaire. Miss Bennett is said to voice epigrammatic dialogue with characteristic charm and to carry the role with a sophistry that is peculiarly her own. She has the strong support of Kenneth MacKenna, Basil Rathbone, and Rita La Roy. The picture was directed by Paul Sloan. On the same programme are Robert Montgomery and Zasu Pitts in "War Nurse." The scenes show with startling realism what nurses have to undergo at the front. The story is woven around the romance of two nurses, June Walker and Anne Page, and two aviators, Robert Montgomery and Robert Ames.

Thursday's programme will be found particularly attractive as Clive Brook and George Bancroft will impersonate remarkable roles in "Scandal Sheet." Press thunder forth their life blighting news! Newsboys cry the fame and shame of thousands on the street! And George Bancroft sits in his office, behind the headlines, the devotee of a ruthless code. But see the showdown! See this man thousands fear and have brought to his knees by a woman! Bancroft has never more powerful. With name Clive Brook and svelte Kay Francis in "Scandal Sheet." In "A Devil with Women," Victor McLaglen will be seen in one of his most fascinating impersonations. This picture is an exciting and romantic comedy drama of the tropics, with McLaglen, as an errant soldier of fortune, and Humphrey Bogart as his rival in love and buddy in war. Plenty of thrills have been worked into the plot of the picture, a screen version of Clements Ripley's novel, "Dust and Sun."

This being "Hoyt's Merrie Month" a prize of £75 is to be handed to the manager of the theatre showing the best return for the month. Mr. Melvin, manager of the Regent, announces that he himself, if the prize comes to the Regent will add £10 to the amount (making £85) and hand the lot over for the relief of unemployment. It is therefore up to the patrons to see that this fine club is availed of.

ATHLETICS

Preston-Northcote Club

Club held a combined run with Heidelberg at St. Mary's Hill, Regent, the fast pack hands Morris and Marchand dead-heated, with Welkinson third. The short runds was won by Charvis, the secretary. Next Saturday's course is round Next Saturday's course is round. Next Saturday's course is round. Next Saturday's course is round.

Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, NORTHCOTE.
WHITSUNDAY
11 a.m.—H.C., "Thy Kingdom Come."
7 p.m.—"The Dynamic We Need."
Preacher: Rev. A. H. Constable.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
May 24: Whit Sunday (Empire Day)
Men's Corporate Communion and Breakfast, 8 a.m.
Eucharist, 11.—Preacher: Ven. Archdeacon Herring.
Evensong (Empire Service) at 7.
Rev. C. H. Nash, M.A., The Mayor of Northcote and Councillors and Members of Masonic Lodges will attend.
Special collection for the Building Fund.
Confirmation, Monday, at 8 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
(Short Westley Parsley)
Sunday Next, May 24 (Whit Sunday)
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon.
3 p.m.—Children's Service.
4.15 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar (Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain.)

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Children's Church.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Rev. F. Parsons

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET.
Morning and Evening Services.
Rev. A. T. Jones.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Morning and Evening Services
Rev. A. J. Stewart.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.
May 24: Whit Sunday.
Northcote
11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
7 p.m.—Rev. Col. Holden, C.B.E., B.A. Empire Service conducted by Young Men.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.—Rev. J. Dugdale.
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Hopkins
St George's Road
11 a.m.—Rev. Arthur.
7 p.m.—Rev. Luck.
Croxton
11 a.m.—Mr. P. R. Beck.
7 p.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney

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3 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7 p.m.—Special Empire Service. Subject: "Reconciliation—Lang and Other Types." Preacher, Rev. Duncan E. Reeves.

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Auctions

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
At 3 o'clock on the property,
10 MUNRO STREET, NORTHCOTE
By order of the Mortgagees
STOTT, SON & WATSON
Of 203 HIGH ST., NORTHCOTE, will submit at Public Auction D.F. W.B. VILLA, 5 rooms, all convs., newly renovated, E.L., gas, sewered, made streets, Land 26ft. 5in. x 109ft. Immediate possession. Inspection invited. Title Certificate. Long easy Credit Powder terms.
C. J. WATSON, Auctioneer.

SATURDAY, MAY 23
At 3 o'clock on the property
31 WILCOX STREET, PRESTON
Mortgagees' Realising Auction Sale of
D.F. HARDWOOD VILLA
5 rooms, slee-pout, all convs., E.L., sewer, recently renovated, made street, land 40 x 107, 3 minutes tram, handy Preston station. Immediate possession. Title Certificate. Long easy terms (Credit Foncier), interest 6 per cent.
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(C. J. Watson, Auctioneer)
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
At 4 o'clock on the property,
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Mortgagees' Realising Auction Sale of
MODERN D.F. W.B. VILLA
Of 4 rooms and convs., newly renovated, E.L., gas, sewer, roads made, corner position, close school; land 27ft. 6in. x 115ft. Immediate possession. Title Certificate. Long easy State Savings Bank terms
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203 HIGH STREET, NORTHCOTE
(C. J. Watson, auctioneer)

SATURDAY, MAY 23
At 3 o'clock on the property,
50 CHRISTMAS ST., NORTHCOTE
Mortgagees' Realising Sale
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Of 4 rooms and conveniences, in perfect order, recently renovated throughout. Convenient to shops, trams and trains. A great opportunity to secure a home on very easy terms. Land 33ft. x 148ft. Immediate possession. Title Certificate.
Terms.—Cash, or deposit of £160, balance by quarterly instalments over 18½ years. Interest at 6 per cent. per annum.
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SATURDAY, MAY 23.
At 3.45 p.m. on the property
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At 3 p.m. on the properties,
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Legislative Council Election

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CITY OF PRESTON

A MEETING of the LADIES of the Mayoress' Guild, Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society, Preston Red Cross Society, and any other organisations desirous of attending is hereby convened to be held at the TOWN HALL, PRESTON, on MONDAY EVENING, MAY 25, 1931, at 8 o'clock in order to discuss the proposal of HOLDING A BALL in aid of Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society.

M. ROBINSON,
Mayoress of Preston

CENTRAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

CARTAGE FIREWOOD.—Quotations required immediately for CARTING 2-FEET FIREWOOD from Northcote Siding to the following depots:—Tram sheds, High street; Council Depot, Frederick street; 36 Brook street; 222 St. George's road and 63 High street. Alternate quotations per 10 and 16 ton truck.

J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

PRESTON UNEMPLOYED

PRESTON Unemployed Old Time and Modern Dancing will be held in the City Hall on MONDAY NEXT, 25th inst., from 8 p.m. till midnight, the proceeds of which are to provide clothing, boots, etc., for children of unemployed. Tickets are 1/1, including refreshments.

For euchre players trophies have been donated, and a good night is assured. Mr. Eck Hayes' dance band will be in attendance, and Mr. Syd Smith, the popular M.C., has offered his services for the night, so roll up and help the kiddies' cause.

L. W. WILLIAMS, Town Clerk
H. ROUGHSEDGE, Joint Treas.

UNAUTHORISED COLLECTORS

IT has been brought to the Unemployed Committee's notice that UNAUTHORISED WOMEN in Preston are COLLECTING FUNDS for the unemployed.

We, the Unemployed Committee, wish to state that the ladies of the Committee who are collecting on our behalf are furnished with BADGES of AUTHORITY to do so.

F. BARTON, Hon. Chairman,
Preston Unemployed Committee

Entertainments

Thornbury Ladies' Bowling Club

THE Thornbury Ladies' Bowling Club wishes to state that owing to an error in the announcement, the next EUCHRE PARTY will be held on MAY 30 instead of May 22 as announced.—L. HARRIS, Hon. Sec.

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A SHORT-LIVED ROMANCE

TWICE DESERTED WITHIN YEAR OF MARRIAGE

Deserted twice within a short year of her marriage was the unfortunate experience of a young Reservoir wife, who asked the Preston court on Thursday to grant a maintenance order against her husband.

Mr. Hugh Marshall (for the wife) told the court that the parties were married in April of last year, and the husband had consistently refused to keep his wife. The husband was 22 and the wife 18.

Mrs. Phyllis Veronica Heapy said: —After our marriage my husband and I resided with my parents. He refused to work and keep me, although he was offered employment by my father. After a while he left the home.

In October of last year I obtained a maintenance order against him, but he did not comply with it. After some time he returned and we lived together for a while, but he left again. During the whole of our married life he has only given me £1/10/.

In April last I found that he was working at Beaumaris, earning 75/ weekly and his keep. I asked him to support me, but he refused. When I issued a summons he came to see me, threatening that if I obtained an order and he was sent to gaol I would not live a week.

There was no appearance of the husband. Patrick John Heapy, and the court made an order that he pay his wife 17/6 weekly, that he find a surety of £25, and also pay £2/7/ costs.

Northcote ladies' tickets admit to reserves on all grounds and to all matches (except semi-finals and finals). Price 5/5.

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NORTHCOTE'S LACK OF POLICE PROTECTION

MR. HAYES SPEAKS OF "REIGN OF TERROR."

In reply to a query by the Northcote Council as to the number of policemen Northcote and their duties, the Town Secretary, through Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., has advised that men stationed in Northcote are one sergeant, one senior constables, two plainclothes constables and ten constables, total of 16. At Thornbury there are one sergeant and four constables.

"To see men, the letter continued is engaged on regular police work. In addition the district was visited by cycle and motor patrols.

The letter concluded:—"It is not the policy of the department to give the public details of the work done by the police."

Mr. Hayes: If "brevity is the soul of wit," the Chief Secretary is very witty. I wish to protest again about the lack of adequate police protection in Northcote. In the northern portion of this city in the past two weeks there has been a "reign of terror," caused by the actions of some persons who have entered houses in the early morning hours. One of these persons was disturbed by a milkman. Others have been scared and are afraid of remaining in their houses at night. The experiences of some of the housekeepers also has neither been pleasant nor satisfactory.

In the city of Melbourne many cowards go about all their time in fear of the tyres of cars, whereas they would be better engaged in places like Northcote to give more protection.

Mr. Johnson: A thousand more police would not stop burglaries.

Mr. Hayes: No; but the knowledge of police were about would keep burglars in check.

The matter was referred to the Finance of the council for further consideration.

SEVERAL HOUSEBREAKINGS

A reign akin to a "reign of terror" exists in parts of Thornbury, according to residents, who have been alarmed by a sneak thief or thieves the past week or so.

In the early morning of May 22 several houses were visited. A window was opened at the home of Mrs. Weber, St. David street, Thornbury, and an intruder got through it, stepped on to a table which had been left ready for the morning. Two large muddy footmarks were left on the cloth, and Mrs. Fletcher is preserving the cloth as a clue. The back of the house was ransacked, some money—about £2/10/—being taken from a handbag. A cut glass pickle jar containing pickles was also missing.

About the same time an intruder was disturbed at the home of Mr. Jones in Alexander street, which is close by.

Again about the same time the home of Mr. Benzie, in Speight street, was visited whilst all the inmates were asleep, and the premises ransacked. A suit of clothes and some boots were stolen.

On May 22 footmarks showed that there had been an intruder in the grounds of the Prince of Wales Park Methodist parsonage. These were similar to the footmarks found on Mrs. Fletcher's table cloth. The marks indicated that the intruder had climbed over the parsonage fence and then got from there to the school grounds. A short time ago Rev. Duggleby, at the parsonage, was robbed by thieves.

In the early hours of the same morning Mr. Brooks, caretaker of the school, thought that he heard someone in the school grounds, but investigation did not disclose anything.

Thief Disturbed

In the early morning hours of May 23 a milkman was about to enter the premises of Mr. S. W. Fletcher in Christmas street, Northcote when he saw a man in the act of pushing up a window as though to enter the house. The milkman called out and the intruder fled, with the tradesman in hot pursuit. Besides having big feet the thief was also fleet of foot, and escaped into the darkness.

£150 DRAPERY ROBBERY

"Hole in the wall" thieves paid a visit to the drapery store of O. Gilpin Ltd. in High street, Northcote, on Tuesday night, and got away with goods valued at about £150. A hole was cut through a brick wall at the rear, and it is thought the goods were removed in a motor vehicle.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From the "Leader," of May 16, 1891

Tottering Horse Flesh.— When passing an account for burying dead horses at the Shire council on Monday Cr. Paterson said he knew of several animals rambling about which were almost ready to die, and one municipality or other would, likely, have to bury them. He suggested the owners should be looked up as the responsibilities of interment might be fixed on the proper parties.

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Police Protection.—At Northcote council on Thursday a letter was received from the Chief Commissioner of Police stating that after investigation he did not feel justified in incurring the extra expense of another police station and lock up in northern Northcote. Cr. Pearl said he had had two watch dogs poisoned and many robberies had been committed in his locality. He was of the opinion that another station was required and more police should be stationed in the town.—(Even 40 years ago Northcote was agitating for more police!).

A CLAIM FOR WAGES

COURT HOLDS THERE WAS A PARTNERSHIP

After hearing evidence in a case where Alan Morrison, carpenter, of Collins street, Thornbury, sued Thomas Leslie Buckingham, contractor, of Arthur street, Fairfield, for £13/6/10 alleged to be due for wages in connection with the construction of a bridge at Strathewen, the bench at Northcote Court on Tuesday dismissed the claim, holding that a partnership agreement existed between the parties.

The case was heard before Mr. W. J. Clarke P.M., Messrs. W. Hayes, H. Evans, P. J. Kean, P. Carney and Mesdames Wood and Devery J.'s.P.

Alan Morrison said: "About December 12 I saw Buckingham who said he was tendering for a bridge job for the Eltham Shire. I asked him for work. A few days later he told me his tender had been recommended. At his request I went with him to the bridge site at Strathewen, and on the way home he asked me for the loan of £7/7/ to pay the balance of the deposit to the council, as he was "a bit short."

A couple of days later I lent him the £7/7 for which he gave me a receipt. I said: "I don't like the form of this receipt. It appears to make me a partner in the whole concern." He replied: "If I do not word it in that way, and anything happens to me, you will have no claim on any moneys coming to me." We drew up a working agreement.

Discussing the working terms he said that I was to be foreman on the job and was to keep a record of the men's times. I said: "What about wages?" and he said: "They will be included in expenses. When the job is finished we will divide any profits. You will be in charge there while I am away on other jobs." He also said that I would get 1/9 an hour.

I worked 3924 hours. Buckingham paid me various sums from time to time totalling £21, whereas I should have received £34/6/10½. I left the job before it was completed as I continually had to ask for wages, and Buckingham kept putting me off. He made appointments to meet me and pay but did not keep them.

Buckingham: Did I not inspect the job with you before we got it?—Yes.

Did you tell a man namer Brennan you were going 50-50 with me?—No.

You got the estimates for timber? —At your request.

In whose name was the timber ordered?—I ordered it for you, and you told me you would go to the mill with me and pay for it.

Buckingham said: "Morrison has been subcontracting for my brother from time to time. He came to see me in December and said he had heard I was tendering for a job at Strathewen, and that he would not mind going halves with me in it. I agreed. Together we went to see the specifications at the Shire Office, Kangaroo Ground, and also made enquiries about timber and metal. The deposit was £14/10/ of which Morrison put up half. An agreement was drawn up, and in conversation it was agreed that both Morrison and I were to draw wages to live on, and that any profits should be divided later.

I did not draw any wages at all though Morrison did and I am about £90 out of pocket over the proposition.

The P.M.: Who signed the contract with the council?—I did. Morrison was there with me.

Continuing, Buckingham said: "I did not tell Morrison I had an idea of getting other jobs. It was his suggestion that he keep the time books the job was a failure, and there were no profits.

The P.M.: Who paid the accounts? —They are not all paid. Payment of some are waiting on this case.

Cross-examined: You made an affidavit that all accounts for wages and royalty had been paid?—Yes.

Were they paid?—Yes to that date.

You still owe amounts for royalty and wages?—Yes.

Morrison was out of work when you gave him this job?—Yes. So I took him.

You paid Morrison sums from time to time?—Yes.

In whose name was the timber ordered?—In Morrison's. He told the mill he was "50-50" in the job.

The mill has since obtained an order against you for the timber?—Yes.

You asked for an adjournment before to enable you to bring witnesses? —Yes.

Who are they?—Stewart and Caldwell.

Are they here?—I do not think so. I asked them to come.

The P.M.: What about the £7/5? —Morrison put that up as his share of the deposit.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Stott, Son and Watson, on Saturday, June 6, at 3 p.m., on the property, 28 Thames St., Northcote, modern W.B. house, 4 rooms and convs., on land 38 x 129. Announcement elsewhere.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on Saturday, June 6, at 3.45 p.m., on the property, 246 Grange road, Northcote (close Darebin St.), 4-roomed D.F. W.B. villa, all convs., on land 40 by 120.

By Stott, Son and Watson, on Wednesday, June 10, at 3 p.m., at the property, Plenty road, South Morang, three W.B. shops and dwelling, galvanised iron garage, and commodious W.B. villa, 9 rooms, as advertised elsewhere.

By A. E. Gibson and Co., 140 Queen St., Melbourne, on June 3, at 2.30, at Scott's Hotel, Melbourne, mortgagee's sale of farm of 369 odd acres at Yan Yean, as advertised.

Traders' Community Singing

The Friday midday community singing run by the Northcote Traders Association was well attended. Many patriotic songs were sung. The artists were Miss Walker and Mr. Neil McGuiness. Mr. W. Nicoll (conductor) rendered The Veteran's Song in splendid style, the audience joining in the chorus. Keen interest is being taken in the Scone Competition.

On Wednesday of last week the home of Mr. Griffiths, corner Bastings and James streets, Northcote, was broken into.

Mesdames Francis and Page will give an afternoon at the Dispensary hall, Thornbury, next Wednesday, in aid of the special appeal for the Queen Victoria Hospital. All members of the Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary and their friends are invited to be present.

Did you get progress payments? —Yes.

What was the amount?—I do not know. It all went in wages and more. There is about £160 held now by the council.

By majority decision the claim was dismissed.

EMPIRE DAY

"THE KING."—Proudly wearing the medals of campaigns in Africa, China, and India, navy and army veterans held their Empire Day dinner on May 23. Honoring a loyal toast, left to right, were:—Messrs. S. A. Harris, H. Coates, A. G. Brown, J. C. Hewett, H. Brown and T. H. Stafford. Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

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Help the Tradespeople who are out to Help You!

Northcote Notes

Roller Skating at Thornbury Palais

There are few more pleasant ways of spending a cold winter evening than a skates and the music of the Thornbury Palais, and the craze of roller skating, proved that this pastime has lost none of its charms, last night. A large place, the floor, music, lights, music, music, music

THANKS

HEARSON.—Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hearson desire to express their sincere THANKS to all relatives and friends for telegrams, letters, cards, beautiful floral tributes and personal expressions of sympathy during their recent sad bereavement, especially thanking Rev. F. C. Kremer, teachers and scholars of West Preston Methodist Sunday School, and Mr. Roe (headmaster), teachers and scholars of West Preston State School. Will all please accept this as a personal acknowledgment of our sincere gratitude.
5 Fordling St., West Preston.

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FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1931.

The name George Timlin in the recent court case, Timlin v Timlin (issue of the "Leader" of May 22 should read William Joseph Timlin, of Kendall street, West Preston.

A public meeting of the Preston branch of the All For Australia League will be held at the Preston town hall on Tuesday, June 2, at 8 p.m. Prominent speakers will be present, including Messrs. E. Turnbull, E. Lee Neil, Cre. W. Hemburrow and H. P. Oxer. Messrs. C. Chapman and H. Nisbett, The mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson) will preside. Community singing has been arranged between 7.30 and 8, and will be conducted by the popular Noel Bunker, with Mr. E. Tarrett as accompanist. The public are cordially invited to be present. See advertisement.

Sex Education.—The British Association for Sex Education announces that Dr. G. E. P. Philpots will deliver his inspired, illustrated, educational lecture on "Sex Education and Methods of Birth Control" on Wednesday, June 17, at Austral Hall, High street, Northcote. Dr. Philpots will prove that Australia needs population to fill our empty spaces, but we must increase from the best stock and eradicate the weaklings and mentally deficient.

Mr. Justice Mann, in the Practice Court on Wednesday, confirmed the conviction of Victor Gustav Price, who last year was fined £10 by Judge Woinarski on a charge of having counselled members of the council of the Police Association to disregard an order of the commissioner of police. Costs were given against Price.

J. Cole, Sylvester grove, Preston, was fined 10/, with 2/6 costs, at the Preston court on Thursday for having allowed a horse to wander.

LECTURE ON SEX EDUCATION

Parents! Do you fully realise the great importance of teaching your children the facts about sex as the only means of keeping them safe in the great world of temptations that they must face in the near future? Dr. Geo. E. Payne Philpots, who has made a special study of this subject

will lecture at the Austral Hall, High street, Northcote, on June 17, at 8 p.m. to women only, and 9 p.m. to men only. Parents, young men and women should not fail to hear this gifted and greatly travelled Australian tell you in a fearless manner all you should know. Children should be fortified with knowledge instead of nurtured in ignorance as in the past. There is a great difference between ignorance and innocence. Dr. Philpots will remind you that every child born should be mentally desired and be born of healthy parents, with a good home and every chance for education and proper guidance for a means of making a good living. To enable parents to have an unlimited children, Dr. Philpots will explain birth control. This subject must be approached in the right Christian spirit as laid down by the Lambeth conference of Anglican bishops.

ASSAULT CASE WITHDRAWN

At Preston court, on Thursday, Sergeant Long withdrew a case in which William Fyffe was charged with having assaulted his mother, Amelia Fyffe, of Pine street, Reservoir, on May 24.

Sergeant Lang said that defendant had been arrested by the Reservoir police on the mother's complaint, but she did not desire to proceed with the case, and was not present to give evidence.

Mr. Walker J.P. said it was a shocking thing for a son to assault his mother, and hoped that the four days he had spent in gaol would teach him a lesson.

Mr. McMahon J.P. said if a son raised a hand to his mother he deserved to be flogged.

TURF NOTES.

(By "Luteplayer.")

Williamstown Jumping Form

Seven Grand National candidates faced the flag at Williamstown last Saturday. The outstanding performer was Kendler, who won the Hurdle easily. Kendler jumped well and it was him little to run to the front. After furlongs from home, Arcadius made another effort approaching the last obstacle, but after that had been passed Kendler drew right away from Arcadius. Kendler is a gelding by Kelvin (sire of Mosstrooper), and three years ago, when a three-year-old, he competed in the G.N. Hurdle, to finish fifth. Afterwards he returned for flat racing. Kendler should be able to go almost any distance, and as he possesses some brilliance he must be regarded as a possibility for the big race.

Tresalus, who is being specially prepared for the National Hurdle, finished last, but ran well while his condition lasted. It was his first race for twelve months, and the outing will improve him considerably. Dark Tower finished well in third place, but the rider was hard at him most of the way. The All Black gelding is likely to win hurdle events, but it is important if he is a National proposition.

Triton Is Promising

It is doubtful if any of the competitors in the Williamstown Steeple last Saturday will be prominent in the big steeple during the winter. The winner, Patriotic, is unsound, therefore is always a dangerous speculation. Melton Star, who finished second, has improved a good deal in recent weeks and may be capable of further improvement, but he does not look like rising to National standard. The most promising of Saturday's steeple runners was Triton, who filled third place. He has not had much experience at jumping, but he put plenty of dash and confidence into his work on Saturday. Being by Sea Prince from Balline, Triton is a half-brother to those good horses Flaviol and The Fortune Hunter. He should develop into a useful timber-topper, but will hardly be seasoned enough for this year's big steeple event. George William made up a lot of ground and is a coming winner. He was a runner in the G.N. Steeple last year, but fell at the time he had no chance. Whether he will be a better horse this year remains to be seen.

G.N. Weights on Monday

Weights for the Grand National Hurdle and Steeple will be announced on Monday. Already bookmakers have issued charts for the winter double, but not much business has been transacted. The declaration of weights, however, will infuse life into the discussions. At the moment Bay of Biscay rules as favorite for the Hurdle, with Catkin and Kendler second favorites. Next in favor are Mosstrooper and Cinlight, then come Tresalus, Heme Maid, Rapier, Havaroy, Councillor, Linamange and Somnolent. For the Steeple Mosstrooper is favorite, with Kendle, Namera and Vaunrim sharing second favoritism. Most fancied of the others are Affirm, Catkin, Indicate, Sir Carillion, Bhopal, George William, Sandhurst and Tetcott.

Glare To Spell

The disappointing Glare will shortly be sent to Kyneton for an extended spell. Since recent at the Australian carnival Glare has been resting in a paddock and recently he had a fall, sustaining a number of cuts, but he escaped serious injury.

Back to Best Form

At a recent Caulfield meeting Greenwave ran a disappointing race, but at Williamstown on Saturday he proved that form all wrong by winning the Gellibrand Handicap. The manner in which the Greenstead gelding accomplished his task on Saturday makes it clear that he is back to his best form. He held third place until the turn into the straight, where he shot to the front and went on to win easily. His time, 1.12, is a record for six furlongs at Williamstown, it being a quarter of a second faster than the previous best recorded by such smart sprinters as Figure, Wise Force and Zanibar. Greenwave's next outing probably will be in the Royal Handicap at Flemington on June 6 and his present form indicates another win.

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A WOMEN'S RALLY

Will be held at the NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL on MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1931, at 2.30 p.m. sharp. All women interested are cordially invited to be present to hear addresses by J. A. GRAY, Esq., M.L.A., and H. H. OLNEY, Esq., U.A.P. Candidate for Legislative Council Election.

EMPIRE DAY CELEBRATIONS

AROUND THE SCHOOLS

High School, St. George's Road

The celebration of Empire Day in connection with the State Schools was commenced on May 21 at the St. George's road High School. The visitors were the Mayor (Cr. Green) Crs. Hayes, Oliver, (chairman of the advisory committee), and Peters and the Town Clerk (Mr. Thomson). The usual remarks concerning the Empire were made, and the Mayor presented the customary framed enlarged photograph to the school. The title of the picture was In the Gloaming. The gift was duly acknowledged and gratification expressed as the interest shown in the school and its progressiveness.

Wales Street State School

On Friday at the Wales Street School the civic party comprised the same persons, also the Mayoress (Mrs. Green) and Mrs. Thomson. After the children had saluted the flag and an anthem had been sung, Cr. Hayes explained the object of Empire Day. He then presented a picture of the Mitchell river falls, the gift of the Northcote City Council. The scholars sang My Native Land. Cr. Oliver, after calling for three cheers for the Mayor, spoke of the Empire and our duty to it. The head teacher thanked the Mayor and councillors for taking part in the celebration and also for the fine picture. The National Anthem concluded the ceremony.

Helen Street School

As the visitors were arriving the school children assembled to give a concert to theirparents. The fine entertainment was enjoyed. The visitors were welcomed by the head teacher and the Boys' Band played under the leadership of their instructor (Mr. King). The children sang the Recessional hymn accompanied by the band.

Cr. Hayes apologised for the absence of the Mayor but Mrs. Green was present. Cheers for the Mayoress were given. Cr. Hayes then addressed the school children on the necessity for loyalty to the Empire and to the teachers. The council's annual gift, was a picture of the Murray River at Corryong. The head teacher thanked the councillors for the gift and then called upon the Mayoress to make some presentations.

Mrs. Green presented several medallions for swimming also a medal awarded for constant attendance. Cr. J. O. Hughes expressed pleasure at taking part in the celebration. Cheers for the late Queen Victoria and Our Mothers were heartily given. Three lusty cheers were given for the Day and for the teachers. Several band items were played, a folk dance by some of the senior scholars and the National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

Westgarth State School

The children were assembled in the quadrangle and entered heartily into the demonstration with their many flags. Captain Dale, of the Salvation Army, referred to the suggestion of an Empire Day having emanated from the Earl of Meath, shortly after the late Queen Victoria's Jubilee Celebrations, and her birthday was fixed as the day for Empire celebrations. The children sang My Native Land.

The Mayor remarked that the foundation on which the Empire had been built was absolutely solid as under it we enjoyed all privileges. He handed them a picture of Cape Nelson, the gift of the City Council, and he hoped it would long remain in the school building. (Cheers). Cheers were given for the Mayor.

The head teacher thanked the Mayor for the picture, and hoped the practice of giving pictures annually would long continue. Cr. Hughes was delighted to be present and called for cheers for the teachers. Thanks were also passed to the visitors, after which the National Anthem was sung.

Pender's Grove State School

Head Master Bethel thanked the visitors for coming to the school after which the children sang appropriate songs.

Mayor Green was much impressed by the reception the children had that day given to Cr. Oliver. He thanked the children on behalf of the Mayoress for the beautiful gift they had given her; and he wished to hand to them a picture of Fort Campbell, the gift of the City Council.

The head teacher (Mr. Bethel) said it gave him pleasure to accept the picture. After the children had sung The Red White and Blue Cr. Oliver explained the points of the picture, which was founded upon the wreck of the steamer Dara.

Cr. J. O. Hughes said we were celebrating the birthday of one of the best Queens who had ever lived.

North Fairfield State School

The head teacher (Mr. Donald) welcomed the visitors. The Mayor spoke of the Day which was being celebrated, and presented the council's picture, a view of the Buckland Valley.

The head teacher thanked the Mayor and councillors for the picture. He also thanked the visitors for their attendance. (Cheers were given for the Mayor and Mayoress).

Cr. Olver said we were part of or units of the Empire and it was our duty to do everything for the general good. If the nation is to continue in greatness we must individually do our best. Cheers were given for Cr. Olver.

Cr. Hughes also said a few suitable words.

At Reservoir

Special sermons were preached in all the churches. At the Presbyterian Captain Forsyth gave an interesting sermon on The Flag. The Second Reservoir Troop of Boy Scouts were on parade under Scoutmaster Lane, together with the Reservoir Girl Guides, under the Commissioner (Mrs. Froot). There was a large attendance.

Westgarth Baptist Church

An Empire Day service was held at the Westgarth Baptist Church last Sunday evening. The morning sermon was on The Present Dispensation and the Coming of Christ.

Cr. Hemburrow at Bell School

Cr. Hemburrow went to Bell School on May 22 to give an Empire Day address at the request of the head teacher (Mr. O'Brien). Cr. Hemburrow said that Empire Day was the birthday of our late beloved Queen which had been chosen so that her memory and influence might never be forgotten. Empire week, and Empire Day can never be separated from the name of Queen Victoria, who reigned for 63 years.

The suggestion first came from the Earl of Meath in England 31 years ago, that Empire Day should be celebrated all over the British Empire. It was during Queen Victoria's reign that the world made such wonderful progress. Telephones, telegrams, submarine cables, steam railways and machinery of all descriptions came into extensive use. The Union Jack stands for unity, responsibility, sympathy and self sacrifice.

Our flag today is unfurled in Canada, British South Africa, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, British Guina, British South Africa, British East Africa, and of course the British Isles. The British Empire and the Union Jack are the symbols of fair play, and have stood the test of time. Many thrones have fallen, but the British Isle stands, above all others, as a great beacon light, ever preserving freedom of action and speech.

Australia is one of the big family of sons and daughters of the Great Motherland, England. The sun never sets on our flag, and may we all as young Australians, endeavour as we grow up to be honest, true and faithful so that we respect and adore our Flag, our King, and our Country.

There was a good attendance of parents. The flag was saluted.

CENTRAL PRESTON.

The gardener at Preston town hall has been busy during the past few days. Hedges and trees having been cut and trimmed. The gardens have also been thoroughly overhauled.

A further vaudeville display has been arranged for the Reservoir Band. Following the success of the previous display it is anticipated the entertainment will be well patronised.

Commencing on Saturday night, a series of weekly dances will be held in the Preston scout hall. Kruschen's orchestra will supply the music.

While attempting to cross High street on Saturday Inez Chipperfield, aged 6, was struck by a motor car. Although severely shaken she was otherwise unhurt.

On Monday night members of the K.S.P. club appreciated a lantern lecture by Mr. Greenwood on "Big Game Hunting in Africa." The lecturer told the boys some of his interesting experiences abroad. On Tuesday night friends paid a visit to the Sir Bertram Stevens Homes in Collingwood, where a profitable time was spent entertaining the inmates.

The P.B.P. club commenced their basketball season on Saturday, but were defeated by Newmarket, 27—9.

An unwary motorist was backing his car in High street on Saturday when a pedestrian informed him that he had run over a cycle, to both the motorist's and cyclist's dismay.

JUSTICES COMMENT ON EVIDENCE

Motor Cyclist Fined £10

At Preston court on Thursday, William Marton, 40 years, of Bendigo, was fined £10, and his licence cancelled, for having driven a motor cycle on May 23 while improperly under the influence of liquor.

Traffic police said that Marton's machine wobbled erratically on Plenty road, north of Tyler street, and he ran into an embankment and was thrown off the machine.

Marton said that whilst he was riding along he became ill and was seized by violent physical pains. He was under medical treatment.

After hearing the evidence of Marton and that of James O'Cain, and Ivor Alexander Jenkins, both Government employees at Mont Park and Bundoora, the honorary justices on the bench made some very strong comments on it and directed Sergeant Lang to bring it under the notice of the proper authorities.

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Of Interest to Women

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ROMANTIC CIRCLE.

McLEAN—KNIGHTS

On May 2 the High street Methodist Church, Northcote, was effectively decorated by the bride's friends when Miss Hilda May Knights and Mr. John L. McLean were married by Rev. T. J. Jennings. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Knights, of Crisp street, Hampton (late of Northcote), and the groom is the youngest son of the late Mr. J. McLean and Mrs. McLean, of Northcote. During the ceremony Mr. H. Allison sang "All Joy Be Thine." White ivory satin styled with long sleeves, a tight bodice and long flared skirt with deep collops on the hemline gowned the bride, who was given away by her father. A dainty Brussels lace veil (lent by Mrs. H. Allison) was worn by the bride, and mounted in cap fashion over tulle with a wreath of orange blossom. Her sheaf was arranged with water lilies and white cactus dahlias. The bridesmaids were Misses Amy Knights (the bride's sister), Lil Knights (a cousin), and Reta Murray, each dressed alike in graceful apple green georgette frocks with long skirts, the cowl bodice finished at the neck with autumn-shaded velvet leaves and flowers. Their hats were large matching felts, trimmed with a velvet ribbon, and each carried a shower bouquet in autumn tonings. A crystal necklace to each was the bridegroom's present. Mr. Jack Mitchell was best man, and Mrs. Sid Coates and Ern Alford were groomsmen. The reception and breakfast were held in Normanby Hall, Thornbury, where about eighty guests were entertained. Mrs. Choronshaw catered in her usual lavish fashion. Dancing and items were indulged in after the breakfast; the items were given by Mr. H. Alford, Miss B. Matthews (duet), Mr. H. Allison (solo), Miss B. Sykes (recitation) and Miss L. Nevills (pianoforte solo). A smart black marocain gown, with black velvet tuque, frocked the bride's mother, and pink carnations were her flowers. The bridegroom's mother wore a black French marocain suit and carried mauve pansies. A bottle green wool crepe de chene tailored frock, with matching coat and small closefitting hat, frocked the bride for travelling to Healesville, where the honeymoon was spent.

LATEST SUIT FOR STREET WEAR

Two contrasting materials will be seen in the new street costumes this season, according to Lilyan Tashman, who is appearing with Leon Errol in Paramount's "Finn and Hattie,"

Latest Street Suit
featured by Lilyan Tashman in the Paramount Picture "FINN and HATTIE"

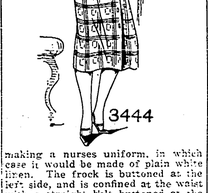
Miss Tashman is now sporting a costume in gray blue, comprising a skirt of blue and gray stripes, and a grey blue jacket, which is slightly fitted at the waistline, and dips at the back.

With this ensemble, she features a tuck in blouse of the new wool lace in a light maize shade, and a small softly folded turban of the same material as the jacket.

FANCY'S FASHION

LADY'S HOUSE FROCK No. 3444

Our pattern illustration for this week is one that will appeal to all women requiring a smart house frock for utility wear, one that can be made up at home in a short space of time and without difficulty. Such a one is the simple little design shown here. The frock is in one piece from neck to Hem. The double-breasted effect, the rather deep V neck, and neat collar are style features of this garment, which is cut on the latest lines, designed especially for house wear. It is a style also suitable for



making a nurses uniform, in which case it would be made of plain white linen. The frock is buttoned at the left side, and is confined at the waist with a straight belt buttoned at the centre back. Almost any material is suitable for making up this frock, excepting of course, those of too flimsy texture. Cambrics, prints, linens, all make up very successfully, and for the winter season, light woollens, and tweeds, etc, would make up very nicely. The pattern is No. 3444 (price 10½d), cut in sizes to suit small women, medium, and outsize fittings. The patterns can be purchased from district agents, as listed in another column in this issue. Ask your agent for a free copy of Demarest's fashion monthly.

THE NEW FACIAL

When asked recently why her complexion always remains so clear and healthy, Tallulah Bankhead, Paramount's star, who will be seen in "The Tarnished Lady" replied her method of cleaning it kept it bright, and she explained her method as follows:—

Every night she does three things. Uses an eye wash, spills a glass of milk over her face and washes her skin with it, and then rubs ice over her cheeks and forehead.

CHIC DRESSING

To be chic these days, one must include a white gown for wear after sundown. Nothing looks more appealing on the dance floor than this youthful shade, and it can be adapted for both formal and informal occasions, with equal success.

Clara Bow, who will shortly make her dramatic debut in Paramount's "Kick In," has included a beautiful white satin gown for these occasions, which makes full use of pin tucks and bias folds for its startling results.

The gown is tightly tucked from the waist, ending in peaks at the side just below the knees, and the flared skirt, which is slightly longer on the sides, falls from the bias folds which are pleated over the tucks at the waist.

"Just put it on my Bill," sobbed the young widow, as she left a floral offering at the cemetery.

USE PERFUME JUDICIOUSLY

I wonder if you love perfumes as much as I do? Whether they conjure up visions mysterious and romantic, or perchance can bring back memories of the past, giving them the freshness of today.

Old chronicles tell of the part played by sweet odours in the fashions of bygone days. How they figure in the trousseaux of famous women and were looked upon then as a luxury of the rich. Heavy essences such as myrrh, musk, cedar and cinnamon, these were some of the earliest perfumes. Not until later did the fresh elusive flower scents become the rage. Madame de Pompadour and Queen Marie Antoinette made this fashionable. The latter had a special one created and named after her.

Do you realise that it is no longer a question of using only one perfume all the time. It cannot possibly express all your moods, "go," so as to speak, with each frock and suit itself to every occasion. And so, you choose a light fresh scent for the day, something heavier for the evening and, of course, lavender or verbena for your eau de toilette.

If you are clever, you will sometimes experiment a little, just as you do with your face powders. Mix a drop or two of your synthetic perfumes with a little of your floral essence and put the result in a special bottle and keep it for occasions when you want to be a little "different."

Study your type closely. Just as you are sure of the kind of clothes that suit you, you are also unfailing in your choice of accessories whether they be gloves, furs, jewels or perfumes. If you look well in picturesque clothes, your perfumes must match. Something unsophisticated, such as lilac, jasmine or honeysuckle. The open air girl will find that Russian leather and wallflower are "right" with sports clothes, while the heavier flower scents, such as red rose, violet carnation or the more exotic chypre, are suited to trailing tea or brocaded dinner gown.

There are so many ways of surrounding oneself with fragrance other than just anointing a handkerchief. Sachets may be laid among lingerie and a simpler and less expensive way adopted by many, are small squares of colored blotting paper on which a few drops of perfume have been sprinkled. These retain the sweetness of the scent for quite a long time. Bath salts or an oil that not only softens and scents the water but imparts a lasting sweetness which remains throughout the day, are favored by others. There are special perfumes whose mission is also to beautify the hair and the hands.

Never to use much perfume at a time is a golden rule. With this point in mind the scent spray and perfume that reveals itself in paste form, tiny and compact for the sanatic and most fragile vanity cases are useful.

Today, if you wish to be smart, you cannot afford to discard the art of perfuming. Remember, though, that to be effective, scent must be used discreetly, for it is its elusiveness that its charm lies.

RECIPES

Caraway Cakes

Take 2lb flour, 2ozs dripping, 4oz caraway seeds, 8oz chopped candied peel, 2ozs sugar, 1 egg, a little milk to mix, ½ teaspoon baking powder. Rub the dripping into flour. Add all dry ingredients, mixing well, then beat up the egg and add it to the other ingredients, with a little milk, and mix to a very stiff dough. Divide into two heaps on a greased baking sheet, and bake in a moderate oven for a quarter of an hour. If you do not care for the caraway seeds, but like the flavor, caraway essence will flavor the mixture.

Neapolitan Creams

Roll out the white fondant, then the yellow, pink and green. Put the yellow on the white, the pink on the yellow, and the green on top. Roll over the top, pressing to make the four layers stick together. Cut into short lengths.

Almond and Raisin Toffee

Ingredients.—Eight ozs of Demerara sugar, 8ozs of golden syrup, 2 ozs butter, 1oz each of almonds and seedless raisins. Melt butter in a saucepan over a gentle heat. When melted, add sugar and syrup and bring slowly to the boil and allow to boil for about fifteen minutes, stirring all the time to prevent burning. When a little dropped into cold water instantly sets hard, add almonds and raisins, stir well into mixture, then pour into well greased tin and allow to set.

Cocoanut Biscuits

Required: 1lb of powdered sifted sugar, 1lb of desiccated cocoanut, 1 teacupful of flour, and the stiffly whisked whites of 2 eggs. Mix thoroughly drop a spoonful on greased paper on a baking tin or oven sheet, and bake for 20 minutes in a moderate oven. Keep in airtight tins.

Coffee Icing

Ingredients: 4 tablespoons of icing sugar, 2 tablespoons of coffee essence. Mix sugar with one teaspoon of water add coffee essence, and spread it on cake before it has got quite cold. Decorate the top with baked, chopped almonds.

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HEIDELBERG SHIRE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Present.—Crs. J. Coate, Phillips, Daley, Bryant, Hannah, Ibbott (Mrs.) Pitcher, Clinton, Santon, and Jessop.

Correspondence

Secretary State Relief Committee re truck fire wood for Heidelberg.—Received.

Secretary Boys' Unemployment Movement asking council to undertake registration.—Agreed to.

Shire of Heidelberg Relief Committee requesting that the council continue to grant £20 per month towards relief.—To be continued for a further six months.

Public Works Department advising that application for grant of £156 made by shire is receiving consideration.—On the motion of Cr. Jessop the secretary is to get information as to whether it is worth while collecting from ratepayers with a view of getting further subsidy.

Hon. secretary Heidelberg Baby Health Centres requesting that further application be made for the appointment of a third sister.—Councillors pointed out that the two sisters were required and it was decided to ask the Government for a third sister which would cost the council £125 a year.

W. Rank refusing to recognise increase in rates on property in Burgundy street.—In reply to Cr. Santon the secretary said there was a dispute on technical grounds.

Medical Officer of Health and Health Inspector reporting on shop and dwelling at the corner of Heidelberg road and Bond street, Fairfield, as being unfit for habitation.—Notice to be served that premises must be put in order.

Fairfield Football Club, application for £3/3/ out of fee paid by Collingwood Technical School for use of Fairfield ground and Pavilion.—£3 to be paid.

H. E. Coker's Garage, Fairfield, to be registered as a factory for motor repairs.—Not more than four hands to be employed.

Fairfield C.Y.M.S. Football Club asking council to adjudicate in relation to clashing of fixtures with the Fairfield Rovers Club.—Each club to make its own arrangements.

Divisional Returning Officer drawing attention to the fact that there are two streets named Railway Place in Fairfield, and one Railway avenue and one Railway Place at Alphington, and asking the council to consider the advisability of altering or making some differentiation between these streets.—Railway avenue and Wingrove street to be hereafter known as Wingrove street throughout, Railway Place, Alphington, and the section of Bank street running east and west, to be hereafter known as Rowe street.

J. C. Murphy, applying for permission to conduct a distributing dairy at 84 Perry street, Alphington.—Agreed to, provided dairy is up to the requirements of the Agricultural Department, and that the stable to be erected does not contain more than two stalls.

General

The President, in reply to Cr. Santon, said the council was going on with the case against Mr. Willoughby in connection with the galvanised iron fruit shop in Fairfield.

On the motion of Crs. Clinton and Jessop it was decided to ask the Railways Department to erect bolts and wig-wags at Macleod where Edward Doyling was killed and also at Diamond Creek crossing.

Cr. Pitcher said as so much money was owing to the council and the Public Works committee having spent £480 a month for the past eight months, the time was opportune to let ratepayers know there is only £470 to be spent during the next five months and they should assist the council in reducing expenditure by not asking for unnecessary work.

Reports

Ranger J. Lynn reported impounding 15 head of stock in the three lower ridings and paying £4/6 to the treasurer.

The Gasworks Committee reported there are 4,577 consumers; total for the month 5. Receipts for the month £3,250/5/11 and disbursements, £1,737/17/3. The consumption of gas has decreased compared with the corresponding month last year.—Cr. Pitcher asked why the reduction in gas did not apply to slot users as well as others, and after some discussion it was referred to the committee.

Building plans passed for last month were:—Fairfield, 3 additions, 2 o.b.; Ivanhoe, 2 brick houses, 2 additions, 3 garages, 2 o.b.; Heidelberg, 1 brick house, 1 fibro cement house, 3 garages, 3 o.b.; Greensborough, 1 w.b. house, 1 f.c. house, 2 additions, 3 o.b.; total 20.

A motion was passed to the effect that no officer of the council is to undertake any work on shire private land without the consent of the Riding Members, Shire Secretary, and President of the council, for the time being.

The Electric Light Committee reported there are 6,015 consumers; total for the month, 4. Street lights 766. Receipts for the month, £3,391/13, and disbursements, £2,059/14/11. No street lights were installed or main extensions carried out during the month.

On the motion of Cr. Daley it was decided to send a letter of sympathy to Cr. Leach, who is laid up, and wishing him a speedy recovery. This was the first meeting he had missed since being a councillor for nine years.

Engineer's Report.—Fairfield.—In addition to the usual sweeping and cleansing of channels the following works carried out:—Darling street, balance of top dressing, seal coat, on roadway (approximately 200 sq. yds) completed; Arthur street, between Duncan and Darling streets, metalling completed, rolled, semi-penetrated with bitural and seal coat of bitumen and screenings applied; Rathmines street, old metal bed scarified from Railway Place to Separation street, shaped up and sheeted with metal, rolled and semi-penetrated with bitural and screenings; seal coat of bitumen and screenings applied from Railway Place to Separation street and rolled; Clarke street, pitched channel re-set on new alignment, footpath trimmed up and ashes spread and surface stone on roadway excavated in readiness for metalling.

Road Maintenance repairs (patching) have been made in Bond street, Arthur street, near Heidelberg road and Grange road between Heidelberg road and railway gates. Repairs been made to Wingrove street which is now in good order for surfacing. Repairs have also been made on Outer Circle road (south of Yarra), weeds trimmed from footpath and ashes spread on same. (This is joint work with Kew City council). Repairs have been made to a bad scour at outfall of main drain at Yarraford avenue.

Tarpaving of footpaths on both sides of Evans street has been completed also on north side of Mitchell street between Arthur and Station streets. Minor repairs have been made to footpaths in Station street.

Repairs have been made to pitched channel and crossing in Rathmines street at Thompson street. Repairs are being made to concrete invert between Toolangi and Kelvin roads caused through subsidence of sewer workings.

Gas and plumbers' cuts have been repaired in various streets.

Alphington.—In Adams street ashes have been spread on footpath between Scout Hall and Gibson street, also in Foulkes street between Adams street and Yarra street. Channels and side tables have been weeded in Constance street, Chamouni street and View street.

IN THE GARDEN

AMONG THE FLOWERS

GENERAL SOWING AND PLANTING NOTES

As the majority of summer-flowering annuals have now outlived their usefulness, beds and borders should be cleared and preparations made for the sowing of seeds or the planting of seedlings of hardy annuals.

The chief varieties of seeds that can be sown now in open beds include calliopsis, carnation (marguerite), candytuft, centaurea, clarkia, dianthus, eschscholzia, larkspur, linaria, lupin, mignonette, mimulus, phlox, godetia, ryburgh hybrids and shirley poppies, salpiglossis, nemophila, Virginian stock and winter-flowering and spring-flowering sweet peas.

Seedlings to plant are pansy, viola, Iceland poppy, antirrhinum, primula malacoides, "Nice" stocks, cineraria and wallflower.

Bulbs of anemone, ranunculus, hyacinths, tulips, ixias, iris, etc., may still be planted.

Plant violets, carnations, verbenas, heuchera, polyanthus, primroses, pansies and lilliums.

Plant shrubs, etc., and prepare the ground for roses.

The planting of shrubs, trees, and hedge plants should be proceeded with now, and preparations made for the planting of roses next month. Roses can be successfully grown on light soils, but do best where the ground is stiff, ever clayey, and it will be found advantageous to augment light, sandy or shallow soils with some good heavy loam or clay.

All soils, however, should be well trenched before roses are planted, and a good supply of well-rotted stable manure dug in. A good open position is suitable for roses, if possible with an easterly aspect. Do not plant too near trees or large hedges, which rob the plants both of the well-manured soil, and the light as well.

Thinning Annuals

As soon as seedlings have developed sufficiently, to show their characteristic foliage they may be thinned to a few inches apart, and when further advanced and requiring more room they should be gone over again and the plants to be removed at this stage may be useful for making fresh clumps, if carefully lifted with a trowel and replanted without undue exposure.

No hard and fast rule may be laid down for such a varied family of plants, but if their habits are studied and thinning done accordingly, varying from six inches apart, with dwarf and slender growers to twelve or even fifteen inches apart with the more robust kinds, it should be found that the resultant plants amply repay this attention, and instead of the attenuated plants so often seen, they grow into stout, bushy specimens able to carry a magnificent crop of flowers.

Pyrethrums Becoming Popular

Pyrethrums undoubtedly deserve their wide popularity. Their season of flowering alone would ensure this. When, in addition, the wide range of coloring from which one may choose is considered, the fact that they are becoming more and still more a favorite flower is easily understood.

Pyrethrums are not at all particular as to soil, except that they are not fond of a heavy clay. They need a certain amount of moisture if they are to bloom to perfection; the result of an over-dry season being registered by small insignificant blooms on very short stems.

Pyrethrums like best of all a soil which approaches a light or medium loam, and preparation for planting consists mainly in deep digging and well manuring the site or sites in which they are to be planted.

Plenty of space in which to expand should be allowed, as once they become established they grow rapidly, and unless they are divided about every third year they will have a tendency to become unwieldy, besides which the flowers will annually decrease in size.

Although pyrethrums may be grown from seeds, one is never quite certain what will be the result when the seedlings reach maturity. Choice varieties may be better increased by division of the roots every third year, and care should be taken not to divide these into divisions so small that they are of little value for planting.

From the point of view of beautifying the garden, the value of pyrethrums lies not, perhaps, so much in their splendid coloring effects, as in the season during which these effects are at their best. The pyrethrum bears its first and biggest bouquet during spring.

The fact that they bloom a second time later in the season is not of such great importance in the garden, as there are at this season many other flowers flowering to perfection; besides pyrethrums never send out a great quantity of blooms at this second effort.

Among singles there is a magnificent variety which, as it becomes known, will certainly prove a first favorite for the garden, as well as in the matter of cut blooms for the house. Eileen May Robinson bears exceptionally large flowers, which in color are difficult to equal for beauty, being a bright rich pink of a most beautiful shade. It makes a vigorous plant, and, if fortunate enough to find a home where there is sufficient moisture in the soil, it will send up a glorious head of blooms which will not be matched anywhere else in the garden. Although this variety excels all others, there are many very beautiful varieties which cannot be left out of the garden. Among these may be mentioned the brilliant crimson-scarlet, James Kelway, and the bright rose-pink Pink Perfection, with its fine long stems and large blooms. Another exceptional variety with flowers of great size and good form is Mrs. Bateman Brown, which is a rich crim-

Amongst double pyrethrums Queen Mary, with its bright pink blooms of rather large size, flowers more freely than the other varieties, and can be specially recommended for cutting.

SUN-DIALS

How noiselessly, how serenely they mark the flight of time. It is Time itself inaudibly counting the hours; the day silently balancing its silent periods. They mirror primitive times, removed from the present turmoil, when the sun is the pendulum and shadow the index hand. Associated with Nature by ties the most endearing, by the golden sunshine, the murmuring breeze, and the songs of birds, the dial becomes, as it were, a reflective facet of external Nature in her gracious moods. Its very shadow representing sunlight, the sunlight absent where the shadow is not. The sun-dial has moulded itself to grace, and with rare exceptions its mottoes are happily chosen, attesting hours of meditation in forming an epigram or shaping a poetic fancy to blend with the shifting shadow. . . . . Their pathos and their quaintness set one dreaming.—G. H. Ellwanger in "Garden Lover."

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION

MR. W. J. BECKETT AT NORTHCOTE.

At Northcote town hall on Thursday, May 21, Mr. W. J. Beckett, retiring member for the North Melbourne Province, who is seeking re-election, opened his campaign. He was supported by the Premier of Victoria (Mr. E. J. Hogan) and Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A. The hall was well filled, something like 1000 being present.

The chairman (Mr. J. Devery), in introducing Mr. Beckett, said he had represented the province for close on 17 years, and was one of the stalwarts of the Labor Party. During his term he had been a hard Minister, and had always been attentive to the interests of his electorate.

Mr. Beckett

Mr. Beckett said that such a splendidly attended meeting showed that people were interested in their own affairs. He had been first elected to the Legislative Council almost 17 years ago, and it was twelve years since he had fought an election. It was easier and proper that at stated periods members of parliament should come before the people, and it was the privilege of anyone who desired to do so and who had the qualifications to stand for parliament.

"My opponent is in favor of retaining the Legislative Council," said Mr. Beckett. (Many interjections, through which the candidate could not be heard. The chairman appealed for order.)

Mr. Beckett, continuing:—"I expect my opponent to say something about my actions as a member of this chamber in relation to the policy of the Hogan Government. He is silent, and it appears that he is opposed to a Labor candidate. The electors should know his policy on measures such as the Relief Measures Act and similar proposed legislation before being asked to vote."

Continuing, the candidate said that during the past six years there had been changes in the cabinet in which he had played a part. He had been Minister of the Prendergast Ministry, and when Mr. Prendergast died he had become Minister for Health and Forests. "I have taken a great interest in forests," he declared, "and, if my memory serves me, my Department has been more active than ever before. I have stopped waste and extravagance and have seen that the money has been applied to the best advantage. I am able to talk of forestry work, for I was continually heckled during my subsidised tour in order to give relief to unemployed the Forestry Department had provided work for some 5,000 men. (Cries of "Yes, you did!") It is a pity that the Leader of the Country Party, Mr. Hogan, could not be here, but at the time they had done so he was in Melbourne."

Chairman of the motor trans[illegible] of the public service he had been able to eliminate waste. Under the Hogan Government, he found that money was spent right and left, and car men. By calling tenders and reorganising, enough was saved one year to pay the cost of the subsidy for a year. (Applause and interjections). Among the continued interjections could be heard "Give the Leader a fair go," "Has a word from Kennedy," "What about McFarlane."

As Minister for Public Health he had abolished the Health Department and rehabilitated the tuberculosis sanatoria. Whilst the candidate was the minister there was no wrangling of the Health Department there were no such interruptions such as "Give Rosa a go," "Where's your policy?" Speaking of infant welfare, Mr. Beckett said the health centres established during the Labor Government's regime had very materially helped to reduce the infant death rate by something like 300 yearly.

Unemployment.—During this year the Government had raised £2,400,000 for unemployed relief, and was spending £[illegible] a week in sustenance for individuals. The Government had provided 10,000 tons of fuel, and £6,500 for school boots. (Voices: "You take it off the worker. You get it from the capitalists. Milk and food for babies have been provided so that they will be better-nourished. (Interjection, "Sustenance a week.") The Government has raised and allocated more money in the last twelve months than all previous Governments had done before. (Applause and interjections).

During the 17 years I have been your member I have made myself acquainted with the past province and its needs. I do not ask you to judge on any promises made now, but on the services of the past 17 years, and I ask for a continuance of that support. (Applause and repeated interjections).

There were cries of "Come on, Ned. You're not much good, but we'll hear you." At one stage it seemed that a disturbance would develop amongst people in the audience, but the presence of police restored order.

The chairman appealed for order, saying that evidently a number of people were present for the express purpose of interrupting the meeting. He added: "I do not think that I would have to appeal twice to citizens of this city to give a Labor candidate a hearing." (Applause and cries of "We are not from Northcote.")

The Premier was received with an ovation. He said he would not have been present but for gratitude for the services rendered by Mr. Beckett to the country and his Government.

Commenting on the many hostile interjections he said that it was apparent that the men causing the noise came from other suburbs. (A voice: "Too right.") These men, from their appearance, seemed to be Labor supporters, and had evidently been induced to come along to disturb the meeting. (Cries of "Lyons' supporters," "Rats." "We are not Nationalists," "A fair go for McFarlane," etc.).

Mr. Hogan: If these men have been paid to do this they are doing a dirty job, and should be ashamed of themselves. (Applause and uproar).

Continuing, he said that the two outstanding public questions of the day were finance and unemployment. In attempting to deal with unemployment the Government was being continually harassed by the Legislative Council, in which there were six Labor members against 25 non-Labor. A number of the Government's measures that had passed the Assembly were rejected by the Council. Amongst them was a measure that the people had been asking for for years—a bill for Unemployment Insurance. This measure had been passed by the Assembly, but the Council had rejected it three times. The Farmers' Relief Bill and Marketing of Products Bill had also been rejected by the Upper House. The Legislative Council's attitude seemed to be not only not to pass measures for the workers, but the same attitude applied to the primary producer.

Australia's difficult times were occasioned by the Labor Government, but by the tremendous extravagance of the Bruce-Page Government in importing goods from abroad which could have been made here, and by vast borrowing abroad. Then the value of primary products had fallen, making it difficult to meet commitments abroad.

A substantial step had already been made towards rehabilitation by reducing the imports to this country. It was madness to get others overseas to work for us, and then borrow to pay them, and at the same time ask the people to work for our own people.

In the past twelve months the tide has turned as far as imports are concerned, and last month Commonwealth exports exceeded imports by £[illegible]000. It is a great pity that in the last seven or eight years Australia imported over £[illegible]000,000 worth of goods instead of making them ourselves. Australian exports for the past ten months exceeded imports by something like £20,000,000—a very encouraging sign.

"We will only get out of our difficulties," Mr. Hogan declared, "by doing our own work, and doing it better than anyone else in the world." (Applause).

Unemployment. The Labor Government of Victoria, assisted by the Federal Government, had done a lot amount for the unemployed. The Government has raised £[illegible]000 and had obtained Federal grants of £511,750—a total of £1,[illegible]000 for unemployed relief. The taxpayers and workers were being called upon to pay large sums in relief taxes, and it was but fitting that they should do so.

Continuing, he said, "I thank the taxpayers for paying that money, as it is for a good purpose." Of this amount State and Commonwealth grants totalling £1,548,[illegible] have been set aside for work, and £510,000 for sustenance.

Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., said he had worked with Mr. Beckett in Parliament for many years, and had found him a tower of strength both to the party and the Government. "This," said Mr. Cain, "is a most important election, and one at which everyone who has a vote should exercise it. Whilst the Labor Government has a majority in the Assembly, of the Legislative Council seats it holds but six out of 34."

Unemployment was the problem of the age, and if Parliament did not tackle this question the unemployed would do so themselves. The Assembly had passed an Unemployed Insurance Bill, but when it went to the Legislative Council that body had deferred it from time to time, giving various reasons, but the whole truth was that the Council did not believe in unemployed insurance or social legislation. He urged the unemployed who wanted a rent moratorium to enter this fight and support the Labor candidate.

Questions

Quite a number of questions were asked. In reply to a query as to why the Labor Government did not put a tax on bookmakers' turnover, the candidate said that bookmakers already paid £150,000 in taxation.

Asked if he was in favor of abolishing the Legislative Council, Mr. Beckett said: "I have expressed the view that it is an excrescence on the body politic, and a brake on the progress of this country. I would vote for the abolition of the Legislative Council to-morrow. (Applause.)

A questioner inquired if Mr. Beckett was in favor of there being representatives of the workers on all boards and was told "Yes." The questioner further inquired how Mr. Beckett condoned the action of the Government in removing the workers' representative from the board of examiners.

Mr. Beckett: I have no knowledge of it.

A voice asked Mr. Beckett why, as president of the V.T.R.A., the nominations of one McFarlane were not accepted on metropolitan race courses? (Uproar).

A questioner inquired if something could not be done to prevent ratepayers from losing their votes at municipal elections if they did not pay their rates.

Mr. Beckett: A Bill of that nature was, strangely enough, passed by the council some years ago, but the Lower House rejected it.

Mr. Cain: In the House today Mr. Webber asked for leave to introduce a Bill dealing with this matter, but it was defeated before it could be introduced.

Cr. W. H. Turner moved a vote of confidence in the candidate, which was carried.

Election Speeches and Pictures

A novel idea was mooted on Monday night at Reservoir when an election meeting took the place of a picture night with speeches at the intervals. Great disappointment was expressed at the failure of Mr. Beckett to keep his appointment, being unavoidably detained at Brunswick.

UNEMPLOYED MAN KILLED

Shortly after his admittance to the Melbourne Hospital last Friday night George Weddon, aged 43 years, of Gillies street, Fairfield, died from the effects of injuries which he received when he fell from a motor truck at the corner of Separation street and Grange road, Alphington. Weedon had been unemployed for some time. With five other unemployed men he hired a motor truck in order to deliver a load of wood. The accident occurred when the party was returning the empty truck to its owner. Weedon fell from the side of the five-ton vehicle, and a wheel passed over his body.

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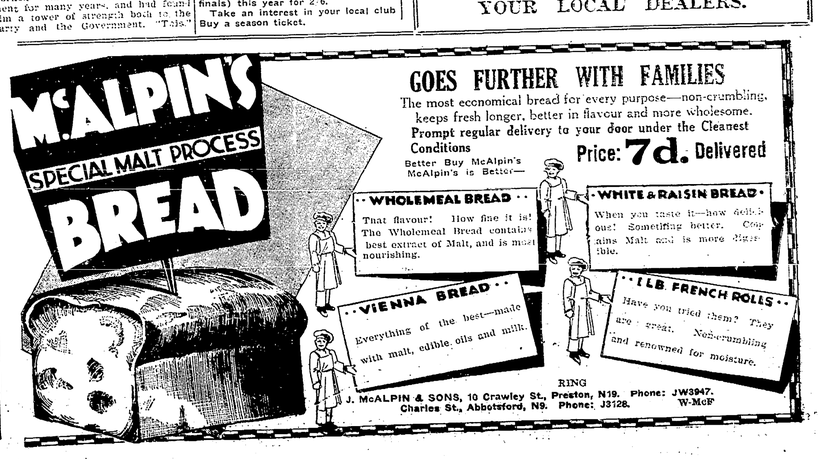

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LICENSING CASES AT PRESTON

LICENSEE AND MEN FINED

At the Preston court on Thursday, before Mr. E. C. Tibb, P.M., Joseph G. Shaw, licensee of the Council Club Hotel, High street, Preston, was charged with having disposed of liquor during prohibited hours on April 13. Two other charges were laid—having the bar door open, and that persons were found on his licensed premises during prohibited hours.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for Shaw, who pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Licensing Constable Tye said:—About 6.30 p.m. on April 18 I went with other licensing police to the Council Club Hotel. In the building I saw the licensee with three other men, one of whom had two bottles of beer. The door of the bar was open, and the licensee's wife was inside counting cash. When questioned the licensee said that the men were on the premises for a meal. Asked about the bottles of beer found in the possession of one of the men Shaw said, "He never got it here."

Mr. Cahir.—Did you hear the licensee tell an employee to warn Mrs. Shaw that the police were there, and not to open the door?

Witness.—I heard him say something to one of his sons.

The hotel is well conducted?—Yes.

Shaw said: "The men on the premises had come for a meal. No liquor was sold after 6 p.m. The bar door was not open when the police arrived.

Alfred Henry Pullinger, Cramer street, Preston, said: "I was 1 who had the bottles of beer. I bought them at the Carter's Arms Hotel at Northcote earlier in the day.

Richard Eric Smithwick, Bell street, Preston, said: "It is my usual practice to go to this hotel for tea on Saturday night. I afterwards go out to a club with the licensee."

Alfred Edward Earp, Beauchamp street, Preston said: "I was with Pullinger when he bought the beer at Northcote. I was at the hotel for a meal."

On the disposal charge the P.M. imposed a fine of £2, which was later increased to £6 at the request of Mr. Cahir, with a view to an appeal.

For having had persons on his premises Shaw was fined £2 and for having the door open £5.

Pullinger and Earp were fined £1 each for having been on the premises. A similar charge against Smithwick was dismissed.

PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Before Mr. E. C. Tibb P.M. and Messrs Orlando A. Walker, and T. J. McMahon J's.P.

Offensive Behaviour

Lawrence Darby, and Ray Cowan, youths, each aged 17 years, were charged with offensive behaviour in High street, at the corner of Rosebery avenue on April 30.

Constable Higgins said the youths were wrestling and swearing.

Each was fined £2 in default seven days' imprisonment.

Ejectment

State Savings Bank obtained an ejectment order against James William Smith and Clarinda Smith. At the request of Mr. Cahir (instructed by the Preston Relief Committee) the issue of the warrant was stayed for 21 days.

Noxious Weeds Cases

The following were fined for having failed to destroy noxious weeds.—Edward Casper, William J. Montgomery, Mrs. M. Nugent, Henry Paul, each £1; Mrs. Read, Edward Morris, Alexander Nugent, George Nixon, each £2.

Theft of a Bicycle

Roy Graham Perry, 20 years, Carlisle street, Preston, was charged with having stolen a bicycle, valued at £5.

Mr. A. E. O'Connor appeared for Perry.

Frank Shepheard, butcher, Erin street, West Preston, said: "My bicycle was stolen from outside the pavilion at the Preston Park on May 17."

William John Metcalf said: "On May 8 Perry offered the bicycle for sale at the shop of Metcalf Pty. Ltd., at Thornbury. I offered 25/ for it, provided it was "all right," and he could show that it was his property. He went away leaving his machine, and when he did not claim it for three days I handed it to the police.

Constable McDonald said: "I interviewed Perry who admitted having taken the bicycle. He said he wanted to get his fare to go to Queensland.

Mr. O'Connor made a plea for mercy, and the bench imposed a sentence of a month's imprisonment, such sentence being suspended on a bond of £10 to be of good behaviour for two years.

INFANT DROWNED AT HEIDELBERG

Patricia McGurk, aged one year and eight months, whose parents reside in Bamfield road, West Heidelberg, was drowned in a small water hole on Saturday afternoon. The child had strayed and was found drowned by her father in the fatal water.

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(Concluded)

Nancy spent an hour at the Manor, and as she walked away she turned with a thoughtful expression to her lover.

"I believe I could like your stepbrother," she said. "There is something in him that appeals to me, despite his rough ways and lack of breeding. And do you know Stuart, under that uncultured exterior I could see your father in many little ways."

"I hope you are not going to attempt to train him, or anything like that," said Stuart hurriedly. "He might—or—he might misunderstand your interest in him."

"No, I am not going to chaperon him," responded Nancy smilingly. "Don't be alarmed, Stuart. But if I did, I do not think he would misunderstand."

When his visitors had gone Sir Stephen rang for the butler, for the latter had stayed on, and meant to stay, having found himself curiously drawn towards the baronet.

"Baxter," said Stephen slowly, "if I hadn't turned up Miss Sinclair would mavb been Lady Wrayford 'ere as soon as they got married, wouldn't she?"

"Yes, Sir Stephen."

"Is don't seem right," mused the baronet. "Me 'oo used to push a barrer in Lambef oughtn't to come 'ere and turn a couple like that out of what ought to be theirs."

"You cannot alter the law, sir."

"Law be 'anged!" exclaimed Sir Stephen.

Then he suddenly walked from the room, and the butler saw him striding across the grounds at a great pace.

"If I was to 'ook it with a bagful of quids, and they thought I'd gone to glory," mused the baronet, "I'd be Sir Stoount and she'd be Ms Ladv. Lummy, wot a Lady, too! I feel I could do anythin' for her. Fancy 'avin a lady like that for yer missis! I wonder if Stoort knows 'is luck."

His eyes grew wistful. It occurred to him for the first time that fate had treated him badly. He might have been brought up as Stuart had been, and then he would have been qualified to marry a girl like Nancy.

III.

During the next few weeks Sir Stephen met Nancy on several occasions, and each of them put him further under her thrall. He reached the point when he simply worshipped her—when he would have cheerfully sacrificed his life to save her a little pain. But withal there was no passion in his affection. It was just an honest but intense love.

Then came those doubtful days after the war, when Eastern Europe went somewhat mad. Stuart was on the reserve of officers, and he was called up at once and attached to the Grenadier Guards. At the time Sir Stephen was in London for a few days. He wrote an illiterate note to his steward, telling him to look after things, and that same day enlisted in the Grenadier Guards. For the time being there was no such person as Sir Stephen Wrayford, Bart. Shortly after he went out with reinforcements and was sent to Russia.

He was in his element now, for above all he was a man. Death had no terrors for him, and he had a way of inspiring other men with his courage. Soon there was no more popular N.C.O. in that section of the line.

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One night he returned to quarters after leading a party when an officer came striding past him, and then suddenly pulled up short.

"Stephen!"

The sergeant saluted Captain Wrayford.

"I only arrived today," said Stuart; "And this is where you have got to? Nancy said you would be in Russia.

"Way don't you write and tell them where you are?" asked Stuart.

"I didn't think there was any need sir."

"Then I shall write tomorrow—or, at least, when I get time. I hear that we may go forward tomorrow, so I may not have the chance to write. I may see you tomorrow, Stephen."

"Yes, sir."

"Well, good-night. I'm glad I ran across you."

Stuart held out his hand, but the baronet did not seem to see it, for he saluted and turned on his heel.

At that moment shrapnel shell burst near by, and Stuart suddenly pitched forward and lay still.

Stephen stared at him incredulously, then fell in his knees and tenderly lifted him up in his arms. Stuart was unconscious, and his left arm was torn and bleeding above the elbow, whilst blood was running from a graze on the forehead.

Stephen tore the bandage off his own arm and wrapped it round his brother's, and just as he finished a shell burst with a terrific report within a few feet of them. Now came another shell and another, both close at hand. Stephen bent to pick up Stuart in order to carry him through the communication trench, but his strength seemed to have all gone from him completely.

For a moment or two he stood, swaying slightly, and then he looked down at Stuart and smiled. Then he deliberately laid on his stepbrother. He had not the strength to carry Stuart to safety, but he still had his body left to act as a shield against the storm of shot.

Under the cover of darkness a few brave men crept out from the trenches to search for Captain Wrayford and the sergeant.

IV.

The captain and the sergeant lay on straw mattresses in a temporary hospital.

Stephen Wrayford lay unconscious until the morning, and when his wits returned he found himself gazing at a surgeon. His first thoughts were for Stuart.

"O'w's the cap'n?" he asked feebly.

"Going splendidly," was the reply.

"And me?"

The surgeon's eyes answered the question.

Stephen looked at his steadily for a few moments, then drew a deep breath.

"Can I see 'im," he asked.

"He is next to you—on your left."

Stephen's head and face had not been touched, but though his body was dreadfully mangled he managed to raise himself on one arm and gaze at his stepbrother.

Stuart smiled, and then put out one arm and feebly stroked Stephen's face. It was all he had the strength to do.

The sergeant's eyes grew warm and tender, and then a strange, thoughtful expression came into them.

"You and me are both goin' journey's," he said slowly. "You'll be goin' back to Blighty, and me—well I dunno where I'm booked for."

Then he addad swiftly:

"Ave you got 'ee pickshe? Miss Nancy's pickshe?"

In my tunic, doctor," said Stuart. "A portrait in my tunic."

The surgeon found Nancy's photograph.

"Give it to the sergeant."

Stephen took the portrait and gazed steadily at the beautiful face, and then turned to Stuart.

"I wonder if you know your luck," he said.

He gazed at the portrait again, and his eyes grew so wistful that the Miss Nancy addressed Stephen, in her eyes smarting.

"Tell 'er I want 'er to be 'appy," said Stephen slowly and indistinctly.

He sank back on to his mattress, gripping the photo convulsively.

"Give 'ee ladyship me best respects," he added.

"Her ladyship!" repeated Stuart.

"Sure," whispered Stephen, and went out.

The End

TO CULTIVATE CIVIC PRIDE

Northcote West Ward Progress Association's Suggestion

At the meeting of the Northcote council on Monday a letter was received from the Northcote West Ward Progress Association suggesting that the council make representations to the Minister for Education with a view to school teachers being directed to give lectures to scholars on subjects relating to civic matters. Members considered that this would do much to check vandalism.

Cr. Turner said: "The suggestion is good one, as is will do a lot to cultivate a civic conscience amongst the school children.

We have some splendid lighting schemes in the city, and it has been found that some of these shades have been deliberately broken. The scholars could do a lot to stop this kind of thing."

Cr. Hughes said that lessons in the schools were given on citizenship with the object of cultivating a "civic sense." He was glad the suggestion had been put forward, and if adopted it would prevent a lot of damage.

I should say that if Henderson park were handed over to the head teacher of the Thornbury School (Mr. Hall) to plant, I believe that the school boys would take it under their protection and look after it.

It was decided to commend the association for its idea, and to send the suggestion on to the Minister for Education and the Municipal Association.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Your [illegible] spent your week's holiday? Fluffy and Jackie were [illegible] Empire Bay. I guess you all enjoyed it too. Grandpa told [illegible] and all the old stories and legends about the graves. The Pets [illegible] quite a happy time on Friday afternoon [illegible] and for one were out of mischief. Fluffy [illegible] up and was [illegible] for some time, so we expect peace for the rest of the week. We went to the pictures on Monday afternoon and saw a dog picture [illegible] which Jackie hasn't yet ceased talking. The dogs were really marvellous, the way they acted and now Jackie wants a dog to train, but as Fluff tells them, I don't think we'll get one.

Northcote just got home again on Saturday [illegible] which we're glad, but we're all waiting for the Oakleigh match which will be some match. The Biddlemore Cup petition winner is in this week and one of you very first Cobbers has won it. Don't forget the Tribe. The Pets send greetings and heaps of love and so does your

UNCLE PHIL.

RIDDLE-ME-REE COMPETITION

The winner is Elsie Mace, one of the first lists we had and the answer was Boronia. Quite a number guessed correctly and Fluffy will pick up for the winner. Will you call for the prize on or after Monday Elsie dear? Thank you Cobbers, for your entries, they will help to make a new competition next week.—U.P.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets are the Heartiest and Happiest Birthday Wishes Greetings to Marie Herring, Irene Browne and Colin Russell (June 21); Ethel Bett and Kelvin Hensley (June 24); and Kay Ample (June 4).

OUR MAIL BAG

"My Little Mate". Will the sender of this letter please send her address, as we have no name on each entry sent in.—U.P.

Cecil Lowe. Thanks for your letter. "The Tin Water Kind, but it is marked waiting for you, too.—Heaps of love and Cheerio from U.P.

Jack Powers. We've sent you a certificate for those you received it safely. Don't you like to receive it each month. Every time you win a prize.—U.P.

Dear Miss White. Thanks for the snap. Olive, you look such a much more interesting with your hair bobbed. Take care.—U.P.

Dear Uncle Crake. Another 100 marks Tommy! Fancy you not at 100 now. We'll send along for the 100 marks Aileen, but if it's just as easy for it. Bravo for winning the special greetings.—U.P.

George Joyce. Bravo George for getting 100 marks. Will send all in for the prize also. Did you have a good holiday? Lots of love.—U.P.

Jean Moylan. Not another 100 marks. There are a lot of prizes this week. Will send along the dog-marked tunic.—U.P.

Dear Mr. Uncle Phil. Thanks for the prize. Yours sincerely, Keith McIntosh.

A TRUE HAPPENING

The other day I was walking along High street when I met a girl friend of mine. We were taking for a while, and we noticed a car in the middle of the street. There was a boy coming at a very fast rate, and the driver slowed down so he could write. He would not avoid it any way, so the car passed on the side. We both expected to see an accident but to our surprise, it ran run and then behind the car as happy as could be. Beryl Lomas (GOOD).

RELATIVES

The husband, who had a habit of teasing his wife, was out motoring in the country when he met a farmer driving a pair of horses. Just as the two were about to pass the farmer's wagon, the mules turned their heads and brayed boisterously. Turning to his wife the husband remarked: "Relatives of yours I see." She said sweetly, "By marriage." B. Muter (GOOD).

BUSY ANTS

One day my mother was busy putting hundreds and thousands on an iced cake, and she's a bee. Imagine my surprise when about an hour after I saw a mob of ants scurrying backwards and forwards from their hole, each with a lump. I expect they thought that they had found a party too. George Joyce. (GOOD)

THE AUSTRALIAN SUNRISE.

The morning star paled slowly, the Cross hung low to sea,
And down the shadowy reaches the tide came swirling free;
The lustrous purple blackness of the soft Australian night
Waned in the grey awakening that heralded the light;
Out of the dying darkness, over the forest dim,
The pearly dew of dawning clung to each slant limb
Till the sun came up from the ocean, red with the cold sea mists
And smote on the limestone ridges and the shining treetops kissed.
Then the fiery scorpion vanished, the magpies note was heard
And the wind in the casuarinas wavered and the boneyaucie stirred,
The dirty golden vapour rose from the river's breast
The kingfisher came darting out of his crannied nest
The bulrushes and reed beds put off their sallow grey
And burst with the cloudy crimson at the dawning of the day.
L. Kemp. (GOOD)

LITTLE DAME CRUMP

Little Dame Crump, with her little hair brush,
One morning was sweeping her little bedroom;
When, [illegible] her little grey eyes on the ground
[illegible] never a penny she found.
Audrey Doggett. (GOOD)

SUMMER IS GONE

Summer is gone with all its roses,
Its perfumes and sweet flowers,
The balmy air and refreshing showers,
And ever autumn closes.
Audrey Doggett. (GOOD)

ORANGE TART

Line a plate with paste and bake till a light brown then fill with the following: Grate the rind of an orange, take its juice, 1 cup of sugar, 1 cup boiling water and bring to the boil for a few minutes. Cream 1 tablespoon custard powder with a little water and add to the mixture, then boil till it thickens and pour thickly on the paste. Return to the oven till set. Eileen Harris. (GOOD)

NO FIT

In the second class compartment were two passengers—a dear old lady and a little boy. Suddenly the train plunged into the tunnel, the compartment was in darkness, the old lady heard the carriage door open and close, the train emerged, and the small boy was nowhere to be seen. The old lady jumped to her feet and made for the communication cord, but as she raised her hand she saw a small foot peeping from beneath the seat. "You little wretch" she screamed "you might have sent me into a fit!" The boy crawled out and screwed up his eyes. "Yes, mum," he sobbed in disappointment "but the old lady I tried it on last Monday did have a fit."
Lily Anthonsen. (GOOD)

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Wanted.—Assistant butcher. One able to drive and kill himself preferred.

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STORYETTES

"Faith, Mrs. O'Hara, how d'ye tell them twins apart?" "Aw 'tis easy. I sticks me finger in Dinnie's mouth, an' if he bites I know it's Molke."
Edward Grenfell (GOOD)

Parson Johnson: "De choir will now sing "I'm glad Salvation's Free," while de deacon passes round de hat. De congregation will remember dat while Salvation am free we hab to pay de choir for singin' de music. All please contribute accordin' to yo' means an' not yo' meanness."
Alec Murphy. (GOOD)

Doctor: "Would you like to have gas, sir?" Patient: "I don't care whether I have gas electric light, or candle as long as you get the tooth out."
Jean Grenfell. (GOOD)

Mother: "Ina, why don't you be more jolly on your bread?" Ina: "I would Mum, but the jelly is nervous."
Coleen Mahony. (GOOD)

Dangerous.—She: "Your insults have no effect on me. You will not gain your point in that way. He: "What do I want to gain." She: "You want to make me go to mother. But I will send for her to come here."
Fred Gordon. (GOOD)

Jim: "Don't be priceless. I heard Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Smith gossiping the other day. "You know my dear" said Mrs. Howe "my husband is so tendercharted that he cannot beat the children." Mrs. Smith: "My husband is so tenderhearted that he cannot even beat the cigarette."
Olive White. (GOOD)

One day an American strode up to a fruit stall in Cairo, and picking up the largest melon he could see remarked to the fruit vendor: "Is this the best you can do in the way of apples in this country?" "Sandy turned on him furiously, shouting "Put down that grape!"
Phyllis Murphy. (GOOD)

Chief: "You are an expert in stenography?" Applicant: "Yes, I can't write it but I speak it fluently."
Alec Murphy. (GOOD)

Schoolmaster: "John, name some very important things that exist today, but were unknown one hundred years ago." Johnny: "You and I, teacher."
Enid Love. (GOOD)

Jack.—Willie ran into the drawing room: "Father," he said, "there's a big black cat in the dining room. Never mind," replied Father, "black cats are lucky." "This one is," said the boy, "he has your dinner."
George Gordon. (GOOD)

Father (to school teacher): "How is my boy getting on?" School teacher: "Well, I asked him this morning who signed the Magna Charter and he replied 'I didn't teacher'" Father: "Well, I never! I bet he did, all the same."
Jack Power. (GOOD)

"I believe," said the cheery philosopher, "that for every single thing you give away, twofold comes back to you." "That's my experience," agreed the other, "last March I gave away my daughter, and she and her husband came back in July."
Aileen Capper. (GOOD)

A Quarrel between Two Steeplejacks.—Mr. Tall: I've been so high that I have to bend down to let the moon pass over me." Mr. Taller: "Did you see the man in the moon?" Mr. Tall: "Of course I did." Mr. Taller (yawnin): "Well that was me."
Con Power. (GOOD)

Teacher: "What part of speech is the word "am?" Tommy: "I am the man that eats, or the am that you is?"
Alan Young. (GOOD)

Jack: "I say Harry, do trains run on Sundays?" Harry: "Yes, of course they do." Jack: "No they don't they run on rails."
L. Scrimes. (GOOD)

Johnny: "Please, Mr. Brown, have you a pair of scissors you can lend me?" Mr. Brown "Haven't your mother got a pair of her own?" Johnny: "Yes; but her's won't cut tin!"
Fred O'Connor. (GOOD)

1 Diner: "Waiter this coffee is just like mud." 2 Diner: "Yes sir, You see it was only ground this morning."
Graham Harris. (GOOD)

His Different Positions.—"Well Tommy and how are you getting on at school?" asked an interested adult. "Oh, fine, thanks, I am centre forward in the football team." "But your leaves?" "Oh, I'm right back there," replied the boy inscriptiously."
M. Medwick. (GOOD)

Dear Old Lady (visiting a prisoner in cell): "And how did you get in here, my good man?" Convict 993: "Oh, I just came in through the door and I was here, ma'am!"
Jack Fullerton. (GOOD)

A negro was charged with theft and his lawyer decided to put him in the box. "Sam, if you tell a lie, you know what will happen I suppose?" said the judge. "Yes, suh," replied Sam, "I'll go to Hades and burn a long time." "Quite right," declared the judge, "And you know what will happen if you tell the truth?" "Yes suh," said Sam, "We lose de case!"
Andrew Anthonsen. (GOOD)

Harried Father: "Every time you're naughty Tommy I get another grey hair." Tommy: "Well, you must have been a bad man. Look at Grandpa!"
Duncan Mathieson. (GOOD)

Teacher: "What is grass, Tommy?" "Earth with whiskers."
Brian Mahony. (GOOD)

What is that that is yesterday and was tomorrow?—Today.
What fruit is like two crooks?—A bad pear.
J. Power. (GOOD)

What bird can neither fly nor walk?—A sparrow.
What tree warms you up?—The birch.
If twenty soldiers marched past an officer what time would it be?—Twenty past one.
Jack Lowery. (GOOD)

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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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.

CONTRIBUTIONS

MY WISH.

I wish I had an aeroplane,
To fly across the sea,
I would visit all the Cobbies,
And invite them out to tea.
Jean Moylan.

PANCAKES

Flip flop, flip flop,
Pancake tossing time,
Toss them up and catch them quickly
And sing a pancake rhyme.

Flip flop William, Henry,
Flip flop Mary Ann;
Toss them up and catch them quickly
The pancakes in the pan.
Kevin Power. (GOOD)

TRIA COMPETITION

Tria are a class of their own, and tria constitute a prize. Trias cannot be included in our ordinary 100 marks. Each entry must be marked on the top "Tria Entry," so I will know they are for this competition. Tria may be chosen give a large range of things of interest—holidays, sports, camping, motoring, about the beach or country, anything about hobbies, pets to play, about your gardens and things that can be made by Cobbies. 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 stories. If you are taking the work from a book, do not just copy it out. Read it over two or three times, and then write it out in your own words, making your meaning clear. Start right away now, and let me see who will gain the first prize—a boy or a girl. Address your tria, and be marked "original" in one corner

TRIAS

Miss Mum was a little girl her father gave her a seed, herself a fig tree each. The man who got their fig tree to grow was to be her mother's brother's wife. Mum's uncle's wife's brother's son's wife's uncle's son's wife's brother's son's wife's uncle's son's wife's brother's son's wife's uncle's son

PORT MELBOURNE'S SWEEPING VICTORY

PRESTON ANNIHILATED

RED AND WHITES' INCONSISTENCY DISAPPOINTS SUPPORTERS

(By "Follower.")

Preston went to Port Melbourne last Saturday, full of hope and confidence. But for the third time failed to produce the form shown on their own ground. From the bounce till the end of the contest Preston were utterly outplayed. The seasiders were at their top and earned the victory.

THE TEAMS

Preston.—Backs: Smith, Taylor, Spargo; Half backs: Morgan, Monahan, Reichman; centres: Dowling, Perrett, Dodd; half forwards: Warr, Cazaly, Hepburn; forwards: Davie, McEachern, Joolen; followers: Seebeck, Campbell; rover: Summers.

Port Melbourne.—Backs: Baker, Garbutt, Lezgo; half backs: Vallely, Hyde, Erridge; centres: Lahiff, P. Rolman, Hewett; half forwards: McKenzie, McLeod, Harvey; forwards: Barnes, Bedford, Plumridge; followers: Stanbridge, Twiss; rover: Smith.

Port Melbourne were without Peewee and Brooker (injured).

Preston included Perrett, of North Melbourne, formerly of Port Melbourne), and Hepburn (of Ardiam Creek).

Port Wins Toss

Winning the toss the home side kicked towards the stand goal.

Preston moved off first, McEachern receiving the opening kick. The kick in to Garbutt was marked by Hyde and forwarded to Harry whose effort failed. Barnes made amends by snapping a goal.

Port Melbourne's Onslaught

From this point onward Port Melbourne attacked heavily. Preston's backs, five, usually good, calmly and firm gave under the pressure.

Barnes forwarded when Bedford quickly added the ball through.

Bedford Again

Frantic but fruitless efforts were made by Preston to stop the stampede. Machine high, Bedford again goaled.

The seasiders rushed a single. A mark by Taylor was marked by Twiss who returned to Bedford, a shot resulted and a major point followed (3 goals).

Preston Attack

Preston now launched an attack but Garbutt turned it.

Cazaly returned to Davie, and the twin combined as the outcome of a nice move.

Attacking again Preston seemed to be telling if on Davie notching twin they waved as the outcome of a nice move.

Attacking again Preston seemed to be telling if on Davie notching a nice goal following it up with a goal.

Play now was going a hard and fast game. Taylor baffled the attack and the ball was sent by Warr to Davie who took advantage of the opportunity.

Port Again

Another nice Port combination followed which left Bedford and Smith. Port were attacking when the siren ended.

Port Melbourne.—6 goals 8 behinds (39 points).

Preston.—3 goals 4 behinds (22 points).

Port Rattle Preston

Port's attack had the effect of demoralising Preston. A repetition of these tactics and by superior play piled up a big score, Preston succumbing from Plumridge, Smith and Bedford.

Davie Shifted

With the object of steadying his side, Davie was transferred to the defence where he was much in evidence.

Attacking through Monohan, Preston were in a favorable position to score, but Joolen failed miserably. Preston did not seem to be able to do anything right. Several easy shots went astray, the forwards, only about 30 feet out from their objective continually missing.

The only goal for Preston was obtained by Captain Cazaly.

Preston's display was most disappointing and quite a striking contrast to their performance of the previous week. Half time scores.—

Port Melbourne.—9 goals 8 behinds, (62 points).

Preston.—4 goals 8 behinds, (32 points).

Port Melbourne Forge Ahead

The seasiders were repaying Preston for what Preston did to them in 1929.

The third term proved a repetition of the second Port being superior in all departments. The seasiders got 3 goals 3 behinds to Preston's 2 minor points. The scores at the final change were.—

Port Melbourne.—12 goals 11 behinds (83 points).

Preston.—4 goals 10 behinds, (34 points).

Port Supreme

With the assistance of a slight breeze Port made best use of the opportunity to pile up a big score while; Preston's play showed a continuation of haphazard tactics.

Occasionally the red and white penetrated the defence, and goals were scored again by Davie and Warr.

Port played a steadier game, their team work being most effective. The final scores were:—

PORT MELBOURNE.—17 goals 14 behinds, (116 points).

PRESTON.—6 goals 11 behinds, (47 points).

The goals for Port were secured by Bedford (8), Barnes (4), Smith (2), McKenzie (2), and Plumridge.

For Preston.—Davie (4), Cazaly, and Warr.

Port Melbourne had an even side, most prominent being.—Bedford, Garbutt, Hyde, Lahiff, Stanbridge, Barnes and Smith.

Preston's players were so much below form that it is difficult to single out any of their team for significance However, Taylor, Smith, Spargo, Davie, Cazaly and Summers were the best of a disappointing side.

TAKINGS AND ATTENDANCES

Northcote-Coburg match, 5,000 present, takings £507; Port Melbourne-Preston match, 1,000 present, total attendance at Association matches, 24,000; total takings, £299.

PRESTON v WILLIAMSTOWN

The match on Saturday will be against Williamstown in the Preston Park, when the locals are determined on removing the cloud which appears to hover over the side. Both sides have only two wins so far, and a victory to either at this stage would be welcomed.

JOTTINGS FROM PRESTON

Officials are greatly disturbed over the club's display against Port Melbourne, and immediate action is being taken to regain that confidence placed in the side.

All the players attended practice yesterday afternoon, when the captain and coach (Roy Cazaly) had the players working solidly. He made mental notes of several probable mistakes committed last Saturday and issued orders for their rectification. In a friendly manner he criticised the players concerned, who should profit by the action and experience of their coach.

Cameron, who has been showing out distinctively at practice, has been playing with Fairfield, and will probably be given a run shortly. He may be seen on Saturday.

Have a hefty follower from Melbourne, who also played with Northcote, is seeking a clearance to Preston.

Lord, Prahran's lofty follower, is also desirous of linking up with the locals.

Preston are sadly in need of a good centre man, and it is pleasing to note that the committee have two such promising players in view—Lloyd, from Wangaratta, and Piper, who represented New South Wales in the carnival team last season, has been granted his clearance from Fitzroy.

A forward from Port Melbourne in Morton was granted a clearance to play with Preston.

Joolen, who was injured last Saturday, will not be fit to play on Saturday.

Monohan is also suffering from a bruised thigh, but is expected to be right for to-morrow.

P. Spargo, from the juniors (whose brother is one of Preston's consistent defenders), was given a run at practice during the week and was most impressive.

On Monday evening the Heidelberg Club sought a clearance for Mackie, but the committee again definitely refused such application.

The club's popular modern dance will take place in the town hall to-morrow evening, when the fourth heat of the fox trot competition will be decided.

There are still good aspirants coming forward seeking inclusion in the local side. It behoves a number of the permanent players to make every effort to regain their form or they may find themselves spectators.

THE GREAT CHARITY MATCH

BERT TAYLOR TO CAPTAIN THE SIDE

The Preston Club have been honored with the distinction of having Bert Taylor, their reliable full back, selected to captain the Association side against the League, the proceeds of which are to be devoted for the cause of charity.

Taylor, a player of outstanding ability, is a gentleman on and off the field. During his sojourn at Preston, there has never been an occasion to question his tactics. He plays a hard and forceful game and possesses those attributes which players of all clubs might strive to emulate Taylor started his football career at Warragul in 1916, during the war period he played in the challenge matches issued throughout the district. In 1919 Fitzroy sought his services, and he remained with that club for four years during which period he was selected to play for Victoria in the carnival team. In 1923 he was induced to go to Geelong, but, failing to grant his clearance, he acted in the capacity as non-playing coach. In 1924-25 he coached West Perth, being also selected to play in the W.A. carnival team in Hobart in 1924, having had the honor of being elected vice-captain.

Returning to Victoria in 1926 and 1927, he captained and coached the Geelong Association team, eventually coming to Preston in 1928 when Geelong withdrew from the Association. Ever since he has been a stalwart of the local side. An experienced leader, he is one in whom his mates will have the utmost confidence.

At the conclusion of the match last Saturday the president of the seasiders visited Preston's dressing room to congratulate Taylor on his appointment.

"Blue" Summers, Preston's representative rover, has also been selected to play in the important engagement. Both these players are centres of attraction amongst their team mates last Saturday receiving congratulations on their selection.

Reichman has been selected as one of the ruckmen. The Association team will be: Backs: Keys (Footscray), Cubbin (Port Melbourne), Taylor (Preston); half backs: Hearn (Footscray), Radcliffe (Oakleigh), Sykes (Williamstown); centres: Barnes (Brighton), Brooker (Port Melbourne), Ashby (Northcote); half forwards: Cable (Northcote), Lewis (Footscray), Bedford (Oakleigh), Stanbridge (Preston), Seymour (Newtown), Hunt (Brighton); forwards: Perrett (Port Melbourne); Johns (Williamstown); rover: Mears (Coburg).

Ruck rovers.—Yeung (Sandringham), Reichman (Preston), Carton (Brunswick), Buckley (Yarraville), Jordan (Prahran).

Hunt, of Brighton, who was selected to play in the charity match, is not available owing to suffering from a poisoned leg. Any suitable substitute would be found in Balmain, another Port Melbourne player.

V. J. F. A.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

Clubs	P	W	L	D	Pts
Preston	5	5	0	0	20
Northcote	5	3	2	0	12
Yarraville	5	3	2	0	12
Brunswick	5	3	2	0	12
Sandringham	5	3	2	0	12
Camberwell	5	3	2	0	12
Prahran	5	2	2	1	10
Oakleigh	5	2	3	0	8
Williamstown	5	2	3	0	8
Coburg	5	2	3	0	8
Port Melbourne	5	1	3	1	6
Brighton	5	0	5	0	0

NORTHCOTE v COBURG

The Northcote-Coburg engagement at Coburg has in past years provided some stirring games, and the match on Saturday played up expectations. After a clean and splendidly fought game Northcote emerged victorious by 11 points. Northcote also completed the hat trick by defeating Coburg on their own ground for the third successive year. The ground was in excellent condition and a fairly strong wind favored the east arm goal. Umpire Jury had charge of the game and gave every satisfaction.

Gray (Brunswick) at Honig were replaced by Carey and Blakeley in Northcote's team, which was as follows:—Backs: Davies, Ackland, Tracey. Half-backs: Jackson, Smith, Craven. Centres: Docking, Skilton (capt.), O'Neil. Half-forwards: Russ, Healy, Woods. Forwards: Turner, Gatehouse, Carey. Followers: Houlcroft, Blakeley. Rover: Randle.

Coburg won the toss and took advantage of the wind. Coburg were the first to move but smart work by Ackland and Davies sent them back. O'Neill passed to Bresnahan for a single, to which Coburg replied with a goal. Carey, playing his first game, was doing well. He forwarded and Bresnahan, marking well, scored full points. Coburg, using the wing with good effect, scored again, and the quarter ended with the scores:—Coburg, 2—4; Northcote, 1—2. On the bounce Skilton sent the ball well down and Woods snapped a fine goal from an acute angle. Play was very fast, and attacks by Coburg were repulsed by Ackland. Smith marked finely and forwarded, and a free to Bresnahan brought another goal. Half time scores:—Northcote, 4—5; Coburg, 3—4. The third quarter saw no decrease in pace. Coburg, by neat passing, had the ball well forward, but Davies and Ackland were sound in defence. Healey sent to Docking, who passed to Russ for a goal. Coburg scored another major, then goals by Craven and Bresnahan gave Northcote a lead of 18 points at the last change. Scores:—Northcote, 7—7; Coburg, 4—7. Coburg strengthened their ruck and on the bounce forwarded for a goal, which raised their supporters' hopes. Several behinds soon followed. Ackland in goals was defending brilliantly. Jackson passed to Skilton, and Houldcroft, from a free in front, followed the situation by goaling. Coburg had the best of the play but could manage points only. Skilton, playing finely at centre, again forwarded and Woods, marking, a goal, put the issue beyond doubt. It was a thrilling last quarter and a fine exhibition of football. Final scores: Northcote: 9—9 (63 points).

Coburg: 6—12 (48 points).

Ackland was the best man on the ground, and Skilton also played a great game. Honig, first at Northcote, Carey, at his first appearance, used his weight to advantage. These play ers were the pick of an excellent side.

Goal-kickers were Bresnahan (5), Russ, Craven, Woods, Houldcroft.

CLUB NOTES

Northcote play Prahran on Saturday at Northcote Park, when another thrilling match is promised. Prahran have a fast, clever side and will be hard to beat. Supporters of the club are not jumping to conclusions. Prahran are asked to support the second eighteen.

Mr. W. Jewell has been elected a member of the Brunswick Club.

At the weekly dance at the Australia Hall on Thursday last the second heat of the Monte Carlo competition was won by Miss Kline, partnered by Mr. Buchan. There are still four remaining heats, and the prize, a permanent wave donated by Messrs. Ayres and Nicholl, will be awarded to the best player; and the goal-kicker who wins the most matches.

Saturday's game will be between North Port at Heidelberg. Both teams are undefeated and a contest should result.

C.Y.M.S.

First Grade.—Thornbury, Footscray, Fitzroy, Richmond, Carlton, Fitzroy, Footscray, Richmond, Carlton, Thornbury.

Second Grade.—Footscray, Fitzroy, Richmond, Carlton, Footscray, Fitzroy, Richmond, Carlton, Footscray.

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Northcote Council

MONDAY, MAY 25

At the usual meeting the Mayor (Cr. J. H. Green) was in the chair and also present were Crs. B. E. Johnson, A. H. Oldis, S. Dennis, A. Bird, S. Pinkney, W. Turner, J. D. Hughes, W. Glanfield, W. Hayes, J. Sutch, A. D. Cornish, and A. E. Peters. Apologies were received from Crs. Olver and Jones.

Railway Fares.—Chelsea council convening a conference with a view to urge that the reduction in suburban railway fares commensurate with the reduction in wages.

Cr. Turner: The fares on the Reservoir line are probably much lower than on other lines, and I think if Northcote takes action it will prejudice its own position.—Committee of the council to give consideration.

Health Inspectors' Salaries.—Municipal Association advised that the Arbitration court had certified to an agreement providing for the reduction in salaries on a graduated scale form 23 to 7½.

Boys' Employment Movement.—This body advised that arrangements had been made with the Helen street school for enrolment of boys in this city.

Vandalism in Parks.—Treeplanters' Association drawing attention to leniency shown to vandals prosecuted for breaking trees etc., in public parks, and urged the matter be brought under the notice of the Honorary Justices' Association.—Committee of the council.

General

The Public Health Department has advised Northcote that it will carry out virulence tests in cases of diphteria carriers at the charge of 10/ per case.

Northcote Methodist Church Tennis Club requesting permission to fence in portion of Harrington street with a view to increasing the size of tennis courts.

Cr. Sutch moved that the writers be informed the council will not allow portion of its street to be fenced in.

Cr. Bird: It is a private street; not the council's street.

Cr. Johnson said that though the request was out of order, Harlington street was but little used, and it was the club wanted about 4 feet more—and to make it more convenient the council might meet them such a point' to help the young people.

Matter referred to Finance committee.

Thornbury Estate Association re condition of footpath Murray street north side near Henderson park.—City committee; re lighting Murray street near school.—E.L. committee.

Petition

Cr. Sutch presented a petition from six owners of Traill and Osborne streets protesting against the proposal to make an open drain instead of a closed drain.

Cr. Cornish moved that the owners be informed that the petition was too late as a contract had already been let for the work and the work started.

The Mayor: It is about time these objections ceased. The council has given these people every consideration, and now when the matter has been finalised they still object to something.

The motion was carried.

Committee Reports

General accounts to £2,216 /15/7 and street construction accounts 9/3 were paid.

R.O.W. Construction—Plans were approved for the construction of a drain along the easement between Grandview grove and Hillside avenue. Objections from owners concerned will be heard on June 22.

D. Travers was granted permission for additions rear property Ellesmere street.

Electric Light Committee accounts totalling £2,029/5/8 were paid.

Parks Committee accounts £195/ 16/6 were paid.

Additional Finance Committee accounting to £977 /18/7 were paid.

Question of a Rebate.—A recommendation was made that no rebate be made to the Unemployed Musicians' Community Singers.

Cr. Turner: Why?

Cr. Johnson: The council must get some revenue out of its hall. These people are not raising money for charity but for themselves.

The Mayor: This body has nothing to do with the Mayor's fund or the Northcote Central Relief Fund. These people hold entertainments and divide the profits.

Cr. Turner: They set out to help themselves when thrown out of work by "canned" music, which was long before there was any relief organisation in existance. They do not want charity, but I think this council should grant a rebate.

The recommendation was adopted.

Verandah Blinds.—It was decided to put into operation, at the expiration of three months, the provisions of the Local Government Act, which makes it an offence to have verandah blinds at intersections within seven feet of the ground.

Ordinary Business

Drainage pits in Mitchell street at Andrew, Derby and Thames streets and adjustments of slabs Oxford street were ordered attention at the request of Cr. Oldis.

Cr. Johnson said the cost of continually adjusting foot path slabs was great, and suggested the council might consider laying paths in situ.—Engineer to submit a report.

East Ward Tip.—Cr. Oldis said that Cr. Glanfield and he had received many complaints about the way garbage was being tipped on the land formerly owned by Mr. Foster in the East Ward. The council, when acquiring the site had given an assurance to the residents in that vicinity that there would be no cause for complaint, yet within a week of starting to tip, he had actually received no less than 30 protests. An inspection at the time showed no disinfection and though the covering used was good there was not enough of it.

The Engineeer (Mr.Bradley): The foreman has had very definite instructions and I will give the matter close attention.

Cr. Glanfield: I have just seen one of those who complained most bitter by and he gave me an assurance that if the tip is kept in its present condition he will be quite satisfied, as all cause for complaint has been removed.

Cr. Cornish asked that pitchers be adjusted in Clarke street.—To be done.

Cr. Bird spoke of required attention to r.o.w. between Bent and Elm streets, west of St. George's road; necessity of filling potholes in Elm street, west of St. George's road; newly gravelled path in Batman Park required regrading.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Bird said there were many complaints of rubbish being tipped on the banks of the Merri Creek, behind the bottle works in Arthurton road. —Health Inspector to report.

The following matters were referred to P.W. committee by Cr. Pinkney:—Hole corner Clarke and Scotchmer streets; necessity of regrading channel Simpson st near South Crescent.

Cr. Turner said now that the footpath lighting scheme had improved the look of High street, he thought it would be a good idea that a number of boards across the footpath should be painted, and thus further improve the look of the street.—E.L. committee.

Cr. Turner said that on race days traffic should be controlled at the intersection of Arthurton and St. George's roads, especially on the eastern side.—Referred to officers.

Cr. Hayes asked when drain in Darebin street, going east would be started?

The Engineer: In about a fortnight's time.

Cr. Turner said that Cr. Hughes (who was temporarily absent) had spoken about Mayer Parade, one portion of which had been filled, with garbage and which needed levelling. The West Ward members were willing to find £50 out of ward moneys for this work.

Cr. Oldis suggested that a grant might also be got from the Government.

Matter to be considered by P.W. committee.

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BOWLING

Alphington Tournament

The Alphington Bowling Club's tournament was concluded on Saturday. There was a large attendance, including Mr. H. Olney, vice-president of the Victorian Bowling Association. The winning rink was skippered by Andy Walker (Ivanhoe), with Sandford (Auburn) runner up, Jones (Richmond Union) third, and Ramsay (Moonee Ponds) fourth. Mr. J. P. Monro (president of the Alphington Club) presented the trophies, and complimented the winners on their fine play. Mr. Whitehead, of the Alphington club, was the recipient of a wireless set presented to the club by Mr. F. J. Donnelly. Scores:—

Semifinals,— Grainger, Birchall, Williams, A. Walker (Ivanhoe), 23, d Watson, Sheehan, Wood Ramsay (Moonee Ponds), 11; Marshall Creek, Barrie, Sandford (Auburn), 12, d Holbrook, Jones, Papworth, C. Jones (Richmond Union), 11.

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PERSONAL

Mr. Earley, curator to Preston council has returned from a holiday spent in Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Pulford, of Thornbury are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son.

Mrs. Howe, jun., and Mr. and Mrs. Townsend and their daughter Pat, of Preston, have returned after a holiday at Emerald.

The death occurred on Saturday, of Mr. William Taylor, husband of Mrs. Mary Taylor, at his residence, 7 Yarra street, Alphington. Mr. Taylor was 86.

The death occurred of Mr. Timothy O'Brien, son of the late John and Mrs. O'Brien at Bridge street, Northcote. The interment was made privately.

Miss Stearnes, a member of Preston council staff has resumed duty after an enjoyable month's holiday spent, where she visited the Jenolan Caves, Blue Mountains and other beauty spots for which New South Wales is noted.

The many friends of Mrs. Lewis, mother of Mr. Hector Lewis, of Park street, will regret to hear that she is out of health and has necessitated her entrance to the Homeopathic Hospital. Mrs. Lewis' condition is reported improved.

The wedding of Ernest Edward, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Gracie, of 8 Gracie street, Northcote, to Miss Muriel, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham, of 5 Gracie street, Northcote, took place at the Church of Christ, Northcote.

Jack Cummins, of Moreland A.A.C., who has startled critics in athletic circles recently, is a resident of Thornbury. He gained fastest time in all walking events this winter season, and is on scratch in open events, rolling up handicap starts.

Mr. A. C. Hutson, secretary of the Northern Group of the Weights and Measures Union, with which North-ern and Preston municipalities are affiliated, is seriously ill. Mr. J. A. Jackson, town clerk of Northcote, acting secretary to the group during Mr. Hutson's illness.

At Christ Church, Berwick on April 4, a wedding was celebrated by Rev. A. Perry Martin, father of the bride, when Ethel Grace, eldest daughter of Mr. William Clayden, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clayden of Northcote, was married to Ernest Edward, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Percy Martin, of St. Kilda, and formerly of Northcote, Ascotvale.

A wedding was celebrated at the Trinity Church of England, Northcote, on March 28, the contracting parties being Norman Henry Boase, son of Mr. Henry Boase of Newlyn, Cornwall, and Edie May, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Williams, Gowan street, Thornbury. The Rev. T. Cole performed the ceremony.

The marriage celebrated at a private function on the 23rd of May, at the residence of Mr. Alexander Walker, Mellerson of Dennis street, Northcote, between members of the Church of Christ, Northcote, Mr. Leslie Armstrong, A.A.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hughie (Mrs. Morris), May Street, Northcote, and Ronald, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald, Thornbury, took place on Monday, the ceremony being made at Heidelberg Church.

Miss Marie Kruger, a brilliant Northcote girl of 11 years and only daughter of Constable Kruger of Preston police station and Mrs. Kruger of Cunningham street, Northcote, has again upheld her reputation by winning all three 1st and four prizes at the Bendigo Competitions last week. She took the 1st Champion Recital for Boys and Girls under 12; 1st for Best Entertainer under 16; 1st for Humorous under 16; 2nd for Recitation under 12; 2nd for Champion Recital for 2nd for Humorous Recitation under 12; 2nd for Champion Recital under 16 and 2nd with Jean Macdonald, who is under 16. Miss Marie is a pupil of Mr. Trotman, who has had other successes.

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Mr. J. H. Lowe, F.C.I. (England), F.A.I., F.A.B.I., who has taken over the Commercial Hotel, Preston, and Business Commercial Hotel, Preston, and Mr. J. J. Doherty, Mr. Lowe's predecessor in the position of Commercial Master at the Preston Technical College at the request of Mr. Lowe's successor, Mr. J. A. Sandy, Mr. Lowe will be glad to interview parents of pupils at all times. He is no stranger to the district, as he has lived in Northcote (Lower end) for a number of years. Mr. Lowe's mother still resides in that part. His brother (Mr. Justice Lowe) is well known to people in all parts of the State; and his sister (Nurse Lowe) is also well and favourably known throughout the district. Mr. Lowe's qualifications speak for themselves, and any parent wishing to have a child taught for any business or profession can with confidence place him or her in Mr. Lowe's hands.

At Thornbury Presbyterian Church last Saturday afternoon Miss E. M. Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, of 189 Murray road, Preston, was married to Mr. A. J. Rayment, of Kew. The event was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, a number of friends and relatives being present. Mr. and Mrs. Raymon will reside at Ascot Vale.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rodger, High street, Northcote, who have been residents for 14 years, have disposed of their business to Mr. A. Dennett. Mr. and Mrs. Rodger intend to migrate to the Riverina (N.S.W.), where they will stay with relatives and recuperate. Their activities in connection with the Methodist Church and in musical circles are many, and they will be missed by their numerous friends. Mr. Dennett, who will be assisted by his wife, has lived in Northcote and Preston all his life, and was at one time in the same line of business in Croxton.

CHURCH NEWS

Epiphany C.E.M.S. Communion Breakfast

On Sunday at the Church of the Epiphany, Northcote, over 100 young men attended a corporate Communion and 96 sat down to breakfast in the Parish Hall which was prepared and served by the ladies of the church and members of the Girls' Friendly Society under the supervision of Mrs. T. Cole. The well appointed tables were presided over by Rev. T. Cole Th.L., Archdeacon Herring and Mr. G. H. James. After grace the breakfast was partaken of, the ladies assisting. The loyal toast, The Church, and The Ladies were honored and thanks given. Rev. Cole addressed the gathering expressing pleasure at the number present. Archdeacon Herring complimented the society on the good "roll up" and spoke of Empire Day and the need to pull together. Mr. G. E. James, president of the C.E.M.S., outlined the planks and aims of the society, inviting those who were not members to join up. Rev. J. O. Hughes moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for their assistance in making the breakfach such a success. Mr. V. Preston, in seconding the motion, said that it would have been well-nigh impossible to have carried the function through without the help of Mrs. Cole, the ladies and the G.F.S. Mr. James, on behalf of the C.E.M.S., then presented each lady present with a buttonhole bouquet. Cr. W. Olver and Mr. Robinson, Diocesan secretary of the C.E.M.S., were present.

At the monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union held on May 21 an interesting address was given by the Rev. W. Pay, of St. Paul's Fairfield, the subject being The Mother's Influence on the Character and Life of the Child. Afternoon tea was served.

Oakover Kappa Sigma Pi (West Preston)

The above club held its usual meeting on Tuesday. Visitors included State Tentmaker (Bro. Higgins) and North Essendon K.S.P. Club. Bro. R. Crocker M.A., gave a short talk on loyalty to Empire. Bro. Higginson, on behalf of the State Chapter, congratulated Oakover K.S.P. on forming a team's company. At the close of business an indoor cricket match was played. North Essendon defeated Oakover by 3 runs to 29. After supper a very enjoyable evening concluded.

Next Tuesday week Dr. Kemp, State Chancellor, founder of the K.S.P. movement in Australia, will give an address. Neighbouring clubs are invited to attend.

Preston Church of Christ

The majority of the Church of Christ, J.C.E. was revealed by the splendid young people's choir, which under the baton of Mr. A. H. Moffew, rendered special singing at Preston last Sunday night. In keeping with the J.E.C. anniversary the minister, Mr. A. J. Fisher, made special reference to the possibility of youth and appropriate to Empire Day. He also referred to our national debt to Britain, and an offering for benevolent relief work was received.

St. Aidan's Church, Northcote

Whitsuntide services were taken by Rev. T. Pay, of St. Paul's, Fairfield, and Mr. Terence Vizard.

Basketball competitions have commenced and St. Aidan's have been defeated by St. Stephen's (Richmond) and St. James (West Melbourne. Tennis Club has been formed.

Congregational Church

The Service was taken last Sunday by Rev. G. Roberts, of Glenhuntly. He addressed the young people on living the best possible life—the ideal. Rev. Duncan L. Reeves preached in the evening on Repudiation, Lang and other Types. Next Sunday the series of sermons on Prayer will be continued, when the subject will be Communion With God. The evening will be devoted to a treatise on The Overdue Religious Reformation.

High Street Methodist

Most successful services were held on Empire Day. The evening service was conducted by the members of the Y.M.M.I.S. who occupied the choir gallery and rendered two anthems. The preacher was Rev. Colonel Holden, O.B.E., B.A., who gave a fine address. Mr. Eric Jones and Mr. James Nabbs rendered solos, and a duet. The president of the Society (Hon. J. G. Membrey) thanked the soloists, and expressed pleasure at the visit of members of the Northcote City Council, with their wives.

A pleasant afternoon was spent at the Methodist School Hall on May 21 when on the principle of bring a gift and buy a gift, a sale was held in aid of the W.A.F.M. funds. Rev. F. J. Jennings took charge, assisted by the president (Mrs. W. H. Gray) Mrs. Brownell Montgomery, gave an interesting missionary speech, and a good programme of songs and recitations was rendered. Mrs. Anthony, on behalf of the auxiliary ladies, presented Mrs. Montgomery with a basket of flowers. Mrs. White presented Mrs. Anthony with a similar basket, arranged by Mrs. Allen, after which Mrs. Montgomery declared the sale open. It was well patronised and a good sum realised.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

The Whitsuntide festival was fittingly celebrated on Sunday last when all phases of the services conducted by the vicar (Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain) combined to inspire those in attendance. One of the interesting events in the activities of the parish is listed for Sunday next (Trinity Sunday). The Rev. C. W. Wood, one time vicar of Holy Trinity will be the preacher at evensong at 7 p.m. The fundamental idea is that of a Back to Trinity movement and many former parishioners and friends are expected to be present. The vicar will preach at the matins at 11 a.m. and celebrate at Holy Communion at 8 a.m. corporate for all Church workers. In furtherance of the movement for Back to Trinity a parish social will be held in the parish hall on June 3. All present day and former parishioners are again invited. Spontaneous merriment is always in evidence at the weekly Saturday night dance in the parish hall. The sponsors, the Trinity Young Men's Club, combine enjoyment with refinement.

All Saints' Church, Northcote

A contract let to Mr. J. Weaver for the erection of a kindergarten room, approximately 28ft square was started on May 25.

Church of Christ, Northcote

A special Empire Day service, conducted by the young men was held on Sunday. Members of the C.O.I. assisted in the service. The sermon was Principles of Protestantism. Special singing items were rendered by the men.

James Street Presbyterian Church
Boys' Guild

A novel and amusing entertainment was provided in the school hall on May 20 when the Boys' Guild gave a concert for their aeroplane fund. The chair was occupied by Rev. A. T. Jones and the pianist was Mr. Keith Junor. A splendid programme of songs, dialogues, actions and music was carried out entirely by the boys, each department taking its share. "The Wedding of the Painted Doll" was a specially bright item in which the whole company participated.

Conversazione in Epiphany Church Parish Hall

A conversazione to celebrate the eleventh birthday of the church was held in the parish hall on Monday, when there was a large attendance. The chairman (Rev. T. Cole) introduced the speaker, the Ven. Archdeacon Hancock, who congratulated the parishioners on the progress they are making. The vicar said he was proud of the work of the young people of the congregation. The following programme was rendered:— Duet, violin and piano, Misses Heal; song, Miss Mavis Kruger; song, The Blue Alsatian Mountains, Mr. A. Emery; recitation, The Rescue, Mr. Gates; dialogue, Shattered Nerves, the Misses Lees; song, Mr. E. Ramsden; recitation, Mrs. Dwyer; song, Mrs. T. Vizard; Hymn at Sea, choir boys; song, Miss Lena Orchard; Bells of St. Michael's Tower, choir song, Miss Alance Taylor. The beautiful birthday cake, presented by Mrs. Ritchie, was cut by Mrs. Cornwall, one of the oldest members of the church.

Rev. J. O. Hughes, in moving a vote of thanks to the performers, and the ladies who provided the supper, referred to the happy times spent in the old building. St. Aidan's was also making good progress. The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

James Street Presbyterian Church

Sunday was observed as Empire Sunday in most churches. In the James Street Presbyterian Church Rev. A. T. Jones preached from the text Render unto Caesar the Things That are Caesar's. Loyalty to God commands loyalty to one's country, both industrially and socially, in the making and administration of laws. The choir sang the anthem God be Merciful.

In the evening Rev. G. L. Johnson, of North Melbourne, occupied the pulpit, as Rev. A. T. Jones was conducting anniversary services at the North Melbourne Church. During the service a quartette was sung by Mesdames Paull, and Clark, and Messrs. Reid and Muir, Jesus, My All.

Whitsuntide at Epiphany Church

At the service at 11 a.m. the Archdeacon preached and conducted. At evensong the Empire Service was conducted by the vicar, Rev. J. O. Hughes and Cr. Olver read the lessons and Rev. C. H. Nash preached an inspiring sermon on Citizenship. The Mayor and Mayoress, several of the councillors and the Town Clerk, accompanied by their ladies, were present. The choir rendered the anthem O For the Wings of a Dove, the solo being rendered by Master Frank Marriner. There was a good attendance, of brethren of the Masonic order and Girl Guides.

The collections for the day amounted to £80.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church

The Married Ladies concert party is making arrangements for an entertainment at the Young Street Presbyterian Mission, in Fitzroy.

The services last Sunday provided scope for the celebration of three great anniversaries, Empire Day, Whitsuntide, and the anniversary of John Wesly's conversion. The singing of the choir was a special feature of the services. Next Sunday the Home Mission services will be held. Rev. Henry Clarke, of Bendigo, is the preacher. On Monday Rev. Henry Clarke will lecture on Pioneering Life in the Mallee.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

There were large congregations last Sunday when Rev. C. S. Hadley conducted the service. Special services were contributed by Mr. C. Reekie and a duet by Messrs. Reekie and Outred. In the evening at the Empire Day service Boy Scouts paraded and Rev. Hadley preached a telling sermon on Foundation of Empire.

St. George's Road Methodist School Anniversary

The celebration of the 40th anniversary was commenced on Sunday when Rev. Arthur preached in the morning, Mr. Northey in the afternoon, and Rev. O. Lack, of the China Inland Mission, in the evening. Mr. Lack, who has been 30 years in China, gave an earnest and helpful address from the text Rev. iii., 7-8. At night the church was filled to capacity. A special feature was the singing of the children, under the leadership of Mr. C. Owen. The anniversary will be continued next Sunday.

Reservoir Methodist Sunday School

Continuing the successful S.S. anniversary services the annual distribution of prizes was held in the school (George street) on Sunday afternoon. Rev. G. D. Brimacombe Th.L., the minister of the church, making presentations of a book to each of the 49 successful scholars. Master Ernie Webster, Misses Melva Carne and Evelyn Emery received special congratulations for having obtained every possible mark. Several other scholars lost from one to five marks only. The children of the primary and kindergarten classes each received a picture book as a love gift.

The much looked for scholars' entertainment was held on Wednesday evening. Rev. F. C. Bremer, superintendent minister of the circuit, and the Rev. G. D. Brimacombe, resident minister, who occupied the chair were present. The building was taxed to its utmost capacity and many had to stand throughout the evening. The programme was opened by an action song entitled Flower's Awakening by the kinders being dressed to represent flowers. Another item by the kinders was Mickey Mouse. The intermediate scholars' action songs were by the boys Urchins We and John and Co. The intermediate girls rendered Bush Children and Milkmaids; the seniors rendering Arthur's Bravery, Lady Barbors and Freckles. Other action songs by the girls and boys were Stay in Your Own Back Yard, When We Grow Up, Elocutionary items were rendered by Eileen Dempsey, Una Pollock, Marjory Wood and Dorothy Parker; solos were rendered by Edna Marlow and Jean Tonn; violin solo by Honace Mc Innis. Every item was enthusiastically received. The programme was brought to a close by a dialogue splendidly acted by senior scholars entitled My Turn Next. During the interval presentations were made to Miss Eva Port, a teacher for many years, also to the primary division superintendent who has removed from the district. The presents were bunch bags. The recipients feelingly responded.

Much of the success of the concert was due to the untiring efforts in training the scholars by Mesdames Watson, Johnston, Misses Skate, E. Knight, and Mr. Henderson. The school commenced its tenth year last Sunday and tenders an invitation to parents whose children are not attending one of the local Sunday Schools to send their children to this school which meets in the church building (George street) every Sunday afternoon from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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On Monday next, in "The Life of the Party," Winnie Lightner is here again with all her delightful tomfoolery and with rousing new songs—in a play which features her in a part similar to the one she created in "Gold Diggers of Broadway," only more amusing, and with many added comedy situations lacking in the former. "The Great Meadow" is a thrilling and beautiful screen achievement, much of the credit for which must go to the players, Eleanor Boardman, John Mack Brown and Gavin Gordon.

Without question, "Lightnin'" Will Rogers' third successive hit, which opens on Thursday next, is one of the most entertaining pictures yet to reach the audible screen. The role of "Lightnin' Bill Jones" is a perfect one for Rogers and gives him his chance to register his views on the so called "divorce evil." It is doubtful if any screen production can boast of so many laughs, but drama is not lacking, the court room scene where "Lightnin'" discovers his wife attempting to divorce him, affording Rogers an opportunity to accept a situation that calls for some splendid emotional acting. Louise Dressler is in the cast. The supporting picture, "The Gang Buster," features Jack Oakie.

C.Y.M.S. DEBATES

The second round of debates under the auspices of the C.Y.M.S. was concluded last week-end. In the A Grade Northcote A scored at Northcote Division's expense by 216 points to 212. In B Grade, Section 1, Clifton Hill B, 201, d South Yarra, 194. In Section 2B West Melbourne A, 194, d North-cote B, 178; North Brunswick C, 194, d Clifton Hill C, 179. In Section 4 Preston, 192, d North Fitzroy, 184; Northcote C, 192, d Northcote D, 175.

The next round of debates will begin on Monday, June 8.

You can help to improve the standard of your local club by buying a season ticket. A year's football for 5/5.

"THIS IS NOT JUSTICE!"

HUSBAND REBUKED BY P.M.

At Northcote court on Tuesday, a husband was rebuked by the P.M. for protesting that it was not justice that he be ordered to find a security when he could not do so.

The case was one in which Mrs. Crystal Anderson, Madeline street, Preston claimed maintenance for two children, from her husband, James P. Anderson, Stott street, Croxton at Northcote court on Tuesday.

The parties were married in 1914, and there are four children, of which one is with the father, and three with the mother. The wife sought support for two children only.

Asked if he had any objection to an order being made the husband said "No. I offered money, but it was refused."

Whilst the wife gave formal evidence, her counsel said that he did not want to go into the details of the married life.

The husband: You want to let sleeping dogs lie? I've been told that a lot of "dirt" would be thrown here to-day, and that it would be all one way. I do not stand for that.

Mrs. Anderson said that she had only received £2/15/- from her husband in six months.

Defendant: (to the bench) When I asked for custody of the children sh. said they were not mine.

The P.M.: We do not want that introduced. You can't make statements like that here.

Anderson said that he earned £7/17/ a fortnight as a shunter on the railways. He added "She took my home from me—the third one.—and also the children. I now have to pay debts she left behind, and I have to feed and clothe my eldest son besides myself. I have offered to pay her £1 a fortnight for the children until I get on my feet."

The wife's solicitor: As to those debts. She has been away from him since November, and has had to work to keep herself.

An order was made that Anderson pay his wife 10/- weekly for each of the two children; and he find a security of £25 to comply with the order, and to pay £2/7/- costs.

Anderson: That is unjust. I cannot find the security. I know nobody who'll enter into it, and I'll have to go "in."

The P.M. (Mr. W. J. Clarke): It rests with your wife as to whether the surety is enforced or not.

Anderson: This is not justice. I cannot find the security.

The P.M. (sternly): That will do. Press the bench with respect.

The wife was also granted custody of the children, in respect of whom the order was made.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Before Mr. W. J. Clarke P.M. and Messrs. W. Hayes, H. Evans, P. J. Kean and P. Carney, Mesdames Wood and Devery, J.'s.P.

Failed to Enrol

Frederick Charles Lewis who failed to enrol for Batman electorate was fined 30/-.

Ejectment

Martha Dammery, of Prahran obtained an ejectment order against Raymond Worral.

Unregistered Vehicles

William Armstrong, Scotchmer street, North Fitzroy was charged that on April 18 he drove an unregistered motor truck in High street, Northcote was fined £1.

In a letter to the court, Armstrong said that the car was 17 years old and he was taking it to a motor wreckers.

Offensive Noise

Alan Grey, Latham street, Northcote was charged that on April 18 he allowed a motor cycle to emit an offensive noise in St. George's road was fined £2.

Motor Cyclists Two Charges

Lionel Duffin, Gilbert road, West Preston was charged that on April 18 he drove an unregistered motor cycle and was fined £3.

On a second charge of having ridden without a license Duffin was fined £1.

Duffin said: I had only purchased the machine for £2/15/- on the night before, and was trying it out on that morning.

Traffic Obstructed

Robert Charles Annis, Capelin street, South Yarra, who on April 21 parked his car alongside a tram stop in such a manner as to obstruct traffic in High street was fined £1.

Constable Derham said the back wheels of the car were 3ft 6ins from the kerb.

No Lights

William Knight, Dundas street, Fairfield who rode a motor cycle in High street without a headlight on April 20 was fined £1.

Persons fined for having ridden bicycles without lights after sunset were Frank C. Dexter, Beaconsfield parade, Croxton, £1; Charles Hayle, Dalley street, Northcote, 10/-; Jack Monigal, Wood street, Preston, £1; Kenneth Percy, Scotchmer street, North Fitzroy, £1.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure For Influenza Colds.

UNEMPLOYMENT

THE WOOD SUPPLY

Although the Government made a promise to provide a supply of wood for the needy on May 1, the promise had not been kept up to last Wednesday, the result being that home fires could not be kept burning in many Preston homes, nor could sufficient fuel be found to cook the not too plentiful supply of food distributed by the Relief Committee. Fortunately, Mr. Riddell, of Thornbury, after reading in the "Leader" the great want of fuel, came to the rescue, and through his kindheartedness a truck of wood was distributed through the agency of Cr. H. P. Zwar to 82 families in Preston.

Boots and Clothing

The supply of boots and clothing at Preston has quite run out, and the need for such articles is very urgent, especially in the case of children. Residents of Preston are again asked to look over their spare clothes and boots and send unused articles to the Relief Committee's depot.

Numbers on Books

At the present time there are 2000 unemployed listed on the Preston relief books, and 1400 prsons are in receipt of assistance.

Federal Government's Gift

The Federal Government is sending along 90 military overcoats, 300 tunics and 30 pairs of breeches to Preston. It is expected that the articles named will be available for distribution within the next few days.

Social Events

Next Thursday evening a euchre party and dance will be held in the Preston town hall in aid of the movement, and on Saturday and Monday evenings an English fair will take place on land between High and Mary streets.

Park Improvements

A number of the unemployed have been given work in improving and beautifying the following parks in Preston:—Florence Adams, Bell, Cramer, Wood street and Edwardes Park Lake. Good work has been done in by the men employed, with the result that there is now a decided improvement in the appearance of the reserves named.

NORTHCOTE UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

The usual meeting was held at the town hall on Friday, the president (Mr. Brooks) being in the chair.

A deputation was appointed to wait on the Central Relief Committee in connection with the repairs to boots of single men who are not receiving sustenance, and who, under a new scheme operating at the boot shop, cannot get footwear repaired.

As a result of the efforts of the men who cut wood at Wandin, approximately 150 tons have been received. Arrangements are now in hand for distributing this.

The association desires to thank the shopkeepers of Northcote who responded to the appeal made for foodstuffs for the wood cutters; also Messrs. R. Smark and Son for two bags of potatoes and a bag of chaff, and Mr. Alex. Wilson's donation of £1. We also wish to thank the Minister of Sustenance (Mrs Williams) and Minister of Railways (Mr. Cain) for valuable assistance.

It was decided to send a letter of thanks to Messrs. Baker and Morgan and the railway staff at Wandin for their assistance.

The transport committee are meeting with a satisfactory response to their appeal for foodstuffs for the soup kitchens, which will again be in operation shortly.

The boot repairing shop, which has been in operation for nearly six months, has repaired nearly 2000 pairs of men's, women's and children's footwear. Five men have been working in this shop voluntarily since its inception. It is only quite recently that two of the men received two days' relief pay per week.

The hairdresser also has given his services voluntarily for the past six months.

There exists for the benefit of the unemployed an investigation committee, authorised by the Central Relief Committee to assist in complaints such as debt cases, evictions, etc.

The association appreciates the action of the grounds management committee of the V.F.A. in allotting 50 tickets to the Association matches. Advantage was taken of the first issue on Saturday at the Northcote and Coburg match.

Owing to the town hall being otherwise engaged on May 24 the social and dance will be held on May 28. Any person other than local unemployed will not gain admission. This rule will be strictly enforced.

The deputation which waited on the Central Relief Committee last Friday evening reported to Monday's meeting that they were unsuccessful owing to the funds getting low. It was not possible to comply with their request.

A meeting of the women's section was held on May 25, presided over by Mrs. Mare. A sewing bee was formed and is to meet every Friday afternoon at the town hall for making new garments for the Doreas Society. The society is in urgent need of assistance of this kind, and the women's section appeals to all unemployed women and girls to come along and assist. The next meeting will be held at the A.N.A. Hall on Monday, June 2, at 2 p.m.

A meeting of the speakers' class was held in the A.N.A. Hall on May 20. Mr. T. Galliver presiding. An interesting debate took place, the discussion being how to form a deputation and how to address the party to which the deputation is sent. From an educational point of view these debates are interesting.

WESTGARTH NOTES

The death occurred on May 19 at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Brown, Merri parade, Northcote, of Miss Bridget Gallagher, in her 74th year. The deceased was a former resident of Brunswick. The burial took place at Faulkner.

The Northcote and Preston Scottish Society

The periodical concert of the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society was held in the Town Hall on May 20. The Chief (Bro. Joe Foster) entered with the society's piper, Mr. James Nabbs sang "Bonnie Dundee and Mary of Argyle. Miss Ida Park, Mus. Bac., gave a piano recital. Throughout the evening Miss Park accompanied the singers. Mr. Eric Jones rendered Fishermen of England and encored with The Tune the Bo'sun Played. Mr. Tom Watt, comedian and singer, caused much merriment. Messrs Nabbs and Jones concluded the programme with the duet The Two Bagpipers, for which they were recalled. And Lang Syne concluded a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

REGENT THORNBURY

Reservations ..... Phone JW 2117.

Coming MONDAY, JUNE 1—Three Nights Only

OWEN NARES in

THE MIDDLE WATCH

Greater and Funnier than "Splinters." The only picture to be shown for a week at the Roxy, New York.

LAUREL and HARDY in their Latest Comedy

HOG WILD HOG WILD

Color Tone Review:—"NIGHT IN A SHOOTING GALLERY."

Coming THURSDAY, JUNE 4—Three Nights Only

WILL ROGERS in

LIGHTNIN' LIGHTNIN'

The play made famous in Australia by John D. O'Hara.

JACK OAKIE in

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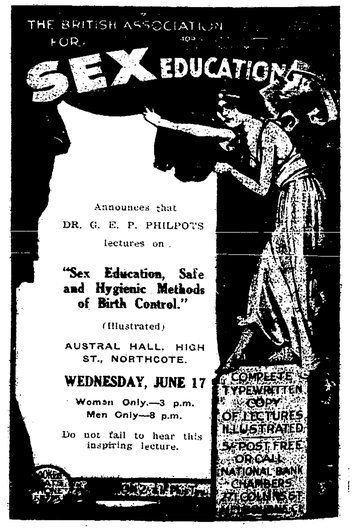
Become an enthusiastic Northcote member. Season ticket 5/5.



FOOTBALL

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METROPOLITAN JUNIORS

Second Grade

Brunswick Juniors, 11—12, d Coburg Juniors, 7—11. Best players for Brunswick were Corrigan, Flanagan, Fildement, Rutter, Coach, Fildement, Rutter, D. Gibson, G. Gilmour.

Third Grade

Coburg Juniors, 10—9, d South Melbourne, 8—7. Best players for Coburg were Hart, Jackson, Jeffery, Clark and Ely. All the goals were scored by Clark, Coburg (2).

UNEMPLOYED FOOTBALL

Previous unemployed played at Princes Park on Monday in one practice match, and good for their opponents, the final scores being:—Preston, 20—20, Williams, 6—7. Goal-kickers: Preston, Ely (7), Rowe (7), Clark (4), Gray (2). Best players were Clark, Ely and Palmer.

C.E. BOYS' SOCIETY

Marist Brothers' Old Boys played St. Augustine's, Ascot Vale, on Saturday, after a hard fought quarter Ascot Vale led by 1 point at 2 in the second quarter, but Brothers came with a rush, the final scores being:—Brothers, 9—9; Ascot Vale, 8—6. Best players were Ascot Vale, Ryan all over Brothers, Ryan, Ryan, Ryan

Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE
Trinity Sunday
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—"Thy Kingdom Come"
Rev. A. H. Constable.
7 p.m.—Rev. C. N. Lack

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
May 31: Trinity Sunday.
Holy Communion.—8 a.m.
Matins.—11 a.m.
Preacher: The Vicar.
Evensong.—7 p.m.
Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Hancock.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
(Shaftesbury Parade)
Sunday, May 31: Trinity Sunday.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion. Corporate for Church Workers.
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain).
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon. "Back to Trinity" Service. Preacher: A former vicar of Holy Trinity, Rev. C. H. Wood (now vicar of Christ Church, Essendon). All present day and one-time parishioners welcome.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Children's Church.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Rev. F. Parsons

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET.
Morning and Evening Services.
Rev. A. T. Jones.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School Anniversary
11 a.m.—Rev. J. K. Robertson.
3 p.m.—Rev. A. J. Stewart
7 p.m.—Rev. W. E. Watkins

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.
Home Mission Sunday
High Street, Northcote
11 a.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
7 p.m.—Rev. Clarke.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.—Rev. Clarke.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
St. George's Road
11 a.m.—Rev. Bremer.
3 p.m.—Rev. Hawkins.
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
Croxton
11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
7 p.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney

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. "The Testimony of the Tabernacle."
A. J. FISHER, Minister.
Everybody welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MARTIN STREET.
Rev. Duncan E. Reeves.
11 a.m.—"Prayer as Communion with God."
3 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7 p.m.—"The Content of the Overdue Religious Reformation."

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 3843.

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 to 132 Heidelberg Rd., Ivanhoe Place, Ivanhoe.

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Auctions

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
At 3 o'clock on the property
23 THAMES STREET, NORTHCOTE
Under instructions from the Mortgagees, Auction Sale of
MODERN W.B. HOUSE
4 rooms, convs., E.L., gas, sewered, motor drive, made street, splendid order, recently renovated, handy Dennis station. Land 38 x 129. Title Certificate. Easy State Savings Bank terms.
STOTT, SON & WATSON
Northcote, Preston, Fairfield
(C. J. Watson, Auctioneer)

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
At 3.45 o'clock on the property
248 GRANGE ROAD, NORTHCOTE
(close Darebin Street)
Mortgagees' Realising Auction Sale of
D.F. W.B. VILLA
4 rooms, all convs., sleep-out, verandah, scullery, E.L., gas, sewered, concrete motor drive, made street, close school. Land 40 x 120. Title Certificate. Easy State Savings Bank terms.
STOTT, SON & WATSON
Northcote, Preston, Fairfield
(C. J. Watson, Auctioneer)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
At 3 o'clock at the property
PLENTY ROAD, SOUTH MORANG
Corner Boland's Lane. Opposite Commercial Hotel
Executors' Realising Auction Sale of
COMMODIOUS W.B. SHOP PROPERTY, GAL. IRON GARAGE (3 Rooms), SUBSTANTIAL W.B. DWELLING (of 9 Rooms, Convs.) LAND 43 ACRES.
STOTT, SON & WATSON

As agents for the Union Trustee Co. of Australia Ltd., 333 Collins street, Melbourne, executors in the Estate of Kenneth Armstrong and the Estate of Alex. Armstrong deceased, will offer by public auction—

Lot 1.—THREE W.B. SHOPS and DWELLING with 5 rooms, comprising Grocer's Shop, 30 x 20, counters, extensive shelving, bins; Baker's Shop, 20 x 12ft. 6in., bakehouse, "Brothers Oven" table, troughs, etc; Boot Repairer's Shop. These buildings are substantial in character, with high ceiling and wide verandah in front, and offers special advantages to business men. Land, 137ft. 9½in., with varying depths extending to approximately 137ft.

Lot 2.—GAL. IRON GARAGE, 28 x 40, dwelling of 3 rooms and convs., with Bowser installed. Land 40 x 137/172.

Lot 3.—Commodious W.B. VILLA, return verandah, 9 rooms, dairy, cow bails, stables, feedrooms, about 4 ac. land with house, also 39 ac. at rear of property suitable for cultivation or grazing purposes.

Title Certificate. Solicitors—Messrs Gair and Brahe, of 243 Collins street, Melbourne.

Terms.—One-fifth cash deposit, balance over 5 years, repayable by quarterly instalments, together with interest added at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, option of paying off on any quarter day.

STOTT, SON & WATSON
(C. J. Watson, Auctioneer)
Northcote, Preston, Fairfield.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, at 2.30 p.m.
At Scott's Hotel, MELBOURNE
Mortgagees' Sale of
Valuable Farm at Yan Yean
A. E. GIBSON & CO.,

Under instructions from the mortgagees, will submit to public auction, as above—All that piece of land, containing 369 acres and 39 perches or thereabouts, being part of Crown portion two, section fourteen, parish of Yan Yean, county of Bourke, and being the land more particularly described in Certificate of Title, vol. 5044, folio 1,008,671.

The property is situated on the west side of the main Whittlesea road, in the centre of a popular and flourishing district, about 23 miles from the city and markets, and within 1½ miles of the Yan Yean railway station, and served by beautiful Country Roads Board road. It is nice undulating country, well adapted for sheep, cultivation and city milk supply. Buildings consist of 4-r. W.B. cottage, detached kitchen, cow bails, dairy and sheds. The fencing of post and wire and rails is in very good condition. The water supply is derived from dams and spring well on the property.

The land is in great heart, and, being for genuine sale, buyers in quest of a good farm in this popular district are invited to inspect. Immediate possession.

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Further particulars from
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Entertainments

All For Australia League

A PUBLIC MEETING

Under the auspices of the above, will be held at the
TOWN HALL, PRESTON
on
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1931,
At 8 p.m.

Speakers:—
Mr. E. Turnbull, President, A.F.A.
Mr. E. Lee Neil.
Cr. W. Hemburrow.
Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P.
Messrs. C. Chapman and H. Nisbett, Preston Returned Soldiers' League.
The Mayor of Preston (Cr. G. E. Robinson) will preside

COMMUNITY SINGING
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Anniversary Social, May 30.
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REGENT TALKIES

Monday brings "The Middle Watch," a hilarious comedy in which two girls are left behind on H.M.S. Falcon, where they are accommodated for the night, during which the admiral decides to come aboard. The girls are discovered, and the admiral's wife is involved in a hectically funny situation. The ending is asurpr ise. "Hog Wild" gives Laurel and Hardy another avenue for their inimitable humor, and beauty of color and graceful dancing are included in "A Night in a Shooting Gallery," a color tone review.

On Thursday are two features—"Lightnin'" and "The Gang Buster." In the former the role of "Lightnin' Bill Jones" is a perfect one for Will Rogers and gives him his chance to register his views on the so-called "divorce evil." It is doubtful if any screen production can boast of so many laughs, but drama is not lacking, the court room scene where "Lightnin'" discovers his wife attempting to divorce him, affording Rogers an opportunity to accept a situation that calls for some splendid emotional acting. Helen Cohen appears as the daughter of Rogers and Louise Dressler. Rogers pokes fun at divorce, brings romance to his daughter and succeeds in outwitting a band of crooks. Jack Oakie is the star of "The Gang Buster," a farcical comedy with heaps of laughs and dramatic situations.

LIVE BABY GIVEN AWAY

AT REGENT THEATRE, THORNBURY

Considerable curiosity and interest have been aroused by the announcement in this week's issue of the "Leader" that the management of the Regent Theatre is to present a real live baby to some lucky person in the audience on Friday night, June 5. We have heard of free toys, free sweets, etc., but never before of a free live baby. We certainly do not mean to miss this, as it is without doubt a most novel idea. We understand the Lactogen people have agreed to feed the baby for six months free of charge. They have also agreed to provide a trained nurse on the night the baby is to be given away. The Nestle Co. will also present every lady attending on that evening with a free packet of Lactogen. This is no doubt a fine idea on the part of the management at the Regent, Thornbury.

£85 FOR CHARITY

Hoyts Merry Movie Month of May will end on June 6. In order to spur on the managers of Hoyts Theatres a prize of £75 is given to the manager who shows the greatest business during this month. Mr. Melvin, manager of the Regent at Thornbury, is very anxious to win this prize, and has offered to himself add £10 to the amount and give the lot (£85) to charity. Residents can help to accomplish this and also see the fine programmes the Regent is showing by attending. There is only one more week. See striking advertisement elsewhere for ruling attractions.

RETURNED SOLDIERS OPPOSE MR. BECKETT

(To the Editor)

Sir,—As our organisation (Footscray and Yarraville Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' Self Help Association) is largely composed of A.L.P. members this association has come out into the open to fight for the liberty of one of our members, and in doing so we find ourselves in the unfortunate position of having to oppose a Parliamentary representative of the Labor party, viz., the Hon. Mr. W. J. Beckett, M.L.C. Mr. Beckett is the president of a monopoly that has endeavored to crush an individual in the person of Mr. F. B. McFarlane, a member of our association. This monopoly is the Victorian Trotting and Racing Association. This body has, by refusing registration to other trotting bodies, retained the monopoly of the sport in the metropolitan area, which it has not creditably held for many years, and, as the Labor platform is strongly opposed to monopolies, none of its members can belong to a monopoly. Therefore we say, without fear of contradiction, that Mr. W. J. Beckett cannot honestly represent Labor. At Mr. Beckett's meeting held at Northcote town hall on May 21, 1931, he said that he had never heard of Mr. F. B. McFarlane. We contend that this is a deliberate untruth on the part of Mr. Beckett, as he is president of the V.T. and R.A.—Yours etc.,

H. J. COLLINS,
Secretary

Footscray, May 26, 1931.

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