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ALLEGED SHOPBREAKING AT THORNBURY

MOTOR PATROL MAKE EARLY MORNING ARRESTS

Two Men Committed for Trial

Making an early morning dash to a shop at the corner of St. George's road and Hutton street, Thornbury, the motor patrol arrested two men about 4 o'clock on June 21. Groceries, tobacco, etc., valued at £50, were found stacked in a motor car in front of the shop ready for removal.

At Northcote court on Tuesday Albert Schneider, Keon street, Thornbury, Bertram Bale, also of Thornbury, were each charged that on June 21, they did break and enter the shop of Thomas Wilfred Patterson and steal a quantity of groceries, tobacco etc., valued at £50.

Ethel Lillian Grimwood, spinster, Park street, Northcote, said: "I purchased a grocer's business at the corner of Hutton street and St. George's road, Thornbury, in January last and on April 20 sold it to Patterson who remained there for about two weeks. I sold the stock and business for £200, and the goods in court are portion of that stock.

William Russell, ladies' hairdresser St. George's road, Thornbury, said: I garage my car behind the grocer's shop at the corner of S. George's road and Hutton street.

Accused Were at Party

On June 20 there was a party at my place at which Schneider and Bale were present. The men left for home at about 3 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Some time later that morning I was awakened by members of the police patrol, and I found my car was missing from the garage.

Cross-examined: This was a "wet" party?—Yes.

Bale arrived "slightly elevated"?—Yes.

There is a secret switch on your car?—Yes.

Thomas Wilfred Patterson, salesman, Bastings street, Northcote, said: "I took over a grocery business from Miss Grimwade on April 20 and remained there a fortnight. Then I left, locking the premises securely.

Cross-examined: There is litigation over the shop?—there is to be.

You left the shop?—Yes, under legal advice.

Patrol Constable's Story

Costable Figgins, of the motor patrol, said: "At about 4 a.m. on June 21 I went with Constable Smyth and other police to the corner of Hutton street and St. George's road, Thornbury.

On arrival outside the grocer's shop, Constable Smyth and I jumped over a fence at the rear. Against the fence, inside the yard Constable Smyth caught hold of Schneider, saying: "What are you doing in there?" Schneider said: "I am caught. I will tell you everything."

I went into the shop and there by torchlight saw Bale crouching on the floor behind the counter. Beside him was a bag of groceries.

In another room a candle was burning.

"You Are Caught Red Handed"

I said to Bale: "You are caught red handed. What have you to say?" He said: "I have been at a party and have been drinking. I came here to get cigarettes."

"I Cannot Remember"

Asked if he had loaded a car outside the shop with groceries he said: "I cannot remember."

Constable Smyth then brought in Schneider, and I told the men that they would be charged with breaking into the shop and stealing the groceries. Bale said: "Take me home and let me have a talk to the wife."

At his home Bale told his wife that he had been in a fight again.

In Schneider's pocket was found a number of packets of chocolate. When questioned he said: "I cannot say where I got them. I never went into that shop."

A tin of tobacco and several packages of tobacco and cigarettes were found in Bale's pockets. When asked about them he said: "I had been drinking at the party. Was I found at the shop?"

In a statement Schneider said: 'I did not put any groceries in the car. I am crippled. I saw Bert Bale put something in the car.

Both Had Been Drinking

Both men had been drinking, Scheider appeared sober, and Bale was rational at times.

Constable Smyth gave similar evidence.

Ownership of Goods

Mr. Schilling (for the accussed) It is quite apparent from the evidence that the goods did not belong to anybody. Miss Grimwade says she sold them, and Patterson said he hadn't bought them. He added: "It is a case of bona vacator, and if the police don't keep a sharp eye open I'll take them myself (laughter) There is no evidence of ownership, and no evidence that there was any breaking and enterig.

The P.M. (Mr. Hauser) cosidered a prima facie case had been established.

Men Committed for Trial

Both accused, who pleaded not guilty, were committed for trial at the Supreme Court on July 15.

Bail was fixed for each at £100, with an approved surety of a similar amount.

PERSONAL

Residents are invited to forward to the Editor, paragraphs for insertion in this column. All copy should bear the name and address of the writer, as a guarantee of good faith.

Mr. Albert Pritchard, Edith street, Preston, has returned from hospital much improved in health.

The many friends of Mrs. Robert Thompson, of "Araluen," Bastings street, Northcote, will regret to learn that she is confined to her bed with a very bad ankle.

Colonel and Mrs. H. Sharp, retired Salvation Army officers, have returned to their home in Arling ton street, north Preston, after an enjoyable holiday in Queensland.

Mr. R. T. Cahir, the well known Preston barrister and solicitor, had the misfortune to slip on the steps of his office during the week, with the result that he dislocated his arm.

Mr. Bakes, chairman of the First Northcote scouts committee and foun der of the scout brass band was congratulated on June 32 by the Chief Commissioner of Railways (Mr. H. Clapp) for the good work he was doing in the scout movement.

The death occurred on June 21 at 88 Clowes street, South Yarra, of Mrs. Dorothy Darvall, wife of Mr. Herbert Darvall, of Eaglemont, Heidelberg. The interment was made privately on June 22.

At her residence, Sheriff street, Stawell, Mrs. Fanny Cornish, aged 85 years, relict of the late Mr. William Cornish died. Mr. George E. Cornish, of Northcote, os a son.

John Walter Maxwell Carrol, formerly of "Maryland," Ivanhoe, late of The Eyrie, Heidelberg, bachelor of veterinary science, who died on June 1 last, left by will dated April 16, 1917, real estate valued at £1,650 an personal property valued at £3,008 to his widow.

The many parishioners and friends of the Rev. S. C. Hadley, of the Thornbury Presbyterian Church, will regret to hear that he is confined to be suffering from a chill. Last Sunday he conducted the morning service, but had enlist the help of Mr. Gray to take the duty in the evening. He is recovering, and expects to be in his accustomed place next Sunday.

Mr. L. Baxter, who has been manager of the North Fitzroy branch of the National Bank of Australasia for nine years, was entertained at a smoke social by customers of the bank form North Fitzroy Northcote and Whittlesea districts in the Fitzroy Town Hall last Saturday evening. Mr. Baxter has been transferred to the Kek branch. He was presented with a case of pipes and a wallet of notes.

To celebrate his birthday, Mr. Cedric Ferguson was given a jolly surprise on June 23 by several friends at his home, Station street, Regent. Dancing, singing and novel games were thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Bramley proposed the health of Mr. Ferguson, who suitably repsonded. A most enjoyable evening was terminated by all joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. W. Fitzpatrick, who is president of the Northcote branch of the C.Y.M.S., has been appointed secretary of the Michael Davitt branch of the Irish National Trustees Northcote. Mr. Fitzpatrick is a well known resident of Westgarth.

The many friends of Mrs. M. Lewis, mother of Mr. Hector Lewis, of Park street, will be sorry to learn that she is again an inmate of the Homoepathic Hospital. On Wednesday morning, whilst descending the steps at the rear of her house, she slipped and fell, breaking a leg. Much sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Lewis, who only returned from the hospital about a fortnight since.

Many Northcote friends will learn with regret the death of Mr. Thomas Wardell, at the age of 73, who passed away in a private hospital on Thursday evening, June 25, after a brief illness. Up to within a fortnight of his death, Mr. Wardell enjoyed the best of health. For over a decade he lived in Speight street, Northcote, and during his residence there deceased, with his wife and family, were actively associated with the Congregational Church. His remains were interred in the Brighton cemetary last Saturday afternoon in the presence of his family and several friends who gathered round the grave side to pay their final tokens of respect. The late T. Wardell leaves a widow and daughter (of Hampton) and two sons, Messrs. George and Will (of Preston).

CORRESPONDENCE

SEX EDUCATION

(To the Editor)

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Weissenfeld, I agree that Eugenics alone will not solve the problem of improving the race. Not for one moment would I suggest adopting the horrible sex vices as practiced in Pagan Rome. If Mr. Weissenfeld had attended my lecture he would have understood my message from a different angle. My main plea was that Australia needed population—but only from the best stock—and not from the mentally deficients and weaklings. And further, it was pointed out that if Australia is to remain white we must fill this island continent with a healthy virile race. Let me point out that birth control is also known in the East, and practised considerably. I will admit that Eugenics is only an aid to the improvement of the race. Again let me state, we do not want to hear anything further of the abominations of Pagan Rome. Contraception is a necessary adjunct to modern civilisation. The use of contraception appliances and methods is not in any way murder. My friend is evidently confusing birth control by means of contraceptives, with the criminal offence known as abortion; and there must be many tens of thousands of these criminal acts performed every year in Australia and it is stated that something in the region of £1,500,000 per annum is spent in this way. Any man today who has studied these subjects must admit that the world would be better off without imbeciles. Certain imbeciles may be better off spiritually, for the reason that it was the only form of education they received. A man cannot progress in this world with spiritual development alone and further he can only believe, not think. I quite agree that there are brilliant men whose lives are a disgrace to humanity. Let me remind your readers that venereal disease is playing great havoc today and is a potent cause of insanity. Take alone syphilis, also known at "the unfortunate disease" so named in 1530 when Fracastorius published a poem, the central figure of which was a herdsman named Syphilis, who had contracted this disease, which is responsible for 11.8% of deaths from diseases of the nervous system and blood vessels. Further, probably 95% of all premature deaths and stillbirths are the result of syphilis; and graphically point home the havoc this disease causes, which is only through ignorance; and remember, there is a great difference between ignorance and innocence. I have before me the case of a husband who went outside the marriage state just after marriage, and by such act committed adultery, according to the law of the State and the Church. He contracted the disease, and tragedy followed. The scourge was conveyed to the first born child, living only three years. The second child born died after one year and nine months. Then a medical man was consulted and treatment undertaken. While under treatment two healthy daughters were born; then treatment was not followed by the husband due to ignorance. Three sons were born. The first son, with congenital syphilis, was born blind; the second son, also with congenital syphilis, paralysis; and the third son, also infected developed epileptic fits. By education, these five useless children would not have been born. Even when the disease is contracted, by proper treatment it can be cured. The treatment of today is an exact science. Further, treatment is provided free by the State of Victoria at the Venereal Disease Clinic, and at all public hospitals receiving a Government grant. So there is no excuse for not being able to receive proper treatment. Many more such cases can be quoted. In conclusion, how many people in Australia are not practising birth control? For it must be admitted that those who do not exercise the great power of reproduction can be said to be practicing birth control.

—Yours etc.,

Dr. Geo. Payne Philpots.

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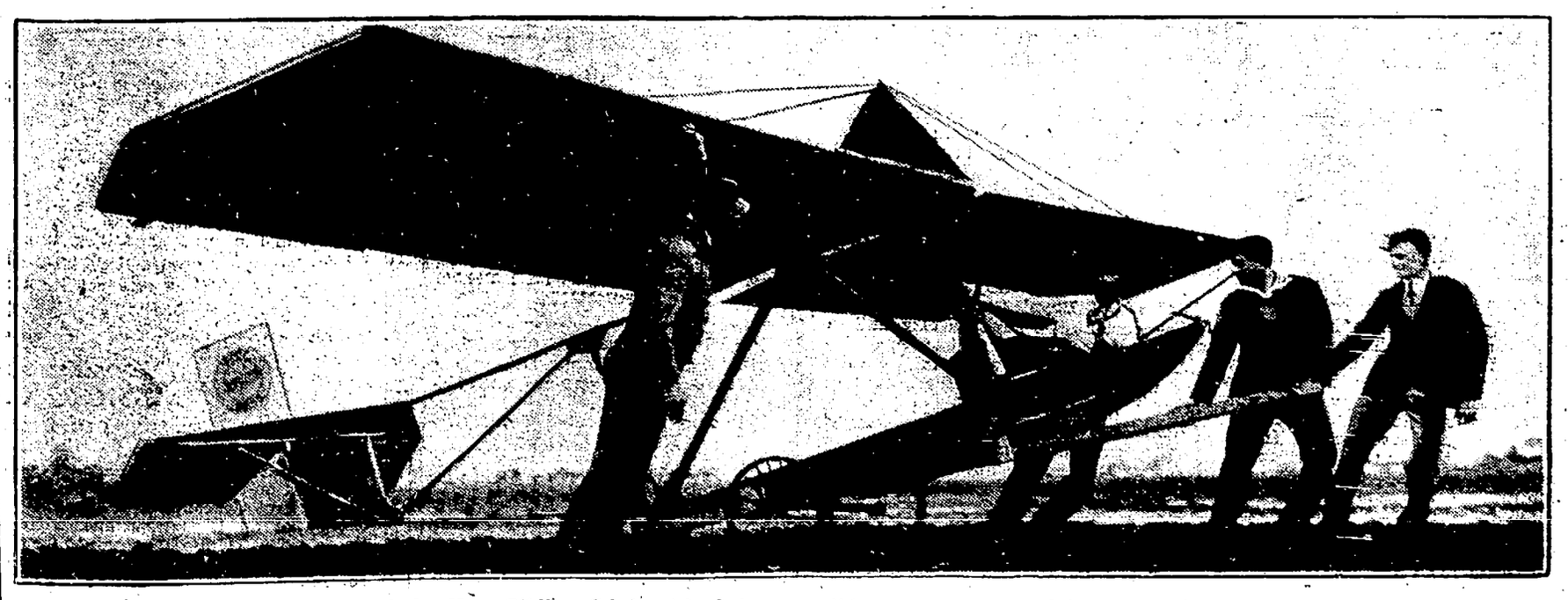
GLIDING ENTHUSIASTS



Members of the Kew Gliding Club with their new glider at the Lasco School of Flying at Coode Island. Mr. C. W. Duckworth (left), secretary and instructor, is with Messrs. R. Searle, J. Hardiman, and W. D. Watson.

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Northcote Notes

Star of Northcote, I.O.R.

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Northcote Free Gardeners

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Winter Party

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Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary

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Fires in Northcote

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

[illegible] The social committee organised the evening.

Northcote Symphony Orchestra

The programme for the concert to be given at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, July 14, will completely eclipse any yet given by this capable body of musicians, and will include the "Barber of Seville" Overture (Rossini), Symphony No. 5 in C minor, (Beethoven) Hungarian Dances Nos. 5 and 6 (Brahms), "Praludium" (Jarnfelt), and the "Hungarian March" (Berliez). The solo items with orchestra are—"Adagio" from the violin concerto (Max Bruch) "O Paradise" (Mergerbeer), and "Softly Awakes My Heart" (Saint-Saens), the soloists will be—Miss Myrtle Mills (contralto), Mr. John Dodds (violinist) Mr. James Nabbs (tenor). A record attendance is anticipated. Popular prices, 2/2 (res) and 1/1 unres); 1/1 tickets on sale at doors on night of concert only. Box plan and tickets at Noar's, 205 High street, after July 8.

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

Northcote-Thornbury Branch.—A pleasant and successful card party was held at "Helena." the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cooper. 84 [illegible] road. Northcote, on Saturday, June 20. Prizes for euchre were won by Mesdames Armstrong, [illegible] and O'Brien. Gents' prize went to Mr. T. Cooper sen. Mrs. Wilkinson found the lucky number for the bottle of wine. Mr. P. Ryan secured a beautiful box of stationery. Many novelties were introduced during the evening. A recitation by Miss Lenran was greatly appreciated. The annual meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the Northcote Town Hall (small hall) on July 7, at 2.30 p.m. The Auxiliary are holding a euchre party in the Memorial Hall, High street, Northcote, on July 17, proceeds being for local unemployed funds.

Wimble Workingmens' Club

The half-yearly balance sheet was presented by Cr. Bird and was duly adopted. Considering the club has been in existence only six weeks the bank balance was considered very favorable. The next dance in the Wimble Hall will be held on Saturday July 4. Admission for gents invitation card, for ladies refreshments.

THE secretary to the Metropolitan Board of Works has addressed a letter to the Preston council in reply to one wherein plans, estimates and details were submitted regarding the proposed beautification of the water supply pipe track through the municipality from Regent to Reservoir. The secretary to the board has been directed to state the water supply committee regrets it is unable to approve of the works proposed at the present time. "There would," the letter goes on to say, "be no objection to the council, at its own expense, undertaking the suggested modified scheme mentioned by Commissioner Jones, of ploughing this portion of the track and laying it down in grass on the same general conditions as are embodied in the agreement between the council and the board in respect of the beautification of the track from Miller street to Murray road." The letter will be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Preston council.

Blue Bird Fair

MRS. H. P. Zwar is due to open a Blue Bird Fair on Friday afternoon for the local Salvation Army corps. Mrs. Knight, Joyce Greenhalgh (a pupil attending the Preston Girls' School), and Nurse Fowle, a gifted singer from "Bethesda" Hospital, will contribute to the programme, and Commissioner J. Hoskins, who recently returned from India, will be among the guests. Colonel McClure will preside at the opening of the fair on Friday.

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

BRO. G. Cook presided at the fortnightly meeting at the Scout Hall on June 22. Three propositions were received and one member was initiated. Following the "Back to Ballarat" in April Ballarat lodges have since initiated over 30 new members. It is proposed to visit other lodges in country districts. The debate on Capital Punishment held after the meeting was won by the affirmative side comprising Bros. Manuel, Potter and Woolley. The syllabus item for next meeting will be a fancy dress night, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

Reservoir District Band

THE weekly meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Flanders, Mr. Davis presiding. The band is to be registered with the newly-formed Victorian Bands League. A third attempt will be made to give the long-promised selection on Friday evening next in High street, Regent. The next meeting will be held on Monday.

Concert by Boys' Band

PRESTON Boys' Band will gave a concert at the Preston city hall on Sunday next, July 5, at 8.30 p.m. A collection will be devoted to the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Street Construction

PRESTON Council has agreed to consider the construction of Morgan and Collins streets with the next list of private streets to be constructed.

New M.L.C.

MR. H. H. Olney, the newly-elected representative for the North Melbourne Province in the Legislative Council, has advised the Preston council that he will co-operate in any matters interesting the council.

Voters' Lists

NOTICE is given elsewhere that between July 8 and 14 voters' and Preston may be inspected by ratepayers separate voters' lists for the city of ers.

POINTED PROVERBS

5000 YEARS AGO

Some remarkable discoveries have been made by archaeologists who are digging among the ancient ruins of Chaldea. Recent additions to the British Museum have been obtained by Mr. C. L. Woolley, who has been digging up the deposits of rubbish at Ur, the ancient city from which Abram migrated. The modern girl will be surprised to learn that she is imitating her sister of 5000 years ago, for ancient lip stick was discovered among relics of the life before the Flood. They followed the fashion set by Queen Shub Ab, who had jet black hair, a delicately shaped nose, and small mouth. The girls painted their mouths ruby and emboldened their eyebrows with black.

It was revealed that the great Flood left a 11 foot deposit of sand over everything, and under this deposit the dwellings of pre-flood people were discovered. It was learnt that these early humans lived in brick buildings and even constructed concrete bricks! Surely, "there is nothing new under the sun," for even our modern lip stick and concrete buildings were anticipated 5000 years ago!

CENTRAL PRESTON.

West Preston State school has organised an appeal among the children for clothing for local unemployed.

The Preston branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. visited the McLeod Sanatorium last Thursday and gave a concert.

The drinking fountain at the corner of Murray and Plenty roads is out of action, somebody having removed the nickel fittings.

The Chief Commissioner of Railways (Mr. Clapp) paid a visit of inspection to Preston railway station on Monday. He later unofficially expressed satisfaction.

Mr. and Mrs Littlejohn, of Grandview street, became the proud parents of a son, late last week.

K.S.P. club connected with the Preston Church of Christ were addressed by Dr. Henrichsen last Monday night.

The P.B.P. club looked like having their first win at basketball last Saturday when they played Footscray, but unfortunately the ball burst, and the match was not completed.

Next Sunday morning will be observed as an "every member present service" at the Preston Church of Christ. The new hymn books will be used for the first time. A youth rally has been arranged for the evening. The day will also be observed as missionary Sunday throughout the State.

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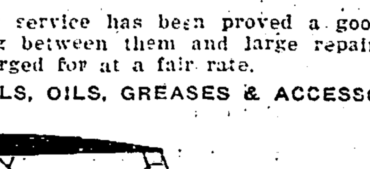

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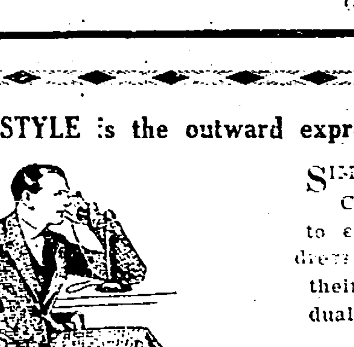

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HAWKER AVENUE

COUNCIL GETS FURTHER GOOD ADVICE

Another Conference to be Arranged

Possibly no street in Preston has ever evoked so much discussion among Preston councillors as has Hawker avenue, which was constructed not long ago by the council under the private street construction scheme.

At almost every council meeting lately there as been a long discussion about this street, which the property owners allege has not been constructed according to the adopted plans. Last Monday's meeting of the council was no exception, the discussion lasting for three-quarters of an hour.

The Regent Central Progress Association, which has been following this matter up, wrote to the council requesting that plans for making the street safe be forwarded to the association and at the same time urged that a start be made as soon as possible to make the street safe.

Mayor Robinson said the council had had several conferences with property owners of Hawker avenue and the progress association, and he moved that the letter be referred to the ward members. who would confer with the owners as soon as possible.

Since the last meeting with the owners, the mayor added, certain legal advice had been received which left the council between the "devil and the deep sea."

Cr. Hemburrow said that by this time the council should have collected £435 in repayments and interest from the property owners of the street, and it had not got that sum on account of maladministration on the part of someone.

This street was not constructed according to the original plans, he declared, and now plans were being prepared to put the street in order. "This is not a matter which can be passed over on the score of expediency, as has often been done in the past. Two plans have been submitted for putting the street in order, one which would cost £400 and the other something like £500. Through "bungling" the council has not only to forgo collecting the £435 due to it, but it is faced with spending at least another £400. The council should never have got into this mess.

Cr. Jones: Show us how to get out of it.

Cr. Hemburrow: I am not out to slate anyone, but I will say that when the city engineer got into a difficulty he went outside the limits of his authority in altering the plans without consulting the council.

Motion Not Accepted

I will not stand for inefficiency, nor will I lightly pass it over. I move:—

That the position of Mr. Scott as engineer to this municipality be referred to the committee of the council for consideration.

The mayor: I cannot accept that motion. You can move it later if you wish.

Cr. Hemburrow: I will do so then.

Cr. Newton: I am very concerned as this street is in a dangerous condition. The mayor tells us we are between the devil and the deep sea. I think the devil has got us, though I don't know much about the deep sea, (laughter).

"May Mean Life"

I have urged from time to time that the street be made safe, but nothing has been done. When I have asked for the plans, I am told the engineer is very busy. As this is a matter which may mean life, I think it should take precedence over other matters.

Cr. Zwar: We have met the residents in conference, and cannot take action until the whole question is fully considered. The legal opinion we have just got alters the whole position, and nothing further can be done without another conference with the owners.

"Fireworks"

Cr. Jones: The council is doing all it can to have the work pushed on with. I am surprised with the "fireworks" at this late stage. I cannot understand Cr. Hemburrow's attitude either. He says he doesn't want to slate anyone, and then proceeds to criticise the engineer, winding up with a motion concerning his services.

The council has to proceed warily in this matter and obtain the best legal advice possible. If the matter is rushed now it may cost the council £5,000 instead of the £430 already referred to.

The Mayor: I was astonished to hear councillors say that "nothing had been done." Not only has the council got legal advice, but it has had a check survey by an independent engineer. In view of further advice another conference will have to be arranged with the owners. At the present time I can see it will be very difficult to come to an arrangement which will satisfy all the owners.

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CHURCH NEWS

Preston Church of Christ

July 5 will be a very special day for the Preston Church of Christ, in that the morning service is to be observed as an "every member present" communion service, and the evening service will be a youth rally, when all of the auxiliaries of the church will participate. In addition, the new Church of Christ hymn book, which has just been published, will be used for the first time. During the week the auxiliaries will aim at a week of records, endeavoring to create record attendances at all of their activities.

High Street Methodist Church

Next Sunday evening at a musical Service Rev. F. J. Jennings will preach on "Favorite Hymns." The choir, under Mr. A. Burge, will give favorite anthems. The church organist (Miss Park, Mus. Bac.) will give an organ recital, commencing at 6.20 p.m.

The first winter social gathering will take place on July 11.

St. George's Road Methodist Church

A special service for the admission of new members was held in the St. George's Road Methodist Church on Sunday evening last. Rev. F. J. Jennings conducted the initiation. A dozen members were admitted to fellowship.

Church of Christ, Northcote

On June 25 a representative of the limited Aborigine Mission (Mr. W. Collier) gave an interesting and instructive lantern lecture describing conditions in the north-west of West Australia.

All Saints' Church, South Northcote

Sunday School anniversary services were held at All Saints' Church last Sunday. The preachers were Rev. Denis Beasey, of St. Columb's, Hawthorn, in the morning; in the afternoon Rev. R. Long addressed the children; and the vicar preached in the evening. Prizes were distributed in the afternoon. Mr. J. Petre conducted the children in their singing, and Miss LeHuray presided at the organ.

A month's campaign for the spiritual uplift of the parish will be held from July 5 to 30, conducted by the Rev. C. H. Nash, M.A. (principal, Melbourne Bible Institute) and the vicar, assisted by the Youth Movement in other parishes.

The Archbishop will open the new kindergarten room on Saturday, July 18, at 3 p.m. Parishioners are invited to be present.

Epiphany Church

The sale of gifts held on June 25 for the building fund of the Church of the Epiphany was very successful. The financial return was £33/10/-.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist

The Bible classes in the Sunday school are well attended. The Young Men's Class has many activities in hand, including regular support to the Methodist Babies' Home at South Yarra. On Monday a party from the class visited the Brunswick Street Mission. The young ladies are under the able leadership of Miss Olive Risk.

Last Sunday morning's service was conducted by Rev. J. T. Duggleby. The visiting preacher was Mr. W. S. Slater, of Auburn.

Northcote Congregational Church

The evening service last Sunday was taken by Rev. R. Ambrose Roberts, of the Prohibition League, who spoke of the work of the League. On Wednesday Mr. Roberts and Rev. Robertson McCue held a public meeting dealing with prohibition.

St. Aidan's Church

A sale of gifts took place on June 27, when £12 was raised. A euchre party held on June 24 by the Ladies' Guild was very successful.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

Interest was aroused among Sunday school teachers and scholars on Sunday last by the visits of Miss C. Millson, recently appointed diocesan organiser of Sunday schools. It is expected that Miss Millson will again visit Holy Trinity early in August. Rev. Maurice T. Jones preached at evensong on various aspects of the work of the Australian Board of Missions. During the service the choir, under the direction of Mr. Ellis ably rendered the English version of Handel's "Ombra Mai Fu." Arrangements are being made for a special service for men only. This service is to be held on Sunday, July 19, under the direction of the local branch of the C.E.M.S. The usual Saturday evening dances continue to maintain their high standard. The function this week is expected to benefit the funds of the Girls' Friendly Society. To-morrow being the fifth Sunday after Trinity services will commence at 8 a.m. with a corporate communion (C.E.B.S.). At 11 a.m. matins and intercessions will follow, while at evensong at 7 p.m. it is confidently expected that a large number of girls will be present, the occasion being a special admission service of the Girls' Friendly Society. Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain will officiate at all services. Candidates continue to be enrolled for confirmation and prospective candidates should communicate with the vicar without delay.

Church for All, Northcote

Last Sunday, despite the inclement weather, quite a large number attended the Church for All, Normanby Hall, Thornbury, at both afternoon and evening services. In the afternoon messages were given by Mesdames Arthur and Bennett and Miss Arthur, whilst Mr. Underhill was kept busy with numerology. At the evening service the president gave an interesting address on the Symbolism of the Great Pyramid, which he termed God's witness. Next Sunday's speaker in the evening will be the founder and leader, Mrs. Arthur.

EVENING PYJAMAS DISPLAYED

Now that pyjamas are as much at home in the ballroom at in the boudoir, Hollywood has bravely backed the mode of the formal trousered costume.

Carole Lombard, appearing in Paramount's comedy, "Up Pops the Devil," dons one costume of sun rayed pleated white satin that looks like the latest thing in gowns until she walks, thus revealing a voluminous divided skirt.

Another set of evening pyjamas worn by Miss Lombard combines beige trousers, a short red jacket, and cream colored blouse. The deep pockets are edged with a band of brown, as are the sides of the trousers. The blouse has a square neckline, and a scarlet sash, whilst the short jacket is cut in the fashion of a very smart bridge coat.

Community Singing

At the weekly community singing conducted by the Northcote Unemployed Professional Orchestra on June 25 a good programme was provided by the orchestra and artists were Misses Smith and Bailey, the former was accompanied by Mrs. Smith. The weekly gift from Northcote tradesmen, of which Mr Skene, chemist, was the donor, was won by Mr. Davis.

Cyclist Dies

Frederick Long, aged 43 years, Barwon road, Northcote, died at St. Vincent's Hospital on June 25, from injuries received when a bicycle he was riding collided with a motor car in Heidelberg road, Alphington, on Sunday.

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IN MEMORIAM
(Anzac)

HOWDEN.—In loving memory of my dear son, Major H. C. Howden, M.C. and bar, died of wounds in France, July 5, 1917. Aged 27.
At rest.
—Mother.

IN MEMORIAM

SHAW.—In loving memory of our dearly loved son, John who passed away on July 2, 1928.
Sadly missed.
—Inserted by his loving parents, 10 Hayes St., Northcote.

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Wallace Beery, who pursues the sport of aviation avidly between pictures at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, was making a landing in a tight bank. Stephen Fechit, colored comedian, watched him from the ground. "Well," remarked the latter, "he can just do that all by hisself!"

ALLEGED ASSAULT AT PRESTON

THE CASE DISMISSED

At the Preston court on Thursday, before Mr. E. R. Stafford, P.M., and Mr. O. A. Walker, J.P., Victor John Bradley, of Pender street, Thornbury, was charged with having assaulted Eva May Pearl on June 27.

The evidence of Mrs. Pearl was that Bradley went to her house in Regent street, Preston, to seize some furniture under a hire purchase agreement, and that after forcing an entry into the house he pushed her over a sofa with the result that she fell to the floor.

Bradley denied ever having laid a hand on Mrs. Pearl, stating that he was not near her at the time alleged.

After exhaustive evidence had been heard and witnesses called on both sides, the bench decided that defendant did not assault Mrs. Pearl, and dismissed the case, with £3/12/6 costs against the informant.

Mr. R. T. Cobir appeared for the defence.

Gladys Moncrieff at the Regent

A personal appearance will be made at the Regent Theatre, Thornbury by Miss Gladys Moncrieff, Australia's Queen of Song. This special engagement takes place tonight and tomorrow (Saturday) night, when Miss Moncrief, the star of many musical comedy successes will give her beautiful voice full scope in popular as well as operatic numbers, and is sure to delight her audiences with her vivid personality and singing.

Notice is given in another column that Regulation 24 has been passed by the Council of the City of Northcote and came into operation on July 2.

By James and Hobson, at 1 o'clock on July 7 on the property, 21 Brooke street, Northcote, sale of household furniture. Particulars elsewhere.

NORTHCOTE MAYORAL BALL

CR. AND MRS. J. H. GREEN ENTERTAIN

Debutantes Participate in Brilliant Function

A brilliant scene was presented at the Northcote Town Hall on Tuesday evening when the mayor and mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. J. H. Green) entertained about 600 guests at a civic ball. Many mayors and mayoresses from the metropolitan municipalities came to partake of the hospitality of the mayor and mayoress, which was lavishly dispensed.

THE DECORATIONS

In a setting of golden-amber and vivid electric blue, the ballroom presented a gay scene with its golden centre pieces and orange streamers studded with glowing golden globes. Drapeties and festoons of amber toned with a deep sea blue shade flecked the walls and autumn tinted flowers peeped forth from trailing ferns, autumn leaves and gum boughs. Palms and ferns softly-lighted formed a background for the stage, which had been arranged with easy chairs as a lounge for the official guests. The orchestra was ensconced on the left of the stage and wide carpeted steps led from the stage to the dancing floor.

THE OFFICIAL ENTRY

In the Mayor's room the official guests were welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress and from there proceeded to the ballroom, headed by Cr. and Mrs. Green. After the official entry the debutantes and their partners entered.

THE DEBUTANTE SET

Accompanied by their partners and led by Mr. K. and Miss Gwenda Riches, the debutantes paced gracefully down the steps to the ballroom, taking their places for several figures of the Lancers. The Mayor and Mayoress and their daughters, Misses Olwyn and Lesley Green stood on the steps, as the debutantes came forward to make their obeisance to the Mayoress. The debutantes and their partners were:—Miss M. Ackary and Mr. A. Adcock; Miss G. Bohme and Mr. Bohme; Miss I. Bradley and Mr. R. Brockie; Miss A. Brewer and Mr. R. Mott; Miss K. Brewer and Mr. H. Marriner; Miss M. Goold and Mr. M. Nankervis; Miss N. Hallam and Mr. B. Smith; Miss V. Hatfield and Mr. M. Dunn; Miss G. Henderson and Mr. A. Henderson; Miss N. O'Neill and Mr. E. Veitch; Miss L. Pierce and Mr. E. Eckhardt; Miss M. Pollock and Mr. K. Lovejoy; Miss G. Riches and Mr. K. Riches; Miss A. Smith and Mr. G. Burt; Miss D. Smith and Mr. H. Dawson and Miss B. Threlkeld and Mr. B. Andrew

Mr. M. Stretton, of Thornbury, was responsible for the training of the debutante set.

THE MUSIC

During the evening dancing was indulged in to the strains of the Merrymakers Band (all ladies) who played favorites old and new with rythm and vim. The floor was in perfect order, and although crowded by the merry dancing throng, smiling faces and pleasant chatter were in evidence everywhere.

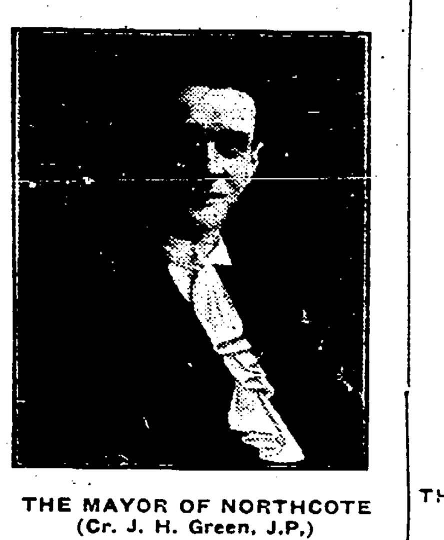
THE OFFICIAL SUPPER

The Official Supper was held in the Small Town Hall, which was most effectively decorated in shades of green, orange and canary. There was a centre piece of massed flowers, from which streamers radiated to the walls. The stage was embowered in greenery, in which eucalyptus boughs predominated. Shaded lamps and antique wall panels completed the effect.

The tables looked a pitcture, being decked with Iceland poppies in tall silver vases, and they almost groaned beneath the spread of good things provided. Nothing was left undone to ensure the comfort of the guests by Mrs. Olorenshaw, of Normanby Hall, Thornbury, who carried out the catering arrangements, and indeed merited the laudatory remarks heard on all sides.

At the interval the toast of "The King" was honored at the instance of the Mayor.

Tumultuous applause greeted the toast of the Mayor and Mayoress, proposed by Cr. S. Dennis. In giving the toast, Cr. Dennis said that he had known Cr. and Mrs. Green for many years, and he, along with the citizens, deeply appreciated the way in which they had carried out their mayoral duties, in one of the most trying years on record; brought about by the unfortunate depression. In his duties the Mayor had been ably seconded by the Mayoress, and he was indeed fortunate to have such a splendid help-meet. Though Mrs. Green had been somewhat nervous at the outset, and had experienced a severe illness, she had made a com-



THE MAYOR OF NORTHCOTE
(Cr. J. H. Green, J.P.)

plete recovery and had given of her best to the service of the city. On behalf of those assembled Cr. Dennis concluded by thanking the Mayor and Mayoress for their right royal entertainment.

The toast was enthuiastically acclaimed with musical honors.

The Mayor, who was received with prolonged applause, in responding said he had accepted the mayoralty with some misgivings, on account of the high standard set by previous mayors. The Mayoress had been somewhat reluctant to accept the position, but the decision made she had entered wholeheartedly into the duties of her office. It was said that a wife was a man's better half, and he would add that if the year continued much longer, the Mayoress would be his bigger half. (laughter). He realised that if he had fallen short in anything, the Mayoress at least had done her part well. The council, officers, ladies' organisations, public bodies and citizens generally had given ready support, which had assisted in no small degree. Mrs. Green had worked wonderfully, and had had the support of her two daughters. The mayoral year was now drawing to a close, it having proved happy and successful, and though hard at times, was always enjoyable. He was pleased to see such a large attendance, and expressed the wish that all would have an enjoyable time. (applause).

THE FROCKS

The Mayoress was a charming figure gowned in delphinium blue lace and georgette with brilliant buckle with a necklace of acquamarine, and her beautiful bouquet was arranged with orchids, daffodills, amber pansies, fern and autumn leaves. Miss Olwyn Green was gracefully gowned in ivory georgette with lace coatee and carried golden pansies in her bouquet. Turquoise blue ninon frocked Miss Lesley Green whose posy was daintily composed of amber pansies, autumn leaves and fern. Mrs. J. A. Thomson wore a smart blue-green floral taffeta gown, with hip flounces, and carried a lovely bouquet of pansies and fern.

The debutantes were frocked in white and carried exquisite posies of amber and blue flowers and autumn leaves, tied to the wrist with blue and gold ribbons. They wore:—Miss Mavis Ackary, white georgette, pointed fully flared skirt with cape collar and diamente buckle; Miss I. Bradley, white georgette, with bolero effect; Miss Girlie Bohme, white georgette, rucked bodice with three flared flounces; Miss Alice Brewer, white georgette, frilled at neckline waist, and hemline; Miss Katie Brewer, white georgette, fully flared skirt falling from tucked hip band; Miss Maisie Goold, white georgette, with diamente trimming; pin tucked hip yoke and flared skirt and flared cape; Miss Nancye Hallam, white georgette, with pleated, flared skirt, pin tucked hip yoke and bodice; Miss G. Henderson, white georgette, with flared cape and three flared flounces; Miss Norma O'Neill, ivory georgette, with fully flared, two tiered skirt; Miss Lillian Pierce, white georgette, side flounce and handkerchief collar; Miss Margaret Pollock, white georgette with flared hip godets; Miss Beryl Pierce, ivory georgette, three fully flared flounces and diamente trimming; Miss Gwenda Riches, ivory georgette, rucked hip yoke forming a flared skirt; Miss Alma Smith, white fitting ninon frock falling into flares, with diamente

THE MAYORESS OF NORTHCOTE
(Mrs. J. H. Green)

belt; Miss Doris Smith, white georgette, with silver trimmings and tiny white frills; Miss Beryl Threlkeld, white georgette, fully flared skirt, basque at hips, bolero bodice.

Among the many beautiful frocks of rainbow-hued colors, which hung gracefully in full ankle length flares, black was again the predominant note. Beading, frills, flounces, pin tucks and capes all added to the individuality of each gown, and many of the younger dancers favored the garland of flowers in the hair, although flowers (unless real) were de trop. Some of the frocks noticed were:—Mrs. C. H. Coleman (wife of Shire President of Mulgrave) sand-biege lace; Mrs. J. C. Eastman (mayoress of Collingwood) black georgette and lace; Mrs. J. T. Mahoney, (mayoress of Box Hill) black georgette; Mrs. H. G. Ritchie (mayoress of Caulfield) pale blue ninon, handpainted in blue and gold; Mrs. J. B. Pridmore (mayoress of Hawthorn) wine georgette; Mrs. G. A. Paine, (mayoress of Williamstown) black lace and silver; Mrs. G. E. Robinson (mayoress of Preston) black satin flared; Mrs. W. D. Thomson, (mayoress of Footscray) green velvet and gold lace; Mrs. G. C. Carmichael (Mulgrave), gold georgette beaded in gold; Mrs. H. J. R. Cole (Box Hill), tangerine taffeta and gold lace; Mrs. R. Cresbie Goold (Malvern), electric blue velvet; Mrs. R. A. McGregor Dawson, (Brunswick), black lace and georgette; Mrs. J. Gent (Footscray), powder blue satin; Mrs. J. Hocking (Williamstown) leaf green satin; Mrs. F. C. Francis (Collingwood) red satin; Mrs. L. W. Williams (Preston), black satin and lace; Mrs. A. J. Cornish, black lace; Mrs. S. Dennis, black and white georgette beaded in crystal; Mrs. W. J. Glanfield, black ring velvet; Mrs. M. C. Jones, black lace ande georgette; Mrs. A. H. Oldis, lido blue georgette; Mrs. W. Olver, beige lace with fur trimmed coat; Mrs. A. V. Peters, rose satin, trimmed with diamente; Mrs. S. Pinkney, sand biege georgette; Mrs. W. H. Turner, Burgandy crepe satin; Mrs. B. E. Johnson, black ring velvet, diamente buckles; Mrs. Frank Brennan, mushroom lace; Mrs. J. Cain, ivory chenille georgette and satin; Mrs. A. C. C. Holtz, black ring velvet; Mrs. H. H. Olney, black ring velvet with diamente.

Mrs. Geo Allen, black lace georgette; Miss Olive Batten, ankle length frock, of salmon satin, diamente trimmings; Miss Bailey, red lace; Mrs. A. E. Barnard, pale pink and black satin; Mrs. Bishop, electric blue georgette; Mrs. H. P. Brewer, deep red satin with basque; Mrs. W. F. Brownell, russett taffeta and silver lace; Miss Dulcie H. Bell, maize colored georgette; Miss M. Bryan, black georgette; Miss E. Burgess, floral green georgette; Mrs. G. Bradley, green georgette; Miss Bralley (South Australia), black embossed georgette; Mrs. J. Clayden, black satin and silver lace; Mrs. Bert Cox, black georgette and lace; Miss Elva Cornish, green lace and net; Mrs. Edward Chapman, black georgette and lace, diamente trimming; Miss Freida Chapman, white satin, pale pink trail; Mrs. Reg Cox, red velvet and georgette; Mrs. J. Cooper, green georgette with diamente; Mrs. W. Callaghan, burnt orange georgette; Mrs. R. Clery, white ring velvet with coat to match, relieved with white fox fur; Mrs. J. M. David, black georgette; Mrs. H. C. Dyte, double tiered black lace frock; Miss Rae Dyte, white satin frock, finished with pearl shoulder straps and flowers down back; Mrs. Duthee, blue georgette, bridge coat to match; Mrs. J. M. Dunbar, almond green georgette; Mrs. Dunn, black lace and georgette; Mrs. G. Davern, black crepe satin; Mrs. Dexter, black lace; Mrs. Claude Dimmick, flared apricot georgette, trail of flowers on shoulder, floral velvet coat with grey fox trimming; Miss Minnie Eabry, ankle length shell pink georgette; Mrs. J. T. Farrant, pale pink georgette and lace with sprays of blue flowers; Mrs. A. H. Ford, pink ankle length frock of lace; Miss E. Ferguson, white georgette; Mrs. Fred Fontaine, black lace; Mrs. H. C. Ferguson, black georgette, daphne shoulder posy; Miss E. Fletcher, black ring velvet relieved with black and gold coat; Miss Carrie Gray, ankle length crimson georgette diamente buckle finish; Mrs. L. Gorr, wine satin; Mrs. Gould, dark red lace; Miss Phyllis Gardiner, ankle length poppy red georgette; Miss R. Hawthorn, wine georgette with diamente buckle; Mrs. T. W. Hawthorn, black georgette and lace; Mrs. W. M. Houston, royal blue georgette; Mrs. M Hammond, black satin, pink and silver spray, set off with handsome pink shawl; Mrs. L. Hales, deep salmon pink satin, flared, posy to match; Miss P. Hunt, blue satin frock; Miss Lorna Hynes, lime satin frock, very full flared skirt, long shoulder spray of pink carnations; Mrs. Ern Harvey, black satin relieved with green; Mrs. A. E. Hayes, black silk lace and georgette; Mrs. H. O. Moss, pink lace frock; Mrs. H. J. Hattam, white satin and lace; Mrs. A. W. Harley, figured pink crepe georgette; Mrs. D. Harrington, red ring velvet; Miss D Hamilton, black, georgette and pearls; Miss Doris Hosking, green satin, flared skirt; Miss Hughes, electric blue georgette; Mrs. A. Hales, saxe blue georgette, flounced, and diamente buckle; Mrs. Eric Hill, black georgette; Mrs. Geo. Henderson, black crepe satin; Miss Gwen Olver, patou pink satin with diamente; Mrs. W. T. Hayes, black lace and ninon frock; Miss Jessie Hatfield, pink satin, flared skirt, finished with bow on hip; Mrs. J. Horsley, Burgandy lace; Mrs. H. Hemming, apricot satin, bridge coat of ring velvet to match; Mrs. W. S. Jackson, black lace georgette gown; Miss Jones, pink satin; Mrs. N. F. Joubert, blue lace; Miss Ettie Johnson, powder blue satin; Mrs. Wal Johnson, salmon pink georgette; Mrs. Kirton, black lace; Miss King, green and gold lace and georgette; Miss Mollye Kean, green fish net; Mrs. F. S. Krygger, shrimp pink georgette; Mrs. B. Kruger, black georgette, long pointed flare diamente hemming, coat to match; Mrs. Arch Little lemon satin; Mrs. J. Lack, black lace and georgette; Mrs. Lamb, blue georgette, trimmed toscar net; Mrs. Metcher, black satin; Miss Maysie McNamara, red chiffon velvet; Mrs. H. A. Moate, lemon moire sprigged blue for-get-me-nots; Miss Adelaide May, cherry chiffon velvet with diament trimming; Miss C. Mayer, parchment satin, diamente trimming; Miss Morris, beaded blue georgette; Miss G. Mott, old rose crepe satin; Mrs. Mitchell, black velvet; Mrs. J. H. Merrick, pink satin and lace; Mrs. Nancarrow, white satin with diamente trimming; Mrs. Will Nicholl, black silk net with cream lace fillets; Mrs Oscar Neumann, saxe blue, silk lace, full flare; Mrs. O'Brien, black satin; Mrs. J. E. O'Brien, black silk suede; Miss N. Patterson, blue shot taffeta with pink rosebuds; Mrs. T. Pollock, maize georgette; Mrs. T. H. Palmer, green ceri, satin spray on shoulder and wrap to tone; Mrs. R. G. Pearce, white morie frock, pam velvet coat; Mrs. T. Pollock, lemon georgette and lace; Miss Peters, powder blue moire satin, trimmed with flounces and diamente; Miss Mavis Peacock, powder blue floral georgette; Miss Betty Pollock, jade green taffeta; Miss D. Peatt, pink georgette; Miss Petersen, lemon green georgette; Mrs. W. Pierce, red lace and georgette; Mrs. Pearce, blue floral georgette; Mrs. W. Payne, sand georgette; Mrs. E. Riddle, pale pink satin; Mrs. A. L. Reid (Footscray), blue silk; Mrs. Harry Rea, black georgette and lace; Miss E. Robinson, apricot satin; Miss Alma Rea, salmon pink satin with skirt of tulle frill; Miss Dot Reid, red satin diamente trim; Mrs. J. J. Ryan, cremton crepe satin, smartly flared with silver trimming; Mrs. A. J. Roberts, black frock, gold velvet bridge coat trimmed with fur; Mrs. J. Ross, blue satin; Mrs. J. Slattery, pretty floral georgette; Mrs. C. A. A. Schwaebich, black lace and georgette with handpainted black coat; Mrs. Clifford Stephens, black satin, pink roses with a hand painted scarf; Mrs. Eric Scott, apple green satin and cloak; Miss E. E.

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THE DEBUTANTES

Left to right, back row Misses I. Bradley, B. Pierce, M. Ackray, L. Pierce, B. Threlkeld, G. Henderson, G. Bchme, A. Brewer, V. Hatfield, G. Riches, D. Smith, A. Smith, and M. Pollock. Front row, Misses N. Hallam and K. Brewer, the Mayoress (Mrs. J. H. Green) and Misses N. O'Neill and M. Goold. Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

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ROMANTIC CIRCLE.

DUNBAR—O'DONNELL

With the dignity of Nuptial Mass, the wedding was celebrated on June 22 at St. Joseph's Church, Northcote, of John Stuart, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dunbar, Hazeldean, Mount Dandenong, and Eileen Mary, second daughter of Mr. David O'Donnell and the late Mrs. O'Donnell, Eulnvale, Gisborne. The Rev. Father J. Gallivan conducted the service with the assistance of the Rev. Fathers English, A. May, T. McCarthy, Fitzpatrick, and J. Gibbons. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an exquisite wedding gown of deep cream georgette made on long, graceful lines. Her Limerick lace veil was lent by her cousin, Mrs. Frank Brennan. In addition to a sheaf of arum lilies, the bride carried an ivory bound Prayer Book, the gift of Mrs. T. Twite, Clifton Hill. The bridesmaid was Miss Monica Redmond, and her pretty frock of embossed ivory georgette was mounted on a pink chiffon foundation. Her felt hat was of the same delicate shade. Two little girls, Mary and Loretto Brennan, were the maids o fhonor. Mr. John M. Halpin was the best man. During the ceremony Mr. T. Dowling sang an Ave Maria to the organ accompaniment by Miss Kathleen Byrne. After the ceremony Cr. G. D. O'Donnell and Mrs. Frank Brennan, were the maids of honor. guests at 118 Westbourne grove, the home of the Federal Attorney-General (Mr. F. Brennan) and Mrs. Brennan, where the wedding tea was served.

PANCAKE MAKING

Everybody likes pancakes, but they are served more as a luxury than an every day dish. For one thing, most cooks consider them something of a trouble to make, since they have to be served as soon as they are made. For the house wife who does every thing, it means cooking right up to dinner time, or even cooking while the rest of the family eat their meat. There is also a frequent complaint that they are difficult to make; some cooks complain that they are always tough and leathery.

The following recipe has been supplied by a cook who is noted for the excellence of her pancakes. "You can never make really good pancakes," she says, "unless you have fresh eggs and fresh milk. Preserved eggs will make pancakes, of course, but they will not make good ones. The fat should be good, too; a little butter is best if it can be spared, or lard, but fat will do provided it has not already been used for other cooking purposes, or has been well clarified. You must beat the batter evenly and well if you would have a light pancake that is not tough.

If you are making pancakes for the family the following is a good, economical recipe:—1 pint of milk, 3 eggs, 1lb of fine flour, 1 saltspoon salt. Sift the flour and salt together in a basin, make a hole in the centre and break in the eggs, one by one, beating them lightly and well, but only beating sufficient flour fall in to make a thin paste. Gradually add half of the milk and beat in the remainder of the flour; continue beating until the whole looks light and frothy. The batter should be like thick cream.

When it is ready, add gradually the rest of the milk, pour the batter into a jug, and put it away for at least two hours, oscasionally giving it a stir. Take a small frying pan or omelette pan, and melt in it some lard or a little butter, or a little clarified fat. Let it cover the bottom of the pan, and heat it till the surface is quite smooth and blue smoke rises. Then pour in a thin layer of batter, and fry until it is a rich brow undrneath. Toss the cake, if you are clever enough, or turn it with one of those pliable kitchen knives known as pallette knives; fry the other side. Put kitchen paper on a hot dish and drain the pancake on it; dust over with castor sugar, squeeze on some lemon juice, and roll up. Keep hot on a plate in the oven until the remainder are fried.

There are various other ways of making pancakes, and they go by the name of the country in which they are popular.

FANCY'S FASHION.

EVENING FROCK

Observation during many years has shown us that modern fashions move in cycles, and of late the changes have been so drastic that we find almost the whole of our wardrobe hopelessly out of date and in urgent need of revision to suit present day needs. This is a real hardship in these times, when economy is an absolute necessity. We can, however, replenish our stock of clothing, and make quite substantial savings if we make up our own garments. No experience is necessary. All that is needed is a sewing machine, the required material, and good reliable patterns, such as those shown each week in our pattern service. It is quite surprising the pleasure that one can derive in the modelling of garments for one's own use, and the satisfaction is felt by the savings effected. Our fashion offering for this week is an exquisite little evening gown, quite within the reach and scope of all, yet capable of taking equal placing with any of the

expensive modes worn by those more favorably placed as regards income. This is a style particularly suitable for women of small and medium figures. The skirt is nicely flared, extra fullness being obtained by the inclusion of godets (though these may be omitted if required); the waist part finishes in an upward point at normal waist, to which the bodice is slightly gathered. The bodice is suspended with shoulder-straps, and a nicely flared frill makes a smart finish across front, back and arms. If desired the bodice may be made with armholes (see tiny inset), a separate pattern for which is included. The pattern is one of Demaret's famous make, which can always be relied on, and every part being marked are extremely simple to use. The number is 3484, price 10½d., and is cut in sizes to suit small women, and medium fittings. Obtainable from any of the agents as listed in this paper, or direct from the manufacturers, Demaret's, Collingwood N5.

COLOR CONTRAST

Color was the dominant note of the recent spring fashion openings in the film colony. Navy as the foundation, with yellow as its secondary color, was conspicious.

Ruth Chatterton, who is playing in Paramount's "Unfaithful," appeared at one of the showings in a fascinating suit of plain navy serge, combined with blue plaided in yellow, and a crepe de chine blouse of plain yellow. While she was in the salon she purchased another blue ensemble which is quite original. This one was an afternoon frock of navy satin, with its seven eigths coat collared with lime yellow crepe de chine, with scarf on the frock of the same color.

Another sharming frock added to Ruth Chatterton's wardrobe was a beautiful georgette afternoon dress of pale coral pink, worn under a satin coat of cornflower blue.

Because she has red hair and blue eyes and possesses the flaire to wear the harmonious shades of green, brown, yellow and blue, Nancy Carrol is termed the ideal screen technicolor girl.

HINTS FOR THE HOME MODISTE

Here are some dress making hints that the amateur will do very well to remember:—

When cutting very sheer chiffons fine silks or very soft fabrics, draw a thread in the cloth as a guiding line.

Shrink washable materials before making them up, especially if they are fabrics which have a tendency to shrink. Add a little salt to the water to set the color, and all the "washing" that will be necessary will be to wring them out and hang them by the selvedge on the line.

When the silk thread on the machine runs off the spool too quickly and causes it to tighten round the spindle, cut a piece of blotting paper or thick cloth, make a hole in the centre and slip on the spindle before the spool.

Make neatness your aim always; neat finishings are no small part of success. So make your seams trim on the wrong side, as well as on the right, binding them or turning the raw edges in, or when the material is too thick to permit of either of these methods, pinking them, as the tailors do. Cut the edges in tiny vandykes, and press them out flat; there will be no fraying of the cloth and the heavy bulky line or the untidness of an unfinished seam is obviated.

Hems of heavy material can be finished neatly if a matching tape or Prussian binding is stitched over the raw edges and the whole neatly hemmed in position. This will do away with turning the material under a second time, and though two rows of stitching instead of one will be necessary, this method will give a much neater finish.

If a piece of the cloth has to be cut on the cross for binding the neck or the armholes, it can be adjusted easily and evenly if it is creased in the center before it is placed on the edge of the seam.

When using paper patterns, mark in all darts, tucks and notches indicated in the pattern, either with French chalk or light pencil marks, tailors' tacks, or small notches; it always pays to follow the directions, and these valuable indications with the most meticulous attention detail. The tailors' tacks are especially useful for marking the points where pleats or gathers are to be inserted, using a double thread of cotton, stitch loosely through the folded material two or three times, then seperate the fold, and snip between the cottons, so that little tufts of cotton are left as indications.

A hot iron can work wonders with a dress in the making: press all seams, pleats, tucks and bindings as you go along; it helps the "set" of the frock.

Remember that tackings are always better than pins, and a little extra trouble in tacking seams and pleats in position is always worth while.

Use a very fine needle for sewing taffeta and satin failes, for a blunt point will pucker the silk and the stitches will not be even.

Do not sew trimmings or buttons on tightly underneath.

Use very fine thread or silk for stitching velvet, and to press the seams open them very slightly, dampen them and then run the seam across the narrow end of a warm iron, standing on the broad end. Do not allow the weight of the iron to rest on the velvet or you will destroy the pile.

If you have difficulty in hemming or stitching chiffon or fine silks, lay a piece of thin paper under the fabric stitching through this. The paper can be torn away, and you will find that the seams will not be puckered.

When your thread knots and twists as you sew, try stretching the cotton before beginning to sew with it. Take from the spool the usual needleful, and, holding each end firmly, stretch it as tightly as possible two or three times.

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WHITTLESEA

The rainfall for June was 390 points, making the total of 2047 for the half-year. This is the greatest since 1911.

Major Crawford is putting the final touches into the revue, "Halloa Whittlesea." The proceeds are for charitable work.

Large quantities of sustenance firewood are being railed from Whittlesea.

In connection with the proposed improved water supply undertaking for Whittlesea township, a survey is being made by the Board of Works to determine the boundaries of the reticulation area.

About £7/17/6 was raised by the recent concert for the Blind Appeal.

A concert given by the pupils of Mrs. Yates on Friday night was well attended. The young dancing pupils are much improved.

Miss Edna Dans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Dans, of Glenvale, celebrated her 21st birthday on Thursday, when a number of her friends gathered at a house party. The event went off successfully, and Miss Dans was the recipient of many presents.

A euchre party and dance organised by the Women's Hospital Auxiliary committee, under the presidency of Mrs. Elliot, proved successful. Mrs. W. B. Campbell won the ladies' prize and Mr. Walter Andrew the gents'. Dancing was also indulged in.

Messrs. C. C. Thomas and W. A. Murray have been elected members of the Whittlesea Agricultural Society committee.

Mernda and Whittlesea parishes of the Church of England are to be amalgamated under a vicar at Whittlesea. Rev. A. J. Rowall, of Cranbourne, has been appointed vicar in place of Rev. A. J. Pearce (retired). Rev. H. E. E. Hayes, vicar of Mernda parish, has been offered the Cranbourne parish.

HOCKEY

In the A2 grade five aside matches Fairfield No. 2 d. Herald-Sun No. 2 in the first round; Ivanhoe No. 1 d Elwood No. 1, 1-0; Herald Sun No. 1 d Ivanhoe No. 2, 1-0. In the second round Ivanhoe No. 1. Fairfield No. 2. In the semi-finals Ivanhoe No. 1 d University No. 2, and in the final Ivanhoe No. 1 were defeated by Herald-Sun No. 1, 1-0.

TRAINS DELAYED

A breakdown in the interlocking device on the railway tracks between Westgarth and Clifton Hill disorganised traffic on the Reservoir, Heidelberg and North Carlton lines between 9.45 and 11.40 a.m. on Wednesday. Delays up to 14 minutes occurred.

IN THE GARDEN

FRUIT IN THE HOME GARDEN

TREES CAN BE TRAINED FAN-WISE ON FENCES

Apples, Pears, Plums, Apricots, Peaches, Nectarines, Currants and Berries

Seasonable Planting and Pruning Hints

The cultivation of fruit in the home garden is not practised as much as it might be. The amateur is under the impression that it is difficult to grow the various fruits, but this is not the case. It will be conceded that the understanding of training the youngsters is the most essential part for success.

It is gratifying to note that fruit trees are being trained on the fences in a lot of suburban gardens at the present time, and the amount of fruit gathered from these trees when once established is large compared with the space occupied. It is advisable to prepare the soil where the trees are to be planted, thoroughly trenching down to the subsoil and breaking this up and incorporating manure and burnt garden refuse with the soil, and have this done some time before planting if possible to allow the soil to sink.

The fence should have 2in x 1½in battens nailed securely every 9ft or so, which is the distance the posts should be, and on this horizontally, wires should be fixed tightly every 10 inches, this will serve to tie the branches of the trees to.

These trees require to be planted a few inches away from the fence, thus enabling the stem to expand without coming in contact with the fence.

In planting, the soil mark where the trees were lifted from the nursery is easily discernible and this is a good guide to follow for the depth at which to plant; 10ft to 12ft apart is a suitable distance to plant for fruit trees.

Suitable varieties can be selected for various positions on the fences.

Although many nurserymen have not catered for these particular trees on being requested, they will pick out trees that, by reason of shape, can easily be adapted for this particular method of training.

The fan shape is one that the amateur could follow with most fruit i.e., the branches radiating from about one foot from the ground in the shape of a fan, the leaders of the young plant should be shortened back when planting, and when these begin to grow the leading shoot should be trained to the point it is intended to occupy, and others selected to form the framework, taking care not to overcrowd these; several shoots will form along the length of the branches, and these will need shortening back two or three times during the growing season within three of four leaves of the base. These will eventually form spurs, which are a cluster of little shoots on which the fruit will form.

This process of cutting these shoots back is practiced each season. When the trees are at the size to cover the fence the leading shoots are kept cut back similar to the other side shoots. The aim is to have the branches clothed from top to bottom with fruit spurs.

In winter pruning it is necessary to shorten back these spurs; the cutting back during the growing season, which is referred to as summer pruning, is the main pruning, and the energy used in making a lot of wood such as in the orchard, is diverted into forming the fruit spurs, and incidentally, the formation of fruit. It can be seen that finer fruit will be the result.

Observation and intelligence soon point out the way to the amateur and the different treatment, but based generally on the methods set out and Stanwick, is a late variety. ! thing to do is to train the young trees into the desired shape, not overcrowding the shoots, but building up the fruit spurs as evenly spaced on the branches as possible, endeavouring to clothe the branches from top to bottom, or to put it correctly from bottom to top.

Apples can be grown on all fences excepting those facing south, it is advisable to plant those that flower at the same time, for the purpose of cross fertilisation, that is so that the bees, etc., can carry the pollen from one to the other. This enables large crops to form, and better fruit. Alfriston (a good cooking apple), and Statesman (a good eating apple) will be all right planted near each other; Stone Pippin (cooking), Delicious (dessert), will form another pair; Five Crown (cooking), and Rome Beauty (dessert), another pair.

With Pears, the flowering season lasts much longer, so it is not so particular to have certain varieties planted near each other. Beurre Bosc is a good dessert variety, also Williams Bon Chretien and for late variety Josephine De Malines, and Vicar of Winkfield (a good cooking variety).

Plums.—Angelina Burdett and Diamond, are a good pair, and Grand Duke and Jefferson.

Apricots also do well on fences, Early Moorpark, is good, and Moorpark, is a well known variety.

Cherries.—These do well on a fence facing south east, which is sheltered from the north winds. When established they will carry large crops. Black Eagle and Florence are reliable sorts.

Peaches and nectarines are fine for fences, any position excepting south will suit them. In peaches, Brigg's Red May is a good eating variety and early, also Royal George, which it a late variety.

As regards nectarines, Goldmine has a fine flavor, and requires a position sheltered from the cold winds; and stanwick, it a late variety.

On the south side of a fence currants, both red and white can be trained, also gooseberries, these can be trained in various ways, and require cutting back to spurs similar to the other fruits.

Loganberries and blackberries can be trained also on fences, the old canes should be cut out as soon as the fruit is gathered, and the new shoots tied into their places. Select as many canes as required and the remainder must be kept cut away. The raspberry also can be trained on the south fence, and will prove satisfactory. The same method used for loganberries will be suitable for raspberries, more care must be exercised with these, and the roots should not be disturbed, weeds should be removed by hand and a mulching of rotted manure placed over the roots during the summer months, and care should be taken not to damage the young canes when growing.

E. F. Cook in "Garden Lover"

ROYAL LIFE SAVING CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Victorian head centre of the Royal Life Saving Society was held in the V.C.A. Buildings on June 25. Like all other public institutions the society is feeling the depression. Awards of the society fell from 2645 in 1929-30 to 1859 in 1930-31. Since the inception of the society in 1904 26,478 persons in Victoria have obtained awards of the society, including 14 diplomas.

The Northcote Club fell from eighth position on the premiership list in 1929-30 to 13th in 1930-31. Misses H. Daley, M. Hennessey, M. Cooper and F. Jones were presented with trophies won at a recent championship carnival. Mr. H. Goldsmith (instructor of Northcote Club) was made a life governor in recognition of services rendered to the society since 1916. Mr. J. A. Hogan was again elected to the council. The Horsham club won the premiership certificate, the Kew Club being 16th, Preston 35th and Northcote High School 65th.

Only one diploma was secured for the season, Miss Ivy Blundell, of the Brighton Club, being the successful candidate.

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GOLF.

HEIDELBERG CLUB

Owing to the flood waters at Kew the match between Kew and Heidelberg in the junior pennant was played at Heidelberg and resulted in a win for Heidelberg by 5 games to 2, the scores being:—D. Addicoat d A. Price, 5 and 4; A. Addicoat d R. Clayton, 2 and 1; M. E. Daly lost to W. Gill, 3 down and 2; J. H. Knell d V. Stokoe, 2 up; A. E. Appleton d N. Everett, 1 up at the 19th; C. Blight d F. Simms, 4 and 3; V. Bell lost to R. Turner, 1 down.

A club competition was also held against par for P. Bell's trophy, in which 64 members competed, the principal scores being:—Square, P. E. Medcalf (9); 1 down, P. S. Renn (18); 3 down, G. S. Gay (10); 4 down, C. Terdich (9); 5 down, H. E. Rowe (11).

Next Saturday, Dr. Heffernan's trophy, stroke.

Associates' Match

Forty-eight associates competed for Mrs. J. H. Knell's trophy in a stroke round. The first round of the silver spoon was also played, and was won by Mrs. F. Clarke with a net 74. The best cards in the stroke round were: —74, Mrs. F. Clarke (32), Mrs. W. Ferguson (33), Mrs. A. Wallis (34); 77, Miss Fairway (36); 78, Mrs. W. Binks (29), Mrs. S. Gonzales (29).

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PRESTON COUNCIL

MONDAY, JUNE 29

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

Correspondence

Tram Fares.—Tramways Board advised that request of West Preston Progress Association for a reduction in fares charged from Bell street to Melbourne, via Preston and Coburg, lines could not be granted.

Cr. Robeson said West Preston had not had a fair deal as far as the trams were concerned, as the service was disjointed. West Preston had been treated differently to other places.

Obstruction by Buses.—The City of Northcote drew attention to obstruction caused by buses in Dundas street. The town clerk said the council's officers had already taken action.

Mahoney's Road.—Shire of Broadmeadows suggested that day labor work be done on this road (in City of Preston and Shire of Whittlesea), and stated that stone could be obtained from adjoining properties.

The mayor said it would be a great boon to have a connecting cross road in this vicinity. It might be possible to get a grant from the Government to make the road passable in wet weather.

Referred to committee of the council with a view to calling a conference of the three municipalities.

Margimary Street.—West Preston Progress Association sought improvements to this road.

Cr. Maynard said this was a most dangerous street.—Engineer to report to P.W. Committee.

Unemployed Relief.—Senior Constable J. Joiner, Reservoir, forwarded £7, proceeds from a ball, to be spent in Reservoir district on relief works. The mayor said if opportunity offered a grant would be applied for on the £2 for £1 basis.

General

Preston Boys' Band sought free use of old town hall once a month for entertainments.—Hall committee.

V. Pickard complained that Coburg-Preston-Heidelberg bus service route was being "pirated" by taxi cabs.

The mayor said the buses pioneered the route, and the cabs "pirated" the route in peak hours.

The attention of Hackney Carriage Committee to be drawn to the practice.

Letters were received from the following:—J. R. Hargreaves, re Kane street; E. J. Martin, re Mitchell street; S. McNaughton and J. H. O'Rourke, re Clara street: Mrs. M. Miller, re path, Miller street: T. Curtis, Kendall street path: R. Quilty, re Peter street; W. G. McLeod, re drainage off 40 Marchant avnue: T. A. Storey, re path, Post street; E. B. Turner, re r-o-w, Queen street to Kingwilliam street. —All were referred to P.W. committee.

Committee Reports

Finance committee accounts totalling £372/12/- were paid.

Public works committee accounts totalling £2509/11/2 were paid.

The following works were authorised:—Drainage, south end of Ashley street (£8); attention to track to Northernhay street from Storey road (£1 12/); cleaning channels, Thomas and Nugent streets (£1/12/6); William street, near Regent street (£3); old metal to be spread on Frankston street; completion of incomplete paths in Oakover road, corner Davies and Devon street; corner Fettling and Asling streets, High street, Edgar street, Mason street, etc., referred to engineer for attention; stonedust to be placed on foothpath in Bruce street (£3); r-o-w off Paywitt street, north side, west of Leonard street, referred to engineer; slabbing, Gilbert road, near Hardy street (£2/16/); Joffre street, near church, referred to engineer, the church to put in pipes; drains to be cleaned out at Howard street and dust put on paths (£3); hole at corner of Mendip and North roads (£4); £5 to be spent on Southernhay street and Oakhill avenue; dust to be laid in Jacka street (£3).

It was decided to take no action re r-o-w at rear of Station street; and that nothing be done with Rathgown road at present.

The engineer was instructed to proceed with drainage work in Nyowee street, an offer for a drainage easement having been accepted.

Electric light committee accounts amounting to £1835/2/3 were paid.

It was decided to shift street lamp at east of Grange road to corner of Grange road and Bruce street.

New lamps are to be erected in Hawker avenue and on the corner of Wood street and Tennyson avenue.

It was decided not to erect street lamps in the following streets at present:—North road, St. Vidgeon's road, Northernhay street, Oakhill avenue, and corner of Princess and Raglan streets.

Officers' Reports

Finance. — Collected £1717/11/10; bank balance, Dr. £11,045/15/3; E.L. account, Dr. £2834/7/.—Received.

Brandings.—1628 pigs, 2351 sheep, 89 cattle.

Health Inspector.—The following infectious diseases were reported.—Diphtheria, 8; scarlet fever, 3. Food samples had been taken, dogs registered, food shops inspected, and inspections carried out.—Received.

Quarry Output.—534 tons.

Building Permits.—Five issued, of an approximate value of £82.

Ordinary Business

East Ward Members.—Cr. Maynard said there seemed an impression abroad that the East Ward members were asleep but they simply did not bring forward works which would add to the council's expenses. The other two wards were pushing for all sorts of works, and if the West and Central Ward Crs. continued as at present, the East Ward would also ask for works. The council had budgeted to keep within its income, a point which the West and Central Ward representatives seemed to forget.

Cr. Adams: It is no good for the East Ward to make sacrifices if the other wards rush into expenditure.

Cr. Hemburrow: Only on urgent works.

Cr. Maynard: The East has plenty of urgent works.

Reject Metal.—Cr. Newton said at the quarry the council had thousands of yards of reject metal. This had been carted away and dumped and it would have to be carted back to the crusher to be broken. Such double handling was costly.

The Engineer: This metal is only good for bottom courses, and is no good for maintenance. This metal will never be crushed.

Cr. Newton's motion in the matter was referred to the committee for report.

Showers Street.—Cr. Jones said that the council had been informed that Showers street west of the railway had been dedicated to the use of the public, on the understanding that the owners should be relieved of street construction payments.—Mr. Showers to be asked if he has the dedication.

Re-connection Charges.—Cr. Robeson moved that Electric Light Department charging the unemployed the usual 10/6 fee be referred to E.L. committee.

The Mayor said the electrical engineer dealt sympathetically with those in trouble, but he was bound by a hard and fast rule.

Cr. Jones said all persons in arrears had the position explained to them, and if they asked that their light be cut off, there was no re-connection fee. The electric committee had given this matter very serious consideration. The department must collect the moneys due to it and operate on a business basis.

Cr. Zwar said he had been told by several who had their light cut off that in no case had an officer called upon them to explain the position.

Matter referred to E.L. committee a report on the disconnections to be furnished.

Point of Order.—Cr Hemburrow spoke on Hawker avenue.

Cr. Jones raised a point of order which was upheld, a decision on this matter already having been reached.

City Engineer.—Cr. Hemburrow moved that the position of Mr. Scott as city engineer to the Preston municipality be considered by the committee of the council.

Cr. Jones seconded.—Carried.

General

Cr. Robeson moved that attention to drain in Stewart street, south side, between Clarence and Spring streets be given attention; also attention to Butters St, referred to P.W. committee for report; Powell street, north side pipe track needed cutting away to protect footpath.—P.W. committee; c/r Butters and Spring path c/r Oakover road and Davies street referred to P.W. committee; street needed attention.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Adams said there was a very dangerous open culvert in Bell street near the Catholic school.—Guard to be fixed.

Cr. Adams moved that the engineer report on Victoria street; channel to be cleaned in Dundas street between Victoria and Albert streets; attention to slabs Larne grove.—Engineer to attend.

Cr. Maynard said pot holes were bad in Spring street.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Jones moved that repairs to footpath be referred to P.W. committee; r-o-w rear of service station in Bell street, referred to engineer for attention—Agreed to.

Cr. Hemburrow was told by the Town Clerk that it would be possible to obtain moneys on loan for private street construction.

The Mayor said plenty of money was available at 6½% but whilst conditions were unsettled it would be inadvistble to enter into further loans.

Cr. Hemburrow said the owners of Devon, Bartlett and Collins streets wanted their streets made.

The Town Clerk was instructed to inquire what moneys are available and the interest rate; and the engineer to prepare plans.

Cr. Newton said before the plans were prepared the owners of the streets concerned should be consulted.

Cr. Newton moved that ashes be placed on Bailey avenue.—P.W. committee; cost of private streets that had been made, referred to committee of council, Murray road to be considered; r-o-w south side of David street to be given attention; loose metal needed rolling in Tyler street east—attention to be given when roller is available.

Cr. Newton said that the footpath in the south east portion of Tyler street was in a most awful state—Engineer to report.

Cr. Newton spoke of state of drainage Dermot street.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Zwar moved that potholes in King William street be filled—agreed to; that footpath, Plenty road near Wood street, be given attention; r-o-w rear of Pender street needed attention.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Hemburrow said Murray road west of Gilbert road had some very bad potholes.—P.W. committee; Isaac street drainage referred to engineer for report; Mary street path, near park and potholes referred to engineer for attention; holes in Bell street path, near Stott street, needed filling.—P.W. committee; crossing Harbury and Leamington streets had not yet been put in.—Referred to engineer; that an entrance be made and gutter cleaned rear of Duffy street school, Reservoir.P.W. committee; potholes John street.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Hemburrow moved that the officers be instructed to prevent the playing of organised games in Hamilton Park on Sundays. The council, he said, had a by-law controlling this.—Motion carried.

Cr. Spratling moved that r-o-w rear of Plenty road near Wood street be given attention; High street paths east side, Mason street to Northernhay street needed attention.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Newton said potholes were very bad in Wood street.—Engineer to attend.

TENNIS.

Regent Club

The club is holding a winter tournament amongst its members, having formed six teams—A, B, C, D, E, F. Great enthusiasm is shown, competition being keen. D team, captained by T. Bromley, are in the lead. A wireless set has been installed, and the ladies' social committee are arranging fortnightly social evenings at the pavilion in Regent Park to pay for the set.

Finals of the doubles tournament were won by S. Winnett and Miss M Jones, who defeated T. Davis and Miss Kilner, 9-3. The cups were donated by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Davis, and are played for annually. They will be presented at the annual dance on August 1.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

At present the eyes of the Christian Endeavour world are being focussed on the Pacific International Convention to be held in Sydney from August 19 to 25. It is anticipated that over 300 Victorian Endeavourers will attend. The Northcote and Preston District Union will have a delegation of thirty or more.

The publicity officer of the local union is at present in Bairnsdale on business. He is expected to return early in the week.

On Saturday last, the Endeavourers of the South Preston Methodist Churches organised a combined street march and drive. The meeting in the afternoon was well attended andPastor J. E. Thomas, president of the Victorian C.E. Union was the speaker. After tea, about 150 Endeavourers marched through the streets inviting any interested to the evening meeting at the South Preston Methodist Church The church was full when Mr. Cyril Cato assisted by several University men began the meeting. As the result of an appeal, 25 decisions were registered.

The Croxton Methodist C. E. Society celebrated its anniversary last Sunday. About 20 attended an early morning prayer meeting. At the morning service, the teacher was Rev. Walter Betts who gave a heart searching address entitled "What is Christianity?" At the conclusion of the service, in response to the appeal, one person intimated her desire to become a follower. In the evening, Rev. W. T. Hiatt was the preacher. At the conclusion of the evening service, a Praise and Testimony Meeting was conducted by Sister Edith.

On Sunday last, a Junior Christian Endeavour Society was commenced at the Thornbury Church of Christ when 54 members were present. The superintendent is Miss Shirley Edwards, of Garnett street, Preston, who is being assisted by Miss Woodgate.

Two other societies to recently elberg West Methodist Young Peoples' and the Diamond Creek Methodist Young Peoples' Society. There are now over 1,200 members in the Northcote and Preston District Union.

The Half-Yearly Rally is being affilate with the Union are the Heidheld in the Northcote Baptist Church on Tuesday next, July 7. The chairman will be Mr. W. W. Saunders of the Northcote Church of Christ, and the speakers will be Mr. and Mrs. Lunn of the Sudan United Mission. Mr. H. C. Dyer has consented to act as song leader.

Orange and Violet Sunday will be observed in churches connected with the Christian Endeavour Movement on Sunday, July 19. Gifts of oranges and violets will be received for presentation to the patients at the Austin and Fairfield Hospitals.

Although the weather of late has been extremely cold, the Union's open-air meeting is being carried on at the corner of High and Smith streets every Friday evening. A special services of prayer meetings are being held at the Northcote, Preston, and Ivanhoe Methodist Churches every Friday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

The results of the recent essay competition for Endeavourers in the district have just been announced. The Intermediate section prize was won by Mr. F. Kelly of the West Preston Baptist Society. The first prize in the Y.P. Section was carried off by Mr. E. O'Brien, with Miss D. Morris second. Both of these are members of the Regent Baptist Society. The adjudicators were—for the Intermediates, Rev. D. E. Reeves, and for the Y.P. Section, Rev. F. J. Jennings.

Members are looking forward with keen interest to their annual convention on November 14, 15, and 16. The theme decided is "The Challenge of the Cross to the Youth of To-day." Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining a building large enough

The Regent Baptist Intermediate Society is now producing a mimeagraphed monthly paper entitled "The C.E. Circle." Copies of this have been forwarded to Endeavourers working in China, Egypt, and South America, as well as to numerous friends in Victoria and Tasmania.

At a recent meeting of the Reservoir Methodist Society, Mr. E. L. Brain of 16 Daventry street, Reservoir was appointed secretary for the ensuing six months. Mr. Brain occupies the position of Y.P. superintendent on the district union.

A new society has been commenced at the Reservoir Baptist Church. Despite the inclement weather conditions prevailing, a good attendance is being maintained at the weekly meetings.

SOCCER

Preston 0 v Footscray Thistle 1 (Robb). Best players were Croot, Gray, Huck.

Preston Reserves 3 v Heidelberg Reserves 1. Goal scorers: Don, Frazer, Dryden. Best players: Fairweather, Husband, Frazer.

To-morrow's matches are:—Preston v South Yarra at Haxby Park, Preston; Preston Reserves v South Yarra Reserves, at Fawkner Park, South Yarra.

Love in the Mountains

By LAURENCE CLARKE

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(Continued)

Not for a second had he hesitated. And yet in the fraction of time between his mind's receptivity of that frayed rope and the actual vibration of his voice upon the air, there surged in him the unacknowledged dark passions that dwell deep in the soul of every man. He had speculated. He had seen, as it were, his life's happiness pinioned upon that tiny frayed portion!

"What if something happened? What if three and not four climbers descended into the valley of Graubisen? The thought seemed to shake his very sanity.

But then he had called, and even as he called he hated himself passionately for that fleeting, involuntary evil. His mind was filled with horror and shame.

"Feltham!" he shouted again. There was a strange hoarseness in his tone.

Then from around the bend came a rattle of stone, a high pitched wild cry, and silence that drew itself out ineffably. The rope before him that bound him to Feltham appeared to slacken strangely; then quietly its severed end dropped to the narrow path, and lay loose and inert.

The long drawn silence seemed to Templeton's nerves to be filled with sheer and conquering mockery. It was as though those affronted tall peaks, having conquered once again, were noiselessly laughing, were stealthily and watchfully gloating in another victory.

"Has monsieur the courage to go on?" demanded Jean Renard. His voice shook as he spoke.

"Yes," answered Templeton.

From that moment he moved as in a dream. Yet every nerve was steeled to the highest tension. Five minutes later he was at the bend round which Feltham had vanished before that awful cry pierced the silence. Acting implicitly under the directions of the guide, he encompassed the buttress.

There was no sign of Feltham!

When Jean Renard and his brother Oscar rounded the bend, they found Templeton kneeling on the projecting edge of a narrow crevasse. He looked up in mute question.

Jean shook his head.

"It is no good, monsieur! The crevasse is deep—over two thousand feet—quite two thousand feet!"

He wiped his brow helplessly with the back of his hand.

"But surely we can do something?" demanded Templeton. Then, swept away by the horror of the moment, he called aloud in to the narrow chasm. "Feltham! Feltham!" The echoes rolled and died away into silence.

Then Templeton rose to his feet like a man possessed. He felt helpless and maddened by his lack of knowledge. Oscar, leaning over, pointed to the snow on the other side of the abyss, snow disturbed and channelled by a falling body. It was plain even to Robert Templeton's inexperience that Feltham had pitched over at that precise spot, had fallen on to the snow beyond the narrow chasm, and had thence shot into space.

And the frayed rope, what of that? If he had spoken even the fraction of a minute sooner, could not he have saved Feltham?

"I must do something," he resolved with iron inflexibility. And during the next minute he poured out voluble demands on Oscar and Jean Renard. His vehemence staggered these two solid men.

"But what was the use?" they protested. "It was strange that monsieur should have fallen over there—the place was not at all dangerous."

The mountains had claimed another victim. It was sad, terrible, but what was there to do? A tone of awe, something of mountain fear stole into their voices.

Templeton clenched his fist and demanded to be lowered over the side.

Oscar shook his head.

Five minutes later, however, as the guides steadied the rope with set shoulders, Templeton leapt off into space.

He remembered the soft impact of his body on the white surface beyond. Then followed a wild scurry of snow; and, checked by the deftly lowered rope, he held his position. Lower and lower he struggled; then beating the loose snow from his eyes, he called a halt. He had reached almost to the lip of the chasm; the guides were hidden upon the projecting rock above, and ten feet beneath him he saw something move in the disturbed snow—a shape coated and white, a shape that stirred, that hovered within a hair's breadth of irremediable destruction. For an instant his blood seemed to freeze in his veins; Feltham was there below him, moving, but without volition of his own! Gently, almost imperceptibly, the snow was giving beneath him.

"Pay out!" shouted Templeton. "In God's name pay out quickly, and all you can"

In an instant he began to descend, and during that slanting descent of ten feet his whole nature bent upon the moving figure below.

Clearly Feltham was unconscious. If he came to himself, if he gestured abruptly, if for half a minute Templeton dallied——

"Quicker! Quicker!" he cried frantically.

Then, with a wild movement that was primeval in its savagery, his strong fingers clasped about the man's arm. His grip held. He was breathing with a heavy, pulsing heart beat, like the throb of an engine, but with all the strength that was in him he held Feltham, drew him up quickly, and slid his arms beneath th young man's shoulders.

Templeton worked at the rope about his waist. He caught and deftly passed it through the rope belt that still encircled Feltham.

"Why, you fool!" said Feltham suddenly, "the snow won't hold until they can lower to you again!"

But Templeton paid no heed, a strange exhultation had seized him.

"Haul away!" he called. "Haul away!" And almost simultaneously Feltham began to rise above him.

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EMBEZZLEMENT ALLEGED

George Waldemar Eiby, a middle aged man residing in Mercil road Alphington, was charged at South Melbourne court last Friday with the embezzlement of £8/10/ from South Melbourne Technical school.

Police evidence was given that on June 4 Eiby surrendered himself at the Detective Office and made a statement admitting that about the end of 1928 he found a shortage in his accounts, brought about through his neglecting to enter up cash that had been legitimately paid out. It was possible he had used some of the money himself, but he could not remember having done so. He had no intention of obtaining money for his own use. As time went on he got into such a muddle with his books and was so worried that he neglected them altogether.

Senior Detective Lee said as far as he knew accused did not gamble, drink or smoke.

Eiby, who pleaded not guilty, was committed for trial at the General Sessions in July. Bail was fixed at one surety of £50 and accused's own bond for a similar amount.

CYCLIST INJURED

Allen Medley, aged 30 years, of Grange road, Alphington, was injured in a collision between a bicycle which he was riding and a motor cycle in Heidelberg road, Alphington, last Saturday evening. He was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital suffering from severe head injuries.

EAST PRESTON MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

The club will hold a petrol consumption test next Sunday, starting from the club rooms at 10 a.m. sharp. The route will follow the main Whittlesea road, where members will spend the day at Humevale. Members should be at the club rooms at 9.30 a.m. to have their tanks sealed. Arrangements are being made to play a football match with Queenstown at an early date. The club's footballers are asked to turn up in full force at Humevale on Sunday for a practice match.

Office-bearers Elected.—The following office-bearers were elected at the last general meeting:—President, Mr J. Burke, senr.; secretary, Mr. A. Ludeman, 12 Goldsmith avenue, Preston, N18; treasurer, Mr. J. Burke, jun.; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Dorrington, D. Dawson, J. Skelly and L. Durrant; assistant secretary, Mr. D. Dawson; press correspondent, Mr. J. Skelly; captain, Mr. J. Burke, jun.; vice-captain, Mr. S. Dumenal; guardian, Mr. J. Thomas; standard bearer, Mr. T. Dorrington; sports secretary, Mr. A. Ludeman; A.C.U. delegate, Mr. J. Skelly; sports committee, Messrs. D. Dawson, J. Burke, jun., J. Skelly, J. Burke, sen., M. Cordell; trial committee, Messrs. J. Burke, jun., D. Dawson, A. Ludeman, J. Thomas, M. Cordell, W. Phillips; social committee, Messrs. O. Lemmon, T. Dorrington, D. Dawson, J. Skelly, A. Watson, J. Burke, sen., M. Cordell.

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(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—At last Fluffy's arm is out of splints and bandages, and although it was very stiff at first, she is now beginning to use it without noticing the stiffness. The Pets have the knitting craze so next week I'll tell you how they are getting on and what they are making.

The Limerick Competition winner is in this corner, so look for it. A new competition begins next week. Wasn't it nice to see the sun again this week. Send along your Trias and contributions. Heaps of love from the Pets and your—

UNCLE PHIL

LIMERICK COMPETITION

The winner is Colin Stewart on the judgment of Fluffy and Jacko, will you call for the prize please Colin. Thank you Cobbers for your many entries and the Pets had a fine time deciding the winner, to whom we send congratulations.

A captain once said to his mate,
"I defy you to lift this great weight;
Jock smiled and he shrugged,
As he heaved and he tugged;
But the captain left Jock to his fate.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Heartiest and Happiest of Birthday Wishes and Greetings to Marie Hansen and Eddie Bridger (July 5); Rita Flynn, Winnifred Brockhouse and Eric Roberts (July 6); Mary Sparrow (July 7) and Jean Hardie and Beryl Bardwell (July 9).

OUR MAIL BAG

Jack Lowery.—Only the printed mark at the bottom of the entry counts Jack. Send along your clippings when you have the 100 marks for a prize. Love from Pets and—U.P.

Coleen Mahony.—The photo will be welcome and send one of Brian too Please. As we can't print the drawings, it wouldn't be much use. Greetings and love from—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

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

TRIAS

WEMBLEY

Five years ago my mother, while on a tour through London visited Wembley. Wembley is 9 miles west of London. There is a reading and writing room, where Australian papers can be read. While looking at some papers my mother found a "Preston Leader." There is a cinema theatre there capable of holding 500 persons. In this theatre, films illustrating life in Australia and the industries of the Commonwealth are being shown continuously Wembley Exhibition Stadium is the greatest in the world. It was built in one year by 3,000 workmen and has accomodation for 125,000 persons. Its outer wass has a circumference of half a mile, exactly that of the historic wall of Jerico. The space occupied by the Commonwealth of Australia at the Wembley Exhibition is about 5½ acres, of which the Australian pavilion covers about 3½ acres.

(TRIA) B. Muter.

A TRIP TO NATHANIA SPRINGS

One morning my Uncle sent down by my cousin to see if we would care to go for a drive in their car My father said we would, so we hurried and had dinner and started out. We did not know where to go to at first and at last my uncle said we would drive to Nathania Springs. We had to pay 6d. at the gates to go in. Just inside the door was a big cage full of different kinds of birds. We then walked round and saw the peacocks with their big tails. We saw plenty of colored cockatoos and flowers and decided to go on a little further and came to a wishing well. I wished for a surprise and just as we were coming down some stairs we noticed two girls dressed up as fairies, and they were jumping through hoops. We went on a little further and saw a man feeding some fishes with worms. Each fish had a name, and as he called their names they would come up and get a worm. We saw nearly everything and decided to go home for tea.

(BETTER) Nancy Maidstone.

WHY FISH NEED AIR

If you keep goldfish in a jar that only has a small neck they will soon die from want of oxygen, in exactly the same way as people or animals on land die when they cannot breathe That is why fish bowls are made with wide mouths, and why you have to change the water every week.

(GOOD) Coleen Mahony.

SHE GAVE IT TO HIM

A man who had not been very good during his early life died, and went below. As soon as he got to the nether regions he began to give orders for changing the positions of the furnaces, and started bossing the imps around generally. One of them reported to Satan how the newcomer was behaving, so Satan said to him: "Here, you act as though you owned this place." "Certainly I do," said the man, "my wife gave it to me while I was on earth."

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen

THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG

The small Union Jack that graces the top left hand corner of our flag is the national flag of the United Kingdom. It consists of the ancient crosses of St. Andrew, a white slanted cross on a blue background (adopted in 978); St. George, a red upright cross on a white ground and adopted in the 14th century; and St. Patrick's Cross, a red slanted cross on a white background. The six pointed stars stand for the six States of the Commonwealth. Now, however, the large star has seven points, and marks the accession of Norfolk Island and Papua to the Commonwealth.

(BETTER) R. Goldstein

BANTAMS

I have five little bantams and they are great pets. When they were little chicks they were just like little sparrows. A bantam's egg is only half the size of a hen's egg but it is very rich and has a nice flavour. They make good little mothers. We often put hen's eggs under them and they look so funny running about with big chickens when they are hatched out.

(GOOD) Eileen Harris

ABSENT MINDED

When I was about three weeks old Mother got me ready to go out with her. She wrapped me up in my shawl and put me on the bed while she put her own hat and coat on. Having done this she went out, closed the door and stood there wondering what she had forgotten; it was poor me!

(GOOD) Duncan Mathieson

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE WISH BONE

But Biddy couldn't go to sleep that afternoon for thinking of the blue bird on the tree. "Now," she shouted at last, hurrying out into apple the garden where Bobby was playing with his toys. "Bobby, come, now, now, the secret's in the apple tree!" "Oh dear, a dreadful thing had happened! The bone was gone. And Biddy did cry. Oh, she sobbed, and then out came the whole story. Poor Bobby, as he listened was getting very red and sorry looking. "Say," said Bobby, "Biddy stop! I didn't know the bone was your secret and I took it down and gave it to Fido. We shall ask cook for another one." "No, I want my own dear wish bone. I shall never see my blue bird any more. And then in the middle of he sobbing she heard her blue bird from the other side of the wall. Both the children peeped over the wall and why, there was little Fido, staring at the bone. And on the bone was perched the blue bird. She had come back after all. "Hurrah," shouted Bobby, hugging her. "We will give Fido some bread and milk and we will hang the bone on the apple tree.

(The End)

(GOOD) E. Southam.

Safe.—"Jimmy," said the manager to the intelligent young clerk, "the cashier says you've lost the key of the safe, and he can't get at the money." "Quite right, sir, but only one key sir, I had two." "Yes, I know, but what have you done with the other key?" "I put it where it couldn't be lost," replied Jimmy, "It's in the safe."

(GOOD) Colin Hammond.

THE NAUGHTY BOY

There was a naughty boy,
And a naughty boy was he;
He ran away to Scotland,
The people there to see.

(GOOD) Frank Power.

PROVERBS

Waste not, want not.
A stitch in time saves nine.
Little brooks make great rivers.

(GOOD) Frank Power.

COMPLETE LIVING

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs, he most lives
Who thinks, feels the noblest, acts the best.

(GOOD) F. Power.

STORYETTES

Had It Translated.—At a recent election a returning officer was questioning a Chinaman, who had been naturalised. "What is your name?" asked the officer. "Sneeze" said the Chinaman. "Is that your Chinese name?" demanded the officer. "No," said the Chinaman "I had it translated into English." "Then what's your name?" demanded the officer, growing angry. "Ah Chew," said the Oriental.

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

An Odd Idea.—Pat (to bricklayer on top): "Would yez mind throwing a brick down?" Bricklayer: "What do you want a brick for, Pat?" Pat: "This hod's full excipt for wan brick, and I want to take it up full'

(GOOD) Jean Grenfell.

Teacher: "What it this? I told you to write an essay on 'What you would do if you were a millionaire' and you've done nothing." Boy: "Yes sir, that's what I would do."

(GOOD) Keith McIntosh.

Lady: "I'm worried about my complexion doctor. Just look at it." Doctor: "You should diet." Lady: "What color would you suggest?"

(GOOD) Aileen Capper.

Little Girl (to new vicar): "Will you please see how many times you can run round the garden? Vicar: "I couldn't my dear child. But why do you ask?" L.G.: "Oh, merely because daddy said you were so longwinded."

(GOOD) Leslie Craig.

A slight Mistake.—A doctor and a parson, both by the same name lived in the same street, and it happened that the parson died. About this time the doctor went abroad for his health's sake. On arriving at Colombo he sent a telegram to his wife and by some mistake it went to the dead minister's wife. The telegram read: "Arrived safely; heat intense."

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen.

Molly: "Please, daddy, if I planted this pip would an apple three come up?" Daddy: "I expect so." Molly: "Well that's funny, because it's an orange pip."

(GOOD) Allan Love.

Bobby (on seeing pier for first time): "Oh Mummie look at the bridge paddling."

(GOOD) Joan Robertson

Billy: "Hey Fred, when is an aeroplane poisonous?" Fred: "Aero planes are not poisonous silly." Billy: "I've caught you this time." Fred: "Why?" Billy: "One drop and you're dead."

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein

Cought.—Deaf and dumb beggar (unexpectedly receiving sixpence): "Oh, thank you sir." Old Gent: 'Eh? You can talk?" Beggar (confused): "Yes, sir, you see I'm only minding this corner while a deaf and dumb man's away." O.G.: "Where is he?" Beggar: "He's gone to the park to hear the band."

(GOOD) Edward Grenfell.

Mother: "This letter from Jim is very short." Father: "So is Jim, or he would not have written."

(GOOD) Alysia White.

Percy: "Which is the most polishing king?" John: "Blacking, my lad."

(GOOD) Brian Mahony.

Farmer: "What are you carrying on the side of your taxi?" Taxi Driver: "That's a spare tyre." Farmer: "Well! I've driven horses for twenty years, and I've never had to carry a spare leg for them yet."

(GOOD) Jack Minihan.

Plumber (to little girl): "I've come to see your old geyser in the kitchen." Child: "Mother here's the doctor to see the cook."

(GOOD) Olive White.

RIDDLES

What is the most musical town in Africa?—Tune is, (Tunis)

(GOOD) Guila Kohn.

Why is a good bowler like a dentist?—Because they both remove stumps.

(GOQD) Norma Minihan.

How many letters in a postman's bag?—Three B-A-G.

(GOOD) Henry Taylor.

Why does a leopard take a long time to dry himself?—Because he has so many damp spots.

(GOOD) Gladys Clements.

The present and past of what verb is a juvenile amusement?—See saw.

(GOQD) Wilma Price.

Why is Dublin the largest city in the world?—Because it's always "Dublin."

(GOOD) C. Hammond.

Why is a grocer's shop like a calendar?—Because it contains dates.

Why is a river lazy?—Because it never gets out of its bed.

(GOOD) Ruby Keele.

What is rich music?—A million air.

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn.

COMPETITION CORNER

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

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Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week.

CYCLING.

Preston Amateurs

Last Saturday several club riders took part in the V.A.C.U. open races at Campbellfield. The senior event was held over a distance of 40 miles. In the sprint a bunch of 70 riders finished close together, the winner being W. Brewer (Richmond). G. Harris, A. Hocking and W. Addison, Preston riders, were well up in the sprint but did not gain places. In the junior event the Preston boys were well to the front at the finish of the 20 miles. A mile from the finish the scratch riders caught up with the leaders, and a bunch of 50 riders were together to fight out the finish. A. Carroll (Coburg) cleared out and, assisted by a strong north wind, kept off the big bunch to win easily. In the final sprint F. Dickens (Preston(came with a dash to secure second place from a big field, including the scratch bunch.

This is Dickens' first place in open company, but judging by his sprinting at the finish it will not be his last. He is young, but is a strong ider, and can always be expected to have a good sprint saved up for the finish. In club events Dickens rides off a back mark. Last track season he won the club's junior championship sash at the Motordrome. Other Preston riders in the 20 mile event also put up creditable performances. Results:—A. Carroll (Coburg) 2.15, 1; F. Dickens (Preston), 2.15, 2; L. McConnell (Carlton), scr., 3; H. Creighton (Preston), 4.0, 4; F. Gascoyne (Preston), 2.15, 5; W. Hughes (Preston), 2.15, 6.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure For Influenza Colds.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

Members of the Preston and Northcote Club last Saturday had a good try-out for the coming championship races. A 5 mile course was selected, the last 2 miles being on the road. The pace was on from the start, and in the run in C. Thorne had about 15 yards from F. Bates, with H. Sterry third. Thorne is showing improved form this season, and both he and the stylist Bates should do well in the club's 4 mile road race next Saturday. This race will start from Tyler street and Plenty road, and the turning point will be near the Mont Park gates. It is probably the most difficult 4 mile course in the metropolis. The winner last year was D. McEachern, with W. Weightman gaining fastest time. Trophies and certificates won during the track season will be presented at the club dance at the scout hall on Saturday night.

As the marathon race, which will be held on October 3, will advertise Preston and Northcote, the people of these two cities should advertise it. This event is important, as it is being held as an Olympic games trial, consequently many leading runners, Victorian and interstate, will compete.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

At Preston - Northcote Women's Club night held at the Preston Scout Hall an exciting game of basket ball resulted in a draw between S. Jones' team and N. Cameron's team, with 13 goals each. A further five minutes' play made Nell Cameron's team the winners, the final scores being 15 goals to 14. After many months with an unbeaten record the club captain's (S. Jones) team was defeated. The girls are pleased at having discovered a new goal thrower, R. McGhee, who shows great promise. Two new games, side pass and zig-zag ball, were tried.

RACE WALKING

Brian Oke, of Ivanhoe, walked a fine race for a first year man, finishing fifth in the 15 miles walking championship on Saturday. Bert Gardiner, of Preston, held the Australian road record until it was broken on Saturday by J. Coffey. Jack Cummins, of Thornbury, gained fastest time in the 4 miles handicap. He is well up in the Murray cup competition, scores being:—Mulcahy 58, Solomon 48, Cummins 41. Oke has 22, and is the next district man.

OPEN 4 MILES HANDICAP

Cec Willis, of Preston, who competes for Coburg Club, ran a fine race in the V.A.A.A. 4 miles open handicap at Albert Park in a field of 155. He gained second fastest time off scratch.

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NORTHCOTE OUTPLAYED AT BRUNSWICK

FORWARDS FAIL IN HARD-FOUGHT CONTEST

Winners' Fast Systematic Display

LOCALS SHOW LACK OF CONFIDENCE

(By "Aequus")

By being faster to the ball, using greater dash and vigour, and playing with more determination throughout, Brunswick were able to give Northcote their soundest trouncing for the season last Saturday. Despite the herculean efforts of the captain, Percy Rowe, and a winning centre line, Northcote never looked like winning at any point of the game. The forwards were most disappointing and were no match for the sterling defenders in black white.

Northcote were weakened by the absence of Byrne and Cole last Saturday at Brunswick. A junior in Smith and Kemp took their places. Brunswick were strongly represented. The ground was heavy, especially in the centre, and a north-westerly wind blew across the ground.

THE TEAMS

NORTHCOTE—Backs: Humphries, Cockram, Hill. Half-backs: Smith, Briggs, Wood. Centres: Garrett, Corrigan, Nicholls. Half-forwards: McSwain, Poulter, Dea. Forwards: Simmonds, Seymour, Kemp. Followers: Rowe, Goullet. Rover: Ross.

BRUNSWICK. — Backs: Bright, Johnstone, McNeill. Half-backs: Kinnear, Proudfoot, Thompson. Centres: Whiteley, Pannam, Kennett. Half-forwards: Maynes, Anderson, Bray. Forwards: Warden, Frazer, Dowling. Followers: Eudy, Beard. Rover: Fitzgerald.

Umpires.—Field: Glover. Boundaries: Barlow, McLachlan. Goal: Kenny, Axton.

THE PLAY

Pannam won the toss from Rowe and selected the Sydney road end, which was favored by the wind.

Brunswick smartly moved forward, Thompson leading the way. Dowling and Beard each snapped singles. Northcote made several sorties forward, but dashing work by Bright and Proudfoot checked scoring. Nicholls was constantly winning across the centre. Clever play by Pannam and Fitzgerald resulted in Warden marking close in for six points.

Northcote's Reply

Rowe had much to do with a charge forward, but Simmonds kicked miserably. When Seymour marked from McSwain first goal for Northcote was posted. Seymour then snapped a point.

Splendid Umpiring

Already the game was full of fire, with the home team doing the better work. Glover was umpiring excellently. Warden was responsible for Brunswick's second goal, and Dowling followed with a behind.

A Sterling Effort

Northcote again surged forward and after Ross missed badly Rowe, working the ball forward from the half-forward line, had the satisfaction of seeing two flags waving. It was a sterling effort.

Poulter Injured

Receiving an elbow in the face Poulter had to retire and later Honig took his place.

Brunswick added another goal and a single in the meanwhile. Seymour had a chance to equalise the score, but only a single was added. Quarter time scores:—

Brunswick: 3 goals 5 behinds (23 pts)
Northcote: 2 goals 2 behinds (14 pts)

Poor Forward Work

Northcote commenced an incessant bombardment but could not break through. The defenders were too dashing and strong for the green and gold forwards, and repeatedly left them standing. Once Kemp had the easiest of chances, but his shot went very wide.

Ross' Great Roving

Ross was playing excellently. He and Nicholls had the ball in position on numerous occasions but no one could make use of the opportunities. Both Rowe and Smith did good work. As the result of half a quarter's attacking Northcote's sole reward was a point by Nicholls. The defence of Kinnear, Thompson, Johnstone and Proudfoot was too good.

A Clever Goal

At last Brunswick attacked and immediately scored. Frazer punting a sixer and Eudy a behind. Northcote returned to the attack and at last Simmonds, receiving from Seymour, goaled. The same player also gained a single.

Two Fine Players

Rowe was outstanding for Northcote. He played a lone hand in the ruck. Johnstone was equally effective for Brunswick and staved off numerous assaults. Half-time scores:

Brunswick: 4 goals 7 behinds (31 pts)
Northcote: 3 goals 4 behinds (22 pts)

Outplayed

Brunswick immediately asserted their superiority. Fitzgerald and Eudy gained goals, followed by behinds by Warden and Fitzgerald. Northcote were too slow and lacked confidence. Brunswick played a confident, winning game and never relaxed.

Northcote Outbumped

The umpire was allowing great freedom, much to the delight of the crowd. Northcote were hanging back whereas the black and whites went right through. It was not Northcote's game. Dowling and Frazer gained singles and Eudy a goal for Brunswick, while Northcote's only score was a clever goal by Kemp and two behinds by Seymour.

Northcote were well behind at the last change, the scores being:—

Brunswick: 7 goals 11 behinds (33 pts)
Northcote: 4 goals 6 behinds (30 pts)

Goullet Replaced

During the third term Goullet was injured, and Pruser took his place. Northcote changed Briggs to half-forward.

Frazer began the scoring with a point, then Corrigan played to Briggs, who goaled. Following a behind by Fitzgerald Seymour gained a sixer.

Fast Play

Northcote were doing their best work for the game but made little headway. Brunswick were faster and surer and kept going like greyhounds.

Great play by Warden assisted Fitzgerald to the maximum. Brunswick kept up the attack and Frazer added another six points. Northcote could only manage singles by Dea and Simmonds. Northcote were unable to wear down the opposition and suffered defeat by 25 points. Final scores:—

Brunswick: 9 goals 15 behinds (69 pts)
Northcote: 6 goals 8 behinds (44 pts)

THE PLAYERS

The winners played a very even team, but were strongest in defence and attack. The defenders had quite a good time and gave the listless Northcote forwards no peace. Johnstone played splendidly full back, while Proudfoot, Kinnear and Thompson were seldom beaten. Fitzgerald, Bray and Dowling roved well, and Whiteley and Kennett were clever wingsters. Beard and Anderson marked splendidly, and Frazer was a capable forward.

Northcote's Best

Rowe was easily Northcote's best. He played vigorously throughout and deserved better results. The centre line—Garrett, Corrigan and Nicholls—was unbeaten. The latter was a great player, but did not kick as well as usual.

Briggs, half-back, kept his position and held many fine marks. He lacks the dash of a vigorous defender. Smith did fairly well in his first game and Woods and Humphries were noticed at times. Cockram saved repeatedly, but Hill lacks dash.

Weak Forwards

Seymour showed some improvement, but is obviously right out of form. Simmonds was always in trouble and is of little service in crowded play. McSwain and Dea were rarely seen, and Honig, who replaced Poulter, showed no form.

Sparkling Rover

Ross was always in the thick of it and did an enormous amount of work. Kemp did little, Goullet was quieter than usual, and Pruser had little chance to succeed.

The Umpire

Glover gave a grand display with the whistle. He made a few mistakes, but allowed fast, dashing play and awarded free kicks only when absolutely necessary. As a consequence the game was fast and full of life.

NEXT SATURDAY'S MATCH

The green and golds have fallen from the high pedestal and now have suffered three defeats. Being at home to Camberwell on Saturday should help to restore lost confidence. Northcote should win this game, and at the same time attempt to build up the system that has been lost. This temporary lost form is disconcerting, and the team must return to the old game of dash and vigor. Last Saturday saw several of the locals display evidence of the lack of the "will to win" spirit.

CLUB NOTES

Efforts are being made to obtain the services of O'Halloran, of Richmond, and Llewellyn, of Geelong. D'Helin, late of Geelong, will no doubt be included next week.

Northcote have been unlucky this season, as several men have had to be replaced during a match. At present Poulter, Goalist, Cole, Byrne, Brown and Towers are all on the injured list.

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Born at Ballarat 23 years ago, Albert B. Hill was first taught football by his father, who played about 27 years ago for the Excelsior team in the Ballarat Friday League team. His father, who takes a great interest in Northcote, instilled the first principles of the game, teaching him to drop-kick when only three years of age. At school his ability was soon recognised, and he was elected captain of the Fairfield State School. Then he played with the Fairfield Juniors.

Bert's early football days were full of thrilling incidents. He recalls one that will make him respect all Sunday school football teams. On a certain Saturday he was selected to play with a junior team from Fairfield. The team was practically a scratch side, and they journeyed to Coburg to play the match. At half-time Hill's team was 10 goals in arrears. During the discussion on the play the captain, selectors and supporters were determined that the match must be won, and it was decided to instruct all the players to rough the game and thus scare the Sunday school team. Bert's team did not foresee the vigor of the Sunday school boys, and before the three-quarter interval his team was on its way home—badly beaten, sore, sorry, and with a well-learned lesson.

When Alphington joined the League Sub-Districts he transferred to them and played there for eight years. His pluck and ability as an all-round player earned for him a wide reputation. In the final game in 1927 Alphington met Fairfield at Oakleigh. It was a great game, strenuous and fast with Fairfield winning by four points on the last kick of the day. Don Fraser (who is at present leading the Association goal-kicking list) got the goal which won the match and the premiership. It was Don's first goal for the day, but during the season he kicked 150.

Harry Smith persuaded Hill to come across to Northcote in 1929. His cool, systematic play soon placed him as an essential to the club. He has played in every position on the field. His modesty, his capability of grasping a changing situation quickly, and his willingness to always do his best make him an admirable team mate.

Bert is an enthusiastic cricketer. During 1929 when playing for the Alphington Footballers' Cricket Club, he was awarded the silver cup for the best bowling average in the competition, and the best since the association was formed. His average was 3.2 for the season, and he concluded the year by doing the "hat trick" in the final match, which won his side the premiership.

Hill's advice to players endeavoring to enter senior ranks is, Take the advice of your captain and coach and act upon it, watch your man carefully, and always play the ball with the spirit to win behind it.

Just ask Bert who is his champion in the red guernsey. He has some real star waiting an opportunity.

POPULAR GIRL CONTEST

It was never anticipated that the Popular Girl contest would so quickly obtain such enthusiastic support from the citizens of Northcote. It is an honor for the popularity and personality of the girls, and the committee feel justly proud that they have selected the right type of girls. Each girl has that attribute that makes her prominent amongst others—character, ability, modesty, and a true sense of a duty to Northcote.

All citizens are asked to support these girls, who have so generously consented to act their part. **The importance of the city demands that it maintain a football team worthy of** Northcote, and with the support and co-operation of the citizens that can be achieved.

THE RED GIRL

Miss Gwen Olver, Secretary of the Younger Set Auxiliary, who has consented to act as the Red Girl

With a very live and enthusiastic committee, Miss Gwen Olver has opened her campaign in earnest. She has considerably enlarged the circle of her activities and is daily receiving offers of further assistance. Still, Gwen desires the help of all her friends, as she has formulated her plans for a strenuous campaign. Her first function—a house party at her home on Saturday, July 4—promises to be successful. Invitations have been sent to many citizens, and an enjoyable programme has been arranged. Novelties will be introduced, with cards, music and other attractions to assist Gwen in her efforts. Arrangements have been completed for a euchre party and dance at Normanby Hall on Tuesday, July 14.

THE WHITE GIRL

Miss Lillian George
Daughter of Vice-president Cyril George, who has consented to act as the White Girl.

Miss Lillian George has been successful in securing the services of several well-known citizens who previously have not actively interested themselves in the club. Her committee has commenced enthusiastically and intends to devote all its energies to assist in her activities. Miss George is obtaining good support from outside the district as well as "at home," and her many friends in other suburbs are rallying round her. The house party on Saturday night, July 4, at the home of Bert Hill, 509 Heidelberg road, Alphington (just past Fairfield Park) promises to be a huge success. Mr. Hill extends a hearty invitation to all who care to come. There will be numerous novelties, surprises, cards, music and community singing. Lillian has decided to give a "big house party" very soon, so watch for the date of this special feature.

THE BLUE GIRL

Miss Eva Weate,
The well-known sporting girl, who has consented to act as the Blue Girl.

Miss Eva Weate has organised several committees to assist her campaign. She is receiving the [support] of the many sporting bodies which she is connected, and th[ey are] combining in an earnest endeavour to place her at the top of the list. [She] is holding her first public function, a house party—on Saturday July 4, at her home, 30 Spencer [street], opposite the Croxton station. Invitations have been issued to her friends, but she extends a hearty [welcome] to all who can come. Music, dancing and many novelties will assist to make this a success. Her committee [is ac]tively engaged arranging further [acti]vities, and next week she will [be in] a position to announce definite [...]

Supporters of the various girls [are r]equested to furnish returns [...] so that the treasurer can record number of votes.

The penny voting cards have [prov]ed a successful method of se[curing] votes, and a large sum is exp[ected] from this effort.

JUNIOR I.O.R. COMPETITI[ON]

Dennis v Fairfield

The return match between above was played on Saturday [...] Fairfield. Keen interest was ce[ntred] in the match, as defeat to either would spoil its chance of incl[usion] in the final four. At their pre[vious] engagement Dennis were victo[rious] and were again confident of su[ccess] after having defeated the le[aders] (Hope of Northcote) the pre[vious] week. The ground was in a bad [state] but the boys adapted themselves to the conditions. The game was [play]ed at a great pace and was [...] contested. Final scores:—De[nnis] 8-14; Fairfield, 7-7. Goal-kickers [for] Dennis were Malley (3), C. Tu[rner] (2), E. Turner (2), Ireland. [Best] players for Dennis were Turner [...] Green, Smith, Malley and His[...] Fairfield's best were Mullinger [...] Newnham (best on ground) and [...]stan. Bro. Joe Kellett was a cap[able] umpire.

John Vale v Northcote

At McDonell Park on Saturday above teams provided the most e[...]ing match in the competition this [sea]son, John Vale winning by a sol[itary] point. Up to half-time Northcote [held] a slight lead, but in the second [term] John Vale made up the leeway [and] managed to hold their slight lea[d to the] end. The game as a spectacle [was] spoilt by the sloppy condition of [the] ground, and although play was vi[gor]ous there was a complete absence [of] unfair play. Final scores:—John V[ale] 7-6; Northcote, 6-11. Goal-kick[ers] John Vale: Bevan (4), Tou[...] Northcote: Roadley, Nelson, No[...] Eastaugh, Granger, Cunningh[am]. Best players for John Vale were [...] Taylor and Dwyer; while Northco[te] best were Cunningham, J. Angus [...] Peters. Bro. Dewer gave a good e[xhi]bition of umpiring.

OTHER MATCHES

Sub-District League

First Grade.—Richmond Dis[trict] 5-12, d Alphington, 4-11; Fairfi[eld] 14-10, d Carnegie, 6-12.

Second Grade.—Fairfield, 11-5, [d] Ivanhoe, 11-4; Fairfield Distr[ict] 12-11, d East Brunswick, 8-8.

Association Sub-Districts

First Grade.—Alphington, 12-15, [d] South Melbourne, 2-3.

Second Grade.—Preston, 7-7, d P[as]coevale Juniors, 4-7.

Third Grade.—South Melbourne [d] Fairfield.

Metropolitan Juniors

Second Grade.—Burnley Junio[rs] 12-15, d Alphington Juniors, 6-5.

Third Grade.—South Port, 10-1[...], Thornbury District, 7-8.

Protestant Churches

South Preston, 7-17, d North Ca[rl]ton, 9-4 (scores in dispute); Pend[...] 8-6, d Napier, 5-1; Oakover Ro[ad] 19-17, d Regent, 1-1; Essendon, [...] d St. George's road, 6-10.

Newsagents' Association

McCasker and Eaton (Thornbury) 13-16, d Green (Preston), 4-3.

Bourke-Evelyn Association

Whittlesea, 7-12, d Donnybrook 0-8; Epping, 6-11, d Mernda, 4-3.

WORKS MANAGER AT PRESTON

At the meeting of Preston council on Monday evening, Cr. Newton said that he understood that the term for which the works manager (Mr. W. J. Brennan) had been appointed expired on June 30, and he asked what was to be done.

The Mayor (Cr. Robson): I understand Mr. Brennan has been notified.

Cr. Newton moved that Mr. Brennan's services be retained.

Cr. Hemburrow seconded the motion.

After a very long discussion the question of the rearrangement of the whole of the staff was referred to the committee of the council by seven votes to two.

Cr. Newton was informed that pending the decision of the committee, Mr. Brennan's services would not be retained.

A motion by Cr. Hemburrow that Mr. Brennan's services be retained for one month pending the decision of the committee of the council, was ruled out of order by the Mayor on a point of order raised by Cr. Robeson.

The Northcote Football Club invites you to visit the training rooms every Sunday morning to meet the players, see their training methods and preparation.

PRESTON TOO STRONG FOR CAMBERWELL

RED AND WHITES LEAD FROM START TO FINISH

Heavy Ground Spoils Game as a Spectacle

DANNY WARR'S FINE EFFORT

(By "Emergency")

Preston visited Camberwell last Saturday and were successful in lowering the home team's colors, and incidentally winning their first match away from home this season. Owing to the amount of rain during the previous week the ground was in a very sodden state, making good football out of the question. A pleasing feature of the match was the fine form of "Danny" Warr, who piloted six goals and gave a splendid exhibition both as rover and forward. "Bluey" Summers played his 89th consecutive game for Preston. About 1500 spectators witnessed the contest.

THE TEAMS

CAMBERWELL.—Backs: Jackson, Richards, Henderson. Half-backs: Jones, Dyball, Elliott. Centres: Clamp, Lathlain, Wallis. Half-forwards: Petrie, Collins, Strachan. Forwards: Wilson, Luff, Murphy. Followers: Ponchard, Mort. Rover: Harvey.

PRESTON. — Backs: P. Spargo, Smith, Seebeck. Half-backs: McEacharn, Taylor, Reichman. Centres: Dowling, F. Spargo, Gall. Half-forwards: Cameron, Piper, Hughson. Forwards: Summers, Cazaly, Davie. Followers: Monohan, Campbell. Rover: Warr.

Umpire.—(Gregory).

THE PLAY

Preston had first use of the breeze and attacked on the bounce, but were repulsed by Ponchard. The red and whites came again and Davie scored a behind, following which he registered first goal with a neat kick.

Warr on the Job

Preston attacked strongly and Warr snapped a goal, and shortly after he notched another. Considering the nature of the ground the standard of play was good. Ponchard was putting in some good work in defence for Camberwell.

Preston's Onslaught

A continued bombardment on Camberwell's goal only produced minors. Petrie marked in the teeth of goal and relieved. After a period of desultory play Cameron received from Gall and his long kick found the big sticks.

Camberwell Attack.

Camberwell looked dangerous for a while, but P. Spargo marked and cleared the goal. Quarter time scores:—

Preston: 4 goals 7 behinds (31 pts)
Camberwell: Nil.

Camberwell Open Account

After five minutes' play Camberwell opened their account with a behind. Preston then transferred play and Piper marked 10 yards in front, but failed dismally.

Collins Hits the Post

Camberwell were not to be denied, and Collins was unlucky to hit the post. Luff then kicked the home team's first big point.

Danny Warr Shines

Warr was playing exceptionally well and handled the greasy ball with confidence. He goaled from a free.

Luff Goals

Preston were crowding the play on the back line, but Harvey passed to Luff, who made no mistake. Clamp was beating Dowling on the wing.

Soccer Rules

It was useless to try and pick up the ball, and players on both sides were kicking off the ground. Henderson was playing a fine game for the home team and repeatedly saved. Preston moved forward and Warr, marking from Davie, goaled.

Good Defence by Ponchard

Ponchard, at full back, was putting up a great fight and Warr, now in a forward pocket, was constantly under notice. The latter marked in the back and added another goal—his fifth for the day. Half-time scores:

Preston: 7 goals 11 behinds (53 pts)
Camberwell: 2 goals 2 behinds (14 pts)

Piper Replaced

After the interval Piper, who had a badly bruised thigh, was replaced by Collins.

Preston went forward and Cameron snapped a sixer, which he followed with a behind. Camberwell replied with a goal by Petrie and a single by Luff.

Players Come to Blows

Play had become vigorous and weight was freely used. Lathlain and F. Spargo had a dispute in the centre and blows were struck. The umpire cautioned the players and took their numbers. Camberwell scored a behind before Monohan, who was playing well, relieved.

Selfish Forwards

Playing well together, Preston went forward, and Collins coolly notched a major. Selfishness on the part of the forwards was proving disastrous. Warr obtained his sixth goal when the ball skidded through the legs of several players.

Inconsistent Umpiring

The umpire at times was very inconsistent, and the game was becoming lifeless, no sparkle being infused. Three-quarter time scores:—

Preston: 10 goals 17 behinds (77 pts)
Camberwell: 3 goals 4 behinds (22 points)

Camberwell Move Up

Despite Preston's big lead of 55 points Camberwell battled on gamely and made strenuous efforts to make up the deficiency, and in this they were partially successful.

After Preston had rushed a point Luff goaled for the home team. Collins (Camberwell) was doing splendid work and delighted spectators with his play. Gall had to receive attention from the trainers after colliding with an opponent. Camberwell attacked strongly, and although Seebeck temporarily relieved, Mort marked and goaled.

Dowling Inured

Dowling was carried off after being felled heavily. Cazaly received from Warr and ran into an open goal.

Preston Tire

Preston were evidently tiring towards the finish, and Camberwell went ahead. A nice chain of marks ended in Mort goaling for Camberwell, which Murphy followed with a lucky sixer.

P. Spargo Saves Well

P. Spargo was proving a thorn in Camberwell's side, and Smith cleared his goal in great style. Harvey kicked the ball off the ground from 40 yards out and fortunately a goal followed. Preston added a behind just before the bell, leaving them winners by 38 points. Final scores:—

Preston: 12 goals 20 behinds (92 pts)
Camberwell: 8 goals 6 behinds (54 points)

Goal-kickers.—Preston: Warr (6), Cameron (2), Davie, Cazaly, Collins and Summers. Camberwell: Luff (3), Mort (2), Petrie, Harvey, Murphy.

Best Players

Preston's best man was Danny Warr, while Monohan, Reichman, P. Spargo and Cameron performed well. Camberwell had a champion in Henderson, who played a great game all day. Ponchard, Petrie, Wallace and Collins were the pick of the others.

Player Reported

Lathlain (Camberwell) was reported by the umpire for having allegedly struck F. Spargo and having attempted to strike Summers.

PRESTON NOTES

Mackie's Clearance Again Refused

For the fifth time this season Mackie made application to the Preston committee for a clearance to play with Carlton. After brief consideration the request was refused, which will practically mean that Mackie will have to content himself with looking on for the rest of the season.

Clearances were granted to Joolen, who desired to go to Northcote; Dodd, to Hawthorn; Morton, to South Melbourne Seconds; and Hepburn to Meerbulk.

Preston's team appears to be settling down, and it also looks as though the placing of the team is fairly accurate. The side should be kept intact as far as possible in order to cultivate team work. This is essential if they hope to rise higher on the list.

TO-MORROW'S MATCH

Preston play Brighton at Elsternwick Park on Saturday and should defeat the weakened seasiders. Elsternwick tram from Swanston street, city, passes close to the ground.

PRESTON POPULAR BOY COMPETITION

To augment the depleted coffers of the Preston club a popular Preston boy competition has been organised. In order to meet their obligations to the players, and at the same time assist the committee in maintaining a worthy side, residents are invited to assist in the running of the competition.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

Clubs	P	W	L	P.C.	Pts
Oakleigh	10	9	1	62.03	36
Port Melb.	9	7	2	65.81	28
Yarraville	10	7	3	93.96	28
Northcote	10	7	3	84.53	28
Brunswick	10	6	4	85.18	24
Sandringham	10	6	4	94.49	24
Preston	10	5	5	106.02	20
Coburg	9	4	5	129.84	16
Prahran	10	3	7	133.88	12
W'town	10	2	8	119.53	8
Camberwell	10	2	8	138.82	8
Brighton	10	1	9	123.83	4

Port Melbourne—Coburg match to be replayed.

ATTENDANCES AND TAKINGS

Brunswick-Northcote match, 6,000 (£88); Camberwell – Preston, 1,500 (£20). Total attendances at all Association matches, 21,500; takings, £280.

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

F. Seymour (Northcote) is third on the list with 31. Davie (Preston) has scored 22 and Simmonds (Northcote) 20.

V.J.F.A.

NORTHCOTE v BRUNSWICK

Northcote (third on the list) were at home to Brunswick, who, with Preston, head the premiership list. Spectators were treated to a fast and clean exhibition of football, with the scoring even throughout, Brunswick being victorious by a margin of six points. Owing to the number of injured players on their list the senior club was unable to send down the usual reserves, with the exception of D'Helin, with the result that a full junior side was fielded, as follows:—Backs: Davies, Ackland, Tracey; half-backs: Newton, Burns, Winter. Centres: Docking, Skilton (c.), O'Neill. Half-forwards: Randle, Emmins, Bresnahan. Followers: mins, Russ. Forwards: D'Helin, Wilhamson, Houldcroft, Gray. Rover: Laxon.

Skilton won the toss and chose the Fairfield end, which was favored by a light wind. Northcote were the first to get going and a smart dash by D'Helin and a mark by Emmins brought up one flag. In spite of solid defence by Winter and Ackland several minors, followed by a goal, were registered by the visitors. Northcote replied with a goal by Bresnahan. The ground was very sloppy. Quarter time scores:—Brunswick, 2-4; Northcote, –2. Owing to the state of the ground Umpire Jury was throwing the ball in the air instead of bouncing it, and Brunswick's tall ruck man, McGrath, took full advantage of it. D'Helin put the ball well down and Bresnahan, from a free, goaled. Brunswick attacked but found Burns and Ackland solid in defence. With a chain of passes round the wing Brunswick scored a major. Bresnahan raised two flags for Northcote, and the quarter ended:—Northcote, 4-8; Brunswick, 3-9. Brunswick picked the ball out of a scramble and found the goal. From a scramble in front Emmins kicked off the ground through an unguarded goal. Play went from one end to the other. Skilton marked on the bell but was too far out. Three-quarter time scores: —Brunswick, 6-10; Northcote, 5-11. Both teams were in excellent condition and the final term saw no decrease in pace. Several minors were registered before a goal by Laxon put Northcote within three points of Brunswick. A pass by Skilton to Docking, who goaled with a long kick, evened the scores. With ten minutes to play the game became very interesting. A mark, followed by a goal, put Brunswick in front, and although Northcote were attacking on the bell no further score resulted. Final scores:—Brunswick, 8-14; Northcote, 7-14.

D'Helin was the outstanding player for Northcote and was the best on the ground. Others to show out in a well-balanced side were Skilton, Tracey, Houldcroft, Bresnahan, Laxon, Burns, Docking, Ackland and Davies. Goal-kickers were Bresnahan (3), Emmins (2), Docking and Laxon.

As a result of Saturday's defeat Northcote now occupy fourth place on the premiership list.

Club Notes

The final of a series of dances took place at the Austral Hall on June 25, when the final of the Monte Carlo competition was contested. The prize of a permanent wave, valued at £2/2/, donated by Messrs. A. and N. Proposch, of High street, Northcote, was won by Miss Sheila Price, partnered by Mr. "Bush" Tracey.

Arrangements have been finalised in connection with the entertainment of Oakleigh players and supporters on July 25. The function will include tea, followed by a social and dance at the pavilion, Northcote Park. A ladies' committee has been formed to assist in this and similar functions.

Congratulations of the club are extended to Len Smith on his promotion to senior ranks, although his transfer is a severe loss.

The committee is gratified to learn that "Dinny" Healey has decided to throw in his lot with the Seconds for the remainder of the season. Ted Laxon, who travels from St. Kilda to train with the club, is also an acquisition to the team.

The committee is hopeful of obtaining the services of at least two senior men, who to qualify for the finals must play six games before August 20.

PRESTON v CAMBERWELL

This match was played on the Cramer street park. The ground was very muddy in the centre, and other parts were very slippery. Preston fielded the following team:—Backs: Mooney, Ellis, Hooper. Half-backs: Ryan, Kupsch, H. Underhill. Centres: Dineen, Smith (c.), R. Underhill. Half-forwards: Haddrick, Grierson, Baxter. Forwards: Morgan, Fennell, Jones. Followers: Lee, Roseman. Rover: Marshall.

Preston won the toss and chose the Bruce street goal. Preston started off with a goals by Fennell and Jones. A couple of attacks by Camberwell were turned away by Kupsch and Ryan. Grierson passed to Fennell, who raised both flags. Camberwell rushed forward and nicely goaled. Grierson picked up and scored a well-judged goal. Morgan, with a long punt, soon followed. Dineen and Fennell both scored sixers before the bell. Scores:—Preston, 7-6; Camberwell, 1-1. Camberwell attacked, only to find Ryan in the way. He forwarded and Fennell passed to Morgan, who quickly gave Marshall a goal. The same player later passed to Fennell, who ran into an unguarded goal and scored. A good move by Camberwell round the wing resulted in a sixer, which was followed by a goal from a snap. Marshall soon replied with another goal and Grierson also goaled nicely. Ellis turned away an attack just on the bell. Scores at half-time:—Preston, 11-7; Camberwell, 3-3. Preston went out after a big score to build up their percentage. Marshall soon found the goals, and Fennell followed with two more. Camberwell tried hard to goal, but Mooney relieved. He gave Grierson a chance, and he made no mistake. Preston were playing all over Camberwell and goals followed by Fennell (2), Lee and Grierson. Camberwell battled hard but could not get past the backs. The same players as above again scored, making the scores at half-time: Preston, 21-14; Camberwell, 3-3. Although Camberwell's chances were hopeless they attacked strongly and scored a sixer—their first score in the second half. Preston soon rallied and Fennell got two sixers, while Marshall added the team's 24th goal. Hooper turned an attack, and Haddrick's shot rolled through an unguarded goal. Camberwell also scored in like manner. Morgan, Fennell and Marshall further increased Preston's lead with goals, and just before the bell Camberwell goaled. Final scores:—Preston 28-13; Camberwell, 7-4. Goal-kickers for Preston were Fennell (11), Grierson (5), Marshall (5), Morgan (2), Lee (2), Jones, Haddrick, Dineen. The whole team played well, those outstanding being Dineen, Smith, H. and R. Underhill, Haddrick and Fennell. In seven matches this year Fennell has scored 35 goals.

Club Notes

Miss K. Meldrum, the daughter of the club's president, has taken the position of the Queen of Sport, which had become vacant. A meeting was held at which a committee was formed, with Mr. C. Owen as hon. secretary and treasurer. A house party will be held at 46 Asling street, Preston West, on Saturday, July 11, and a good time is assured.

C.Y.M.S.

Preston v Clifton Hill

Last Saturday Preston were at home to Clifton Hill and scored another decisive win. The ground was in a bad condition. Preston included "Bolla" White, who has been out for two weeks with an injured knee. The game opened slowly, neither side being able to handle the greasy ball. Clifton Hill lost many opportunities by trying to pick up the ball whereas Preston kicked off the ground. Preston led by 2 goals at quarter time. Clifton Hill could not keep pace with Preston in the second term and were seven goals down at half-time. The third quarter was more even, neither side being able to make much headway. The last quarter was the best of the match, with honors fairly even. Clifton Hill left their run too late and were unable to reduce Preston's lead. Final scores: Preston, 12-8; Clifton Hill, 6-5. Prestons' best were Moran, Hanrahan, B. Monagle, Pitts, O'Meara, Lockwood, Grogan. Goal-kickers: Moran (6), White (2), Leonard (2), Pitts, Cougle.

Thornbury v Cathedral

The above teams met at the Fitzroy racecourse, on a ground which was very wet and heavy. The game was never in doubt, Thornbury winning convincingly by 67 points. Scores—Thornbury, 17-16; Cathedral, 7-9. Goal-kickers.—Thornbury: J. Gibson (7), Mithen (3), Peterson (3), Mussett (2), Woods, L. Gibson. Cathedral: Andrews (2), Healy (2), Norman, Edwards, McKenny.

ASSOCIATION SUB-DISTRICTS

Croxton v Hampton

Croxton met Hampton at Croxton. The ground was in a bad state and made good play impossible. Croxton adapted themselves to the conditions much quicker than their opponents and were vastly superior in all departments. Croxton led from start to finish, the final scores being:—Croxton, 12-14; Hampton, 5-7. Best players for Croxton were Dowd, Mayfield, Hooper, Ward and Howe. Goal-kickers—Croxton: Dowd (4), Mayfield (3), Laming (2), Howe (2), Storie. Hampton: Puddles (4), Long.

Croxton meet Northcote Rovers on Saturday at Croxton, and as each are level a good game is assured.

Northcote Rovers v Kingsville

Northcote Rovers' run of success was stopped last week when they journeyed to Kingsville. The latter team secured the lead in the first quarter, and despite the game efforts of the Rovers, gradually increased it and at the finish had a comfortable win. The game throughout was of a very spiteful nature, in which Kingsville did not hesitate to use their elbows and fists. This did not suit the Northcote boys, who prefer a good, clean open game, and they could not cope with the rough tactics of their opponents. Final scores:—Kingsville, 9-5; Northcote Rovers, 3-6. Best players for Northcote were Lyons, Pinkham, McTavish, Stoneman, Griffin and W. Blanks.

Preston v Ascot Vale

Played on Haxby Park on a ground in fair condition, considering the recent heavy rains. Ascot Vale fielded a strong combination. Umpire Waldron bounced the ball and it was rushed towards the visitors' goal, where strong opposition by Elder and Aitken stopped them. Play was transferred to Preston's territory. Preston's centre line was slow in opening and Pascoe Vale showed out the better in the first term. At the change over the scores were:—Pascoe Vale, 2-3; Preston, 2-2. The change gave Preston the wind, and full advantage was taken of it. Rogers, Chatley and Merriot showed out well across the centre, and the visiting backs were kept busy. Skilful marking of the wet and greasy ball was a feature of the play in this term. At half time the scores were:—Preston, 5-3; Pascoe Vale, 3-3. After the interval both sides brightened up, and play was very even and vigorous, but without untoward incident. The locals held the upper hand and at the last change the scores were:—Preston, 6-6; Pascoe Vale, 4-5. Strenuous play from one end of the ground to the other marked the final term, both sides playing well in the sloppy conditions. At the final bell Preston had won their eighth game out of ten matches. Final scores:—Preston, 7-7; Pascoe Vale, 4-7. Preston's best were Aitken, Frame and Chatley. McGlynn (3 goals), Tuenon (2). Pascoe Vale's best were Jones, McIntosh and Witfield, who also got a goal each.

Preston meet Kingsville on Haxby Park next Saturday.

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR LEAGUE

Thornbury District v South Port Melbourne

Thornbury journeyed to Port Melbourne on Saturday to play South Port Melbourne. The game was hotly contested throughout. South Port established a six goal lead with the wind in the first quarter, which lead they held until half-time, when Thornbury considerably reduced the leeway. The back lines were standing up to it will but they failed across the centre, while their forwards were always behind their men. The ground was of a very sandy nature, to which South Ports were more accustomed. However, Thornbury's form was disappointing, and was far below earlier matches. Final scores:—South Port Melbourne, 10-12; Thornbury District, 7-8. Best players for South Port were McKenzie, McBeth, Murphy, Dobson, McColl, K. Smith; goal-kickers: McKenzie (3), McColl (2), Allen (2), Williams, Robertson, D. Smith. G. Thompson was Thornbury's best man, and got more than his share of knocks and kicks. Others to show out were J. Cleary, B. Hart, H. Jackson, J. Cassidy (a forward from Thornbury C.Y.M.S., who should be a decided acquisition) and D. Hills. Goal-kickers were Hills (4), Clack (2) and Cassidy. After the match three South Port players were reported.

As a result of this match Thornbury drop from second to third position. E. Hearnden will be an absentee for three weeks. Clarkson, a new man from East Brunswick, is applying for a clearance to Thornbury. Other new men in training are J. Raphael and Taafe. E. Lee will probably get a run at Ascot Vale to-morrow. Buses will leave the corner of High and Hutton streets at 1.45 p.m.

C.E.B.S.

On Saturday St. Mark's, Regent, played Reservoir on the latter's ground. With the wind against them in the first quarter Regent played systematic football and led by 2-2 to 1-0. With the wind Regent tried to score time and again but found Reservoir's back line too strong. The pace in the third term was fast and play very even, only one point being scored, the scores at the last change being:—Regent, 3-2; Reservoir, 2-1. Reservoir lost their chance when Regent added four goals in quick succession. Final scores: Regent, 7-5; Reservoir, 3-1. For the winners Merritt, Cilbert Ash and Lovell were best. Goal-kickers—Regent: Merrett (5), Cilbert, Hesline. Reservoir: South (3).

RAMBLERS' MATCH

Prince of Wales Park v Mabro

A return match between Prince of Wales Park Methodists and Mabro (Matear Bros., Richmond) was played at Hayes Park on Saturday. A feature of the match was the splendid play of the back men of both teams, up to half-time only one goal being scored by Mabro, whilst owing to weak forward work and bad kicking P.W.P. had a run of seven singles to their credit. In the second half neither team could make much headway until in the last quarter Mabro added three goals and ran out winners of a low scoring but well contested match. Final scores: Mabro, 6-10; P.W.P., 2-9. Goal-kickers—Mabro: Clay (2), Decini (2), Burgess, Dunn. P.W.P.: Greenwood, Sharp.

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NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Before Mr. A. Hauser P.M., Mr. H. Evans and Mrs. Woods J's.P.

Drunk

Eva May Hibbert was charged that on June 27 she was drunk and disorderly and was convicted and discharged.

Obscene Language

John West, charged with having on June 23 used indecent language pleaded guilty.

Const. Newton said that West was drunk, and whilst being taken to the police station used the language complained of.

West: Was I incapable?—You had a pretty good flow of language. (Laughter.)

West said that he had been off the drink for 12 months, and had met a friend who had a bottle of cheap wine. When he "came to" he had lost his suit-case and was all knocked about. He had been in gaol for a week, and if treated leniently would sign the pledge.

Fined £2 in default seven days' imprisonment.

No Registration

Reginald Stanley Barham, charged that on May 13 he drove an unregistered motor cycle in Queen's parade, Clifton Hill.

Const. McKennall said that defendant's motor cycle was concerned in an accident in Clifton Hill. Inquiries showed that the registration had expired two months before.

Fined £1.

Tony Cardamoni, Victoria street, North Melbourne who on June 2 rode a motor cycle which was not registered was fined £2.

Unlicensed Driver

Archibald Duncan Rowe, Sydney street, Collingwood who on April 19, drove a motor car without being registered was fined £1.

Wandering Stock

Arthur Akers, who allowed a horse to wander was fined 5/- with 2/6 costs. Others fined were Oswald Hutchinson (two head) 10/ and 5/6; Richard Miller (two head) 10/ and 5/6; John Clarke, 5/- and 4/-; Olive Jones, 5/- and 4/-. Inspector W. J. Jones proosecuted for the City of Northcote.

Street Construction Charges

The City of Northcote obtained an order against Frederick Walsh, The Esplanade, Port Melbourne for £84/11/8 with £2/15/6 costs for private street construction charges in respect to property in Newman street and Comas grove.

An order was also made against Hector Helberg, Albert street, West Brunswick for £19/3/3 with £1/6/- costs in respect to street construction in Lewis street.

Mr. A. Lonie (Maddock Jamieson and Lonie) appeared for the City of Northcote in these cases.

Unlawful Possession of Bicycle

Albert Walter Price, McFarlane street, Northcote was charged that on June 26 he had in his possession a bicycle suspected of having been stolen. He pleaded guilty.

Plainclothes Const. Veness said: On June 26 I went to Price's house, and asked him what he had done with the bicycle he was riding. He said "I gave it back to the owner." I said "The owner is here and wants it now." Accused went to a house in Dally street and got the bicycle. The machine was stolen from Ivanhoe in May last.

Fined £5 in default imprisonment for one month.

Debt

H. E. Coker v Mrs. Paisley claim for £33/5/. Order for amount with £5/2/- costs.

A claim, Coker v D. Paisley was withdrawn, complaint being ordered to pay £1/1/- costs.

Henry Smithers v. Mrs. E. Douglas, a claim for £9 10/- balance of account for constructing a driveway at Christmas street.

Mr. A. E. O'Connor appeared for the complainant, and after exhaustive evidence had been heard, an order was made for the amount claimed with £2 7/- costs.

The matter in dispute was the charge for laying a concrete car drive, which the defendant said had not been completed according to plans.

Unlawful Possession of Birds

Mary Lawrence, Mitchell street, Northcote was charged that on June 14 she had in her possession a number of finches, canaries and other birds suspected of having been stolen.

Senior Const. Fowles said: On June 14 with other police I went to Mrs. Lawrence's home at Mitchell street, and in the back yard found a box of birds. I asked Mrs. Lawrence where she got the birds and she said "I won't say." I said "Birds similar to these have been reported stolen. She said "They came into the house with other stuff" The birds were removed to the police station.

Mr. Hartnett: The police are looking for the husband?—I believe they are.

Plainclothes Const. Veness said: On June 21 I interviewed Mrs. Lawrence who claimed that the birds had been given to her. She refused to say where she got the birds.

Many of the birds had been positively identified as having been stolen.

Myrtle Ivy Moate, married woman, Andrew street, Northcote formerly of Robert street said: On May 25, ten canaries and a diamond sparrow were stolen from my aviary. Three of the birds in court are my property.

Mr. Hartnett (for defendant) said he did not doubt that some of the birds might have been stolen, but the "bird" who stole them, in this case the lady's husband, was still at large.

Lawrence said "My husband left home on June 14 and the police I understand are looking for him. Before I went to hospital, my husband and I were living in Salisbury street, and on coming home found my husband had shifted to Mitchell street. The birds were then there, and when I remarked about them, my husband said "You can have them."

Senior Const. Matthews: The police took a lot of stuff away from your home on June 14—Yes.

The birds were the only things you claimed?—Yes.

The police gave you every opportunity to say where the birds came from?—Yes.

The P.M.: When did you say you got the birds?—On May 25.

Convicted and fined £2 in default 14 days' imprisonment.

WESTGARTH TALKIES.

This week-end, "May I Come In" will deal with the difficulties of a young married couple, separated by the husband's irascible temper and the bride's arrogant pride, which leads them into all sorts of complications before a little boy and his dog finally bring them to reconciliation. Edmund Lowe and Leila Hyams play the leading roles. In "Abraham Lincoln," the whole of Lincoln's life is paraded on the screen, from the time of his birth to the assassination at Ford's theatre in Washington just as he had realised a successful conclusion to the Civil War. The success of this picture is due principally to the superb acting of Walter Huston. On Monday next, in "Going Wild" Joe E. Brown, the talkies leading comedian plays the part of a newspaper man who is mistaken for the author of a famous book on aviation. Events—including his falling in love—force him to continue the pose and to agree to fly a plane in an unlimited speed race, and when he takes off in the race he flies crazily in a way to thrill audieces as well as to make them roar with laughter. The story of "Boudoir Diplomat," deals with the amorous adventures of a gay batchelor in the European diplomatic service. A strong cast includes Betty Compson, Mary Duncan, Ian Keith and Jeanette Loff. Thrilling action abounds in "Fair Warning," featuring George O'Brien to be screened on Thursday next, but the most spectacular sequence is furnished by a wild stallion, who, in order to evade capture, jumps from a cliff into the lake close to 50 feet below. This trained horse and a dog, possessed of almost human intelligence, play most interesting parts in this western epic, adapted from Max Brand's widely read story "The Untamed." Beautiful romance, powerful drama and natural scenic effects have been combined in the unusually entertaining picture, "Eyes of the World," from the popular book by Harold Bell Wright. Una Merkel, John Holland, Nance O'Neill and Brandon Hurst are in the featured cast.

FRACTURED SKULL AND ARM

Between Kinglake and Hume Vale last Sunday afternoon, a motor cycle, which was ridden by John McGregor, aged 19 years, of Brunswick street, Fitzroy, collided with a motor car. McGregor received a fractured skull a fractured arm, and abrasions. He was taken to the Melbourne Hospital by the driver of the car.

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Black and white dotted woolen makes a charming three piece tailored suit for June Collyer to wear on her location trips for "Dude Ranch," the next Paramount picture.

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Miss Collyer has a chic hat for this costume in black straw with red and black quills. The diagonal slant of its upturned brim is quite new.

Law.

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THE OFFICIAL GUESTS

The official guests included the mayor and mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. J. H. Green), Misses O. and L. Green, Hon. J. Cain, M.L.A., and Mrs. Cain, Mrs. F. Brennan, Hon. H. H. and Mrs. Olney, the mayor and mayoress of Box Hill (Cr. and Mrs. J. T. Ma[illegible]honey), the mayor and mayoress of Caulfield (Cr. and Mrs. H. G. Ritchie), the mayor and mayoress of Collingwood (Cr. and Mrs. J. G. Eastman); Mr. and Mrs. Moss (daughter of mayoress of Collingwood), the mayor and mayoress of Footscray (Cr. and Mrs. W. D. Thomson), Mr. and Miss Thomson (son and daughter of mayoress of Footscray), the mayor and mayoress of Hawthorn (Cr. and Mrs. J. B. Pridmore), the mayor and mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. G. E. Robinson), the mayor and mayoress of Richmond (Cr. and Mrs. A. G. Mi[illegible]chell), the mayor and mayoress of Williamstown (Cr. and Mrs. G. A. Paine), the president, shire of Mulgrave (Cr. and Mrs. G. H. Coleman), the town clerk of Box Hill and Mrs. H. J. R. Cole, the town clerk of Brunswick and Mrs. R. A. McGregor Dawson, the town clerk of Collingwood and Mrs. F. C. Francis, the town clerk of Footscray and Mrs. J. Gent, the town clerk of Hawthorn, the town clerk of Malvern and Mrs. R. Crosbie Goold, the town clerk of Preston and Mrs. L. W. Williams, the town clerk of Williamstown and Mrs. J. Hocking, the shire secretary, Mulgrave, and Mrs. G. C. G. Carmichael, Cr. A. C. Bird, Cr. and Mrs. A. J. Cornish, Cr. and Mrs. S. Dennis, Cr. and Mrs. W. Glanfield, Cr. W. Hayes, Cr. J. O. Hughes, Cr. and Mrs. B. E. Johnson, Cr. and Mrs. M. C. Jones, Cr. and Mrs. A. H. Oldis, Cr. and Mrs. W. Olver, Cr. and Mrs. S. W. Pinkney, Cr. and Mrs. A. V. Peters, Cr. J. Sutch, Mrs. W. H Turner, Mr and Mrs. J. M. David, the town clerk and Mrs. J A. Thomson.

Other citizens present were:

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RETURN BALL

During the evening a meeting of prominent citizens was held in order to arrange a return ball to the Mayor and Mayoress. The Ex-Mayor (Cr. W. Hayes) was appointed chairman. It was decided to hold a return ball on Wednesday, July 29, and tickets were fixed at 10/6. The committee appointed were:—Chairman, Cr. W. Hayes; joint hon secs., Messrs. J. A. Thomson and E. L. Sharp; treasurer, Cr. W. Olver; committee, Crs. S. Dennis, S. Pinkney, A. J. Cornish, Mr. Bert Olney, M.L.C., Messrs. A. E. Johnson, H. C. Dyte and J. S. Whalley.

On July 1 at his residence, 10 Livingstone street, Ivanhoe, Mr. Frank Walker passed away at the age of 64 years. Deceased leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

Northcote A.W.A.

The last meeting was held in the Town hall on June 22, when there was a large attendance. The question of a new lodge room was again brought up.

OBITUARY.

William Elliot McDonald

Residents of Northcote will regret to learn of the death of Mr. William Elliot McDonald, of Mason street, Northcote, which occurred very suddenly on June 23. Mr. McDonald, left for the General Post Office, Melbourne, as usual on that morning, and whilst at his desk became suddenly ill. He was quickly taken to St. Vincent's hospital and admitted in a critical condition, but did not rally, and passed away on the same day. He had been in the service of the postal department for 43 years, and was widely known and esteemed. Mrs. McDonald was absent in the country at the time with one of the married daughters, who is ill, and hurried to Melbourne, but she was unfortunately too late to be with her husband before the end. The remains were removed to St. Joseph's Church, Northcote, where a requiem mass was celebrated on Friday last by Rev. Fathers Gallivan and Fitzpatrick. From the pulpit Father Gallivan spoke feelingly of Mr. McDonald's life. A good husband and father, he was also a keen supporter of his church. For many years had been a member of the choir, and was its conductor for a long period. Mr. McDonald had been an ardent supporter of the school, presbytery and convent, devoting his organising abilities in those directions. A regular attendant of the Sacred Heart Society, his work was unostentatious, and there were few who kenw of his many generous gifts to charitable organisations. As the coffin was borne from the church a favorite hymn was played by the organist of the children's choir (Miss Annie Frawley), and the Dead March in Saul rendered. The interment was made at the Melbourne General Cemetery, the cortege being attended by relatives and numerous friends, amongst whom were many of Mr. McDonald's colleagues from the Postal department. Father Keane, chaplain, assisted by Father Gallivan and Doctor Boewich, Catholic Examiner of Christian Doctrine of the Schools, an old friend, performed the service at the graveside. At the 11 a.m. service at St. Joseph's on Sunday, the Dead March was played, the congregation standing reverently in silence.

Mr. McDonald's was a well-known figure in all efforts of a charitable nature in Northcote doing a tremendous amount in a quiet way. He was also a keen supporter of the Northcote Cricket and Football Clubs.

His sudden death came as a very great shock to his family and relatives, as prior to his last illness he had not suffered ill health before. He was 58 years of age and leaves a widow and a large family, the members of which are—Dorothy, Josie, (Mrs. Henderson) Madge, (Mrs. Hoare), Jack, Donald, Phillip and Sheila.

Angus Duncan McDonald

It came as a great shock to citizens of Northcote to learn of the sudden death of Ex-Councillor Angus Duncan McDonald, formerly of Northcote, but lately of Bentleigh. Mr. McDonald was seated in his office in Flinders Lane, Melbourne, on Saturday last, when he was seen to collapse. It was first thought he had fainted, but when a doctor arrived it was found that he had passed to the Great Beyond. Mr. McDonald was in business in High street, Thornbury, after his return from the war, where he saw a good deal of active service. He was later elected to the Northcote council as one of the representatives of the North Ward, carrying out his council duties with credit to himself and advantage to the ratepayers. He had had a good deal of experience in road contracting, and in this direction his practical knowledge was of great service to the ratepayers. On his resignation from the council a short time ago, his presence was greatly missed as he was of a happy jovial nature, and a universal favorite. Soon after that he made his home in Bentleigh.

Ex-Cr. McDonald was for many years a very active member of the Thornbury Bowling Club, taking a keen delight in the game; and he was also a very keen member of the Northcote branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the interment being made at the Box Hill Cemetery, where Rev. W. J. Harris, of Footscray, formerly of the Thornbury Presbyterian Church, officiated at the graveside, where he read both the church service and that of the Masonic Order, of which Mr. McDonald was a member. The funeral was largely attended. The flag at the Northcote Town Hall was half-masted on Tuesday as a mark of respect. Mr. McDonald leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter.

THEFT OF WATCH

FOOTBALL MATCH INCIDENT

MAN CONVICTED AT PRESTON

At the Preston court on Thursday, before Mr. E. Stafford, P.M., and Mr. O. Walker, J.P., John Eaton, 24 years, Carroll street, Reservoir, was charged with having on June 20 at Thomastown, stolen a metal wristlet watch, valued at £1/10/, the property of Theodore Feldbauer.

Feldbauer, a mechanic, residing at Eltham, said:—About 3 p.m. on June 20 I was playing in a football match, Thomastown v Eltham, and left my clothes hanging in the dressing room. I left a watch in my waistcoat pocket, and after the match it was missing.

About a Fight

Mr. Cahir (for defendant): There was a fight in the dressing room at one stage?

Witness: Yes.

And there were a lot of combatants?—Yes. (Laughter.)

How many?—Two.

Did others join in,—Some were hanging around. (Laughter.)

Was there a fight in the Eltham dressing shed?—No. The fight was between the Thomastown players and supporters. (Laughter.)

There was no fight in the Eltham room —No. The building is a barn, and the fight was in the Thomastown corner.

Police Evidence

Plainclothes Constable Edgerton, of Preston, said:—At 11.30 a.m. on June 26 I saw Mick Eaton and told him it was alleged that he had stolen a watch at Thomastown, but he denied all knowledge of it.

I said, "Did you attempt to sell a watch to any person when you were coming home on the bus?" He said "No."

Watch Found

Later in the day at his residence at Reservoir I found the watch in the pocket of a coat.

When I told him that I had found the watch in his pocket he said, "I do not know how it got there." I said, "You do not think it had been put there?" He said, "That may be so."

I told him that Feldbauer had identified the watch and he said, "I did not steal it." I asked, "Who stole it?" and he answered, "I will not say."

Mr. Cahir argued that larceny had not been proved. Another charge might lie, but not larceny. The onus was on the prosecution to establish the case.

The P.M. said the bench considered there was a case to answer.

Eaton pleaded not guilty and elected to be dealt with summarily.

Eaton said:—I was at the football match but was not playing with the Thomastown team as I was injured. I had been drinking and after the fight in the dressing shed I picked up the watch, which I intended to return to the secretary of the club on the following Saturday as I did not know to whom it belonged. The police, however, interviewed me in the meantime.

Sergt. Lang: On your way home in the bus you knew you had a watch that did not belong to you?—Yes.

Why did you not hand it to the police?—I did not think of that.

You were not very frank with the police?—I said I did not steal the watch.

Robert Ayton, Warr's avenue, Preston, said:—I was with Eaton at the football match. He was "pretty merry" with drink.

During the day there was a fight between Eltham and Thomastown players. The fight started first on the field and later was continued in the dressing shed, where the clothes were.

Eaton pulled out a watch in the bus and said he found it after the fight. I advised him to give it to the club secretary and he said he would do so.

Sergt. Lang: Were you in the fight?

Witness: Yes.

As he had so much drink in him did you not think it your duty as a friend to bring him to the police station?—No. (Laughter.)

Mr. Cahir: He might not have got out again. (Laughter.)

George Cannon gave similar evidence.

Mr. Cahir: What about the fight?

Witness: There were a few "blokes" fighting, and then all present seemed to join in.

The P.M. said the evidence did not speak very well of the conditions under which football was played at this place. Eaton's trouble seemed to be drinking to excess.

A conviction was recorded and a sentence of a month's imprisonment imposed, which was suspended on a bond of £5 to be of good behaviour for two years, and to abstain from liquor for two years.

The watch was ordered to be return to the owner.

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FRIDAY NIGHT CLOSING

NORTHCOTE TRADERS OPPOSE IT

PETITION PRESENTED TO MINISTER

Northcote traders view with alarm the suggestion of late Friday night closing. It is said if such a system were put into operation shopkeepers generally in the suburbs would suffer by a loss of trade, with a consequent result to the shop assistants of retrenchment or even dismissal.

It is authoritatively stated that no change is desired by the employes.

The president of the Northcote Traders' Association (Mr. L. G. Smith) has sent the following letter, together with a representative petition:—

The Honorable J. Cain, Parliament House, Melbourne, C1.

Dear Sir,—As president of the Northcote Traders' Association I have been asked to hand you the accompanying petition of shopkeepers and traders in High street, Northcote, for presentation to the Honorable Minister for Labour.

The petition is signed by 191 shopkeepers and traders who desire that no alteration should be made to existing hours of shopping on Friday.

The association believe that the proposed amendment of the Shopkeepers Factories Act with regard to Friday night closing would be detrimental to suburban business, it would increase unemployment; it is not sought by either employers or employes in suburban areas, and at this time of financial, general and business depression the present is most inopportune for such a drastic change.

We ask you to submit our petition as requested and use your best endeavour to meet with our wishes.

Yours faithfully,
L. G. SMITH

Marie Prevost is now in her third beach house at Malibu, California, within as many years. She smiles like the cat that ate the canary when one speaks of "profit" in connection with her operations in real estate. The smart-cracking Marie is now in Edgar Selwyn's "War Nurse," at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

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RADIO NOTES

Mahemmed and the Mountain

The British Broadcasting Co. had recently arranged for Sir Walford Davies, the well known English musician, to lecture before the microphone. At the appointed time, however, he was unfortunately indisposed and in bed. Undaunted, he insisted on delivering his lecture, and a microphone and amplifier were installed at his bedside, with the result that the lecture was broadcast without hitch.

Telegrams from Aeroplanes

Philips London correspondent cables that from January 1 it will be possible to send private telegrams from aeroplanes operating on many Continental routes.

Arrangements were completed at the Air Conference, which was held at the Hague. For the first two or three months the scheme will be purely experimental.

Helping Poets to Fame

Australian broadcasting companies might take a lead from the managing board of the transmitter at Juan-les-pins, near Nice, who regularly devote one evening a week to young poets. Those with a flair for poetry are invited to submit their work to the managing board, and if the contributions are suitable they are transmitted, and thus the poets have better chance of becoming known.

It would be difficult to imagine an Australian family enduring a whole night of poetry, but the scheme could be modified and made to include literature as well, with the result that much Australian talent might be brought to light.

Robot Courtesy

Visitors to the Melbourne Office of Philips Radio are saluted by an automatic figure which draws their attention to a notice board giving directions to the various departments.

Needless to say they are greatly mystified at the unfailing courtesy of this strange little Robot, who is controlled by a photo electric cell. A beam of light is focussed on the figure, and when it is interrupted by a person passing by, the photo electric cell comes into operation and stirs the figure to action.

In America a similar arrangement results in people, upon entering an exhibition, being requested to sign their name in the visitors' book. There is absolutely no sign of human agency in the request, and the bewildered visitors are not made aware of the origin of the dictate they are obeying in recording their signature. Probably they would not append such shaky signatures if they knew that in entering the building they had intersected a beam of light, thereby setting in motion a gramophone record, the request being made by means of a loudspeaker installation.

ST. VINCENT'S THORNBURY AUXILIARY

14 HOSTESSES ARRANGE SUCCESSFUL DANCE

The Northcote town hall on 23rd ult. was the scene of a delightful function arranged by an enthusiastic band of young ladies to augment the funds of the Northcote-Thornbury branch, and the congratulations showered on them by more than 400 guests who responded to their first effort was really a triumph of organisation and should stimulate them to further efforts in the cause of charity.

The hall was tastefully decorated the stage being particularly attractive with an effective display of ferns and other foliage. The arrangements which were complete and gave extreme pleasure to all, were attended to by the president, Miss Beryl Roberts, who was gowned in pink taffeta, secretary, Miss Mollie Carew who wore maize colored taffeta; treasurer, Miss Bunnie Gorey, in peach satin. Other hostesses were: Misses B. Dunn, green georgette; F. Roberts, old gold chiffon velvet; A. Kenneally, red georgette; W. McMahon, pink floral taffeta; D. Noack, white georgette and lace; F. McDonald, almond green satin; C. Finlan, jade green satin; L. McGregor, green satin; L. Jowett, black lace and tulle; C. Jowett, floral georgette; M. Kean, paton green fish net.

Others present were Mrs. Frank Brennan, ameythst lace; Mrs. J. J. Ryan, black chiffon velvet; Mrs. J. F. Cooper, cream lace and tulle; Mrs. L. Roberts, blue georgette; Mrs. Gorey, red lace; Mrs. P. Ryan, black georgette and lace; Mrs. W. Jowett, black georgette; Miss M. Carew, floral georgette; Mrs. J. Slattery, floral georgette; Mrs. E. J. McCristal, black lace; Mrs. McGregor, black georgette; Mrs. Kelleher, black lace; Mrs. J. McMahon, blue georgette; Mrs. Nicholson, black georgette; Mrs. Gilloley, gold satin; Mrs. J. Devery, red satin; Mrs. H. Kelly, black georgette; Mrs. P. Kelly, black lace; Mrs. Morris, red lace; Mrs. Tadish, brown chiffon; Mrs. Reed, black georgette; Mrs. N. McCristal, blue satin; Mrs. Houston, georgette green; Mrs. Bourke, blue satin; Mrs Wilkinson, ameythst satin; Miss Cook, green georgette; Mrs Maidment, blue moire; Mrs. Dihm, white satin; Mrs. F. Carew, white taffeta; Mrs. C. Power; white georgette and diamente; Miss M. Flynn, black lace; Miss Maggie Flynn, lemon georgette; Miss Deering, black georgette; Miss Greves, green georgette; Miss Birch, green taffeta; Miss Hosking, scarlet taffeta; Miss Gorden, white floral taffeta; Miss Gordon, green floral georgette; Miss McMahon, green moire; Miss Boone, midnight blue georgette; Miss Kelleher, green lace; Miss Pick, mauve satin, Miss Dreger, green georgette; Miss Forest, red satin; Miss O'Connell, lemon georgette; Miss McLaren, black georgette; Miss Appleby, ivory satin; Miss Gilmeur, flame georgette; Miss Slattery, black lace; Miss Straughair, white satin and net; Miss Rogers, mauve moire; Miss Nolan, floral chiffon; Miss Smith, pink moire satin; Miss Goldstein, green floral georgette; Miss Wheeler, black ring velvet; Miss Harper, green floral georgette; Miss Wheeler, nile green georgette; Miss Wheeler, flame gold tulle; Miss Harper, midnight blue ring velvet; Miss Harper, floral chiffon; Miss Clayton, floral chiffon; Miss Hurley, pink georgette; Miss Baker, green georgette; Miss Tarrant, green chennelle georgette; Miss Teague, pink satin and tulle; Miss Colthard, nile green georgette; Miss McNomara, sea green georgette; Miss Murphy black chiffon; Miss Morphett, floral mouseline; Miss Weate, black georgette and lace; Miss Finnegan, Black satin; Miss Gordon, black satin; Miss Hill, orange taffeta; Miss Ogden, blue georgette; Miss Frawley, rose pink georgette; Miss McClusky, black lace and georgette; Miss McClusky, blue georgette, Miss Cronan pale blue georgette, Miss Murphy, red lace; Miss Murphy, royal blue georgette; Miss Murphy, pink georgette; Miss Evans, white lace, Miss Brooks, black lace; Mrs. W. H. Turner, black lace.

Partners included Drs., Bryan O'Collins, and Messrs. L. Smith, L. Barker, C. Moroney, A. Quick, Bray, Dormer, Smith, J. J. Ryan, J. F. Cooper, P. Ryan, E. J. McCristal, Kelleher, McGregor, L. Roberts, Dunn, Bourke, Jones, W. Green, Tracy, Tarrant, Tucker, Jackson, Kemp, McDonald, Dunne, McMahon, G. Beeden, L. Hartnett, T. Howard, F. Carew, Gibson, Hunt, McCombrie, Cleary, A. Tarrant, Dennis, Ryan, Kenny, Eckard, Gannon, Gorey, Hickey, McNally, Reid, Dihm, O'Brien, A. Ryan, Murphy, V. Ryan, Hewitt, G. Ogden, T. Ogden, O'Sullivan, Coghlan, Maidment, Newbain, Dowling, V. Donoghue, Langridge, J. Kelly, J. Smark, A. Wilkinson, F. Coomber, P. Frawley, Les. Baker, F. Murphy, and Len. Murphy.

Dancing was continued until one o'clock, to the pleasing strains of the Merri-uns Orchestra. Mr. Jones proved an efficient M.C. In connection with the catering which left nothing to be desired the ladies of the senior Auxiliary gave helpful assistance.

PRESTON COUNCIL ELECTIONS

East Ward

Preparations for the approaching elections commenced on Wednesday evening when over 20 persons assembled at Cr. Adams' home to form a campaign committee. Mr. C. W. Jenner was elected chairman, and Mr. F. A. Paton secretary.

A number of questions were asked Cr. Adams which he answered satisfactorily.

A motion of confirmation was mover by Mr. Ward and the chairman, and all present pledged themselves to do all in their power to return Cr. Adams.

Cr. Adams has been a representative of the East Ward for 10 years, and a resident for 46.

Municipal Voters' Lists

Notice is given elsewhere that voters' lists for the various wards of the City of Northcote are open for inspection between July 8 and 14.

UNEMPLOYMENT

COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEAT

Arrangements have been made for a weekly collection of goods by the unemployed for distribution amongst the unemployed of Northcote. One week the foodstuffs collected are to be distributed by the Northcote Men's Unemployed Association, and the next week by the unemployed section of the Returned Soldiers' Association.

The collection was made last Monday for the Unemployed Men's Association, and there were very bitter complaints about the meat donated.

Many of the "joints" of meat were very old, and some consisted of sheeps' heads, with nothing on them. Some of the mutton was very old, and in the opinion of one of the men who had been a butcher for about 15 years some of the meat was a fortnight old. A number of beef bones had been entirely divested of meat; so much so that it would hardly be possible for a dog, let alone a human being, to get anything off them. One of the donors included in his parcel a bullock's tongue, which was, to say the least of it, tainted, and was totally unfit for human consumption.

There was a big crowd of unemployed present when the meat, which had been wrapped in paper, was opened up, and there were expressions of disgust fro mall round. A number of citizens, including Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., inspected the meat.

Whilst it was quite realised that the bulk of the meat was what would be termed "week-end meat" (having been kept in the shop over the weekend), quite a large proportion of it was very much older than that.

At the same time many joints were quite good, and to the donors of these the unemployed are very grateful. Had the whole of the meat been designed for soup, the joints that were "off" would have tainted the whole.

The methods used in collecting are the same as were in vogue last year, but the men were universal in saying that this is the worst lot of meat that has been given to them.

As the meat was received wrapped in parcels, it is almost impossible to be able to say with any reasonable degree of certainty as to the individual shops from which it came, but the Unemployed Committee hope for better treatment, and a better quality of meat in the future.

NORTHCOTE UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held in the town hall on Monday, the president (Mr. A. Biggins) being in the chair.

Great dissatisfaction exists among the unemployed at the inability of the Government to maintain regular supplies of firewood as promised by the Minister. It is two weeks since any issue has been made from each of the five depots. Up till midday on Wednesday there was no wood available at any of these depots. There are hundreds who have not received any wood yet. A deputation will wait on the Minister of Sustenance. It was also reported that the Railways Department was condemning thousands of tons of unemployed wood. Approximately 1,500 tons were condemned quite recently at Trentham. The majority of these woodcutters are from the ranks of the unemployed, and the action of the Railways Department forces these men to forfeit contracts and return home. This experience befell four Northcote men, who after six weeks' work had to leave the job.

A social and dance was held as usual last Friday.

The women's section is busy making up flannels for distribution by the Dorcas Society.

A distribution of foodstuffs took place at the town hall last Monday—the first of its kind since the introduction of the sustenance ticket. A quantity of meat which was collected had to be thrown away owing to the state it was in.

A soup kitchen was opened last Monday at the tram depot in High street. Tickets must be obtained from the town clerk for an issue of soup.

The next dance will be held on Friday, July 3.

The next meeting of the association will be held on the same date at 2 p.m.

Edwardes Park

Work is still in progress at Edwardes Park, Preston, aid when completed will result in a great improvement.

More Wood

Additional supplies of wood have reached Reservoir and Bell railway stations, and are being distributed in 5 cwt. lots. Preston council and H. P. Zwar Pty. Ltd. are responsible for the delivery of the wood to the homes of the unemployed.

Clothing and Boots

A supply of clothing manufactured by single unemployed girls has been allocated for distribution among the deserving poor at Preston centre of relief. The clothing includes men's and boys' flannels, women's underwear and baby clothing.

"Absolutely unusable" was the term made use of by a leading worker in the unemployed movement at Preston when making reference to a consignment of clothing and boots sent by the State relief authorities to this suburb. Articles of clothing that one would be ashamed to offer to the poorest of the poor were included in the frowsy, fusty assortment of garments which, in company with footwear altogether beyond repair, met their fate in an incinerator. It is a disgrace to the persons who sent such rubbish to headquarters, and a greater disgrace for the latter to send it out for distribution. Local people who send along clothing may be given credit for decent, wearable articles and they are asked to still forward cast-off clothing, also boots and shoes, as the present supply does not equal the demand.

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PRESTON GIRLS' COMMITTEE

The membership has increased satisfactorily, and enthusiasm is as keen as ever. Generous and helpful support has been given from all quarters. Though the financial position as yet is not sufficient to carry out all the practical assistance, the committee deserves, the donations received and the entertainments given in their aid up to date are rapidly helping to gain this objective.

Among the names on the list of donations appear Cr. Zwar and the Bell street Mothers' Club. A successful dance was held by the Mont Park Social Club, the entire proceeds being for the P.G.U.C. Two house parties have been held by committee ladies, both resulting in acceptable cheques. The first was held by Mrs. Delaney at her home and was a great success. Mrs. Delaney is one of the best workers on the committee. Mrs. W. Webber also held a successful evening at her home. Her constant help is of inestimable value.

The girls of the committee have formed a gymnasium class, capably instructed by one of their number, Miss Fryer. They are also endeavoring to form a basketball team.

Meetings are held every Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 in the supper room of the town hall. Any person desirous of communicating can do so through Mrs. W. Robeson, 31 Cooper street, West Preston.

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BASEBALL

Northcote and Preston Churches

At Hayes Park on Saturday Thornbury Presbyterians B played St. Geo. Road Methodists. After the first innings the game became very uninteresting, St. George's Road always having a good lead until the last innings, when Thornbury Presbyterians put up a good showing by scoring 4 and at the completion of innings had all bags full. The best of an even side for the winners were L. Tulk, V. Watson, R. Findlay and B. Gough. Thornbury Presbyterian B were well served by J. Moyes, E. Douglas, F. Fenwick, R. Celsworth and J. Kiel. Scores:—St. George's Road Methodists, 1 6 4 4 4 1 6 3—29; Thornbury Presbyterians B, 2 1 2 5 0 0 1 2 4—17.

Preston Club

A team played at Caulfield, winning 13–1. Preston were strong all round and did not give anything away. Patterson and O'Brien combination made things difficult for Caulfield, while Butler, Duffield supported well.

B team played a match against Spalding's and won 11–7. The team generally were more experienced. They had few errors. Nelder, Burr and Brockley were outstanding, and helped by the remainder of the team were a good combination.

C team played Coburg at Coburg and lost 6–1. The side was weaker than their opponents, and Coburg's pitcher had a ball that tied them up. Jackson, Naunton, Murray and Smith were best for Preston.

Teams for Saturday are as follow: A, at Coburg.—Newbegin, O'Brien, Patterson, Spoor, Goller (2), Crawley, Butler, Duffield, Fothergill.

B v Malvern. — Jeans, Brockley, Nankervis, Nelder, Souter, Hills, Ford, Thornycroft, Wescott, Burr, Goller.

C v Collingwood.—Smith, Allen, Jackson, Connors, Dearing, Burrell, Dahl, Murray, Bassler, Naunton.

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TURF NOTES

(By "Luteplayer.")

Should Win a Race

Maggie Carilla followed up a promising display in the Rosny Plate at Caulfield by finishing third in the Greenvale Welter at Moonee Valley on Saturday. In that event she finished strongly after being a bit unlucky in the early stages of the race. It should not be long before this mare wins a welter event.

Won Nicely

Green Moth was the medium of a solid commission for the Chandos Handicap at Moonee Valley on Saturday. Well placed throughout the race, she went to the front at the straight entrance and won nicely from Myarin. Green Moth is a four-year-old mare by that former crack sprinter Greenstead, and she promises to be decidedly useful in spring events. Myarin, who ran an improving race to finish second, did not have a clear run, but was doing well at the finish.

Kentle Shows Improvement

The form of the steeplechasers at Moonee Valley on Saturday threw very little fresh light on the Grand National Steeple situation, but the form of Kentle in the Marne Jumpers' Flat was encouraging. It was the Kenilworth gelding's best showing for some time. The fact that he was able to beat several fairly fast hurdlers indicates that he is fit for his big engagement. Last year Kentle won the Kensington Steeple with 12.6. He had 12.0 in the G.N. Steeple but lost his rider early in the race. This year he has 11.9 and he may be one of the dangers of the race. He has been given a solid preparation, and as he won the G.N. Hurdle two years ago there is little fear of him not running out the G.N. Steeple distance.

Melbourne and Caulfield Cup Weights

Weights for the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups and other big spring handicaps were made available this week. The weight that would be awarded Phar Lap has for some time been an interesting topic among racing men, who generally agree that with 10.10 in the Melbourne Cup, and 1lb. less in the Caulfield event, the Night Raid gelding has not been harshly treated. His 10.10 is not a record for a top weight in the Melbourne Cup. In 1869 The Barb was given 11.7. The Archer had 11.4 in 1863, while Glencoe, with 11.0, was another big impost. The highest weight, however, that has been carried to victory, is Carbine's 10.5 as a five-year-old. As a four-year-old Carbine was beaten into second place under 10.0. Last year Phar Lap, also a four-year-old, won with 9.12; therefore, taking weight-for-age conditions as a guide, Phar Lap succeeded with 1lb more than Carbine failed with, for Phar Lap, being a gelding, is entitled to a 3lb. allowance. Can Phar Lap this year succeed with 5lb. more than Carbine carried to victory as a five-year-old? Even with this burden Phar Lap, in his best form, probably would account for all his seasoned rivals, but should a good three-year-old be discovered he may go under. There is also the possibility that his mishap in the autumn may mean that he will never again reach the form he showed last spring. However, at the moment he appears to have excellent prospects for his second Melbourne cup. The following candidates make most appeal for the two miler at this early stage:—Phar Lap, Second Wind, The Dimmer, Balloon King, Veilmond, Carry On, Madstal, Aleman, Highbrae, Mulcra, Illustrious, Roi de Mer. For the Caulfield Cup this dozen takes the fancy:—Phar Lap, Amounis, Second Wind, Veilmond, Waterline, Balloon King, Shadow King, Induna, Golden Arrow, Ormolu, Knight's Favor, Stephanite.

Grand National Hurdle Prospects

The V.R.C. jumping Carnival opens at Flemington to-morrow (Saturday) when the Grand National Hurdle will be decided over a three mile course. The outstanding candidates for the race are Mosstrooper and Kendler. The first-named has proved himself one of the greatest staying jumpers of all times and has mixed hurdling with steeplechasing as few jumpers can do. He won the Grand National Hurdle and Steeple last year, also the Australian Hurdle. In 1929 he was second in the Grand National Steeple and then went on to win the Australian Hurdle and Steeple. Can he add to-morrow's big race to that necklace of successes? He is burdened with 12.3, and the highest weight that has yet been carried to victory in the race is 11.13. Mosstrooper, however, is a champion, and there is every possibility of him establishing a new weight-carrying record. It seems as though the track will be heavy, and thus make the top-weight's chance more difficult, although he won the race last year in heavy going, but on that occasion he had only 10.7. Against that, however, is his victory in the Steeple, in even heavier going, with 11.10, and another 7lbs. would not have stopped him. Mosstrooper has only had one public outing over hurdles this year and that was at Caulfield, when he fell at the last hurdle. He has had several outings on the flat and plenty of schooling, and he will strip a fit horse, and what beats him should win.

Kendler displayed splendid form at Flemington and Williamstown. He is a good jumper, not lacking in brilliance, and he should not be troubled by the National distance. For more than a week there have been rumors that all is not well with Kendler, but his trainer, S. W. Reid, declares him to be all right. Kendler had an outing on the flat at the Valley on Saturday, and it was noticed that when he was doing his preliminary he moved short, but this is usually a good sign in a stayer. Kendler will be a very dangerous rival to Mosstrooper.

Outside the above-mentioned pair the candidates are fairly evenly matched, but, over three miles at any rate, may be classed as moderates. The matter of weights, condition of the track, and luck in running, however, plays an important part in a race like the National, and a surprise is always on the cards. Ocean Bound has the pace and stamina, but is not a very good jumper; he is, however, a place possibility. Olinda's win at Flemington and second at Caulfield entitles him to some consideration. Polygonum is not reliable, but on his day is a good galloper. Longlands won the race three years ago, and his fast-finishing third at Caulfield was encouraging. He was unplaced in the Jumpers' Flat at the Valley but was running on well at the finish. Cockcrow has won at his last two starts, and cannot be left entirely out of the considerations, although there is a doubt about him running out the three miles. Cenlight, who showed brilliance at Williamstown, is another who may be troubled by the distance. The form of the others is no recommendation. My fancies are:—

MOSSTROOPER	1
KENDLER	2
OCEAN BOUND	3

MINOR EVENTS

Maiden Hurdle

Firmeroi	1
Dark Dawn	2
Laneroi	3

Myross Handicap

Veridique	1
Idle Banter	2
Lancett	3

Kensington Steeplechase

Night Lark	1
Sandhurst	2
Indicate	3

Welter

Larrabee	1
Maggie Carilla	2
Polyxma	3

Winter Handicap

Stang	1
Shadow King	2
King Mart	3

BOY SCOUTS.

First Croxton Troop

On Tuesday 53 cubs attended. A bust of Lord Robert Baden-Powell (chief scout) was presented by Scout Master Kellett. Cub Master Walding decided that it should be presented to the side, A or B, that scores the most points at the end of the quarter. For every game won the winning side receives a point.

1st Northcote Wilkins Rover Crew

Last Thursday the rovers visited 2nd Surrey Hills Troop to practice for "the stunt," and were afterwards entertained at supper. On July 18 a football match will be played against 3rd Fairfield.

1st Preston Troop

Last Saturday six boys went to Hampton to practise for interstate football. The three-act play at the Preston town hall on June 24 for the building fund was successful. Cubs will meet on Thursday and scouts on Friday as usual.

First Thornbury Troop

The troop held its most successful parents' night on last Saturday, there being present about 200 parents including Cr. Jones, L.-Col. Kitson, S. M. Sheldrick and Rover Mate Stewart. S.M. Sheldrick presented about 90 badges gained during the quarter; P.L.'s certificates and badges to our new P.L's. The troop also gave a replica of a Gillwell camp fire. The only one who was disappointed with the camp fire was Scout J. Griffiths, who was ill. The troop has obtained a library and is also starting a bugle band. The troop is desirous of obtaining instructors in poineering, first aid, nature study etc, and would be pleased to hear from any gentleman willing to assist. The troop would also like to receive boys' books or magazines for the Burwood Boys' Home.

At the recent London College examinations Arthur Grainger passed the advanced intermediate section in pianoforte. He is a pupil of Miss Effie Skinner, A.L.C.M., L.L.C.M., 116 St. George's road, Northcote.

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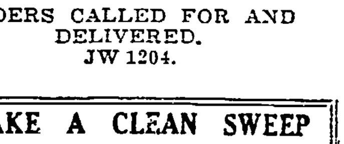

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7 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
Rev. C. H. Nash, M.A., all services.

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Bayview Street
Fifth Sunday after Trinity.
Holy Communion, 8 and 11 a.m.
Evensong, 7 p.m. Subject, "The Founding of the Christian Church."
Preacher: The Vicar.

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(Shaftesbury Parade)
Sunday, July 5: Fifth Sunday after Trinity.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Corporate C.E.B.S.).
11 a.m.—Matins, Intercessions and Sermon.
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10 a.m.—Juvenile Church.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
7 p.m.—Evensong.

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11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
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CITY OF NORTHCOTE

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J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Notice published in the Government Gazette on the 1st day of July, 1931, page No. 1975. This regulation came into operation on the 2nd day of July, 1931.

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CITY OF NORTHCOTE

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By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices, Northcote.
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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

CR. TURNER'S CANDIDATURE.

A meeting of friends and supporters of Cr. W. H. Turner, the retiring councillor for the West Ward, Northcote, was held at the residence of Cr. Bird, Elm street, on July 2. There was a large and representative gathering. Many promises of support were received from a number who were absent. Every part of the West ward and every other ward in the city were represented, and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed. Mrs. Turner was amongst those present.

A campaign committee was formed, Mr. J. E. Devery, president of the Northcote branch A.L.P., being appointed chairman and Mr. P. J. Carney, J.P., secretary. A plan of campaign was drawn up and arrangements made for conducting an election in the event of opposition being forthcoming. The meeting was very optimistic, the many promises of support received being most encouraging. All present expressed their determination, if necessary, to do all possible to retain the seat.

Cr. Turner is the selected and endorsed Labor candidate. He has represented the West Ward for the past twelve years, during which period he has given valuable service to the ratepayers. He has a thorough grasp of municipal matters, and has proved himself to be a most capable representative. Members of the committee expressed the confidence that the ratepayers of the West Ward will again entrust him with a renewal of their support in August.

The chairman, secretary and Cr. Bird were appointed an executive committee to take any further action that may be necessary.

Cr. Turner delivered a brief address and expressed his intention, if again elected, of continuing to do his best for the people. He will open his campaign with an address to the ratepayers in the Croxton Methodist Hall on Thursday, August 6, full particulars of which will be announced later.

A vote of thanks to Cr. Bird for the use of his home closed a very successful meeting.

CENTRAL WARD PRESTON

Mr. Ewart Norris, M.M., a Candidate

Accedding to the request of a large representative deputation of ratepayers, Mr. Ewart Norris M.M., the well known Preston barrister and solicitor, has decided to contest the seat in the Central Ward.

Mr. Norris, who is 39 years of age, has lived in Preston since he was 4 years of age. He received his primary education at the South Preston State School.

In 1925 Mr. Norris enlisted in the A.I.F. and saw four years' service with the 9th Batt. and was awarded the Military Medal for bravery at Passchendaele in France. He still retains his connection with his old batt. acting as hon. sec., to that association. Shortly after his return, he married Miss Ella Williams, of King William street, who has also lived all her life in Preston.

Mr. Norris has taken a keen interest in all things for the good of Preston and acts as hon. solicitor to the local branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, the Preston Football club, and the West Preston Progress Association.

Mr. E. F. Norris has consented to contest the Central Ward seat of the City of Preston as the endorsed candidate of the Preston Ratepayers' Protection League.

EX-Cr. C. T. Crispe, Kingwilliam St., announces that he will be a candidate for the Central Ward of the City of Preston. See announcement.

On Monday evening the Northcote council adjourned its meeting for ten minutes as a mark of respect to the late Ex-Cr. Angus McDonald.

Miss Daphne Spencer has returned to "Gladwyn," 91 Jenkins street, Northcote, after spending a pleasant holiday at Wynyard, Tasmania.

PERSONAL

Residents are invited to forward to the Editor, paragraphs for insertion in this column. All copy should bear the name and address of the writer, as a guarantee of good faith.

On July 5, at his residence, 12 Fyffe street, Thornbury, Mr. Walter H. R. Short, aged 47 years died. He leaves a widow.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Herd, of "Banvana" Heidelberg, are rejoicing in the birth of a son on July 3 at Airlie Hospital, Ivanhoe.

Mr. G. McDonald, manager of the Commercial Bank, Thornbury, accompanied by his wife and family, is spending a holiday at Rosedale.

The stork recently visited Mr. and Mrs W. Owen (nee Pritchard) of Seymour street, Preston and presented them with a son.

The many friends of Mr. King, of 16 Oakhill avenue, will regret to learn that he is suffering from haemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. King's condition is very serious.

The marriage of Mr. Norman David Boyle, of Thornbury, to Miss Elsie Edith Jones, of West Richmond, took place on June 6 at Melbourne.

On July 3 at the Children's Hospital, Reginald James Saunders, the eight months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, of 80 Hutton street, Thornbury, died.

On June 16 at her residence "Musgrave," Yea, Janet Drysdale passed away. She had been a resident of Yea for 63 years and well known in the district.

Mr. Thomas Hegarty, aged 68 years, of Alphington, passed away at Mt. St. Evins private hospital on July 6. Deceased is the father of Mr. Bernard Hegarty, of 230 St. George's road, Croxton.

There passed peacefully away on June 29 at Thames street, Northcote, Mrs. Virginia Junor, relict of the late Charles Junor, at the age of 70 years. Mrs F. Free, of Thames street, is a daughter.

Miss Agnes Elizabeth Stewart, aged 94, of Cooper street, Preston, passed away on July 7. Her remains were interred in the Springvale Cemetery on July 8, Rev. Stewart officiating. Funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Ern Jensen.

Many will learn with regret the death of Mrs. Georgina Elizabeth Duffy, of High street, Preston, on the 1st inst. The private burial took place at the Cheltenham cemetery on July 2, Rev. Bremer officiating. Mr. Ern Jensen was funeral director.

At his residence "Chatham," Heidelberg road, Ivanhoe, David Provan, aged 65 years, passed away on July 6. Deceased leaves a widow, and members of the family are—Marion (Mrs. Walton), David (deceased), Robert, Elsie (deceased), Edgar, Albert, Irene, Nellie (deceased).

At Wesley Church on May 23, Rev. Irving Benson joined in marriage Mr. John Douglas Poole, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Poole, of the Fire Station, North Fitzroy, and Miss Lorna Annie Moore, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore, North Fitzroy. The couple are living at "Doonville," 34 Wales street, Thornbury.

Whilst alighting from the electric tram at the stopping place at Smith street, Thornbury, on June 27 Mr. Charles Daniels sen., was knocked down by a motor car and a wheel passed over his foot causing severe injuries. Mr. Daniels, who is secretary to the Protestant Federation, Northcote, is still confined to his bed.

The death occurred on July 2 of Mr. Ralph Raymond Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carr, at the age of 48 years. Mr. Carr was until recently on the staff of the Metropolitan Board of Works, at the Northcote branch, where he was employed since the opening, and prior to that date at South Melbourne, for about 25 years.

Mrs. Westwood, of Colac, has just returned form a month's vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Gardiner, Larne grove, Preston.

The Northcote council passed a motion of sympathy with the family of the late Mr. W. E. McDonald, at its meeting on Monday.

There passed away on June 30 at Union street, Northcote, Mr. William Junor at the advanced age of 94 years, late of Brunswick. His wife predeceased him and members of the family are—Alice (Mrs. W. Fielder), John (deceased), Annie (Mrs. A. Dyke), Isabella, Margaret (Mrs. W. Kelson), Peter and Robert (deceased).

Mrs. Major Cousins (nee Miss Gwen Robinson, eldest daughter of the Mayor and Mayoress of Preston) is at present enjoying a holiday among the snow clad hills of Kashmir, India, which is noted for its beautiful scenery. Another member of the same family, Flying-officer Mervyn Robinson, and elder son of Mayor Robinson, who has been located at No. 1 Royal Air Force, Laverton, has been selected to do a special course in connection with explosive ammunition work at the Military College, Victoria Barracks, Sydney, where he will remain for two months Flying-officer Robinson left for Sydney last Saturday. Aubrey, third son of our Mayor and Mayoress, has the honor of occupying the position of captain of Wesley Football Club, also skipper of athletics at the same scholastic establishment. He won the 220 yards, and 440 yards events at recent sports connected with the Northcote and Preston Athletic Association, which body held a most successful dance in the Scout's hall, Preston, last Saturday evening. The Mayor was in attendance and he presented trophies and certificates, also mile championship record to the winners.

The death occurred on June 28 at his residence, Rathmines street, Fairfield, of Mr. Simon Robertson Thomson, at the age of 67 years. He leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter.

The death occurred on June 10 1931 of Mrs. A. P. Brice, widow of the late Mr. Henry Brice. Mrs. Brice has been a resident of Northcote for over 40 years and a colonist of 79 years. She is survived by two sons, Mr. H and Mr. A. Brice both of High street, Northcote.

"LEADER'S" SUCCESSFUL ANTICIPATIONS

FOUR WINNERS OUT OF SIX EVENTS

The punters who followed the selections of the "Leader's" turf writer, "Luteplayer," last Saturday were well repaid for their outlay. Out of six races "Luteplayer" selected four winners, as follow:—Dark Dawn (2 to 1), Veridique (2 to 1), Nightlark (12 to 1), and Larrabee (8 to 1). The return to a speculator who invested 10/- on each of "Luteplayer's" first selections would be as follows:—

Dark Dawn (Won at 2 to 1)	£1	0	0
Veridique (Won at 2 to 1)	2	0	0
Night Lark (Won at 12 to 1)	6	0	0
Larrabee (Won at 8 to 1)	4	0	0
	£12	0	0
Mosstrooper (Third)	10	0	0
Shadow King (Unplaced)	10	0	0
PROFIT	£11	0	0

The anticipations which appear in the "Leader" are well noted for their consistency, and followers of the turf would be well recompensed for keeping in touch with "Luteplayer's" notes and selections, which appear in the "Leader" each week. This week's selections are published on page 14.

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Northcote and District Choral Society

A social evening given to members and friends by the Northcote and district Choral Society, on Tuesday at the Austral Hall, High street, was greatly enjoyed. About 100 people took part in dancing and games arranged by the social committee, who also attended to the catering. Prize winners (games) were—Miss L. Pinder, Mr. Cliff Hill and Mr. A. Jackson. Mr. J. A. Thomson presented the prizes in the absence of the Mayor (Cr. Green). The visitors were welcomed by the vice-president of the Society (Mr. L. Lavender) who outlined the progress of the society since its inception in February of last year. Mr. Lavender also explained the aims and ideals of the society, and extended an invitation to any having the necessary qualifications to link up with the society, which intends entering for the South Street Competitions to be held later in the year.

Solos by Mr. M. A. Little, and elocutionary items were greatly appreciated.

Information regarding membership will be readily supplied on application to the secretary, Mr. A. Edge 88 Rowe Street, North Fitzroy N7, who will be glad to welcome new members (particularly soprano and bass voices) as the society is desirous of building up the strength of the choir.

LASCARS AT PLAY

A most unusual picture taken on the deck of the P. & O. Liner Mooltan at Station Pier on Monday Lascars with a drum rehearsing songs for a festival, known colloquially in the forecastle as that of "Hobson Jobson."

Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

Help the Tradespeople who are out to Help You !

Activities at Preston

By The Rouseabout.

Back From Police Depot

CONSTABLE Hopkins has returned to Preston from three months' service at the Police Depot, St. Kilda road.

Preston Football Club

IN order to raise funds for the Preston Football Club, a "Celebrity" concert will be held in the local town hall on Wednesday evening, July 22. Mr. W. Anderson, a vice-president of the club, is taking a prominent part in the movement.

Pigeons Stolen

A COUPLE of pigmy pouter pigeons were stolen from the residence of Frederick Hargreaves, McDonald St., Preston, last Wednesday week. He values the birds at £2.

Milk Money Still Waiting

APPARENTLY some Preston tradespeople are not too hard pushed for money nowadays, notwithstanding the continual outcry of hard times. At the local municipal offices quite a nice little sum of money is still awaiting claimants in connection with sustenance accounts. Money due for milk supply forms the largest amount ready to be paid over.

Snooker and Billiards

PRESTON, Northcote, Coburg, Heidelberg, Fairfield, Essendon and Brunswick have entered teams in the inter-branch R.S.S.I.L.A. snooker tournament, which begins next Monday evening. Nominations closed on Tuesday evening for the snooker and billiard tournament in connection with the local branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. The number received was satisfactory.

"Snowdropping"

SNOWDROPPERS are actively at work in Preston just now, and several cases of this nature have occurred within the last few days. Mr. O'Doherty, assistant health inspector, who lives in Ivy street, informed "Rouseabout" that the line at his premises was raided last Monday night and half a dozen towels and a pair of odd sox stolen. Next Monday evening it is the intention of Mr. O'Doherty's better half to place sox to match the stolen ones on the clothes line so that the thief, if he feels inclined to call again, will be able to obtain sox that will match.

The clothes line in the yard of Mr. Lord's house, Gregory grove, was also raided during the week and a number of articles stolen.

West Preston State School

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for the working bee to take place at West Preston State School next Saturday afternoon. The Mothers' Club is organising a euchre party and dance on Wednesday evening, July 15.

Complimentary Social

ON Friday, July 17, a complimentary social has been arranged to be tendered Mr. H. H. [illegible], M.L.C., and Mrs. Olney at Northcote town hall.

New Police Quarters

GOOD work is being put in by Sergt. Lang and his assistants in laying out the gardens in the grounds surrounding the police station residence in Gower street.

Bicycle Thefts

THE bicycle thief, like the poor, is always with us. On Thursday of last week Clarence Griffin, Saunders street, Coburg, in the employ of Mr. C. E. Bramley, grocer, Murray road, Preston, left his machine in front of a house in Cramer street while collecting an order. Although only absent a few moments the bicycle, valued at £5, was missing when he returned to mount it.

Sydney Walters, Maynard street, Preston, had the misfortune to have his bicycle, valued at £4/10/, stolen from outside a house in Cramer street last Monday.

Housebreaking

THE house of Andrew Hodgson was broken into on Saturday and goods to the value of £25 were stolen.

Postal Department Neglect

A COPY of the Preston "Leader," bearing the date of April 17, 1931, was delivered to an address in Millswyn street, South Yarra, on Wednesday, July 1. It would be interesting to learn why it took the postal authorities all that time to deliver a newspaper. When the South Yarra postman was shown the wrapper and paper, all he had to say was that there had evidently been a delay "somewhere." No doubt there was, and it is well up to the department to ascertain where the "somewhere" was.

Storeroom Entered

JAS. Railton, Raglan street, Preston, had his storeroom broken into on the night of July 3, and a set of harness valued at £9 was stolen.

Preston District Band

THE Preston District Band is progressing very favorably. A record attendance was witnessed at band practice on Thursday last. The committee is busy making arrangements for the annual meeting, which will be held later in the month.

Merri-Heidelberg Regiment

ON Thursday evening, July 2, a meeting of officers of the 57/60th Battalion was held at Battalion Headquarters, Drill Hall, Raglan street, Preston. Colonel J. J. McKenna, the commanding officer, presided. The work of the past year was reviewed, and plans for the coming year made. The hut which was secured from Broadmeadows and has been erected in the grounds is shortly to have the electric light installed. This hut will be utilised largely for the sporting and athletic activities of the unit. Basketball teams are to be formed in the unit and inter-company games will be played. A basketball association has been formed in the 3rd Military District, and representative teams of the various battalions will compete in a series of matches. A boxing ring is also to be shortly erected in the hut. Tunnell ball, medicine ball and physical training to be organised should also be a large attraction to members of the unit. The C.O. commended officers on the past year's work and called for still greater efforts in the future, as it is the officers who can, by competitions and lectures, make the drill work of the troops of a very interesting nature.

Another Clothes Line Stripped

EWEN Robertson, a Preston resident, had his line stripped of clothing to the value of £2 last Friday night.

Preston A.N.A.

AT the next meeting of the Preston South branch of the Australian Natives' Association (Thursday, July 16), Mr. Chomley, of the National Credit Association, will give a lecture. The monthly flower show will also be held, the exhibit to be best bunch of cut flowers. Members are requested to bring their friends.

Preston Girls' School

EFFORTS by the Mothers' Club in connection with the Girls' High School at Cooma street, Preston, have been highly successful recently in raising £25 for material for the common room, and £34/16/4 for the tuck show, which is now finished. The interest shown by the parents is an indication of their desire to improve as much as possible the comfort of the scholars, and in order to foster this spirit it is the principal's aid to maintain the present high state of efficiency, not only in the tuition of the scholars, but also in their comfort. Mothers who are interested in the school are cordially invited to some along and become members of the club.

Fox Trot Competition

AT the fortnightly dance of the Preston Football Club, to be held in the town hall to-morrow evening, the seventh heat of the popular fox trot competition will be decided. Special novelties have been introduced, and, with the reduced price, a crowded attendance is expected.

Celebrity Concert

UNDER the direction of the Preston Football Club what is known as a unique celebrity concert will be presented in the Preston town hall on Wednesday evening, July 22, to augment the depleted funds of the club. The programme will consist of artists of exceptional ability. Patrons will have the opportunity of hearing Miss Myra Hardenack, the local talented contralto.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The West Heidelberg Y.P. Society has entered wholeheartedly into the crusade organised to extend the influence of their church in the district.

It is expected that the bands of workers will accomplish the drive on Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday afternoons, July 10, 11 and 12. On Sunday evening 12th) a special service will be conducted by Rev. H. P. Phillips in the church in Edwin street. Those interested and desiring to help should get in touch with either Mr. A. E. Berryman of Vue Mont, Rosanna, or Mr. C. W. Hutton, 17 Dresden street, Heidelberg.

The half-yearly missionary rally of the District Union was held on Tuesday night at the Northcote Baptist Church. Most societies suspended their usual weekly meeting to attend. Messrs C. Dyer and W. L. Lunn gave a duet, and Miss Clarke a solo. The chairman, Pastor Saunders of the Northcote Church of Christ welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Lunn, missionaries on furlough from the Sudan in Africa.

The experiences of these two Endeavorers who have completed their first two years in Africa, and the information they imparted concerning the organisation of the Sudan United Mission was appreciated.

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RESERVOIR NOTES

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Guild connected with St. George's Church was held on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Withers presiding. Mrs. Day's evening was a distinct success, and the next one will be given by Mrs. O. McKenzie. The proposal to amalgamate all church societies was agreed to.

Much good is being done by unemployed in Reservoir. High street is being tidied up, the table drains receiving attention. The work at the Park is progressing favorably.

At the meeting of West Reservoir Progress Association on Tuesday Mr. T. R. Clinnick presided. Members spread dust on George street paths on Saturday. The idea of a National Park along the Merri Creek was discussed and plans formulated for its development.

Senior Constable Joiner called a meeting of several public bodies to interest them in the welfare of the Unemployed Girls' Association. Representatives from Reservoir Catholic Church, Danella Park Tennis Club, Reservoir District Band and the Preston Rowing Club attended. Mr. E. Flanders was voted to the chair, Mr. Joiner acting as secretary. It was decided to draw up a syllabus of entertainments.

It has been decided to form a branch of the All for Australia League. Mr. Olney, M.L.C., Cr. Hemburrow and Mr. Chapman are to be asked to cooperate.

Concrete paths are being laid in Compton street.

The condition of the western approach to the bridge in Edwardes street west is dangerous for the residents, and the tradespeople refuse to deliver goods in this area.

TWEEDS TRAVEL

Tweeds are synonoms with steamship and railway tickets this season.

June Collyer, appearing in Paramount's comedy "Dude Ranch," travels in a white and black topcoat that is completed by a jaunty frock of the same material.

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CORRESPONDENCE

(To the Editor)

Sir,—In my last letter I showed that birth control or Eugenics—to discriminate in this case is merely a quibble—resulted in the moral and material ruin of one of the world's greatest empires and made possible the exaltation of the semi-barbarous Nordics to whom it was anathema. I showed that the same spirit of self-indulgence that resulted in the abuse of what in itself is no abuse, is extremely characteristic of our own age; that both the Romans and moderns secured birth control by unnatural means instead of the harmless, natural method of self-control; that the same motives influenced both; that, to use Dr. Philpott's own words, both considered contraception of its ancient equivalent "a necessary adjunct of modern civilisation;" that Australia is menaced by foreign hordes just as the Roman Empire was menaced by Germanic tribes; that, since all the conditions necessary for the tests are identical, a reasonable man might expect the results to be similar in modern times. Not a single one of these facts has Dr. Philpott disproved or even attempted to disprove, for the exellent reason that they are indisputable. Instead, he attempts to cloud the issue, first of all by following a practise common among people who find themselves defeated in argument and coolly suggesting that I do not know what I am writing about; and then dragging in long digressions on V.D. and abortion which have no bearing at all on the matter under discussion and call for no reply from me. He impotently fumes about the abominations of pagan Rome and declares to hear no more of them. Naturally, he does not; for the worst of these abominations show to what an awful state of depravity birth control can lead its devotees. Other abominations were the only equivalent of contraception that the ancients possessed and were the means of disproving Dr. Philpott's own theories. Dr. Philpott goes on to inform us that birth control is practised "considerably" in the East. Of course everyone will admit that all vices are practised to a certain extent in all nations; but the enormous increase in population of Japan alone over the last thirty years, is sufficient refutation of Dr. Philpott's contention. As an educated man, Dr. Philpott must know that the greatest and best philosophers, both Christian and pagan, of every age and every nation insist that, in order to lead a virtuous life one must subdue one's passions. Naturally, they admit that a very high standard of self-control may be attained even while exercising the functions of married life; for it is the abuse and not the use of a natural faculty that is immoral. Surely no sane man disputes those maxims. On the other hand, contraception, the very antithesis of self-control, is essentially a means of pandering he grossest form of sensuality; and Dr. Philpotts utterly fails to disguise the fact. For his argument about he married man merely boils down to this, namely, that had the individual concerned availed himself of the use of contraceptive appliances, he might have indulged in an orgy of bestiality without going outside the marriage state. One type of immorality does not justify another. To argue that contraception would prevent the birth of blind idiotic children is merely to rejuvenate the decrepit fallacy that the end justifies the means. Not only is contraception immoral, but in the opinon of many millions of intelligent men, it is unmasked murder. That opinion was well-expressed by Dean Aiken of Melbourne, a man universally respected for his sane and broad-minded views, when he said that, to take potential life is no less murder than to speed a bullet into the heart of an innocent victim. Were Dr. Philpotts a doctor of medicine instead of being a dentist, he would be able to tell your readers that the natural penalty inflicted on a woman who makes use of contraceptives is very frequently nervous disorders that lead to madness. So outraged Nature inflicts a heavy penalty in either case. In a last puerile attempt to defend an untenable position, Dr. Philpott insults the intelligence of your readers by putting contraception on a level with self-control, quite ignoring the fact that, while the one provides the means of pampering the impure passions and thus leads its dupes to moral corruption, the other is the highest and most difficult achievement of rational beings and distinguishes the man from the beast. Had the Romans practised self-control, they would not have plunged Europe into a long night of semi-barbarism. In conclusion, sir, I offered concrete, historical proofs that birth control leads to depravity and national disaster. Since, instead of attempting to refute those proofs, Dr. Philpott drags in a lot of irrelevant matter the only use of which appears to be for propaganda purposes, your readers will understand why I must decline to answer any further correspondence on the subject.—Yours etc.,

W. WEISSENFELD

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6/7/31

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

EAST PRESTON ASSOCIATION

(Contributed)

The ordinary meeting of the above was held on Monday at St. Mary's hall, Tyler street, Mr. Kirby being in the chair.

The matter of Hawker avenue was discussed, and it was decided that the association take measures to see that the municipality is not saddled with the cost of re-making this street.

The action of the electric light department in cutting off the current from householders in arrears was considered, and it was decided to write to the council asking them to see that seven days' notice in writing was given before the light was cut off from any ratepayer.

The secretary was instructed to write to the council on the following matters:—Repairs to Tyler street. It was pointed out that large stones had been placed on this road and no covering whatever placed on them; also the gutter at side. The condition of Maynard street was discussed, and the council is to be asked to give some relief to this street until it is made under private street construction, which should be done at the earliest date possible; also screenings to be placed on footpath, south side of Breffna street; attention to pot holes in South street, near Bell street; the request for reconditioning footpath in Plenty road from Livingstone parade to Bell street, is again to be repeated; also attention to footpath in Dundas street. It was pointed out that although the council collected £1 from plumbers before they are allowed to open up a street, instead of the council immediately using this money to place the footpaths in proper repairs months elapse before anything is done.

It was decided to call a special meeting of the association, at which the East Ward members are to be asked to attend. Several members expressed the opinion that the ward representatives are not giving justice to the requirements of the ward, and they are of opinion that a frank discussion will do a lot of good.

The matter of more police protection was again brought forward, as several robberies have lately taken place in East Preston.

WEST PRESTON ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting created a considerable amount of interest, nearly 200 members being present. The hall was crowded.

A very interesting syllabus was adopted for the next six months after considerable discussion.

Several alterations to the rules, mainly concerning the building committee, were adopted.

The election of office-bearers for the next twelve months created an extraordinary amount of interest and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. C. Chapman; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Hagger and J. Considine; secretary, Mr. N. Clarke (unopposed); treasurer, Mr. A. Towers (unopposed); minute secretary, Mr. J. Christie (unopposed); assistant secretary, Mr. R. Winter (unopposed); committee, Messrs. W. Hannaford, J. Meadows, J. Cuffe, W. Knapp, A. Crowe, J. Fennessy, F. McDonald, R. Breen, R. Dowsey; building committee, Messrs. A. Hagger, T. Mason, J. Christie, G. Pritchard, together with three permanent trustees, Messrs. W. Knapp, C. Chapman and W. Hemburrow.

A successful year is anticipated for the new committee, and members, both new and old, are requested to take the interest necessary to maintain the high standard set by this association in former years.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, July 15.

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

Owing no doubt to wintry conditions the attendance at the fortnightly meeting on July 2 was the smallest for some considerable time.

The committee had met a week previously and practically three hours were spent in discussing ways and means of obtaining some measure of relief from the council with regard to the high municipal rate of 2/9 in the £. General dissatisfaction was expressed with the current valuations, and extracts from the Local Government Act were submitted for the committee's consideration by a member well versed in these matters. A plan of campaign was eventually agreed on and submitted to the general meeting.

Approval was readily forthcoming, even though members were given to understand clearly that the measure would entail a certain amount of work individually. The secretary has been instructed to make preparations, and it is hoped that the assistance of other ratepayers' associations in the city will be obtained.

Included in the correspondence was a request from the Thornbury Cricket Club asking that a deputation be received to submit proposals whereby means may be devised of bringing about a more truly local atmosphere and a larger measure of local support. Representatives of the two bodies will meet in conference at an early date.

Several complaints were forwarded to the council, mention of which appears elsewhere in the council report.

The next meeting of the association will be at the school on Thursday, July 16, the syllabus being the usual monthly social. Preparations will probably be commenced for the holding of the annual social early in September. All ratepayers are cordially invited to attend.

MERNDA.

At the annual meeting of the Mernda and District Progress Association and Ratepayers' League on Wednesday the following officers were elected:—president, Cr. J. G. Orgill, J.P.; vice-presidents for areas Doreen, Mr. J. Hughes; Mernda, Mr. T. Shanks; Separation, Mr. H. Bensen; South Morang, Mr. T. Popple; hon secretary, Rev. H. E. E. Hayes; assistant, Mr. G. Bodycoat; treasurer, Mr. J. Hughes.

A membership of 40 was reported and a committee was formed to support the candidature of Mr J. Hughes in the Whittlesea Shire elections. It was decided to ask the solicitor of the Thomas Estate to receive a deputation of residents to see if the removal of the flood water from Craven's lane, Separation could be expedited by friendly action between the residents and the owners of the estate.

On Thursday the solicitor for the Thomas Estate received Rev. H. E. E. Hayes as a deputation. He indicated that the delay on the part of the Whittlesea Shire Council was likely to become a serious thing as there was the possibliity of writs being issued to hasten action owing to increasing costs to the owners of the estate. It was stated that the council's plans were inadequate as they did not show levels and made no provision for bridges on the property which would be divided by the proposed drain which would be about 25 feet wide. There was no possibility of friendly action pending council or other action.

Visit from Archbishop Head

Archbishop Head will conduct a Conformation Service in St. Stephen's Anglican Church Hall, on Saturday afternoon, August 15 next. It will be followed by afternoon tea.

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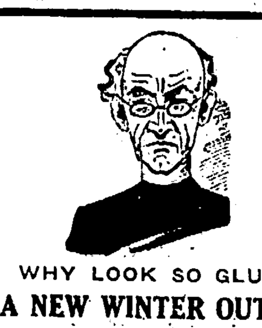

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Owing to pressure on space a number of items are unavoidably held over.

To Correspondents.—We would remind our many friends that items intended for these columns should reach our office as soon as possible. Football secretaries should note that reports must reach this office not later than by first mail on Tuesday, otherwise we are unable to guarantee insertion.

Business at the Preston court on Thursday occupied only an hour and a half—the shortest time for some months. Messrs. O. A. Walker and T. J. McMahon, J.'s.P., were on the bench.

Bag Snatched.—Mrs. Isabella Demston, Fyffe street, Thornbury, was robbed on Monday night of a handbag containing 2/9 in money and a gold wristlet watch valued at £6. Mrs. Demston's bag was snatched by a man while she was walking along May street, North Fitzroy.

East Preston Social Club will hold dances at Preston city hall fortnightly from Saturday, July 18. Admission, 1/1. See announcement elsewhere.

The revision court in connection with the city of Northcote municipal voters' lists will be held on July 2 at the municipal offices, High St. Northcote.

The Northcote and Thornbury branch of St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary will hold a euchre party in the Memorial Hall on July 16 at 8 p.m. in aid of the unemployed fund. Mrs. M. H. Cooper is the secretary, from whom tickets may be obtained, or admission is payable at the door.

UNEMPLOYMENT

MR. WEBBER IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Gordon Webber, M.L.A., put in an unexpected appearance at Preston Relief Depot on Tuesday morning and had a look round in order to see how matters are progressing. He was shown several garments which had been sent along by the State Relief Committee for distribution. One exhibit was a woman's moth eaten skirt, quite useless, and this was consigned to the incinerator. Mr. Webber took away as mementoes of his visit several articles sent to Preston that were only fit for the rubbish tip and it is his intention to submit the garments for inspection to the State Relief Committee, with a genteel reminder that such worn out garments are not acceptable in Preston.

A Northcote councillor desires that only Northcote bricks be used in Northcote. Why not Brunswick black for Brunswick, Epsom salts for Epsom, Hawthorn hedges for Hawthorn and sale prices for Sale?

'Oriel" in the "Argus"

Firewood Supply

More wood has reached Preston and been distributed by H. P. Zwar Pty. Ltd. and Mr. Grogan. It is reported again that the wood, supplied by the Government, is of inferior quality.

Money Put to Good Use

A gentleman presented the sum of 10/6 to Mesdames Phillips and Martin, members of Oakover road tennis club. Wool was purchased with the money and ladies connected with the club made a quantity of babies' clothing, which will be passed on to deserving cases. The example set by the ladies of the Oakover club might well be followed by others.

More Garments to Hand

Two hundred articles for women and children a few flannels for men, made by girls who are receiving one day's work weekly have come to hand, also 350 jackets and 30 coats and these will be balloted for at Preston Relief Depot on Friday.

Supply of Potatoes

Mr. Webber, M.L.A., stated on Tuesday that a promise had been made that 10 tons of potatoes would be available for distribution. So far the potatoes have not reached Preston.

Work Instead of Sustenance

Mr. Webber is an advocate of providing work for men, in lieu of sustenance.

Work at Pipe Track

The work has commenced on the pipe track and a number of men have been provided with employment. Considerable improvement, will, it is expected, be effected in the appearance of the approach to Regent railway station.

PRESTON CIVIC BALL

MAYOR AND MRS. ROBINSON AS HOSTS

A BRILLIANT ASSEMBLY OF 500 GUESTS ENTERTAINED

On Wednesday evening a gay throng wended its way to the Preston town hall, where the mayor and mayoress of Preston (Cr. and Mrs. G. E. Robinson) were entertaining the citizens at a civic ball. The official guests were received upstairs, and from there the mayor and mayoress led the way to the ballroom, where they stood, with their three daughters, at the foot of the stage to receive the other guests.

THE DECORATIONS

Effective lighting was the main decoration of the ballroom, which from time to time was bathed in many rainbow shades. Boxes of fern and Iceland poppies high up on the walls were the only other decoration, but the stage, from which steps led to the ballroom floor, had been transformed into a lounge for the official guests. Backed by pointed cypress trees, a miniature fountain, banked with poppies, fern and primula, played, and overhead hung baskets of tangerine lillies and fishbone ferns.

The lighting effects played no small part in making the city hall so attractive. Throughout the evening there was an ever-changing sequence of colors. To this end some 600 lights concealed in the ceiling were used, and the range of colors obtained by skilful manipulation of the switchboard was without end. The transformations were gradual, melting into each other, bathing the dancers in a myriad of colors.

On either side of the stage, mounted on massive bronze pillars, were large globes, which, chameleon-like, changed color from second to second.

The front of the hall was thrown into relief by flood-lighting, and the visitors were thus able to appreciate the full beauty of the hall as they approached.

Every credit is due to the electrical engineer (Mr. F. P. Bird) and his staff for the effective lighting arrangements.

In the supper rooms tangerine and delphinium blue were the shades used in the color scheme. Alternate baskets of hanging ferns and flowers and triangular panel shades altered the lighting to a warm amber glow.

THE SUPPER

The guests, about 500 in number, were all seated together for supper in the old town hall and an annexe. Vases of golden wattle, jonquils and iris decked the heavily-laden tables which held all kinds of good things to tempt the palates of the guests. The catering was in the hands of Mrs. A. Turner, of Hawthorn and Reservoir, and the sparkling cutlery and glassware and snowy whiteness of the table linen, together with the daintiness with which everything was served, added to the comfort of the guests.

THE OFFICIAL SUPPER

The official supper was held in the small town hall.

At an interval the loyal toast was honored, after which Mr. H. H. Olney, M.L.C., proposed the health of the mayor and mayoress. In his remarks Mr. Olney stated that he had known Cr. Robinson when Preston was a village, and even in those days the present mayor had shown a keen interest in civic affairs, becoming a member of the first progress association. In his mayoral year he had given splendid service, and had been ably supported by the mayoress and their daughters.

Cr. Llewellyn Jones supported the toast, saying that Cr. Robinson had first become a member of the Preston Council in 1917, and this year had held for the third time the mayoral office. It might be said he had three outstanding hobbies—children, ambulance and baths. The erection of the Girls' School, establishment of Preston baths, and the foundation of the Baby Health Centre had been mainly due to his efforts. He had proved very active as mayor, and had been instrumental in obtaining a grant of £500 to be spent at Edwardes Lake. This was the mayoress' second term within a short space, and she had held the position admirably, having been ably assisted by her daughters.

The toast was acclaimed with musical honors.

The mayor, who was received with applause, said he regarded it as a duty to do good for the community, and that had been the idea that had inspired him to seek municipal honors. The mayoral term had been strenuous on account of the depression, but at the same time it was a pleasure to be able to do something for those in need. Speaking of progress associations, the mayor said he had been a member of Preston's first association, and the city had progressed so much that there were now seven, and a council of progress associations. (Applause). With the mayoress, he felt honored to have so many visiting mayors and mayoresses present, and he wished one and all a pleasant evening. (Applause.)

THE MUSIC

The floor was in perfect order, and the rhythmical swing of Miss Marion Lightfoot's Merrimakers added to the zest of a delightful dancing programme.

Among the official guests were the mayors and mayoresses of Caulfield Williamstown, Northcote, Hawthorn, Port Melbourne, Box Hill, Collingwood, Footscray, and shire presidents of Mulgrave and Mrs. C. H. Coleman, Kellor and Mrs. J. H. Stevens, and Broadmeadows and Mrs. E. W. L. Gibson, Mr. H. H. Olney, M.L.C., and Mr. Olney, town clerks of Box Hill and Mrs. H. J. R. Cole, footscray and Mr. J. Gent, Northcote and Mrs. J. A. Thomson, Brunswick and Mrs. R. A. McGregor Dawson, Hawthorn and Mrs. Broad Hall, shire secretaries of Broadmeadows and Mrs. A. T. Cook, Mulgrave and Mrs. G. C. Carmichael, Cr. and Mrs. W. J. Hemburrow, Cr. and Mrs. A. E. Newton, Cr. and Mrs. L. Jones, Cr. and Mrs. W. T. Robeson, Cr. and Mrs. W.

CR. G. E. ROBINSON,
Mayor of Preston

MRS. G. E. ROBINSON,
Mayoress of Preston

J. Adams, Cr. and Mrs. H. P. Zwar. Apologies were received from Hon. Frank Brennan, M.H.R., Hon. G. Webber, M.L.A., and Cr. A. F. Showers, of Essendon.

Among the other guests were:—

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THE DRESSES

The Mayoress was gowned in a mid night blue lace frock with lace coat trimmed with grey fur and she carried a beautiful bouquet of golden and brown pansies. Miss Edna Robinson was frocked in Chinese red ninon with coatee to match and also carried a pansy bouquet. Delphinium blue frocked Miss Lorna Robinson with a white velvet coat and a dainty posy of pink carnations were her flowers. Miss N. Robinson wore turquoise blue georgette with a black chiffon velvet coat and carried pink carnations also. Mrs. L. W. Williams, the town clerk's wife, was gowned in flame red ninon with a matching coat and carried a charming bouquet of amber and brown pansies. Other frocks noticed were:—Mrs. J. C. Eastman (mayoress of Collingwood), black georgette and lace Mrs. T. Mahoney, (mayoress of Box Hill), black georgette; Mrs. H. G. Ritchie (mayoress of Caulfield), puce velvet; Mrs. W. D. Thomson (mayoress of Footscray) green velvet and crepe lace; Mrs. J. B. Pridmore (mayoress of Hawthorn) black velvet and lace; and tango georgette; Mrs. J. H. Stevens (wife of shire president of Mulgrave) biege lace Keller), black lace; Mrs. J. H. Green (mayoress of Northcote), turquoise blue georgette and lace; Mrs. Crichton (mayoress of Port Melbourne) black beaded georgette; Mrs. J. Gent (Footscray), sky blue satin; Mrs. G. C. Carmichael (Mulgrave) pink lace; Mrs. J. A. Thomson (Northcote), eau de nil floral taffeta; Mrs. R. A. McGregor Dawson (Brunswick) black lace and georgette; Mrs. H. Broad Hall (Hawthorn) black lace; Mrs. J. W. Adams, black georgette with crystal beading; Mrs. Crispe, red lace; Mrs. W. J. Hemburrow, blue ring velvet; Mrs. Jones, biege and floral ninon; Mrs. A. E. Newton, black marocain and georgette; Mrs. W. T. Robeson, black georgette diamente trimming; Mrs. H. P. Zwar, black moire and lace; Mrs. S. Dennis, black and white crepe-de-chene, beaded in crystal; Mrs. Allchin, black lace and georgette; Mrs. W. D. Allen, bottle green satin; Mrs. W. H. Burland, black satin, autumn flowers; Miss Bailey, red lace; Mrs. F. P. Bird, black georgette, beaded in crystal; Miss I. Bird, sea blue marocain; Mrs. W. Bott, apricot lace; Mrs. J. Butterfield, black lace and velvet frock; Mrs. G. L. Bromley, black satin, with diamente trimming and red velvet flowers, red velvet shoes; Mrs. Bouchier, black lace over black satin; Mrs. Bedson, black lace frock, green and gold; Mrs. J. W. Binney, black lace tucked, and flounced georgette; Mrs. E. Courgeau, black georgette; Mrs. Willis, cotchin, petunia georgette; Mrs. Chalmers, delphinium blue georgette and lace; Mrs. H. Cross, pale blue taffeta frock with silver shoes; Mrs. W. Cook, cardinal charmeuse satin, platinum necklet; Mrs. A. R. Castelow, black panne velvet trimmed with white fur; Mrs. Cahir, black silk chiffon over satin; Mrs. R. O. Delany, pale blue satin; Miss Dale, pink satin; Mrs. G. P. Days, black and silver brocade, black satin; Mrs. Franklyn, black lace frock; Mrs. T. T. Farrant, pale pink georgette and lace and blue flowers; Miss E. Farrant, red georgette flared frock; Mrs. C. Ferguson, blue georgette frock, trimmed with diamente, shoes to match; Mrs. Ferguson, powder blue crepe de chene; Mrs. R. H. Fraser, black satin; Mrs. Fred Fontaine, black lace; Miss Alice Gray, black lace and georgette; Miss O. Green, ivory georgette and lace; Mrs. E. G. Green, black georgette; Miss Nancye Howe, turquoise blue georgette and silver; Mrs. W. B. Howe, Limerick lace crepe, apricot; Mrs. A. Howse, butterscotch satin, Mrs. Geo. Henderson, red georgette, floral velvet coat; Miss Hurford, green georgette; Mrs. H. Hillyear, black lace; Mrs. Hulme, jade green georgette lace; Mrs. Harris, black velvet with gold lace hem; Mrs. J. W. Heathcote, pale blue and silver georgette; Mrs. Will Henderson, almond green georgette; Mrs. W. Inglis, black georgette; Mrs. Johnson, black georgette; Miss E. Jones, azure blue georgette with pink flowers; Miss Ettie Johnson, pale blue satin; Miss Maude James, white satin frock with lace coat; Miss Rita Kelly, black and silver sequins and tiny frills, with cape to match; Mrs. Lee, black crepe-de-chene; Mrs. Syd Little, dainty ankle length frock in almond green; Mrs. W. Ludeman, navy blue trimmed georgette; Mrs. J. McIntosh, navy blue crepe satin; Mrs. G. McGrath, mauve georgette; Miss G. McRae, sea de nil georgette with diamente trimming, contrasting color of pink velvet; Mrs. J. McIntosh, navy blue crepe satin; Mrs. H. W. Gregor, green velvet dress; Mrs. G. S. Murphy, daintily gowned in midnight blue taffeta; Mrs. E. Miller, pink taffeta; Miss Maltzahan, black satin; Miss Mason, blue floral ninon; Miss Mott, old rose marocain; Mrs. G. Moylan, tomato georgette; Mrs. H. Morris, white satin; Mrs. J. E. W. Nankervis, delphinium blue lace and georgette; Mrs. Hugh Nisbett, peach taffeta and lace coat; Miss Madge O'Connor, ivory satin frock, dress; Mrs. T. Pollock, lemon georgette; Mrs. Frank Potter, ninon georgette; Miss Margaret Pollock, cream lace; Mrs. W. Rudd, black georgette; Mrs. F. W. Ralph, hunt painted georgette frock; Mrs. Len Roberts, moulin frock of midnight blue satin; Mrs. C. Roy, red satin frock, green shoes; Mrs. G. Rabey, pink satin and floral trimmings; Mrs. Fred Sheppard, navy silk georgette and diamente trimming; Mrs. G. Strahan, eau de nil satin; Mrs. Staplake, black lace, [illegible] apple green; Mrs. Sullivan, black satin marocain; Mrs. G. Stevens, blue and silver lace; Mrs. Tom Shaw, black pink georgette and lace; Mrs. W. B. Scott, black with full tulle skirt; Mrs. Summers, black velvet and georgette; Mrs. J. Thrower, mushroom lace and coat; Miss Hattie Tait, flame georgette; Miss Lila Thomas, apricot [illegible]

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Of Interest to Women

(Conducted by "PENELOPE").

ROMANTIC CIRCLE.

SMITH—TALBOT

Holy Trinity Church of England Camberwell, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, July 4, when Miss Dorothy E. Talbot was married to Mr. William J. Smith. The bride was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Talbot, of 405 Collins St, Melbourne, and was attired in a graceful long sleeved white satin frock, the skirt being fully flared from the hips and falling in soft folds to the ankles. She wore a single stone diamond brooch, the groom's gift, and carried a bouquet of sweet peas, azaleas and gardenias. An artistically embroidered lace veil and a beautiful silver tiara completed the ensemble. Miss Irene Talbot, sister of the bride, and Miss Nora Smith, sister of the groom, were the bridesmaids. They wore apricot moire frocks flared at the hips with blue shoes and hats. Their bouquets were in autumn tonings with apricot streamers. Two cousins of the bride, the Misses Vera Bryer and Betty Greenaway, were frocked in early Victorian moire frocks and pale bonnets, with blue shoes and carried posies and were attractive train bearers. The bridegroom, who is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, of "Kiama," Clarendon street, Thornbury, was ably supported by Mr. E. Lanphier as best man. Mr. A. Talbot was the groomsman. Mr. C. Talbot, father of the bride, handed out into the keeping of the groom. The bride's mother wore a lido blue frock, a black hat with high brow and carried a pink bouquet. The groom's mother was gracefully dressed in crepe-de-chene and carried a bouquet of red carnations. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Wilfred H. Chamberlain and during the service Mrs. Lee sang "Because" to organ accompaniment. Afterward a reception and wedding breakfast was held at Normanby Hall. Mr. E. Lanphier was the capable chairman, while the catering was in the hands of Mrs. O. Olorenshaw. When the bride left for the honeymoon she was dressed in a bottle green ensemble. The future home of the happy couple it to be at "Dewrang," Seville Ave., Parkdale.

HORSEBACK RIDING AND WALKING

For Reducing

If you exercise properly Almost every woman who has any claim to the fashionably slender figure so necessary to beauty today, goes through some form of daily routine exercise, to keep fit and slender. However, those who get most beneficial results from the exercise they take are the ones who adapt their exercises to their particular needs, so that they lay particular stress on reducing or developing those parts of the body that particularly need it.

"Horseback riding," says Eleanor Boardman, the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer movie favorite, is my way of reducing."

If you want to reduce or merely exercise to feel fit, riding will do either or both.

It is a perfect sport for one busily engaged, for it is most desirable in the early morning, at twilight or even at night.

The only time I feel sluggish is when I have had a brisk canter for two or three miles. When time is limited I ride for four or five hours at a time, but if this work interferes with my work I cut down to a half hour ride early in the morning or evening.

This Boardman is a well known horsewoman. She has won many cups for jumping and riding.

Walking is, though not natural, one of the effective, even found needed exercises. Golf took too long a time; tennis did not appeal to me, and she found to be in the same vein when walking was suggested. "It seemed absurd," says Miss Crawford, "for walking had never seemed like exercising to me. Besides, I disliked it. But it seemed like the radical thing and so I began. Now I manage to walk at least several miles a day."

Coconut Roughs

Take 1lb block chocolate, 4lb icing sugar, 2oz cocoa butter. Cut chocolate and cocoa butter up fine, put in basin, add icing sugar, and stand over saucepan of boiling water until melted (but do not let boil. Remove basin, and stir in enough desiccated coconut to make quite stiff two forks, and place in draught to set. This also makes a very good chocolate dip.

SPRING FASHION FORECAST.

THE tendency in spring fashions will be towards a greater and more feminine freedom manifested in a vogue for pyjamas for every occasion, street, sport, informal and formal wear. There will be nothing even faintly masculine about these pyjamas. They will be far more feminine in spirit than were the short dresses so much in favor for the past years.

The short skirts gave women a taste of freedom and restraint in dressing which they do not want to lose. They can't return to knee length dresses because dresses run in cycles and women are still too close to the short dress era to bring it back. So they will turn to the pyjamas with loose and flattering trousers as offering the freedom and ease of movement which they desire.

I believe that the present length of dresses will continue in vogue. It is more or less elastic and serves satisfactorily. But I look forward to a distinct revival of ultra-femininity. The "garden party" type of dress will be tremendously popular for spring and summer wear.

A smartly tailored herringbone suit worn by Edwina Booth, star of "Trader Horn." The designer combined the suit with a white piqué vestee, and with hat showing white piqué bandeau and bow.

This same graceful feminity will be felt in the tailored suits which will be worn in the early spring.

Instead of being made of the woolens and tweeds which have been popular heretofore, they will be fashioned of the new soft silks, woven to represent woollens. The silk weaves are more pliable and graceful.

In each season there is a reflection of the next season. Pyjamas have been slowly creeping into fashion for the last years. Gradually people, especially men, have become accustomed to them. Becoming accustomed to a radical change in styles is equivalent to accepting the change I predict that the coming spring will be an ultra feminine style season with freedom and grace as the keynotes of the fashions.

The diminutive "flapper" era is in no way discouraged by the vogue for the tall slender girl this season for her ingenuity meets the situation by a choice of clothes.

In place of allowing this obstacle to stand in her way she manoeuvres to assume the required heights by the selection of high heeled slippers and long length dresses in up and down lines.

Bessie Love, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer assumes a new personality by adding these features, with the result that her cute little abbreviated personality of yesterday has become a memory.

In her newest evening dress she rises to the approved figure of 1931 —both in appearance and manner. Choosing the antique ivory shade for her satin dress, she has had it fashioned in a style as sweeping as those worn by her taller competitors.

The blouse follows the figure with shirrings, allowing for the form-fitting line. The skirt top shows the clinging line approved around the hips, graduating out in circular fullness until it sweeps in wide line at the floor.

RECIPES

Honey Roll

Take 1 cup of flour, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup honey, 2 tablespoons butter, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon of mixed spice, 1 teaspoon ginger, 3 teaspoon carbonate of soda dissolved in 1 teaspoon boiling water, 1 teaspoon cream of tartar and a few drops of essence.

Sift the flour with cream of tartar cream the butter and sugar; to this add the eggs well beaten; add honey ginger, and spice and soda, then flour carefully. Mix well; put in well greased swiss roll tin; bake 15 minutes in good oven. When cooked turn on damp cloth, roll quickly, unroll and spread with whipped or mock cream. Cut the crisp edges off, then roll up quickly again.

Lemon Cheese

Put 4lb butter, 1lb sugar, grated rind of 2 large lemons and juice of 3, beaten yolks of 6 eggs and whites of 4 whipped stiffly in jug. Stand in boiling water and stir till thick. Will keep for ages in covered pots.

Economical Lemon Cheese

Mix the juice and grated rind of 1 large lemon with 5oz sugar and 1 beaten egg. Cook in jug as above, Just enough for one sandwich.

Nut and Raisin Filling

Beat scant ½ cup butter with 1 cup icing sugar until smooth and creamy, add ½ cup each chopped walnuts and chopped raisins and ½ teaspoon vanilla or 1 teaspoon lemon juice.

Swiss Apple Pudding

Take 14lb apples, 1 pint water, 3 or 4oz sugar, 3 or 4 slices bread and butter, grated rind and juice of lemon.

Stew the apples with the water, sugar, lemon rind and juice until they are quite soft and pulpy. Remove the crust from the bread and butter, and cut into strips. Then grease a pie dish, or fireproof dish, and put the stewed apples and bread and butter into it in layers. The last layer should be bread and butter, with buttered side upmost. Sprinkle a little granulated sugar over the top, wipe round the edges of the dish, and bake in a moderate oven until brown and crisp. Custard sauce or cream may be served separately. Time to bake, 20 to 30 minutes.

Apple and Pumpkin Pie

Pumpkin, sugar, apples, spice, water, pastry.

Prepare some ripe pumpkin by peeling, removing the seeds and pulpy part from inside and cut into thin slices. Peel and slice thinly the same quantity of apples. They should be sour and juicy. Put the pumpkin and apple into a pie dish with sugar to taste and a small quantity of mixed spice, or if preferred, a little grated lemon rind. Pile the mixture rather high in the centre of the pie dish, and put in just a very little water. Now cover the pie with short crust or other pastry, brush it over with white of egg or water, dredge with castor sugar and bake in a good oven until the pastry is well browned and cooked and the apple and pumpkin soft. Serve hot with cream. This is a very good combination, as the tart flavor of the apples brings out the flavor of the pumpkin.

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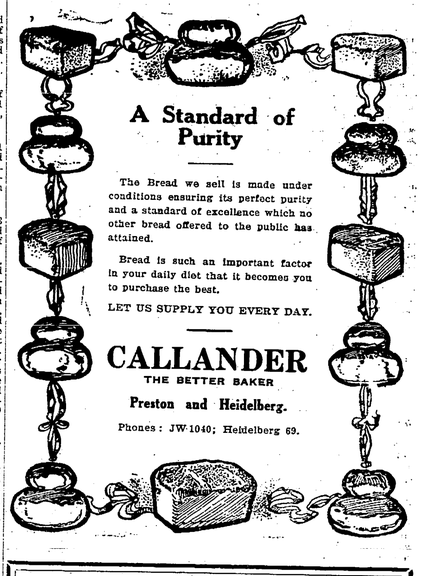

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SWIMMING.

Fairfield Park Amateur Club

The annual presentation night was held in Uren's Hall on Wednesday a large number of members and friends being present. Among the visitors from other clubs were Mr. J. Milliard (Alphington), Mr. O'Shea Miss Barr (Deep Rock), Messrs. J. Allan, R. Fry, J. Eles, Misses I. and I. Hill (Willsmere). A good omen for the coming season was the large number of juniors present.

The first presentation of the pennant won by Fairfield, with the title of champions of the Yarra, was made by Mr. Milliard, who congratulated the club on its fine performance in winning both the ladies' and gents' sections. Miss M. Cooper and Mr. E. Murphy, captains of the sections, suitably responded. The Reynolds shields were then presented by Mr. J. Lloyd to Miss E. Adams and M. J. Rogers, all-round champions for the year. The following presentations were then made by the president (Mr. Reynolds):—Case of cutlery, 200 and 400 yards championships, J. Rogers; ladies' hand bag, two mile handicap, Miss D. Bennett; gold medal, ladies' junior handicap, Miss M. Bennett; tea set and photos, 100 yards relay handicap, Misses H. and M. Charrett; silver cup, ladies' junior championship, Miss D. Bennett; ice skates, ladies' 200 and 400 yards championships, Miss E. Walter; gold wristlet watch, junior boys' 50, 100 and 200 yards championship, A. Bowen; silver cup, season's handicap aggregate, R. Rawlinson; kit bag, gents' diving championship, R. Rawlinson; set of carvers, 50; 100 and 200 yards handicaps, R. Rawlinson; rose bowl, 100 yards ladies' championship, Miss E. Adams; cake dish, ladies' diving championship, Miss E. Adams; silver cup, half-mile handicap, M. Watson; silver cup, 50 yards handicap, M. Watson; lamp shade, 100 yards handicap, E. Murphy; silver sugar basin, 50 yards record race, E. Murphy silver scone dish, 50, 100, 200 yards handicaps, C. Kohler; silver cup, 50, 100, 200 yards handicaps, C. Cooper; gold sleeve links, 50 yards junior handicap, K. Sheehan: electric kettle, 100 yards championship, D. Fry: electric kettle, 100 yards breast stroke championship, L. Scales. Certificates for the two mile swim were also presented. Dancing was enjoyed until 11.30, when the function terminated with Auld Lang Syne.

CYCLING

Preston Professionals

The pleasant weather conditions that prevailed last Saturday attracted a record entry for the Preston Professionals' 28 mile handicap, for which prizes were donated by Mr. Les Addison. After a few miles had been covered it was apparent that I. W. Clements was riding at his top, as his co-markers found it difficult to pace it with him. After a brilliant ride, Clements in the final sprint won comfortably from A. McKenzie, who is regaining his last year's form. Results:—I. W. Clements (3½min.), 1; A. McKenzie (4½min.), 2; J. Kean (3½ min.), 3. Winner's time, 69min. 20 sec. Fastest time, S. Whiteoak (scr.), 68min. 28sec.

The club has decided to support the sporting girl, Miss Eva Weate, in the popular girl competition in connection with the Northcote Football Club. Miss Weate is well known to most cyclists as she has taken an active interest in the sport. The club asks the riders to rally round Eva with the hope of her heading the popularity poll.

Preston Cyclist's Misfortune

Keen disappointment will be felt by Preston folk on learning that Frank Thomas, the local cyclist who was doing so well in the Tour de France, had to abandon the race owing to an attack of dysentery caused by the change of weather.

Preston Amateurs

Last Saturday the club held a 35 mile handicap on Plenty road. Good weather and splendid riding conditions resulted in 30 riders facing the starter. At the turn the scratch bunch had gained considerably on the front markers and before long overtook them. It looked as though Dickens or Harris would win, but, coming with a wonderful dash W. Hughes literally flew past them to win by a narrow margin from Dickens, with Harris a wheel behind in third place. This is Hughes' second win in succession in club events. Results:—W. Hughes (3.30), 1; F. Dickens (2min.), 2; G. Harris (scr.), 3. Winner's time, 1hr. 34min. 1sec. Fastest time, G. Harris, 1hr. 30min. 38sec. Fastest time unplaced, G. Stevens (scr.), 1hr. 30min. 40sec.

Next Saturday several club riders will take part in the V.A.C.U. open Melbourne to Castlemaine race.

HEIDELBERG CARNIVAL REALISES £440

After all expenses had been defrayed the sum of £440 was obtained from the carnival week and fair organised at Heidelberg in aid of the unemployed relief organisation in that district.

IN THE GARDEN

RHODODENDRONS AND AZALEAS

WELL WORTHY OR CULTURE

Rhododendrons are exceedingly showy plants, and produce a magnificent effect when planted out in masses upon lawns or in the front of shrubberies. They are also very effective when planted singly in mixed flower borders. They are much valued for their large clusters of brilliant flowers, which are produced in the greatest profusion, and make a gorgeous display, either when planted out in the borders or as pot plants. If protected from the sun they will continue in bloom for a considerable time, many varieties producing a succession of flowers.

Independent of the beauty of their flowers, they are also valuable for their handsome ornamental foliage and compact growth, which causes them to hold a high rank among evergreen shrubs. They require to be planted in a situation where they are partially shaded during the middle of the day. Though they require a somewhat shady situation, yet they must not be planted under the shade of trees nor within the range of their roots, as they exhaust the soil and absorb the moisture during the summer months.

Rhododendrons flourish best in a soil composed of equal parts of good loam and leaf mould, with a good proportion of sand, though they may be grown successfully in any ordinary garden ground, provided it is light, open, free from stagnant water, and moderately moist during the summer, but they will not do well in stiff, heavy soil. The ground intended for them should be trenched from 1½ to 2 feet deep, thoroughly pulverised and well drained, as the plants do not like water standing at their roots.

When planting, see that the roots are not injured. Before the hot weather sets in the surface soil should be mulched to the depth of four or five inches with stable manure to prevent the roots near the surface from being injured by the direct action of the sun upon the soil. In very dry weather the plants must be watered well, and on no account should the roots be allowed to suffer through lack of moisture.

Azaleas are very showy plants for garden decoration, and can be grown successfully in any locality where the camellia will grow. When planted in mixed gardens they are very effective, and they are also admirably adapted for massing by themselves, in beds upon lawns, or in the front of shrubberies.

The brilliancy of the flowers, which are produced in the greatest profusion, causes a grand display of color that cannot be surpassed by any other class of plants.

The plants will succeed best in a light sandy loam. They may, however, be grown successfully in any ordinary good garden soil, provided it is light, open, and free from stagnant water; but they will not do well in wet ground or that of a very adhesive nature.

Before the hot, dry weather sets in it will be advisable to mulch round the plants as far as the roots extend in order to prevent those near the surface from being injured by the heat of the sun, and also to preserve as much moisture in the ground as possible by checking excessive evaporation.

—"Garden Lover."

NORTHCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETL

A rose pruning demonstration will be conducted by the Northcote Horticultural Society on Saturday next at Johnson Park, off Bastings street. Experts will be in attendance at the Society's rose bed at 3 p.m. and full explanations will be given of the pruning methods employed.

All interested in rost culture are invited to attend.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON–NORTHCOTE CLUB

Sixteen members faced the starter for the four mile club road race on Saturday. D. McEachen, running from the 50 second mark, was the back marker and conceded starts from 35secs. to 4min. 15sec., H. James being the limit man. Results:—G. Kirkland (3.25), 1; H. Sterry (2.55), 2; F. Bates (2.55), 3; C. Thorne (3.0), 4; R. Butcher (2.30), 5; A. Galagher (2.50), 6. Winner's time, 23.40. Fastest time, D. McEachen, 23.12. Although the course was a hilly one there were only four retirements during the race. The winner, Gus. Kirkland, ran with rare confidence and judgment and won by 50 yards. His performance was all the more pleasing after his run in the five mile junior teams race, when he tailed the field at the finish. It was his ambition to win this race as his first run was over this distance last year, and he has wisely decided to take things easy until the track season. H. Sterry, the "find" of the season, recorded second fastest time, which was only 23 seconds slower than McEachen's. This lad is improving with every run and should prove a great rival for Weightman next year.

For the Chelsea to Brighton relay race Next Saturday the following is the team and sections:—Chelsea to Aspendale, J. Hogben; Aspendale to Mordialloc, R. Butcher; Mordialloc to Mentone, G. Kirkland; Mentone to Black Rock, H. Sterry; Black Rock to Sandringham, C. Thorne; Sandringham to Brighton Beach, F. Bates; Brighton Beach to North Brighton, D. McEachen. Emergency, A. Galagher.

Chelsea to Brighton Relay Race

The team, through the unavoidable absence of W. Weightman, is not as strong as it should have been, but should give a good account of itself. The sections covered by the runners range from 1½ miles to 3 miles, the latter being the hilliest section of the course. H. Sterry has been chosen to run this section and he should more than hold his own. Probably lack of experience will be his only drawback, but he will be well schooled by the older members of the club. R. Butcher will make his first appearance in open company with the club, as his transfer from the Moreland Club has been received. The team will travel by bus, leaving Preston town hall at 1 p.m.

Club Dance and Presentation of Trophies

The above function was held in the Scout Hall and proved a huge success, over 120 being present. Trophies and certificates won during the track season were presented by the mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson), who is president of the club.

The social committee will meet at an early date to discuss whether such dances will be regular affairs, and also the raising of money necessary to run the 26 miles marathon race on October 3. Donations and offers for same are coming in steadily, and the hon. secretary would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in amateur sport desirous of presenting a trophy for the race.

BASKETBALL

The Preston-Northcote Club played Richmond on Saturday. Preston, although beaten, played a fine game, the team being G. Mackrell (goalthrower), M. Speedy, P. Lowery, S. Jones, P. Kimber, Mrs. Butcher and S. Pridham. This will be good experience for the players, as hitherto they have confined their activities locally. On Wednesday L. Haggerty's team defeated teams captained by S. Jones and P. Lowery. L. Haggerty played a fine game, assisted by L. Mackrell and M. Kelcher, who did splendid work in the goal throwing, and J. Spicer. For the losers Mrs. Butcher, B. Newman and P. Kimber did best on the club captain's side, with the vice-captain's team's best in P. Lawrey, R. McGhee, M. Carey and N. Cameron.

WOMEN'S RELAY RUN

The women's relay run of the Preston-Northcote Women's Club in conjunction with the Sandringham Club, on July 18 will be the first run by women in Victoria, and will be run from Chelsea to Sandringham, a distance of 12 miles, and a record is to be created. The route will follow the V.A.A.A. Chelsea to Brighton race.

HOCKEY

A2 Grade.—"Herald-Sun," 2, d Ivanhoe, 1, in a scramble in the mud. Ivanhoe was unlucky twice, when having passed all opponents, had shots for goal stopped in the goal mouth.

Fairfield drew with East Malvern, goals being scored by Clarke (Fairfield) and Crozier (East Malvern).

B Grade.—Essendon, 6, d Fairfield, 3. Goal-hitters.—Essendon: Marriott (4), Milne, McCure. Fairfield: Ratcliffe (3).

C Grade. — When Brunswick and Ivanhoe commenced their game at Ivanhoe the ground was in a shocking condition. Lamb (Ivanhoe) had his nose broken, and the umpire decided that the game was dangerous, and stopped the play.

£25 Robbery at Preston

The home of Mr. Andren E. Hodgson, butcher, in David street, Preston, was ransacked on Saturday night while the occupants were away, and and clothing, jewellery, and other articles valued at £25 were stolen.

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RIFLE SHOOTING.

Militia Union Matches

Using the new high velocity ammunition at Williamstown in the senior cadet and militia matches, the 57th Battalion (Preston) won the A grade shoot with a score of 240. Individual scores were:—Sgt. Jordan 32, Sgt. Gray 31, C.Q.M.S. Webb 31, Cpl. Cassin 30, Cpl. Gracie 30, Cpl. Thomas 30, Cpl. Windley 28, Cpl. Frost 28.

In the B grade shoot the 59th Battalion (Brunswick-Coburg) was first with 214, followed by 57th Battalion with 213. The 57th team was:—Pte. Waters 30, Lieut. Davey 30, Pte. Newlands 29, W.O. Joyce 27, Pte. Druce 26, Pte F. George 25, Pte. Downie 24, W.O. Wiltshire 23.

In the first match for the Canadian Challenge cup and the A.N.A. gold medal over 200 yards, the 57/60th Battalion (Preston-Northcote) was fourth with 227 points.

Preston Rifle Club

At the annual meeting of the Preston Rifle Club the following office-bearers were elected for 1931-32:—President, Mr. W. Howe; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Bransgrove, T. Jenkins, W. J. Inglis, H. Hornsby, T. Brown, N. W. P. Dike, H. P. Zwar, W. Jarman, Dr. J. P. Horgan; captain, Mr. F. Featherston; vice-captain, Mr. T. Griffiths; hon. secretary, Mr. D. J. Sullivan; treasurer, Mr. Ern. Featherston; committee, Messrs. S. Bell, G. Bigneil, H. Court, T. Griffiths.

The club's championship was won by T. Griffiths, with G. Bignell second and F. Featherston 3. B Grade Championship: E. Featherston 1, N. Featherston 2, D. Sullivan 3. Handicap Aggregate: J. Piggott 1, S. Chynoweth 2, A. Perrett 3.

Mr. O. R. Porter has generously donated another silver cup to be competed for during the ensuing season.

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NORTHCOTE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, JULY 6

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

Letter Delivery.—The P.M.G.'s department advised it was not possible to alter letter delivery system in the eastern part of the North Ward, as the area referred to is nearer to the Fairfield post office.

Cr. Jones said that he had an instance where a man living in Gooch street east had not received a letter until four days after it was posted the letter having been addressed to Thornbury.

Cr. Turner said there were portions of Preston closer to Thornbury post office than to the Preston post office yet the Postal department did not say that Preston mail had to be sent through Thornbury post office. "The postal district system is ridiculous," he declared, "and not one person in a thousand can understand it. In Brunswick there are three postal district numbers whereas Richmond, which is a huge district has but one postal district number."

Cr. Dennis said that part of the Northcote postal area extended right down to Heidelberg road.

It was decided to cite a number of individual cases of late delivery of letters, and to introduce a fourth application to have the east portion of the North Ward included in the Thornbury postal area.

Relief Grants.—J. Cain M.L.A., wrote that he had inquired into the possibility of obtaining unconditional grants for relief works and had obtained information that the unconditional grants obtained by Preston and Collingwood for works at the Edwardes Park Lake and the Yarra Bend Reserve were made in consideration of such reserves being in the nature of national playgrounds rather than local municipal playgrounds. A request by Preston council for a similar grant for other parks has been refused. He regretted not being in a position to induce the department to agree to the council's request.—Received.

Keeping Cows in Northcote.—Northcote Branch A.L.P. forwarding the following resolution carried at a recent meeting of the branch: "That the Northcote City Council be requested in the interest of public health, to prohibit the keeping of cows within the boundaries of the city."

Cr. Turner moved that the committee of the council give the matter consideration.

The time has come, it seemed, when the people should be protected from the present haphazard system of milk production.

It might be said that the North Ward is a good place to keep cows, but there the cows are allowed to root amongst the garbage; which I think constitutes a serious menace to health.

There are also continuous complaints that in the zoned area are people who are keeping cows, with the knowledge of the authorities—which system seemed unfair. These people say they have the permission of certain councillors to do so (laughter).

Cr. Hughes: Do you object to the cows on the footpaths? (laughter).

Cr. Bird seconded. Motion carried

West Ward Progress Association—This body sought (1) an extra lamp in reserve St. George's road between Watt and Miller streets, opposite Keon street—E.L. committee; (2) need for nameplates at connecting streets with Leinster grove between Arthurton road and Miller street—Ward members; (3) rubbish basket at cnr of Normanby avenue and High street—P.W. committee; (4) filling in Bracken avenue, between Smith and Harold streets—P.W. committee; (5) attention to nuisance caused at the corner of St. George's road and Normanby avenue by down pipe from premises directing water on to footway—P.W. committee.

Objection to Name.—West Ward Progress Association—a resolution "That this association disapproves of the name given to the St. George's road beautification scheme, namely St. George's reserve." The letter suggested "Boulevard" or "Promenade" in place of reserve

Cr. Bird moved that the association be informed that the council could not see its way to comply with the request.—Carried.

General

Victorian Trotting and Racing Association stating that fence at racecourse is receiving attention.

Wimble Workingmen's Club seeking attention to footpath between Bastings street and the hall in Wimble street.—P.W. committee.

Stott, Son and Watson submitting property 516-522 High street as a suitable site of municipal market.—No action.

E. L. Committee accounts, street, requesting that a lamp be erected in front of his premises.—E.L. committee.

Committee Reports

Public Works committee accounts £1045/2/4, street construction accounts, £4/9/5 and loan 22 accounts, £383/1/6 were paid.

E. L. Committee accounts, £272/11/2 were paid. Parks committee accounts £198/13/1 were paid.

Finance Committee.—Additional accounts £329/0/6 were paid.

The Junior Branch of St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary was granted the free use of a room once a month.

Ordinary Business

Cr. Hughes moved that path in Anderson road be made passable. The hill needed cutting.

Cr. Turner: If the hill is cut down it will cost £2,000 to £3,000. If one tries to go up the hill one needs to get a rope or hold on to a fence, but it is easy to get down—one can slide Engineer to report.

Cr. Cornish spoke of conveniences in Batman Park.—Committee of council.

Cr. Pinkney said drainage work had been undertaken with unemployed labor in Vauxhall road and South crescent and several ratepayers had asked him to express their appreciation.

Cr. Hughes spoke of Normanby avenue west of Leinster grove, which was impassable after rain.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Pinkney said the fence around Northcote Park, on the creek side, was almost gone.

Cr. Johnson: What are you going to do.

Cr. Turner: Give it to the unemployed.

Cr. Pinkney: They are taking "French leave of it now."

Cr. Dennis said in many places there was a drop of 50 to 70 feet.

Cr. Turner: How about getting it up as a counter attraction to Sydney's gap! (laughter)

Matter referred to Parks committee.

Cr. Bird spoke of drainage in Taylor street, between Keon and Rennie streets, where serious flooding ocurred.

Cr. Turner said a drain was needed, but the council would have to be cautions how it acted. Six or seven of the people concerned were unemployed and if the council constructed the drains it should know some of the people could not pay. One owner was flooded out, but there were others who did not want the drain made.

Cr Sutch: The drainage is disgraceful and the drain should be made.

Matter referred to P.W. committee

Cr. Bird referred the following matters to the P.W. committee:—Bad holes corner Beaconsfield parade and Spencer street; stagnant water in Herbert street, near Bent street.

Cr. Turner moved that the question of relief in unmade streets be referred to P.W. committee to formulate some policy. From time to time the council was asked to give relief to private streets, many of which were a menace to health and comfort. If the council could not construct the streets, yet they might be afforded drainage and footpaths, and the council should consider this aspect.

Cr. Dennis said experience had shown that if channels and paths only were put down, it would be a wicked waste of money, as the channels and paths would soon be destroyed by the traffic.

Cr. Turner: I only want to get away from the medieaval times when girls had to carry an extra pair of shoes to don at the railway station, and menfolk walk home on stilts (laughter).

Motion carried.

Cr. Jones said the channel in Kellet street had been boxed out at a cost of £20. The improvement was appreciated, and the owners in Christ mas street now wanted the channel on the north side of that street boxed out—P.W. committee.

Cr. Jones said channel in Flinders street, east of Jones street, needed readjusting—P.W. committee.

Cr. Jones spoke of Sunday sport on the vacant areas east of Victoria road and south side of Mansfield street and said sometimes the behaviour was not of the best—Referred to police.

Cr. Turner moved that £10 out of the West Ward apportionment be spent on paths, Batman Park—Carried.

Cr. Dennis moved that channel in South crescent east of Vauxhall road be given attention; in a r-o-w off Edward street on east side, near Westgarth street, there was a big settlement—P.W. committee.

The mayor referred to paths Green street—P.W. committee.

Water stop tap covers in Robert street had been covered when relaying paths.—Referred to engineer.

The Mayor spoke of the tablet erected at Wiliamstown to the mayor for "cleaning up Williamstown." In his municipal life he could say that no such thing as "graft" existed in Northcote having had every opportunity of viewing every phase of municipal activities here.

SAVING OF £6,300

Six Months Operation of Ford Trucks by Melbourne City Council

Satisfactory economies through co-ordination and standarisation of transport have been reported to a special committee of the Melbourne City Council, which formulated the recommendations that were adopted by the council in October. The Lord Mayor, Cr. Luxton, M.L.A., who was the chairman of the committee, said recently that the three principal objects of the committee had been to adopt a standard make of vehicle for all council work, to provide for the maintenance of the council's fleet under contract, instead of maintaining a heavy standing plant at the municipal garage, and to so coordinate the transport work of the municipal departments that the fullest use was obtained from each vehicle to the exclusion of emergency hiring.

The committee met to consider the effect of this programme since Ford trucks were adopted as standard, six months ago. The Ford dealers who secured the order for the trucks had rendered the necessary service under special contract. Reports showed that the economics amounted to £6,300 a year, which was £610 more than the estimate. This had been accompanied by an absolute increase in efficiency, so that the transport facilities to the council were now more efficient than they had ever been previously. A total of 49 Ford units are in use.

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

Fifty-two associates competed for the monthly medal in a bogey competition, the best scores being:—3 up, Mrs. S. Gonzales (18), Mrs. G. Taylor (17); 2 up, Mrs. W. Ferguson (18), Miss Sharwood (16); 1 down, Mrs. F. Clarke (18); 3 down, Miss E. Baird (16), Mrs. A. R. Wallis (18), Mrs. E. Worle (17), Mrs. G. Youren (18).

Next Tuesday, Mrs. Binks' trophy, secret hole.

Stroke Round

Seventy-four members competed for Dr. Heffernan's trophy in a stroke round, the first sixteen qualifying for match play. Scores:—65, A. E. Appleton (8); 68, T. Hart (24), A. J. Terdich (16), G. O. Youren (16); 69, J. Boyd (24), T. Ralph (27); 70, V. Worland (27); 72, P. S. Renn (24), P. S. Thomas (27), D. Addicoat (scr.); 73, C. Terdich (12), G. Hanger (20), V. Bell (11), L. E. Jaques (20), J. T. Harvey (27), G. Sheffield (27), G. Balfour (16).

Next Saturday, Canadian foursomes v par.

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TENNIS.

N.S.T.A. Pennant Presentation

An interesting ceremony was performed at the Cooma courts on Saturday, when the secretary of the North Suburban Tennis Association, Mr. Stan Grey, presented to the Cooma Club the pennant won by that team in the 1930-31 competition.

Mr. Hector Jones introduced Mr. Grey to the members and remarked upon the untiring efforts expended by him for the benefit of tennis in the northern suburbs. Mr. Grey has been associated with the N.S.T.A. for the past 12 years, and during his term as secretary has capably carried out the many duties entrusted to him by that association.

In presenting the pennant to the captain of the club, Mr. Grey apologised for the absence of the president of the society (Mr. J. Brown), who was indisposed. After a brief resume of the activities of the N.S.T.A., he stated that it gave him the greatest pleasure to present this premiership flag to Cooma, as their efforts during the year had been an example to all other clubs. He congratulated the club on the excellent manner in which it had carried out all its functions and services to the association. Mr. Grey eulogised the performance of Cooma in annexing its first premiership. Personally he was amazed at the form of tennis displayed in the finals. It exceeded by far any hitherto displayed in this association's matches. In conclusion, he hoped that now the club had broken the ice the flag pole before the end of the season would have to be extended to hold the fruits of the club's activities during the winter-summer competitions of 1931-32.

In accepting the pennant on behalf of the team, Mr. D. Sykes congratulated all the teams in the competition, and more particularly the final four, on the standard of tennis displayed throughout the season. At the commencement of the season they entered the team for experience, and he was pleased to state that this had been carried out. 28 members of the club participating in the various matches. To reach the final four under these conditions and win the final was a remarkable effort. He was deeply gratified that the winning of the first Cooma premiership should have been attained during his first term of office as captain of the club. His thanks were not due alone to the team who actually won the final round, but to the whole of the members who had made that final round possible by their united efforts during the season.

Mr. Cyril Jones, the secretary of the club, congratulated the association on the capable manner in which the competition had been completed, and assured Mr. Grey that the club would do their best to carry out the contract suggested by him in winning more pennants. On behalf of the club members he congratulated the team as a whole in securing the premiership pennant of the Cooma Tennis Club.

On Sunday afternoon, July 19, an exhibition tennis match will be given on the Cooma tennis courts by the following inter-state representatives: —H. Hopman, Holloway, Gaffy, Purcell and Teague. Admission will be by silver coin, the proceeds being donated to the Preston unemployed fund. The courts are situated at the corner of Dalgety and Cooma streets, opposite the Preston Domestic Arts School. The club extends a hearty invitation to the public to attend on that date at 3 p.m.

PRESTON LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the association was held last Monday evening at the Regent Park pavilion, there being a splendid attendance of delegates. The secretary submitted the report and statement showing a credit of £6/1/8.

Office-bearers.—Officers elected for the ensuing year are:—President, Dr. S. Fredman; vice-president, Mr. J. C. Coates; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. J. Pearce; assistant secretary, Mr. G. A. Graham; auditors, Messrs. G. Straughan and J. Lanigan.

Pennant Winners.—Congratulations were extended to last season's pennant winners—A Grade, All Saints; B Grade, Oakover. Arrangements for presentation of pennants and opening of new season were referred to the executive committee.

Discussion took place regarding the probable number of entries for the coming season. After reports had been received from the delegates it was announced that it was probable that about 24 teams would be entered, divided into A and B grades of twelve teams each. This was regarded as being very satisfactory and showing the overwhelming preference of tennis clubs of Preston for their own local association.

Club secretaries are reminded that entries and affiliation fees are due by August 1.

It was unanimously decided to extend to the Regent Club the thanks of the meeting for the use of the pavilion and such a welcome fire.

EAST PRESTON CLUB

Gents' Singles Championship

The final of the gents' singles championship conducted by the East Preston Tennis Club was finalised on Monday. The match was between Benison and C. F. Thorn for the title of champion and a trophy (silver cup) donated by Cr. H. P. Zwar. The game was very interesting, both contestants playing keenly. At times the game was exciting and the rallies were particularly good. The result was in doubt right up to the last stroke, C. F. Thorn eventually winning 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. The cup was presented to the winner by the president of the club (Mr. E. F. Thorn), the father of the winner, who congratulated the players on the remarkably fine exhibition of tennis.

The final of the ladies' doubles was won by Mrs. Strahan and Miss Cotchin, who defeated Mrs. Tatterson and Miss Tatterson, 9-6. This also proved a good game.

Love in the Mountains

By LAURENCE CLARKE

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(Concluded).

Templeton watched him go, and a singular quiet descended upon his spirit. He had wiped out that tragic moment of hesitation. If he had sinned then, he knew that he had now exculpated his sin!

And possibly Feltham was right. There was no time! Two thousand feet that was the depth of the chasm! He remembered Oscar uttering the words — two thousand feet. The watching silence grew tense, and the spirit of mockery and death seemed to hover, peering down at him from towering peaks. He was moving. The fact smote his consciousness like a blow. It was his turn to glide imperceptibly towards that narrow chasm, with its sheer drop of two thousand feet to mystery and death.

He drew himself together and set his lips in a tight line.

Then he became conscious of loud shouts of encouragement.

"Hold on, monsieur. One moment, monsieur."

Mechanically Templeton lifted his eyes, and, dangling towards him, he became aware of a loose and aimless rope-end. No conscious action of his caught that dangling rope, but the unerring instinct of self-preservation wound it about him, and when Oscar Renard gripped his shoulder a few minutes later he felt shaken and weak; the transition was too sudden for his dazed understanding. He felt the hand of death that had been laid upon him and had been almost miraculously removed.

Feltham was lying back on the ledge. He rose slowly as Templeton moved towards him.

"Thanks," he said. And somehow the furtive look seemed to have left his eyes. "You saved my life, Templeton. It was a foolhardy thing to do."

"Not at all," returned Templeton, and a sense of guilt smote him. "I saw that the rope had become frayed, and I called, apparently too late."

"You saw that frayed rope?" repeated young Feltham, with suddenly widened eyes.

Templeton nodded.

"I called to you!"

There was a pause. A look of fear an expression that puzzled Templeton darted into the young man's eyes. Then, gradually, an alteration took place in his features. He gazed intently at Templeton; something that was significant and peculiar dwelt in his intent eyes. He lowered his voice.

"You are not climber, Templeton," he said. "It was impossible for that rope to become frayed. I cut it myself."

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At ten o'clock that night, when Feltham and Templeton re-entered the Schweizer Hotel, and the brothers Oscar and Jean had been well recompensed, Feltham invited Templeton to his room. They ascended in the lift. The young man entered his bedroom and switched on the light.

He shook out a folded newspaper and laid his finger on a paragraph.

"Read that," he said.

Templeton read:

"John Rorison, the absconding bank cashier from the City and North Eastern Bank, has been traced to Switzerland. Rorison, who is well connected, has made some reputation as a mountaineer, and was in the habit of spending his holidays in the Alps. The police have traced him to Basle, and his arrest is believed to be imminent."

Twice Templeton read the paragraph, and then looked up with puzzled eyes.

"I don't understand," he said.

"I'm John Rorison!" remarked the young man steadily. "When I got that paper this morning I saw that the game was up. Of course I'm a scoundrel and all that, and I deserve anything I may get. But I knew that it would break my mother's heart if I were convicted, and that frayed rope seemed to me to be the only way out. I knew if I slipped into that crevasse everyone would believe I had died an accidental death, and I should have escaped arrest and conviction. So you see, old chap, you were not doing me a service when you risked your life to save me. In another moment I should have been over the abyss. And now you see I'm in for it!"

Something stirred in Templeton. They had each of them that day look into the face of death. And Templeton knew that he was the stronger man. Something that was almost paternal awoke in him. He strode to the window, looked into the starlight night, and then walked back again.

"What was the amount, Feltham?"

"Two thousand pounds," answered the young man.

"If a friend returned the money to the bank, do you think you could begin a new life in some new part of the world? I think you could!"

"A new life?" repeated Feltham, and a quick light of hope lit his eyes and suddenly vanished. "I haven't even the money to pay my fare to England; every cent of the money I stole went in betting!"

"I'm an older man than you. I am not a poor man," answered Templeton. "Will you accept my friendship?"

For a minute his grey eyes looked into Feltham's face, almost, as it were, into the younger man's soul.

Then Feltham understood. Something very like a sob rose into his throat. He put out his hand and gripped Templeton's feverishly.

"I wish to God I had met you long ago, Templeton, instead of the wasters I was thrown among. I should have been a better man if I had."

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At eleven o'clock that night the absconded bank cashier caught the south-bound train from Graubosen. But even before that hour Templeton's happiness had been assured. In the star-lit garden of the hotel he found Miss Darcy pacing back and forth alone. She came to him hurriedly and without hesitation, her hand outstretched.

"I have heard everything!" she whispered. "It was wonderful of you!"

Templeton misunderstood. He believed that she, too, had learned Feltham's secret.

"You mean, about young Feltham?"

"About your great courage. You risked your life for him," answered the girl fervently. How ethereal and spiritual and wonderful was her expression in the light of the stars.

Her lips moved.

"I adore courage," she whispered.

And Templeton, the unpractised, and cloistered scientist, suddenly gathered Miss Darcy quietly and masterfully in his arms and kissed her on the lips.

The End.

WALKING NOTES

Jack Cummings, of Thornbury, gained fastest time in the open five miles handicap at Albert Park on Saturday with 37.39. He holds several records on the road for Victoria. Brian Oke, of Ivanhoe, a junior, gained second place to Coffey in the 15 miles championship in 2hrs. 19min. 34sec. L. Wright, of Northcote, was second for 10 miles when he cramped and was forced to retire.

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PRESTON ANGLING CLUB

The annual meeting of the Preston Angling Club was held in the club rooms, Murray road, on July 2, and although the weather was cold and wet there was a large attendance of members. Notwithstanding the bad times the balance sheet showed a successful year, ending with a credit balance of £31/11/6. There was also an increase of 10 in membership over the previous year. This season the salt water outings were very popular, and it has been suggested that next season two such outings be conducted each month instead of one. The club room has just been redecorated under the supervision of Mr. D. Carson, and looks much brighter and more attractive.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing twelve months —President, Mr. J. A. Watkins; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Curwood, G. P. Daye, and P. Dart; committee Messrs. W. McCausland, R. Prior, C. McCormick, C. Harrigan, D. Carson; Piscatorial Council delegates, Messrs. W. McCausland and D. McIntyre; inter-club delegates, Messrs. W. Curwood, R. Prior; auditors, Messrs. J. Armstrong and D. McIntyre; treasurer, Mr. A. F. Deacon; secretary, Mr. E. Schou; assistant secretary, Mr. N. Hanna; trustees, Messrs. H. P. Zwar, A. F. Deacon, W. McCausland; press correspondent, Mr. D. McIntyre.

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

[illegible] Cobbers,— It was good that both Northcote and [illegible]n in their matches on Saturday and the Pets [illegible] delighted by it. There are quite a number of [illegible] this week. We send a hearty welcome to each [illegible] and Jacko have begun a knitting race to see [illegible]sh a many colored scarf first. Fluffy was well [illegible] Jacko was looking very glum, but on Tuesday [illegible] was quite happy and smiling. We guessed that [illegible] be something wrong and later discovered that [illegible]al had undone about half a skein of Fluffy's [illegible]ing. It was mean of him, so we made him put it back again and he is terribly sorry he ever did it.

The Pets send heaps of love and best wishes and so does your

UNCLE PHIL

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Heartiest and Happiest of Birthday Greetings and wishes to Valma Classon, Gladys [illegible], Cassie Sinclair, Arthur Ross [illegible] Maurice Cameron (July 11); [illegible] Robertson and Clive Joiner (July 12); Betty McCutcheon and [illegible] Birch (July 13); Jean Hannan and Pat Power (July 14); George [illegible] (July 15); Ronald Theggie (July 16); Ettie Power and Ralph [illegible] (July 17).

OUR MAIL BAG

15 Clarendon street, Northcote, Dear Uncle Phil,—I would very much like to join your Cobbers' Club. We have just begun to get the "Leader" so I thought I would like to join it, as I know most of the children who belong to it. I am 12 years of age and my birthday is on June 3.

(GOOD) Joyce Lawrence.

(Welcome to the Clubs Joyce and send us along a snap of yourself for our Album. The Pets are glad to have you as a Cobber and send lots of love—U.P.)

55 Leicester street, West Preston Dear Uncle Phil,—I am joining the Club at last, my Mother and Grandfather have been taking the "Leader" for just on 30 years. I do enjoy the little verses and storyettes. I hope I shall be able to get some in every week and gain my 100 marks soon.

(GOOD) Ivy Calloway.

(Welcome Ivy to the Clubs. Will you send us a snap of yourself for our Cobbers' Album. Send along your entries. The Pets send love—U.P.)

21 Walker road, Northcote, Dear Uncle Phil,—Would you kindly enrol me as a member of the Cobber's Club. I am sending an entry with this. An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotchman broke a cup each. On being told to replace them the Englishman returned a cup with roses on it; the Irishman one with shamrocks, and the Scotchman one with Victorian Railways.

(GOOD) Jack Morris.

(Welcome to the Clubs Jack. Will you send us a snap of yourself for our Album. Heaps of love.—U.P.)

Keith Barker.—Welcome to the Clubs Keith and please send us a snap of yourself for our Album. One entry is in this week. Pets send greetings.—U.P.

Glen Stewart.—Welcome, Glen, to the Clubs and will both you and Colin send us snaps for our Cobber's Album. Your entry is in this week. Heaps of love—U.P.

Betty Muter.—Congrats on gaining another 100 marks. Will you call for the prize at the Preston office on or after Monday. Love from the Pets and—U.P.

Colin Stewart.—Only one contribution is printed each week, but if you send more at a time, they will be held and used each week following. Love—U.P.

Nancy Maidstone.—Congrats on gaining the Tria prize which will be ready on Monday. The Pets send greetings—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

Trias are a class of their own, and three constitute a prize. Trias cannot be included in your ordinary 100 marks. Each entry must be marked on the top "Tria Entry," so we 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 friends, and things that can be made by Cobbers. The best each week will receive a special mark, a "Tria," while the other entries just get the ordinary marks. When you have three "Trias" it is the same as 100 marks, and a prize will be given for them. So Cobbers, go ahead and send in your entries. If you are taking the work from a book, do not just copy it out. Read it over two or three times, and then write it out in your own words, making your meaning clear. Start right away now, and let me see who will gain the first prize—a boy or a girl. Trias, if original, should be marked "original" in one corner.

TRIAS

SPIDERS

No insects are more common than spiders; we find them everywhere. Some live in our houses, some float in the air on webs, some float on the surface of the water. Some of the webs are beautifully formed, and woe to the fly or even wasp that gets entangled in these treacherous snares. The threads of the web are so glutinous that the poor insects seldom get away. The spider will pounce upon its prey and devour it or roll it up for future use in the web. The trap-door spider gets its name from the trap-door it makes at the entrance to its home in the ground. Beware of this spider for it is very poisonous; also of the black spider with scarlet on its back, as this, too, is poisonous.

(TRIA) Cyril Maes.

THE FROG THAT WOULD NOT GIVE IN

"This is a nice, fine morning," said the doctor, as he came into Tom's room one day. "All the other children are happy because they have a holiday." Tom began to cry He had a broken leg and had to stay in bed. "I'm tired of lying here," said Tom, amidst his sobs. I don't think my leg will ever get better. The doctor smiled, and sat down beside the bed. "I have a friend who told me a story last night. Would you like to hear it?" Tommy nodded of course he would. "Once upon a time, two frogs fell into a bowl of cream. They swam round and round, and tried hard to climb up the smooth sides but they fell back each time. After a time one of them said: "We will never get out," so he dropped and sank; but the other was a very plucky frog and kept on swimming and saying: 'I won't give in.'

"I suppose he was drowned too," said Tommy.

"Oh, no," replied the doctor. "He swam, and he swam, until he churned the cream into butter, and he climbed on the lump, and gave a leap, and was saved."

"That is a good story," said Tom, as he dried his eyes. You want me to be like the frog who would not give up? Well I'll try."

(BETTER) Alma Stephens.

CROAKS FROM EGGS

Crocodiles come from eggs, like chickens, but the mother does not hatch them by sitting the same way as a hen. She buries them in the sand, 18 inches or more beneath the surface, and there the young crocodiles develop. To emerge from the egg and reach the surface they need the assistance of the parent reptile, and signal for help by making a loud croaking noise when disturbed by passing footsteps. The mother then digs up the eggs and the young make their appearance. The baby crocodiles do not open their mouths to make the noise, but croak from their throats in much the same way as we do when suffering from hiccough. The sound has been heard from eggs that were buried as far as 6 feet below the surface.

(BETTER) Joyce Membrey.

A JOLLY COMPETITION

If you have several brothers and sisters, or lots of friends, you can arrange quite an interesting competition. The idea is for you each to make a miniature garden. Each player must have a piece of thick cardboard about 18 inches square, and on this he must make a garden. He can use sand, grass bits of fern, twigs to look like trees, tiny flowers wooden bridges, glass for ponds, in fact anything he likes, but he must make and arrange everything himself. A time must be stated for the making of the garden—you will find a week or two is not too much. Then the gardens are compared to see who has made the best.

(BETTER) Glen Stewart.

CELLULOID

Celluloid, which was invented in Birmingham in 1856, is made either from a solution of gun cotton, called pyroxyline and oil of from pyroxyline and camphor. At first all celluloid was in the form of an ivory like substance, but now it can be made to resemble tortiseshell or transparent gelatine and produced in various colors. It is used for scores of purposes—billiard and ping pong balls, knife handles, combs, brush backs, dolls, card cases etc. but it is highly inflammable and is rather dangerous as when it comes into contact with great heat, it flares up in a moment

(GOOD) R. Goldstein.

The Cobbers' Club

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

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

10/7/1931

Look for the COBBERS' CLUB next week.

THE UNICORN

An ancient Greek author, Ctesias, tells us in his writings of a strange white animal, resembling a horse, exceedingly swift, with a long horn, a cubit and a half long. It was called the Unicorn, and was supposed to live in India. Though extremely unlike a horse, the rhinocerous is believed to have been responsible for the legend. The Unicorn for some reason unknown was adopted by the Scottish kings as a badge. When England became united to Scotland under James 1, it was added to the arms of the United Kingdom. The unicorn was generally regarded as a symbol of purity.

(GOOD) Joan Robertson

SOME HEAD

Say to a friend: "You're pretty good at arithmetic, I wonder if you can do this sum. You must work this out: A sack of sawdust, three bundles of wood, two packets of splinters—have you that in your head?" He will nod, and you will laughingly reply, "Then it must be a wooden one!"

(GOOD) Alec Murphy.

A QUEER WORD

Pocket handkerchief must be one of the queerest words in the language. At first it was kerchief (couvre hef) a covering for the head; then it became handkerchief, a covering for the head carried in the hand; and at last pocket handkerchief, a covering for the head held in the hand and kept in the pocket.

DEFINED

"I say, Bill," said a bricklayer to "Well," was the careful reply, "if his mate, "what's a cosmopolitan?" there was a Russian Jew, living in Scotland with an Italian wife smoking Turkish cigarettes, at a French window, in a room with a Persian carpet and a German band was playing "The Dear Little Shamrock" after a supper of Dutch cheese made into a Welsh rabbit—you'd be quite safe in saying that chap was a cosmopolitan."

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen.

PUSSY WILLOW

The pussy willow trees are all in bud again, and a few silvery buds are appearing on the very top of the trees while others are still sleeping bud again and a few silvery buds are appearing on the very top of the arees while others are still sleeping in their snug beds with a brown cover ing for a blanket and when the sun becomes stronger they will push their blankets off to peep at the world outside. As the days grow longer they will get bigger and bigger until they come out into a fluffy yellow ball. The bees will be glad to see the blossom because it is covered with yellow pollen.

(GOOD) Eileen Harris.

A SUMMER'S DAY

The sandy cat by the farmer's chair
Mews at his knee for dainty fare,
Old Rover in his moss-greened house
Mumbles a bone, and barks at a mouse.
In the dewy fields the cattle lie,
Chewing their cud 'neath the fading sky;
Dobbin at manger pulls his hay,
Gone is another summer's day.

(GOOD) Frank Power.

UNSELFISHNESS

The soul that gives is the soul that lives,
And in bearing another's load
We lighten our own and shorten the way
And brighten the homeward road.

(GOOD) Jack Power.

WHAT MATTERS?

What matters in one's life
Is not how much pleasure we have
But how much service we give;
Not how ambition is gratified,
But how love is served.

(GOOD) Keith Barker.

PUNCH IT?

"Tickets ready," said the inspector, as the passengers filed past. One man—a season ticket holder for some time—thought his face would be well enough known to allow him to pass through the barrier. The inspector called him back and demanded his ticket. My face is my ticket," said the man, a trifle annoyed "Indeed," said the inspector rolling back his sleeves, "well my orders are to punch all tickets passing on this platform."

(GOOD) Fred Gordon.

POTATO PUFFS

Two cups of cold mashed potatoes, stir into this 2 tablespoons of melted butter beaten to a cream, 2 well beaten eggs, 1 cup milk. Pour the mixture into a deep dish and bake in a quick oven.

(GOOD) Lily Southam.

STORYETTES

"Hi, there's a fly in this soup, waiter." "Don't worry, sir, it won't drink much."

(GOOD) Kevin Power.

Easy to Answer.—Aunt: "Well my little man, and how do you like school?" Tommy: "Closed auntie."

(GOOD) Jean Moylan.

Mother(to her little boy): "Please go and apologise to you auntie for saying she was stupid." Small son: "I am so sorry that you are so stupid auntie."

(GOOD) Alyasia White

"I am glad fares have gone up," said the Scotchman, "because instead of saving sixpence by walking, I now save ninepence."

(GOOD) Harry Morris.

Judge: "Why did you enter the house by the side door at 2 p.m." Accused: "I thought it was my own house." Judge: "Why did you hide when you heard footsteps on the stairs?" Accused: "I though it was my wife coming."

(GOOD) Wilma Price.

The teacher was putting questions to the class: "What do we call a man," she asked, "who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?" "Please sir," replied a boy, "a teacher."

(GOOD) Marjorie Wood.

R.A.F. Officer: "Do you know anything about an aeroplane which dropped around here?" Small boy (with catapault): "N-No, sir; I've only been shooting at sparrows."

(GOOD) Willie Birmingham.

"I went for a ride on a 'bus yesterday. I hadn't a penny on me." "Did the conductor turn you off?" "No, I gave him a shilling, and he gave me elevenpence change."

(GOOD) George Blanks.

Boy Scout (to Scout Master): "Well, sir, I've done my good deed for today." S.M.: "Have you? Well what is it?" B.S.: "Well there was only one dose of castor oil left and so I let my little sister have it."

(GOOD) C. Hammond.

A Good Hint.—Uncle John: "Can you tell me what calendars are for, Bobbie?" Bobbie: ((whose birthday's the next day): "Yes, uncle. To keep us from forgetting our relations' birthdays."

(GOOD) Irene Whipp.

Applicant(for position of office boy): "I may say I'm pretty smart. I've won several prizes in crossword and word picture competitions lately." Employer: "Yes, but I want someone who can be smart during office hours." Applicant: "This was during office hours."

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn.

A tramp applied to a gentleman for a few pence to buy some bread. "Can't you go into business that is more profitable than this," asked the gentleman. "I'd like to open a bank if I could get the tools," replied the tramp.

(GOOD) Henry Taylor.

Stupid of Him.—The absent minded professor returned home very late one night. While undressing to retire to bed he heard a noise. "Who's there?" he called. "Nobody," replied a voice from under the bed. "I beg your pardon," said the professor, "I really thought I heard someone."

(GOOD) Edward Grenfell.

Absent minded Professor: "Only plain toast for breakfast this morning dear?" Wife: "I put a sardine on it." Professor: "Did you? Then I must have used it for a book mark."

(GOOD) B.Muter.

Diner: "Hi, waiter what's the matter with this Easter egg?" Waiter: "I couldn't say sir. I only laid the table!"

(GOOD) Keith McIntosh.

Naughty Tommy.—"Why are you staying in bed this morning Tommy," asked his mother, "are you ill," "Er—have you any castor oil," asked Tommy. "No, I am afraid I haven't said his mother. "Th—Then I am very ill indeed said naughty Tommy."

(GOOD) Nancy Maidstone.

Jack (looking up from history book): "Daddy, was Anne Boleyn an iron?" Father: "Of course she wasn't." Jack: "Well this book says that the king pressed his suit with Anne Boleyn."

(GOOD) Margery Ufton.

"Who will drive this car away for £50; read a sign on the old motor secondhand store. A man stopped at the window, read the sign and entered the shop. "I'll take a chance," he offered, "where is the money."

(GOOD) Leslie Gordon.

Correct.Father: "Now George take the Blake family, there is Mrs. Blake Mr. Blake and the little baby. How many does that make." George (who had been struggling with arithmetic for homework): "Two and one to carry."

(GOOD) Gladys Clements.

RIDDLES

Why are fowls fashionable birds? —Because they are dressed for dinner.

(GOOD) Norma Minihan.

What is the difference between day break and night fall?—When day breaks it doesn't fail, and when night falls it doesn't break."

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen.

Something folded close and tight, Green around a color bright, Soon it will be a pretty sight, Answer—A bud.

(GOOD) Olive Waxiel.

What causes many people to fall? —a gun of course.

(GOOD) E. Southam.

Why is a dice box like the Garden of Eden?—Because it contains a pari-o-dice (Paradise).

What bell never rings?—A dumb bell.

Why should you always stand when wearing a silk dress? — Because silk is never satin.

(GOOD) Ruby Keele.

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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GETTING BACK TO THEIR BEST FORM

NORTHCOTE OVERWHELM CAMBERWELL

Green and Gold Forwards Give a Reassuring Display

BRILLIANT LAST HALF RALLY

(By "Aequus.")

Northcote showed that they are far from being back numbers when they completely out-lasted and outclassed Camberwell on Saturday. In the early stages the local supporters were much dismayed with the weak efforts of their idols, but after the first change the green and golds gradually asserted themselves, and, taking complete charge of the proceedings in the last half, gave a magnificent display of dashing, systematic football to win by the big margin of 68 points. What pleased supporters most was the return of that "will to win" spirit, which has been lacking during the last few matches.

The Northcote Park has never been in worse condition than it was last Saturday when Northcote played Camberwell. The centre was a quagmire and the Westgarth wing a morass. The recent continuous rains have played havoc with the arena.

Northcote made drastic changes in the personnel of the team. It was a daring experiment to omit Seymour, while Kemp, McSwain and Woods also stood aside. D'Helin from Geelong appeared. Camberwell were well represented. The attendance was very poor.

THE TEAMS

NORTHCOTE.—Backs: Hill Cockram, Honig. Half-backs: Dea, Humphries, Smith. Centres: Garrett, Corrigan, Nicholls. Half-forwards: Poulter, Briggs, Cole. Forwards: Pruser, Simmonds, D'Helin. Followers: Rowe, Goullet. Rover: Ross.

CAMBERWELL.—Backs: Jackson, Ward, Quartermain. Half-backs: Dyball, Henderson, Edwards. Centres: Wallace, Elliott, Clamp. Half-Forwards: Jones, Collins, Strachan. Forwards: Wilson, Luff, Petrie. Followers: Pouchard, Vale. Rover: Harvey.

Umpires.—Field: Schafer. Boundaries: Murphy, Stuart. Goal. Black, Sharpe.

THE PLAY

Camberwell had first use of a slight breeze, which favored the Fairfield end. The visitors were first away and had two goals posted within a few minutes of the opening. Petrie and Luff being responsible.

Humorous Scenes

Already the players were sliding in all directions and cut peculiar capers, much to the amusement of the spectators. Kicking off the ground was the order of the match. Northcote's first score was a single by Poulter. Then Petrie, from a free kick, scored third goal for the tricolors.

Vigorous Play

Camberwell were very fast and bumped vigorously. Northcote were aroused to action, and, following a goal by Ross, Pruser helped Simmonds to another.

Pruser in Form

Pruser was a splendid nippy forward and put plenty of life into the play. He cleverly snapped a goal from a fierce sortie in front. The play was fast, but lacked method. Neither side could overcome the conditions, and the play was unscientific.

Honig's Ruck Play

Coming on the ball Honig played splendidly, his hitting out being superb. A brilliant mark and kick by Briggs was rewarded with a goal, while Vale snapped full points also. Simmonds, receiving from Rowe, punted a single. Quarter time scores:—

Northcote: 4 goals 2 behinds (26 pts)
Camberwell: 4 goals 2 behinds (26 pts)

Improved Play

Camberwell immediately attacked, and Wilson notched a minor. Cockram and Humphries flung them back, and Pruser and Simmonds kicked goals.

A Goal Apiece

A series of passes between Pruser and Simmonds resulted in six points to the latter, while a free kick to Luff also gained the maximum. Northcote were battling better now and were more dashing and resourceful.

Winning Centres

However, Wallace was doing better than Nicholls on the wing, and Corrigan, being well out of the centre, probably to dodge the mud, let Elliott have a free hand. He was very good. Clamp was holding Garrett. Ross continued to rove well, aided by the solid ruck work of Rowe, Honig, Poulter and Goullet.

Further Success

Smart play by Elliott assisted Collins to raise both flags, while Pruser was equal to a major after Briggs, Cole and Pruser had each scored minors. At half-time Northcote led by 14 points. Scores:—

Northcote: 8 goals 5 behinds (53 pts)
Camberwell: 6 goals 3 behinds (39 points)

Crowded Play

The third term was an exhibition of strong vigorous play, and the spectators, though missing clever tactics, had many a laught at the slides in the mud. It was at times difficult to distinguish the players. Northcote's half-forward work was excellent. Following a behind by Cole, the same player found the tall uprights.

Grand Defence

Each team was playing well in defence, Ward and Cockram, the respective full backs, being unbeatable. There were few marks taken as the ball was so slippery.

Rowe Injured

Falling on his injured arm, Rowe, who had played well, went off and McSwain replaced him. Simmonds scores a goal and Corrigan a single.

Visitors' Only Score

A behind by Wilson was Camberwell's only score for the quarter. Northcote had given an improved display, having taken all the sting out of the Tricolors' work. Scores at three-quarter time:—

Northcote: 10 goals 7 behinds (67 pts)
Camberwell: 6 goals 4 behinds (40 pts)

Brilliant Forwards

With an advantage of 27 points Northcote began promisingly. Pruser managed a behind before Cole helped Simmonds to two sixers. Then Pruser passed to Simmonds for another. It was something like form to see the combination work of Cole, Briggs, Pruser and Simmonds in front of the sticks.

Winning Everywhere

Across the centre Northcote had gained the supremacy, while the defence, with Cockram now at centre half-back, was grand. Ross continued to rove brightly. Smith repeatedly dashed ahead, but was not always safe.

Constant Attack

Northcote continued to show grand form and aroused the supporters with their display. Following a goal by Cole, Simmonds scored three successive behinds, and then passed to Pruser for another sixer. Further sixers came to Pruser and Simmonds, while Cole and D'Helin obtained minors.

A Belated Effort

Thanks to the sturdy play of the local defenders, Camberwell had failed to score until Vale snapped a single and Strachan a goal, the only one for the Tricolors during the second half. Final scores:—

Northcote: 17 goals 13 behinds (115 pts)
Camberwell: 7 goals 5 behinds (47 pts)

Improved Display

Northcote showed, by registering 115 points—their second highest for the season—that from now on better can be excepted. There were flashes of play that make one hope for a return to premiership form. Players were not afraid to bump and dash in and out, and the spirit of combination was evident. The side should soon settle down again and give of its best.

Two Stars

Two players shone out in the local colors—Ross and Pruser. From the bounce of the ball they were in the thick of the play and did an immense amount of work, Ross around the rucks and Pruser forward. The latter kicked five goals and had a hand in many others.

Simmonds' Eight Goals

Simmonds excelled himself with a brilliant performance—easily the best he has given Northcote. He was more determined than usual, and was full of life, making numerous openings for the system to operate. Cole, especially after half-time, was another dasher at half-forward. He is in rare form this season.

Strong Followers

It was not a big man's day, but Rowe, Poulter and Goullet worked hard and bumped solidly. Honig gave his best game for a long time and put greater vigour into his play.

Best Back Men

Cochram and Humphries were the best of the back line. Smith did some useful work but lacks steadiness. Dea saved well, but apparently likes firm grounds. Hill would do better with more dash.

Northcote's centre line was well behind early, but in the last half did better. It was late in the game when Corrigan mastered Elliott. Nicholls and Wallace finished even, but Garrett had the better of Clamp. Briggs found the going against him, and D'Helin may do better under more natural conditions.

Camberwell's Best

Ward played a good game in goals, and received able assistance from Dyball and Henderson, half-back. All the centre men did well, while Collins was a great half-forward.

The Umpire

Schafer had far from an easy task but showed commendable judgment in not being technical. He gave a very good exhibition.

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NEXT SATURDAY'S MATCH

NORTHCOTE v WILLIAMSTOWN

Though Northcote played Williamstown only a few weeks ago they are drawn to meet again next Saturday at the Northcote Park. Now that the locals are again in form Northcote should score another comfortable victory.

As all the clubs have met once each next Saturday will see the start of the remaining matches of the first round. Northcote do not meet Port Melbourne, Brunswick, Camberwell or Prahran again this season, unless in the finals.

Supporters are hoping for a week of fine weather to allow the Northcote Park to get back to its normal condition. There are few grounds suitable to play football on at present.

Rowe was not injured to any extent last Saturday, and with Byrne and Seymour, should be available next match. Seymour stood aside on account of the deplorable conditions.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

Clubs	P	W	L	P.C.	Pts.
Oakleigh	11	10	1	60.57	40
Port Melb.	10	8	2	67.45	32
Northcote	11	8	3	79.06	32
Yarraville	11	8	3	91.97	32
Brunswick	11	6	5	86.66	24
Sand'ham	11	6	5	97.62	24
Preston	11	6	5	102.32	24
Coburg	10	5	5	113.03	20
Prahran	11	3	8	135.81	12
W'town	11	2	9	119.68	8
Cam'well	11	2	9	145.97	8
Brighton	11	1	10	125.62	4

Port Melbourne-Coburg match to be replayed.

TAKINGS AND ATTENDANCES

The total takings and attendances at Association matches on Saturday were £252 and 20,500. Northcote-Camberwell, £20 (2000); Brighton-Preston, £25 (2000).

LEADING GOAL-KICKERS

D. Fraser (Oakleigh) is now leading with 50. Also well up on the list are Seymour (Northcote), 31; Simmonds (Northcote), 28; Warr (Preston) and Davie (Preston), 22 each.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.

POPULAR GIRL CONTEST

The success of the popular girl contest was proved last Saturday night by the enthusiastic attendances at each of the house parties given by the contestants. Buoyed by the success of the football team and the knowledge that the selectors have demonstrated we have the players, in their correct positions, capable of playing on any ground, no matter the condition, the spirit of gaiety was manifest everywhere.

The remarkable enthusiasm shown in this contest is due to the popularity and personality of the girls as well as the organisation behind each girl. Misses G. Olver and L. George have been successful in obtaining support from friends in various districts around Melbourne, whilst Miss Eva Weate, in addition to other suburbs has widened her circle to include her friends in South Australia and Tasmania, who have expressed a desire to help. This publicity will eventually be of great benefit to Northcote and place our district prominently before the people of otehr States. It is essential that the citizens grasp this wonderful opportunity and co-operate to support the girls. There is room for all who have a wholesome desire to give service for the benefit of the district. The first votes have been counted, and they show the keenness of the competition:—

The Blue Girl	863 votes
The Red Girl	851 votes
The White Girl	845 votes

THE RED GIRL

Cr. and Mrs. W. Olver entertained about 70 guests on Saturday night to assist the efforts of their daughter Gwen. The function was a great success, socially and financially, and the guests were entertained with cards, music, novelties and surprises. Mrs. J. A. Thomson by her efforts won a beautiful tea cosy, Mrs. J. Cooper a box of chocolates, and Mr. Dyte a box of cigarettes. The guests expressed appreciation of the enjoyable evening spent. Mr. F. Trainor (president of the club) thanked Cr. and Mrs. Olver and the guests for the help they were giving the club and Gwen, and trusted that all would extend further assistance to place their popular girl at the head of the list.

Among those present were:—The mayor and Mrs. J. H. Green, Cr. and Alan Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thomson, Mr. Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Harley, Mr. Reg Cog, Mrs. Goold, Mr. F. Cornish, Mr. and Mrs. T. Young, Mr. and Mrs. L. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. Little., Mr. and Mrs. Maine, Mr. L. Kellett, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dyte, Mrs. and Miss Rae, Mrs. F. Kellett, Mr. Hollingsworth, Miss C. Moyle, Mr. and Mrs. W. Callaghan, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. H. Moate, Miss Rita Armstrong, Miss E Johnstone, Mr. F. Johnstone, Mr. R. Gray, Miss Trixie Warren, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Trainor, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Wetenhall, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. J. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brockie, Mrs. Pierce, Miss Ida Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. E. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Merrick, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson.

Miss Olver's next function is a euchre party and dance at Normanby Hall on July 14. Excellent music will be provided, and the catering will be provided by Mrs. Olorenshaw. This event promises to be a huge success and tickets may be obtained from Mr. W. M. Houston, hon. sec., 103 Beaver's road, Northcote, or from Miss Olver or any members of the committee.

THE WHITE GIRL

Miss Lilian George held her first function on Saturday—a house party at the residence of Mr. and Miss Hill—and it was a huge success. The guests were entertained with cards, music, community singing, numerous novelties and surprises, and the time passed all too quickly. Mr. Cyril George, on behalf of his daughter Lilian, thanked Mr. and Miss Hill for their generosity in placing their home at their disposal, and for so lavishly entertaining the guests. Mr. Hill, in responding, urged upon all present to support Miss George—the White Girl—who stands in the interests of the club and for the betterment of the city.

Among those present were:—Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Rowlands, of Ripponlea, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. P. Tomkins, Mrs. Schwaebsch, Mr. H. Vallance, of Bacchus Marsh, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Pepper, Mr. H. George, of Ripponlea, Mr. and Mrs. Carver, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Cutts, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Brunswick, Mr. Murray, of Kew, Mr. and Mrs. Stuchberry, Mr. and Mrs. P. Rowe, Mr. Newnham, Mr. Hill, of Kew, and numerous friends, supporters and players of the club.

Miss George will hold a social evening on Saturday, July 11 at the Masonic Hall, Bastings street. Entertainment has been arranged for young and old, and Lilian promises that all will thoroughly enjoy themselves. She has made elaborate arrangements for dancing, musical items and novelties, and with the assistance of Mr. Ron Bohne's orchestra everybody is assured of a good night. A hearty invitation is extended to all who can come.

THE BLUE GIRL

Miss Eva Weate held a successful house party at her home last Saturday. Amongst the 80 guests present were several of the players and representatives of the many sporting activities with which Eva is connected. They all enjoyed themselves with cards, dancing, musical items and surprises. Mr. and Mrs. Shugg called for special mention by their items on the ukulele and steel guitar. A beautiful jewel box donated by Mr. O. Newman was won by Mrs. Randle. Miss Weate desires to thank all the ladies who were responsible for the dainty supper, to all her helpers, and those who donated several acceptable gifts.

Such was the gay spirit of the evening that the guests were reluctant to leave, and all expressed a wish for an early repetition of the function. Miss Weate has made arrangements for a euchre party at her home, 39 Spencer street, on July 10, and a house party at Mr. Claude Weate's residence, 4 Morgan street, on July 25. To facilitate travelling Mr. Weatae will run buses from the Northcote town hall at 8 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. along High street, stopping at Separation street, tram sheds, Dundas street, Bell street, then on to Morgan street. To all these functions Miss Weate extends a very hearty invitation to anyone who can come.

The Northcote Football Club invites you to visit the training rooms every Sunday morning to meet the players, see their training methods and preparation.

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR LEAG

Ascot Vale v Thornbury District

The above teams met in the return match at Ascot Vale on Saturday. Thornbury dominated the play from the start and were never headed, though at times Ascot Vale showed flashes of good systematic football. Thornbury's play was far from impressive and they will need to be at their best to defeat the strong Richmond Hill team to-morrow at Thornbury. Final scores:—Thornbury District, 16–26; Ascot Vale, 6–6. Thornbury's best were Thompson, Jackson, Hart, Hemming, Jack and Jim Cleary, Clack and Cassidy. Goal-kickers: Clack (7), Jack Cleary (3), Raphael (2), Cassidy (2), Climas, Harper, Thompson. Best players for Ascot Vale were Pietzsch, Brown, Hamilton, Stephens, Black. Goal-kickers: Hamilton (2), Brown, Taylor, Ryan, Fowler.

Club Notes. A euchre party and dance will be held in the new Preston Palais on July 18. H. Clack has kicker 45 goals up to date.

ASSOCIATION SUB-DISTRICTS

Croxton v Northcote Rovers

This match was played at Croxton and created much interest, as both teams were level on the premiership list. The ground was in bad condition. After much up and down play Northcote, by better forward play, obtained the lead at the first change. In the second quarter Croxton gained the upper hand, keeping Northcote down to two points. The back men of both teams played finely. Scores at half-time: Croxton, 3–9; Northcote, 2–7. The third quarter was very even, although Barry (Croxton) dominated the game in the centre. Croxton opened the last quarter with great dash and soon put the issue beyond doubt by scoring two goals, and despite frantic efforts by Northcote to score, Croxton beat them off and won a finely contested game by 7–15 to 3–12. Goal-kickers: — Croxton: H. Dowd (3), Mayfield (2), Bennett, A. Howe. Northcote: Hatton, Blanks, Brickley. Best players: — Croxton: Barry (best on ground), Howe, Rittenbury, G. Dowd. Northcote: Griffin, Pinkham, Lyons.

C.Y.M.S.

Preston v North Essendon

On Saturday Preston journeyed to North Essendon and after a hard, exciting game won by 4 points. The ground was in excellent condition. The first quarter was even, but Preston's forwards were more accurate and they led by 2–2 to 1–3. The second quarter was all Preston's, and the lead was increased to 5 goals. In the third term neither side was able to break through the defence lines, and the last quarter commenced with Preston still 5 goals to the good. North Essendon were first away in the last term and two quick goals put them in great heart. Preston again took charge but could only manage 3 points before North Essendon rallied and added 3 goals, leaving them 4 points behind. Preston were rallied and only the bell saved them from defeat. Final scores:—Preston 12-11; North Essendon, 11–13. Preston's best were Pitts (best and fairest), Hanrahan, Monagle, White, Lockwood, Grogan, O'Meara, Slattery, Prince, Ryan. Goal-kickers: White (6), Moran, Lockwood, Naughtin, Leonard, Pitts, Cougle.

Thornbury v Williamstown

Thornbury and Williamstown met at the Fitzroy racecourse on Saturday. The ground was soft after the rain the previous night. Thornbury soon gained the upper hand and led from the start, and, with the exception of the last quarter, when the visitors added 6 goals to 1, had the best of the play. Final scores:—Thornbury, 16–16; Williamstown, 10–8. Goal-kickers:—Thornbury: J. Gibson (7), Mussett (3), Gilmore (3), C. Bahen, O'Connell, Hartnett, Mitchen. Williamstown: Andrews (5), Hogan (2), Foster (2), Seymour.

JUNIOR I.O.R. COMPETITION

Clifton Hill v Hope of Northcote

This match was played on Merri Park, which was in a bad condition, water being inches deep in places. The game was well contested, with Northcote winning everywhere but on the forward line, which was the deciding factor of the game. Final scores: Clifton Hill, 7–10; Northcote, 2–8. Best players:—Clifton Hill: Marshall Bros., Crisp, Baker. Northcote: Smith, Peters, Flint, Cunningham. Goal-kickers: — Northcote: Roadley (2). Clifton Hill: Baker (4), Marshall, Edwards, Sanders.

NEWSBOYS' MATCH

An interesting match was played between the newsboys of Green, of Preston, and McCasker and Eaton's boys, of Thornbury, on June 27. Up till then Green's 18 had been undefeated, and claimed to be the champions of the northern suburbs, and so challenged McCasker's. The game was a strenuous one, and many hard knocks were given and taken. Up till half-time the play was even, but in the last half McCasker's boys predominated and ran out winners by 13–16 to 4–9. These inter-agency games tend to foster a spirit of goodwill, friendship and enjoyment.

PRESTON IN WINNING VEIN

AN INTERESTING MATCH AT ELSTERNWICK

Visitors Hard Pressed by Brighton for Greater Part of Game

(By "Follower.")

Brighton endeavored to spring a surprise on Preston at Elsternwick last Saturday, and for the first three quarters gave an excellent account of themselves. In the final term Preston struck winning form and, carrying all before them, turned a four-point deficiency into a victory by 27 points.

Considering the continuous soaking rains Elsternwick Park was in a very fair state, although there were a few patches under water along the eastern wing. Preston did not expect the opposition shown, but their team work carried all before it in the last term. Brighton handled the ball with greater certainty. Preston also played well, although some of their players were sluggish until they warmed up.

THE TEAMS

PRESTON. — Backs: P. Spargo, Smith, Seebeck. Half-backs: Reichman, Taylor, McEachern. Centres: Dowling, F. Spargo, Gall. Half-forwards: Hughson, Piper, Cameron. Forwards: Summers, Cazaly (c.), Davie. Followers: Monohan, Campbell. Rover: Warr.

BRIGHTON.—Backs: Joynson, Irwin, Johnson. Half-backs: Rosenwack, Campbell, Cantwell. Centres: McGurgan, Arthur, Stewart. Half-forwards: Hunt, Bolwell, Burnes. Forwards: Storey, Harrison, McNiff. Followers: Dore, Lilburne (c.). Rover: Tucker.

THE PLAY

The home side advanced towards the southern goal, where Harrison registered a single.

Another move forward by Lilburne was offset by Smith, who was already showing good form.

A free to McNiff enabled him to pilot a well-judged sixer from an angle.

Preston found the defence stubborn. Dowling was a deciding factor in paving the way for Warr, who picked up Davie's shot which fell short and snapped a sixer.

The feature of the quarter was the fine defence of both sides, the players using their weight fairly. Considering the heavy going the game was very fast.

Irwin repeatedly saved. A free to Summers brought another six points to the visitors.

Brighton rattled into position, Taylor relieving. The seasiders were shadowing Preston's forwards effectively. Piper, playing in the centre, forwarded and Warr registered full points. From three tries Preston registered the maximum number of points. Quarter time scores:—

Preston: 3 goals (18 pts)
Brighton: 1 goal 2 behinds (8 pts)

Brighton Take Charge

On changing over Preston moved forward, a single coming from Campbell.

Concentrating on the offensive, by clever foot work Cameron forwarded to Warr, but Cantwell checked.

This effort had the effect of setting up an offensive by the home side which produced a couple of singles, until Harrison scored the majority through Tucker.

Lilburne was playing well. For a time Preston were out of the picture as the seasiders continued to attack. Lilburne scored a minor, then McNiff notched a major.

Heartened by this success the seasiders surged forward again, but Taylor, marking high, foiled the effort.

Brighton, not to be denied, attacked again.

Smith turned two consecutive advances until Lilburne, coming through, drove the leather to Harrison, who could only manage a point.

Davie Retires with Dislocated Shoulder

Preston endeavored to match their opponents' effort as Summers forwarded to Davie, who, in the pack, had the misfortune to dislocate his shoulder, necessitating his leaving the field.

Playing cleverly into position Dowling passed to Cazaly, who, on being awarded a free, scored the side's only goal for the quarter out of six scoring shots.

Collins Appears

Collins signalled his entry by obtaining the ball immediately, but his effort was unavailing as Irwin cleared his goals decisively.

From then on till half-time Brighton had Preston's defenders in difficulties.

From a scrimmage in front Harrison scored a sixer with a kick off the ground. Then Bolwell goaled on receiving from Lilburne. Scores at the interval were:—

Brighton: 5 goals 6 behinds (36 pts)
Preston: 4 goals 5 behinds (29 pts)

Brighton Hold the Advantage

On resuming Brighton continued to confuse Preston's systematic movements by racing tactics, and up to this stage the seasiders were playing the most telling game under the circumstances.

The third term revealed an even greater vim, the main brunt of the play being borne by the defence lines.

Brighton attacked fruitlessly. F. Spargo placed the ball to Summers. Joynson saved the situation, but Cazaly returned the ball to Hughson, who made no mistake.

Tucker forwarded, and a free to Lilburne accounted for another goal.

Brighton displayed rare dash, and the pleasing exhibition was good.

Surging forward through the indefatigable plodding of Summers, Preston penetrated the home defence as Collins snapped a major.

Racing forward on the bounce Cameron hit the post.

Brighton Goal

A long kick-in by Irwin was accentuated as a free to Stewart enabled him to pass on to Lilburne, and before Preston could offer any rebuff Bolwell registered full points.

Brighton were attacking strongly though they spoilt their play by over-indulgence in short passing.

Tucker was active, placing the ball into a favorable position, but Monohan was alert in defence.

Brighton's forwards were wasting chances with hurried shots.

A concerted rush by Preston was checked by Irwin, marking on the goal post, and in doing so was temporarily injured.

The end of the quarter saw Brighton still in the lead, the scores being:

Brighton: 7 goals 9 behinds (51 pts)
Preston: 6 goals 1 1behinds (47 pts)

Brighton Outplayed

The game had not progressed far into the final term before Preston, playing with system, took complete charge.

Attacking instantly, Summers, who appeared to possess a "roving commission," sent the ball forward. Wherever the play was Summers was to be found, revelling in the heavy going.

Marking splendidly Johnson checked, but Summers regained and directed the sphere to Warr, who piloted the ball clear.

Incessant Attacks

Thence onwards Preston attacked incessantly, Brighton crumbling up under the continued strain. Their formidable defenders broke down under the pressure as the Red and Whites launched attack after attack with successful results.

The game had gone well into the last term before Brighton passed the centre line, and when they did they were helplessly beaten off by the dashing defence of their opponents.

The contest had taken a decided turn in Preston's favor, the visitors showing their best form.

Brighton eventually managed to penetrate, when two singled resulted.

Cameron appeared to be perturbed, the umpire having cause to speak to him on two occasions. As a young player with bright prospects before him he would be well advised to give all his attention to the ball.

Preston were attacking when the bell rang, the final scores being:—

Preson: 11 goals 14 behinds (80 pts)
Brighton: 7 goals 11 behinds (53 pts)

Goal-kickers:—Preston: Warr (3), Collins (2), Piper (2), Hughson (2), Summers and Cazaly. Brighton: McNiff (2), Harrison (2), Bolwell (2), Lilburne.

Preston had no more serviceable player than Summers, who appeared to revel in the heavy going. He initiated many forward moves and was continually in the thick of the fray. Warr was again dashing and effective; Dowling, elusive and clever; Smith, sure in defence and judgment; Taylor was consistent throughout, and Monohan was more seriveceable after the interval. F. Spargo was a tower of strength, whilst McEachern was fearless on the half-back line.

For Brighton Lilburne, Stewart, Burnes, Dore, Tucker, McGurgan and Cantwell were outstanding in an even side.

For the first time this season, and since 1928, Preston took the field with the same side as played in the previous engagement.

Davie's injury will probably keep him out of the side for some time. This is a decided setback to Preston as Davie is a handy man in the side, and his services are particularly useful on the forward line.

TO-MORROW'S VITAL ENGAGEMENT

PRESTON VISIT YARRAVILLE

A vital match which must necessarily have an important bearing on the premiership list will be the meeting of Preston and Yarraville at the latter's ground to-morrow. When these teams met at Preston a month ago Preston led throughout until a wonderful outburst by Yarraville resulted in them winning a thrilling game by four points. From that match onward Preston have greatly improved and are confident of turning the tables on Yarraville to-morrow. Another exciting encounter is eagerly awaited, and a win by Preston will have far-reaching results.

Bolwell (Brighton) Injured

During the last quarter Bolwell, playing at centre half-forward, received a kick on the head which necessitated his removal to the Alfred Hospital suffering from concussion.

An Enthusiastic Supporter

One of the local's most enthusiastic supporters is the mayor (Cr. Robinson). Rain or fair, win or lose, on or off their ground, the mayor is to be seen following the fortunes of the local team. At the interval and after the match he usually makes it a practice of mingling with the players, chatting with and offering them words of encouragement.

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES

The second round of the home and home matches will be commenced on Saturday. The most important engagement is that between Oakleigh and Port Melbourne (the first and second teams on the list respectively) at Port Melbourne. When they previously met at Oakleigh the home side inflicted a decided whipping on the seasiders by kicking 12–17 to 3–14. Since then, however, Ports have been playing excellently, and it is quite possible that they will turn the tables on last year's premiers to-morrow. Of the others, the most interesting contest should be between Preston and Yarraville on the latter's ground. When they met in the first round at Preston the locals were unfortunate in losing a most interesting game by four points. The scores on that occasion were: Yarraville, 14–15; Preston, 14–11. This match is of vital interest as far as Preston is concerned, as it will probably determine their prospects of reaching the first four. Both these matches should draw large crowds. Northcote should again defeat Williamstown. Coburg will probably be too strong for Brighton, whilst Brunswick should have no difficulty in disposing of Camberwell. Sandringham also should be able to add Prahran as another of their victims.

The following is the draw for the first day of the return matches:—

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

All matches to be played on the ground of the first-named club.

Preston supporters who propose to journey to Yarraville to-morrow may do so either by bus or train. The fare from Bell to Yarraville is 1/9½ first class and 1/6 second class.

V.J.F.A.

PRESTON v BRIGHTON

Owing to the rain during the week the ground was in a very muddy and slippery condition. Preston's score of 33 goals 34 behinds (232 points) is a record score for this association.

Preston's team was:—Backs: Mooney, Ellis, Hooper. Half-backs: Ryan, Kupsch, H. Underhill. Centres: Dineen, Smith (c.), R. Underhill. Half-forwards: Haddrick, Grierson, Baxter. Forwards: Ewing, Fennell, Jones. Followers: Lee, Morgan. Rover: Marshall

Brighton kicked towards the Bruce street goals and attacked right from the bounce, but Preston stalled off. Forcing forward, Ewing opened the account with a sixer. Jones and Lee soon followed suit. Marshall defended well, but Brighton saved well. Lee soon replied by raising two flags. The game was a scramble in front of goals and Fennell and Dineen goaled. The scores at quarter time were:—Preston, 8–9; Brighton, nil. Haddrick and Lee goaled. Preston were bombarding but could only score behinds. Brighton were trying hard to open open their account, but the backs proved too strong. A free to Smith to Jones made no mistake. At half-time the scores were: Preston, 11–19; Brighton, nil. The players were finding the ball hard to handle and kicking off the ground was adopted. Fennell found the sticks, and Morgan and Grierson were not long in following. Jones hit the post with a snap. Lee, Fennell and Smith each scored goals in quick time. Brighton tried hard to score, but Mooney was in the way. Sending the ball well down Jones snapped the 19th goal. Fennell marked close in and got the 20th. At three-quarter time the scores were: Preston, 20–29; Brighton, nil. Preston were not long in finding the way and Fennell scored. Brighton attacked strongly twice but found Kupsch and Mooney too good. Goals came from Lee, Jones, Fennell, Grierson and Marshall. A free to Marshall went down and they looked like scoring, but Kupsch stalled it off and Grierson goaled. Lee and Grierson goaled in two attacks. Brighton again forced forward and Ellis marked and defended well. Fennell and Grierson again scored before the bell, leaving Preston winners by 33–34 to nil.

Goal-kickers:—Fennell (8), Lee (7), Grierson (7), Jones (4), Smith (2), Ewing, Dineen, Morgan, Marshall and Haddrick. It is very hard to pick out the best players in a match like this, but Lee, Dineen, R. Underhill, Mooney, Smith were most noticeable.

Club Notes

The committee and players send their best wishes to Bill Lee, who played his first game on Saturday as a married man.

The players and committee held a social and pie evening at Gahan's Hall, Bell street, last week. An enjoyable evening was spent. Dave ("Snowy") Baxter beat Allan ("Bluey") Ryan, the club's champion pie eater, by one pie after a hard contest.

It was noticed last Saturday after the match that the property man (L. Howden) was not too keen in taking the jerseys after the boys had been scrambling in the mud.

The Queen of Supporters (Miss L. Rose) held a most enjoyable evening last Saturday at Gahan's Hall, and another will be held there on July 11. The Queen of Sport (Miss K. Meldrum) will hold a house party at 46 Asling street, West Preston, on July 11.

NORTHCOTE v CAMBERWELL

Northcote, 10–15, d. Camberwell, 5–14. For Northcote Kemp, Houldcroft, Tracey, S. Gray, Williams, Brethern and Skilton were best players. Goal-kickers: Joolen (3), Bresnahan (3), Rust (2), S. Gray, Laxon. For Camberwell Coffin, Whyte, Curran, Houghton, Scurrah and Higgins were the best players. Goal-kickers: G. Trotter (2), McKenzie (2), Coffin.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES

South Preston Methodists v Pender's Grove

Last Saturday two great local rivals in South Preston Methodists and Pender's Grove Methodists met on the latter's ground, which was in a sodden condition. Neither side were sparing their weight, a good deal of waste effort being displayed, due to a couple of spiteful incidents. Umpire Joyce, however, lined the players up at half-time and uttered a word of advice, which had the desired effect, the second half of the contest, though hard, being void of bitterness. At the interval South Preston led by 2 points, but by better team work and superior stamina, they outplayed Pender's after the adjournment, the final scores be[illegible]:—South Preston Methodists, 8-11; Pender's Grove, 4–5. The first round will terminate to-morrow wh[illegible] S[illegible] Preston play East Brunswick [illegible] Royal Park. As both teams [illegible]ndefeated a sterling contest will place for the minor premiership. [illegible]ses will leave the corner of Plenty road and Bell street at 2 o'clock.

Results of Other Games

St. George's Road Methodists, 17–11, d Park Street Methodists, 3–8.

East Brunswick Methodists, 7–8, d Croxton Methodists, 3–7.

St. Mark's Church of England, Fitzroy, 9–8, d Regent Church of England 5–12.

Oakover Road Methodists, 20–11, d Napier Street Presbyterians, 5–6.

RAMBLERS' MATCH

A match between a Reservoir team and Prince of Wales Park Methodists was played at Reservoir on Saturday, and after an evenly-contested game the Park team won by 19 points. The final scores were:—P.W.P., 8–4; Reservoir, 5–3. Goal-kickers for P.W.P.: Oates (2), L. Jordan (2), Mackreal (2), H. Henning, Sharp.

MOTOR CYCLING

NEW CLUB FORMED

A new motor cycle club has been formed and will be known as the Preston Motor Cycle Club. Office-bearers for season 1931-32 are:—President, Mr. C. Elwell; vice-president, Mr. A. McInnes; hon. secretary, Mr. R. A. Sullivan; assistant secretary, Mr. S. Williams; treasurer, Mr. G. Elwell; captain, Mr. A. Meadows; vice-captain, Mr. E. Russell; general committee, Messrs. A. Meadows, E. Russell, G. Mess; sports committee, Messrs. A. Meadows, J. Meadows, E. Russell.

The run to Belgrave last Sunday was a great success and included a sealed time run over the whole distance, A. Meadows finishing a few seconds in front of R. Sullivan for first place.

Meetings are held on alternate Wednesdays at the club rooms, 138 Miller street. Intending members may inquire at the club rooms or from the secretary, 58 Erin street.

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There is a comforting philosophy in the Italian proverb which says, "Our last robe is made without pockets." Many of us have extra anxieties these days because when we go to our pockets for money there is none there, and we are something like Mother Hubbard and her cupboard. But, never mind! The time will come when we won't have such things as money and provisions to worry about.

No! I am not an optimist, nor do I wish to suggest that death will end our worries. I am a Christian optimist and find my cheer in such words as "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven, and all things shall be added unto you." So I am able to say, "Our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

HAZEL GLEN

The Ladies Guild of St John's Anglican Church have unanimously decided to ask that in re-organisation of the Parochial district, which will take place when Padre Hayes leaves, that St. John's Church shall be attached to the Diamond Creek District.

BASEBALL

Preston Club

The A team had their second defeat for the season against Coburg, the scores being 3 to 2. Preston played a good game and were unlucky to lose. Time only won the game for Coburg, when a lead of 5 by Preston was turned to a deficit of 1 by call of time. Preston was well served by Patterson, Duffield, O'Brien and Newbegin (third base).

B lost to Malvern, scores being 12 to 7. Costly errors gave Malvern the advantage over Preston. Best players were Nankervis, Thornycroft, Wescott and Souter.

C lost to Collingwood after a good game, scores being 13 to 11. Naunton played well on first base. Burrell pitched well and kept Collingwood's hits down. Murray and Bassier served the side well.

Teams for next Saturday are:—

A v University at Preston.—Butler, Thornycroft, Goller, Spoor, Duffield, Fothergill, Patterson, Newbegin and O'Brien.

B v Flemington, at Racecourse road reserve:—Jeans, Brockley, Nankervis, Crawley, Hills, Nelder, Souter, Ford, Burr, Wescott.

C v Y.M.C.A., at Preston:—Smith, Allen, Naunton, Bassier, Murray, Goller, Burrell, Dearing, Dahl, Jackson.

A meeting of general instruction class will be held in the scout hall, Preston, on July 16.

Northcote and Preston Churches

Northcote Presbyterians, playing at home on Merri Park on Saturday, scored an easy win over Thornbury B. K. Ely pitched well for Northcote, as did R. Ford, who dismissed nine men, while J. Thomson and J. Whitechurch were the best with the bat. G. North caught well for Thornbury until hurt, and J. Moyes fielded excellently at second bag. Scores:—Northcote Presbyterians, 0 1 1 1 8 3 1 7 0—22; Thornbury B., 0 1 0 4 0 0 0 1 0—6.

At Hayes Park on Saturday St. Geo. Road Methodists defeated Thornbury Presbyterians A by 15 runs. Thornbury opened the game by scoring one run: St. George's Road then followed with seven runs. Thornbury were unable to do anything against the excellent pitching of L. Tulk. The winners were best served by E. Williams, L. Tulk and V. Watson, who all did well with the bat and glove. The best for Thornbury Presbyterians A were Smith, McDonald and Hook. The team was handicapped by the absence of H. Laurimer (catcher), who broke his finger in the previous match. C. Owen umpired. Scores:—St. George's Road Methodists, 7 5 1 0 1 2 3—19; Thornbury Presbyterians A, 1 1 0 0 2 0 0—4.

SOCCER

Preston, 5, d South Yarra, 2. Goal scorers: McIver (3), Jessop, O'Connor. Best players: Hicks, McIver, O'Connor. This was South Yarra's first defeat for the season.

Preston Reserves, 3, lost to South Yarra Reserves, 6. Goal scorers: — Frazer, Husband, Don. Best players: —Muzzell, Booth, Husband.

To-morrow's matches are:—Preston v Box Hill, at Box Hill. Preston Reserves v Box Hill Reserves, at Haxby Park, Preston.

Preston are now playing brilliantly and have reached the second place in the second grade. A continuation of this form will earn the team promotion to Grade I.

LICENSING CASES AT NORTHCOTE

LICENSEE AND MEN FINED.

At Northcote court on Tuesday, before Mr. G. Brown P.M.

Isabella Janet O'Connor was charged that on May 9 being licensee of the Albion Hotel, a disposal of liquor took place contrary to the Licensing Act. There was a second charge of having a bar door open at the same time.

Evidence was given by licensing police that on May 9, nine men were found in the bar parlor, and one of the slides to the bar was open. Several of the men had gasses containing dregs of beer in their hands.

Asked his explantion, the licensee who was present said: These men came to tea and were having their last drink before going to tea.

Cross-examined: One of the men was a bona-fide traveller?—Yes.

Mr. Mahoney (for Mrs. O'Connor) said defendant had now ceased to be a licesee of the Albion Hotel. She would plead guilty to both charges.

Fined £5 for the disposal and £5 for having the bar door open.

A third charge that persons were found on the licensed premises during prohibited hours was withdrawn.

Men Fined

George Arrowsmith, Etnam street Preston, £2; John Arrowsmith, Charles street, Northcote, £2; John Cahill, Union street, Northcote, £2, William M. Graham, Owen street, West Brunswick, £2, who did not appear were each fined £2 for having been unlawfully on the premises of the Albion Hotel during prohibited hours.

William Byrne, Wilcox street, Preston; Robt. Sterling, Claude street, Northcote, and Alexander Young, Ryan street, Northcote who appeared, were each fined £1 on similar charges.

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NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Before Mr. G. Brown, P.M., Messrs. W. Hayes, B. E. Johnson, A. H. Oldis, H. Evans, P. Carney and Mrs. Woods, J's.P.

Drunk in Charge of Vehicle

Leslie Kindes was charged that on June 29 he was found drunk whilst in charge of a vehicle.

Const. Bochan said that after an accident he questioned defendant who was very thick in his speech and kept staggering about. He said he had been to a football match, and that had had several beers.

Defendant: I was not in charge of the car at the time of the accident. I had lent it to a friend, and he told me where he was going. Later when I went round, the police questioned me and told me the car had hit a fene. I was not driving the car.

The P.M.: Is it your car?

Defendant: No, but it is in my possession.

Fined £3 in default 14 days' imprisonment.

Railway Employee Assaults Porter

Harry David Gordon, 22 years, Arthur street, Fairfield was charged that on May 11 at Farfield Park Railway station he made use of obscene language. There was a second charge of having assaulted Porter Victor Dudley Blake.

Porter Blake said: On May 11 at about 8 p.m. defendant passed through the barrier and I asked him for his ticket. He showed it and passed on. A few minutes later he came back and said "Here's the ticket. You can have it at the end of the month," and used foul language. I remonstrated with him as there were ladies about, and he used more bad language.

I said "I think you are looking for bother. He said "I am." I saw constable on the other side of the street and called him. Defendant ran and I gave chase and caught him.

I looked round as the constable approached, and Gordon struck me twice on the mouth. The constable then came up and took charge of the defendant who appeared to have had some drink.

I know that Gordon is a railway employee.

Const. Dunn said "I saw Gordon strike Blake."

Gordon said: I did have a few drinks that day. I do not remember using any language or striking the porter.

Rev. Thos. Pay, of St. Paul's Fairfield spoke on behalf of Gordon, and gave an undertaking to look after him and keep him out of bad company.

The P.M. said that this was an unusual case. There was no excuse for the language, and if a man had no sense at 22 it was unlikely he ever would have.

In consideration to Rev. Pay's plea the cases would be adjourned for six months, Gordon to pay £1/2/3 costs.

Travelled Without Ticket

Ruby Alexander, married, Rushall cresent, North Fitzroy who rode between Fairfield and Westgarth without a ticket on May 4 was fined £1 with 7/6 costs.

Maintenance Arrears

Ada Josephine Hamilton, a claim for £82 arrears of maintenance in respect of four children.

Mrs. Hamilton said her husband had been paying 10/- weekly.

Mr. A. E. O'Connor (for defendant): This amount is paid by his brother?—I don't know.

The case had been adjourned from time to time on the understanding that this 10/- weekly payment would be continued?—Yes.

The P.M. said that since April 14 £6 had been paid. The amount claimed would be reduced to £76.

Mr. O'Connor said defendant had had no work for two months but he paid what he could. He suggested that the case be adjourned.

An order was made that he pay at the rate of 10/- weekly in default imprisonment.

Maintenance Order Granted

Ellen Isabel Edwards, Clarke St., Northcote v. Oliver Edwards, Station street, Fairfield.

A claim for maintenance.

Mrs. Edwards said defendant was her husband.

The P.M.: Have you got your marriage license?

Witness: No. The solicitor kept it on the last occasion as security for costs. (Laughter.)

The witness continued that she had no means of support, and had not been supported by her husband since last September. She was living with her mother.

An order was made that Edwards pay his wife £1 weekly and that he find a surety of £25 to comply with the order.

Maintenance Order by Consent

Nellie Ashcroft, Rathmines street, Fairfield v. Albert Arthur Ashcroft, George street, East Melbourne.

A claim for maintenance of one child.

Order by consent for 10/- weekly. Ashcroft also ordered to find a surety of £20 and to pay £2/8/- costs.

Disappearance of Dog

Charles Slattery, Gladstone avenue Northcote was charged that on or about May 31 he stole a dog, the property of William Pilgrim, valued at £2.

William Pilgrim, council employe, Beaver's road, Northcote said: On May 31, a pomeranian dog was missing from my back yard.

Last Sunday morning I saw the dog in Slattery's yard, and informed the police.

Cross-examined: Do you think I'd take your dog when you put your horse in my yard?—No.

Const. Buchan said: I asked Slattery where he got the dog and he said "It came here about a month ago."

Slattery said: The dog came into my yard and has stayed round my home ever since. The animal had every opportunity to get out, but would not go away. I did not know who owned the dog.

Sergt. McEniff: Did you advertise finding the dog?—No.

Or report it to the police?—I did not think the dog was worth that much.

The P.M. said that defendant had acted foolishly in not going to the police.

Fined £1 in default seven days' imprisonment.

Cases Remanded

Harold James Day, Leonard Thomas Fordham, and Robt. Clarence Jones were each charged that on July 2 being suspected persons, they loitered in Kellett street with intent to commit a felony.

Jones and Fordham were each charged that on June 23 they broke into the home of Thomas Davis, and stole a stove valued at £5/7/6.

On the application of the police a remand for a week was granted.

Bail was granted for each man in £50 with an approved surety of a similar amount.

NORTHCOTE'S POLICE PROTECTION

CHIEF SECRETARY'S REPLY TO COUNCIL

The Chief Secretary wrote to Northcote council at its meeting on Monday in connection with an application for increased police protection, stating that the Chief Commissioner of Police has furnished a further report in which he stated that it appears that the increase of crime in Northcote is accounted for principally by the number of bicycles stolen, and that Northcote is in a more favorable position in regard to police protection than most other districts (ironical laughter).

The letter continued that in view of such report and the financial position, the Chief Secretary regrets being unable to inrease the number of police in the district.

Cr. M. C. Jones said that last Friday night his shop in St. George's road, Croxton had been burgled. On Saturday, they had made the place as burglar-proof as it was possible to make it. The same night he had sinced learned the thieves came back and tried for some time to open the shop at about 9.30 o'clock.

He went down to give the shop a look over at about 11.30 p.m. and found that a determined attempt had been made to force the doors. About mid-night he went to the police and the senior constable at the watch-house was quite frank in saying he had not a constable who could be sent to the shop to investigate.

Continuing, Cr. Jones said: I do not suggets that the police we have here are not doing their best. Their inability to afford me help at the time was simply because there was not sufficient staff.

Cr. Jones moved that a further protest be made at the police protection afforded and that a request be made for more police.

So bad has the position become he added, that shopkeepers have to employ night-watchmen to guard their property.

The motion was carried.

£40 Robbery

The thieves who visited Cr. Jones' grocery shop in St. George's road, Croxton last Friday night stole £20 in cash and about £20 worth of groceries. The shop is in a brilliantly lighted porton of St. George's road and Friday night was the first time for years that there was no one sleeping on the premises, the manager being away temporarily on account of his mother's illness.

That the thieves were determined was shown by their second visit on Saturday night when the door was covered with jemmy marks, and their attempt to cut their way through the floor when they found they could no force the door on the second occasion.

Law.

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THEFT OF SHOES

At the Preston court on July 2 William Barrett, 19 years, Gordon grove, Preston, and Ernest Bransgrove, 19 years, also of Gordon grove, Preston, were charged with having on June 30 stolen a pair of shoes, the property of Harry Swain.

Th evidence was that Constable Geake saw both young men in Murray road, one having a shoe in his hand and the other having something concealed under his coat. Investigation showed that two pairs of shoes were missing from Swain's shop. When questioned Bransgrove admitted the theft.

Both men were sentenced to one month's imprisonment, and the sentences were suspended on bonds of £5 to be of good behaviour for two years.

Barrett was further charged with the unlawful possession of some car tools, and on this charge a suspended sentence was also imposed.

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MAYORAL BALL

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sequin trimming; Mrs. R. Welsh, lettuce green crepe satin flared diamente trimming; Miss Edna Williams, pink taffeta with short shiffon coat, trimmed with white fur; Mrs. A. J. S. Wilson, taffeta, ankle length old rose; Mrs. Watters, blue georgette silk lace, gloves, silver shoes; Mrs. Winnett, floral ninon; Miss. E. Zwar, salmon pink georgette.

RETURN BALL ARRANGED

During the evening a meeting of citizens was held, at which it was resolved to tender a return ball to the mayor and mayoress on Tuesday, August 11. A committee was formed with Cr. Llewellyn Jones chairman, Mr. A. J. S. Wilson, hon. secretary and treasurer, Messrs. E. Farr, A. Appleton, W. B. Howe, E. Norris, J. Harvey and W. T. Mott, committee.

CENTRAL PRESTON.

On Wednesday, July 1, the Preston and Northcote second degree K.S.P. club's monthly meeting was held at Preston Church of Christ, and newly elected officers were installed, followed by a banquet. Several new members, awaiting initiation, were present. A football match at Preston Park on Wednesday morning between Preston Unemployed and the rest of the unemployed resulted—Preston: Unemployed: 14—20; The Rest: 6—8. Several players received painful injuries.

On Wednesday the Mothers' Wives, and Sisters, League held a successful "Back to Childhood" night at the Memorial Hall.

On Tuesday Gen. Brandt visited the R.S.S.I.L.A. and spoke on "The Mistakes of War."

The Preston United F.C. is being severely taxed owing to the number of fines incurred for breaches of the V.F.A. sub-district ruleh. On Tuesday the club was fined £2 for playing an unregistered player. The club's troubles have also been increased by last Saturday's match against Kingsville. Scores in the match are in dispute, and a protest has been lodged. Cr. Zwar has promised two footballs, which will be much appreciated, coming at such a time.

The Preston Church of Christ had large attendances at special services last Sunday. The Bible school had a record attendance of 283. The K.S.P. club's large attendance on Monday appreciated a talk by Mr. Ferris, followed by a banquet. The P.B.P. club had its first win at basketball last Saturday, scoring 30 goals to 5.

Is Bedrock Depression Reached?

"Current Problems" publishes an interesting article on business forecasting, in which it reprints Trich's cycles of Australan business conditions which were circulated first in 1872. The doctrine of the business cycle is now fairly generally recognised in the field of practical economics. In brief is may be described as the passing of world economics through upward periods of prosperity to a peak, then the dropping gradual at first, but more rapid later to a base, along which they scrape for some time, then the gradual rising again to culminate in a boom. Trich's cycles extend from 1816 to the year 2035. The panic of 1803 was predicted to commence with a downward trend in 1891, and the recovery to begin in 1897. The present depression, according to the diagram, commenced in 1926, after a period of high prices, and it should reach its lowest depth this year, after which there should be an upward trend in business until 1935, which will be the peak year of good times and high prices. The next depression is due in 1942 and 1945 will again be the height of the good times, to be followed by a depression culminating in 1951. The cycles of "panic years" are 16, 18 and 20, year periods, the highest prosperity year cycles are 8, 9, and 10 years, and the depression cycles are 9, 7, and 11 years in the order given. The "Australasian Business Conditions Business Bulletin," after an examination of bank credit as disclosed by statistics of the March quarter, says that superficially at least "it is very clear that there is a decided change for the better in the banking affairs of the Commonwealth."

Northcote Notes

Chain Tea

At "St. Leonard's" Flinders street, Thornbury, a chain tea in connection with the Northcote and Thornbury branch of St. Vincent's Auxiliary was held on July 1. The hostess was Mrs. L. Roberts, who threw open her home on this occasion. Novelties in lucky envelopes and a Mystery Lady were introduced at this successful function.

Inspection of Lights

At the conclusion of the Northcote council meeting on Monday, as the hour was only 9.30, members of the council paid a visit of inspection to the lights along St. George's road and reserve.

Dance at Wardrop House

On Saturday evening last Mr. Pollock was M.C. at a dance organised by four young ladies to raise funds to aid families of unemployed men in the neighbourhood. It was a successful evening about 80 attending. With the proceeds of a Dutch auction and the auction of a box of chocolates between £6 and £7 was raised. The young ladies responsible are to be commended.

Northcote Younger Set

The monthly meeting of the above was held in the small Town Hall on Tuesday evening. After usual business the tennis tournament and a dance were reported on, the former being considered very successful. A Cinderella dance, organised by the Northcote Debutantes, was announced for July 23, the object being to raise funds for unemployment relief by raising the expenses of the forthcoming Younger Set ball. Several new members were present. The meeting closed with supper and a dance.

St. Joseph's Northcote Parish Ball

Arrangements have been made to hold the Northcote Parish Ball in the Northcote Town Hall on Tuesday August 11 and the committee are confident that this function will equal if not surpass the success achieved at the first annual ball held last year. The debutante set, which promises to again be one of the main features, is to be chaperoned by Mrs. J. F. Cooper. Patrons are advised that tickets should be obtained as soon as possible from the hon. ticket secretaries, Miss M. Carew, 120 Gladstone Avenue, Northcote, phone JW 1808; or Mr. W. Green, 10 Brooke street, Northcote.

Missing Girls

Last week some concern was occasioned by the disappearance of Alma Bromley, aged 15 years, whose parents reside in Bent street, Northcote. On Tuesday week she left home with another girl, aged 17, with the avowed intention of visiting friends at Balwyn. Inquiries showed that the girls did go to Balwyn, and then to Warragul, staying there with a lady friend of the elder girl. The lady became suspicious, but before she could act the girls disappeared again. She obtained Mrs. Bromley's address from a suitcase the girls left behind, and eventually Mrs. Bromley intercepted the fugitives on the road to Yallourn, none the worse for their little escapade.

St. Vincent's Red Cross Junior Auxiliary

Northcote & Thornbury Branch.—The first meeting was held at the Northcote Town Hall on Monday evening. There was a good attendance of would be members and a warm welcome awaited them. A picture night will be held shortly and details will be given of this at the meeting on July 20.

Northcote Social Club

On Wednesday evening the third of the Social Club dances was held in Normanby Hall, Thornbury. The Monte Carlo dance was won by Mr. and Mrs. Eric Scott, and Mr. Les. Sharp the secretary, handed over the prize at supper time with his usual appropriate speech. Mr. H. C. Dyte, the president, welcomed the new and old members, and Cr. Will Olver made a presentation from the club to Mr. Les Sharp on his having attained the enviable position of "Grandpa."

Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary

The monthly meeting was held at Northcote Town Hall on July 2, there being 48 members present and two new members were enrolled. £44/6/8 was raised by the Red Cross Ball. The usual quarterly visit to Bundoora was held in June and was very success ful. Work sent to Melbourne Hospital consisted of 97 pillow slips, 30 face washers and medicine bottles. Next meeting on August 6.

Community Singing

The attendance on July 3 was excellent. A good programme was provided, and the conductor was Mr. W. Nicoll. Under Mr. Winter, the Orchestra opened the proceedings. Mr. R. E. Gagliardi, a member of the orchestra rendered an old melody, Mr. George Harvey, Scottish entertainer, gave McGregor and his Wee Brown Bag and encores. Mrs. Burn sang "The Old Rustic Bridge," and Mrs. Ryan sang "Sweet Maria." The Northcote Traders prize went to Mrs. Phillips—an order on a shoe shop. Miss O'Halloran accompanied.

Birthday Party

The Dispensary Hall, Gooch street, Thornbury, presented a busy scene on Tuesday night when Mrs. Pugh, a member of the Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary, gave a successful birthday party. All the expenses were met by Mrs. Pugh and the total proceeds will go to the Queen Victoria Hospital special appeal. The winning number for a supper cloth, the hand work of Mrs. Pugh was drawn, the winner being Miss Dixon, 679 High street, Thornbury.

Euchre prizes and Monte Carlo prizes were given and the music was by Messrs. Dexter Bros. A posy of carnations and gift were presented to Mrs. Pugh by the president (Mrs. H. C. Dyte) on behalf of the members. Mrs. W. M. Robins (Central Executive Q.V.H.), thanked Mrs. Pugh for her generosity, and also the members and friends for their attendance. A cheque for £41/15/6 was handed to Mrs. Robins as a result of this effort.

Northcote Symphony Orchestra

The concert to be held on July 21 shows every promise of being the most successful yet given. The box plan (which is now available at Noar's, 205 High street) even at this early date is filling satisfactorily, but this is hardly surprising considering the excellency of the programme to be presented.

The orchestra is entering for the Coming Ballarat Competitions, and this contest will be the only means available of raising the necessary funds to cover travelling expenses, but after the excellent work done by the orchestra during the past few years, in assisitng all charitable entertainments in need of their assistance, etc., we feel that they may look forward with every confidence to getting the support they deserve. Full deails of the programmes may be found in our advertising columns.

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THE 1931 TAILLEUR

Who doesn't look smart in a trim tailleur these days. Quite one of the chic up-to-date ones is worn by Juliette Compton in Paramount's "Kick In," which stars Clara Bow.

The suit is of gray woollen mixture and is perfectly plain with a neat skirt showing pleats back and front, and the straight sac coat fastening well over to take away that cold strip of thin blouse which is usual in the ordinary suit. The coat has the flat revers piped with white pique, and the pique also trims the gray satin blouse which has a Peter-Pan collar buttoning well up to the neckline.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Stott, Son and Watson, at 3 p.m. on July 22 on the property 87 Regent street, Preston, mortgagees' sale of four roomed concrete house on land 56ft 5in x 125ft. Particulars elsewhere.

The sale of a spacious brick garage, service station and residence at 151-153 High St., corner Clarke St., Northcote, is advertised. The garage is equipped with built-in offices and concrete floor, and the residence, which faces Clarke St., is modern, with built-in labor saving devices, and is in splendid order. Lot 2 comprises a building 18 x 75 adjoining. See advertisement.

The annual meeting of the Northcote Cricket Club will take place at the Northcote town hall, Westbourne Gve., on August 12. Nominations for office-bearers close with the secretary at 9 o'clock on that evening.

CITY OF NORTHCOTE

REVISION COURT

NOTICE is hereby given that I have appointed the 21st DAY of JULY, 1931, at 7.30 p.m., as the time for holding a REVISION COURT at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, High street, Northcote, for the purpose of HEARING ANY CLAIMS for INSERTION OR OBJECTION to names on the Voters' Lists for the several Wards of the City that may have been lodged with the Town Clerk, and for REVISING SUCH LISTS.

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Copies of the said lists may be inspected at the following places during the above period:—

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EAST WARD.—Mrs. Phillips, confectioner, 198 High street.

WEST WARD.—Miss Morgan, confectioner, 711 High street.

NORTH WARD.—Miss Cody, confectioner, 550 High street.

CENTRAL WARD.—At the Municipal Offices, High street, and at the Free Library, High street, each afternoon and evening.

Ratepayers are particularly requested to inspect the list and see that their names are correctly inserted thereon.

Claims for insertion and objection to names appearing thereon must be lodged with me on or before the 14th day of July, 1931.

The necessary forms for such claims and objections may be obtained at this office, also any particulars in connection therewith.

By order,
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices, Northcote.
1/7/1931.

CITY OF PRESTON

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Any person whose name has not been inserted in any of the said Lists who claims to have his or her name inserted therein, in respect of any rateable property, MUST GIVE OR SEND BY POST TO ME NOTICE IN WRITING, signed under his or her own hand, ON OR BEFORE THE SAID 14th DAY of JULY, 1931.

Any person whose name has not been inserted in any of the said Lists, and who claims to have his or her name inserted therein, in respect of rateable property, for which the name of some other person appears in such List, MUST GIVE OR SEND BY POST TO ME, NOTICE IN WRITING OF SUCH OBJECTION, signed under his or her own hand, ON OR BEFORE THE SAID 14th DAY of JULY, 1931, and also give to the person objected to, or send through post by registered letter to such person, addressed to the premises in respect of which his or her name appears to be entered in the Voters' Lists or Separate Voters' Lists, or leave at the said premises notice in writing of such objection according to the form of the Fifth Schedule of Local Government Act 1928, or to the like effect, stating the ground of such objection, and shall sign the same under his or her own hand, on or before the 14th day of July, 1931.

All claims and objetcions will be dealt with by the Revision Court, to be held at the TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, PRESTON, on WEDNESDAY, 22nd JULY, 1931, at 10 o'clock a.m.

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WESTGARTH THEATRE

Thrilling action abounds in "Fair Warning," featuring George O'Brien being screened this week-end, but the most spectacular sequence is furnished by a wild stallion, who, in order to evade capture, jumps from a cliff into the lake about 50 feet below. This trained horse and a dog possessed of almost human intelligence, play most interesting parts in this western epic, adapted from Max Brand's widely read story "The Untamed." Beautiful romance, powerful drama and natural scenic effects have been combined in the unusually entertaining picture, "Eyes of the World," from the popular book by Harold Bell Wright. Una Merkel, John Holland, Nance O'Neill and Brandon Hurst are in the featured cast.

On Monday next, Ruth Chatterton enacts two distinct roles in "The Right to Love." The story, set in the farm lands of the Middle West, tells of a girl whose secret love trysts engender a tragic sacrifice of happiness in later years, a state of affairs she determines will not be the heritage of her daughter. The manner in which love finds a way through two generations of straight laced repression, is convincingly narrated, and leads to a most surprising climax. "Big Boy" is a stirring comedy centred about the Kentucky Derby.

On Thursday next, Norma Talmadge, as one of the foremost heart adventuresses ever known, appears in "Du Barry: Woman of Passion." The rise to fame of the young milliner who later, as Madame Du Barry ruled a King and the hearts of the aristocracy provides the material for a most successful picture. A brilliant supporting cast includes William Farnum and Conrad Nagel. In "Re-Captured Love," the story deals with a business man who sacrifices his wife and son for a chorus girl. Through a series of highly amusing events he is finally brought to his senses. The strong cast headed by Belle Bennett, includes John Halliday and Dorothy Burgess.

Watch for "Hell's Angels."

Northcote Branch A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday, July 2, Mrs. Turnbull in the chair. Several nominations were received for membership. Half a guinea was voted in response to an appeal from Mildura branch. Mr. Carney was elected auditor in place of Hr. Hulett, who is away in the country. The librarian reported having received a number of new books for the library. A euchre tournament was held, Mr. Goodrick being the winner of the first prize. Syllabus item for next Thursday, papers by members.

A MOTOR COLLISION

POLICE CHARGE FAILS

As the result of a motor collision in High street, Thornbury at the Woolton avenue at about 10 a.m. on May 25, Samuel Fraser, Rubicon street, Preston North appeared at Northcote Court on Tuesday charged with having driven on the wrong side of the road.

Henrie Victoria Simmonds, sister in charge of the Northcote Baby Health Centre said: On May 22 I was driving a car north along High street. As I approached Woolton avenue, a car, coming in the other direction made a right hand turn into Woolton avenue and a collision occurred, although I endeavored to avoid it. The other car was driven by Frazer, and "cut the corner."

Hilda Stafford, nurse at the Northcote Baby Health Centre, residing at High street, Northcote said that she was in the car driven by Sister Simmonds and described the accident.

Cross-examined: The front of your car struck the back of the other car?—Yes.

What happened?—The other car was swung round and came to rest against the western kerb.

Did either you or Miss Simmonds give your name and addresses to the driver of the other car?—No.

Did you not go back to see if anyone was hurt?—No. We learnt from a passer-by that no one was injured.

William Frederick King, bootmaker, High street, Northcote said: Frazer's car was square across High street when the other car came along at a fast pace and hit it in the rear. Frazer's car was swung right round and crashed into a post.

I ran down to help the injured, and when I looked round I saw Sister Simmonds' car stopped about 60 yards away. I think that Frazer made a proper turn.

The P.M.: How did you come to see the accident?—I was worrying about a piece of music I was writing, when I saw the whole thing coming before my eyes.

The P.M.: Where did the cars hit?—Sister Simmond's car pushed the rear of Frazer's car right round in the arc of a circle. I've never seen anything like it before.

Sergt. McEniff: Was Frazer driving?—He was at the wheel, and after the accident was hanging out of his car.

Const. N. J. McDonald of Thornbury said: I went to the scene of the accident. There were skid marks on the west side tram tracks made by Sister Simmond's car. Frazer's car was on the north west corner, up against the kerb and facing south. Said marks showed that Frazer's car had cut the corner by 19 feet. Frazer said he was driving the car.

It was submitted for the defence that there was no case to answer.

The P. M. (Mr G. Brown) said the evidence was more consistent with a civil accident, and there is not sufficient eveidence to warrant a conviction.

The case was dismissed.

BOY SCOUTS.

First Preston Troop

The football team had their fourth win on Saturday when they defeated first Footscray by 21 points, the scores being 7—13 to 5—4, although Footscray excelled in the air. Preston's best players were.—A. Rackham, H. Watson, E. Robinson and E. Booth. On Saturday the practice for the Victorian team to play against the New South Wales team will be held on our ground and our troop will be represented by six players. At the Court of Honor held last Sunday, it was decided that the annual inter-patrol competitions, held in memory of our late brother scout, Tom Hurford, will commence on Friday, July 17. The items will probably be—quoits and skipping. Last Thursday night several members of the troop visited the West Preston Presbyterian hall and heard an interesting talk by Lieut-Col Kitson, the District Commissioner, on "The Earth and Its Neighbours." The cubs will parade as usual on Thursday, scouts on Friday, and the gymnasium class will meet on Monday.

First Northcote Rover Scout Crew

The evening last Thursday was devoted mainly to carpentry. Two stools were made for the rover's den. Then gymnastics were indulged in. Next Thursday is the Rover's birthday, a pound night being decided on. On Saturday July 18, the crew is to play a match against the third Fairfield troop.

Cubs

On Tuesday 53 cubs attended and two new boys were enrolled. On Saturday we had a parade to the Zoo, 55 cubs turned up to the hall at 2 o'clock. We marched to the Northcote Station and caught the train to the zoo. We had a great time and all came home happy. We meet on Tuesday night at usual at 7.30.

Turf . . . . . . Notes

(By "Luteplayer.")

Cockcrow's National

Most racegoers were surprised by the stamina displayed by Cockcrow in winning the Grand National Hurdle. There had never been any doubt about the Crowdennis gelding's brilliance, but his races always left the impression that three miles would prove beyond him. His breeding probably influenced this opinion, which was completely upset by his victory last Saturday. Cockcrow had the National won a long way from home and could have taken the lead at a much earlier stage than he did. He blundered badly at the last hurdle, but it was not due to him tiring; on the contrary he was the freshest horse at the finish. Cockcrow, unless he has company, is not a good jumper, and that explains his mistake at the last hurdle. Mosstrooper ran a gallant race in the mud but the heavy track and his 12.3 proved too much for him. Had the track been firmer, however, he would have gone close to winning. Kendler gave a shocking display. He had the "box seat" from the start, but was hopelessly beaten a mile from home. His display was that of a horse who had gone stale.

The Winning Jockey

A popular jockey is W. J. Howson, who rode Cockcrow to victory in the Grand National Hurdle. "Bill" Howson's advancement to the front rank of jumping riders is due entirely to his own efforts. He served his apprenticeship in the same school as W. Duncan, with the late Jos. Carr at Caulfield. That was a school in which the apprentice got a "fair go," but also had to do his share of hard work. Howson had to battle hard for rides and he was just beginning to make headway when an incident at a country meeting cost him his license for twelve months. Trainers, owners and others who witnessed the incident are still of the opinion that Howson received punishment that should have been given to another rider. When he had his license renewed Howson set out to make good, and made his services on the tracks available to every trainer in need. His industry won him his reward, and today he is in the front rank of jumping riders and earning good money. But on the tracks Bill is the "same old." His services remain available to any trainer, and he will "school anything." Howson is not a polished rider. He lacks the artistic touch and perfect balance of, say, Inkson or the late Hughie Cairns, but he gets results, and after all that is the main thing. Howson is more like a rider of the old school, and rides with longer leathers than most of the jockeys of today. One point of Howson's riding forces itself upon one, and that is his ability to stay in the saddle. At nearly every meeting at which a jumping event is decided we see a rider clouted out of the saddle when his mount hits an obstacle. This was an unpardonable offence a few years ago. Bill Howson, however, has rarely been jolted out of the saddle. He rides his mount to the ground. When Cockcrow blundered at the last hurdle last Saturday he made a clever recovery—one of the very many he has made.

Grand National Steeple

The V.R.C. winter jumping carnival will be concluded at Flemington tomorrow (Saturday), when the Grand National Steeplechase will be decided. Run over a distance of "about three miles and a furlong," the G.N. Steeple is the greatest cross-country event in Australia, although the Grand Annual at Warrnambool and the Great Eastern at Onkaparinga may be a little more spectacular. Last year Mosstrooper won the G.N. Steeple with 11.10, and on this occasion has only 11lbs. more, this because the conditions of the race fix the maximum weight at 12.7. In finishing third in the G.N. Hurdle the Kenilworth gelding did well considering the heavy state of the track. His jumping lacked the dash necessary for hurdling but is likely to be seen to a greater advantage over the big timber. Last Saturday's race should improve him and I fancy he will make amends for last week's failure. The chief danger appears to be Kentle, whose second in the Jumpers' Flat at Moonee Valley and first-finishing third in the Kensington Steeple on Saturday was good form. As a winner of the G.N. Hurdle there can be little doubt as to his ability to run out the distance. Last year Kentle had 12.0, or 5lbs. more than he has to-morrow; he lost his rider early in the event last year. Rakwool claims serious consideration. He won the Prince of Wales Steeple, two and a half miles, at Flemington on King's Birthday, and then went on to Caulfield, where, with 12.5, he made an exhibition of his rivals. He is used to carrying big weights, and his 11.9 in to-morrows race is his lowest impost for some time. The Woorak gelding is expected to make a bold showing. Namera is well known. He has not the dash of a few seasons ago, but he is a safe jumper and it would be no surprise to see him again share in the prize money. Indicate is a good jumper, but he is of the one pace type. He cannot be discarded, but his chance does not appeal. Extortion is a hunter who is hardly class enough, and Bang Bang does not look like running at the full journey. Ferner has good form in the Western District, but lack of experience of the Flemington country may tell against him. Ancient Mariner is a possibility, but of the lightweights Congoola is preferred. He was a fast-finishing second to Nightlark last Saturday. On form the others have to be discarded, with the possible exception of Tressady Rock, who came home well to win at Williamstown. The placings may be:—

MOSSTROOPER 1
KENTLE 2
RAKWOOL 3

ANTICIPATIONS

Lawn Handicap

Green Moth 1
Umbertana 2
Spanish Galleon 3

Doutta Galla Hurdle

Polygonum 1
Firmeroi 2
Olina 3

Trial Hurdle

Taciturn 1
Sere 2
The Locker 3

Footscray Steeplechase

Night Lark 1
Bang Bang 2
Sandhurst 3

July Handicap

Myarin 1
Maggie Carilla 2
Lynden 3

Preston Boys' Band

ON July 3 Mrs. J. McIntosh (president of the Mothers' committee, entertained about 50 mothers and supporers of the Boys' band. On July 7 at Mrs. Downie's a similar afternoon took place and was enjoyed by all.

Northcote Unemployed Association

With Mr. A. Biggins in the chair the meeting held on July 8 was well attended.

Election Notices

It was decided to use the truck to take the wood to the mens' homes and not to take part in the hand out, as it was only asking the tradespeople to keep us, when we should apply to the Government for more sustenance or work. On July 10 an open air meeting will be held at the corner of High street and Gladstone avenue. The social evening last Friday was a big success. The next meeting will be held on July 10.

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Thursday brings "Min and Bill" with the theme a poignant struggle between mother and foster mother over the fate of a child, a thing often seen in our law courts and is a most interesting screen drama. The fine qualities of the new Metro-Coldwyn-Mayer picture is due to the brilliant acting of Marie Dressler and Wallace Berry in the respective title roles. From beginning to end "June Moon" is gay entertainment, filled with howling situations, and peppered with dialogue that's wild woolly and meaningful. There's punch in this comedy making it first class, buoyant, lively entertainment The work of the entire cast is praiseworthy, particularly that of Jack Oakie and his new and charming lead ing lady, Frances Dee.

"Hell's Angels" has been booked for a season shortly.

BABY COMPETITION

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This competition commences on Monday, July 20. Owing to the wonderful success of the last Baby Competition held at the Regent Theatre, Thornbury, in conjunction with Cyril Stevens Studios (758 High street Thornbury), the managements of the Regent Theatre and Studios have decided to again run this competition. It is expected that it will be well patronised as the prizes are attractive and there have been many requests for this competition to be repeated.

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ANNUAL MEETING

...Tuesday, July 7, in the North... Town Hall, the second annual ...ting of the above auxiliary was ... The Mayor and Mayoress of ...hcote (Cr. and Mrs. J. H. ...) were present, the former pre... Mrs. J. J. Ryan, president ... auxiliary, welcomed the visit... Mesdames H. C. Dyte, and E. Scott (Thornbury Q.V.H. Aux.), ...dames S. Dennis and Harley ...thcote Women's Aux.), Mr. and ... J. A. Thomson, Mrs. Bouchier ... St. Vincent's Central Exe..., Dr. N. McArthur (St. Vin...'s Hospital) and Mesdames Dinn, Bennetts and B. E. Johnson. The ...ort was read by the secretary, ... J. F. Cooper, and the balance ...et by Mr. J. A. Thomson. On ...motion of Cr. Hayes, seconded by ... N. McArthur, the report and bal... sheet were adopted. The fol...ing office bearers were elected:—...roness, Mrs. Carew, President, ...s. J. J. Ryan, vice-presidents, Mes...mes J. Devery, McMahon, Slattery, ...dy, McGregor, McCristal and L. Roberts; press correspondent, Mrs. P. Ryan; hon. treasurer, Mrs. W. Jowett; assistant secretary, Miss M. Carew; hon. secretary, Mrs. J. F. Cooper; hon. auditor, Mr. J. A. Thomson.

Mrs. Bouchier thanked the auxiliary for their great work during the year and Dr. McArthur presented Mrs. J. J. Ryan, president, and Mrs. J. F. Cooper, secretary, with valuable gifts, and Mrs. Carew with a life governorship. Mrs. J. J. Ryan thanked the Mayor for presiding and the Mayoress, and both responded suitably.

A very creditable report was presented, setting out the numerous social functions of the year. Christmas cheer was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital for the patients, who expressed their delight. The balance sheet shows that £262/3/6 has passed through the treasurer's hands, of which £83/4/7 was a balance from the previous year. Among the receipts are subscriptions and donations, £27/14/6; ball, £68/5/; sweep, £20/1/; card afternoons, £41/18/1; and sundries, £21/0/4. The expenditure includes donations to hospital, £203; hire of hall and catering, £34/11/3; donation to unemployed, £5/5; expenses etc, £18/4/8, leaving a balance of £1/2/7 in hand.

During the afternoon Mrs. Hennessy rendered several songs and Miss Lennan delighted with recitations. Duets on piano and violin were given by Misses Lennan.

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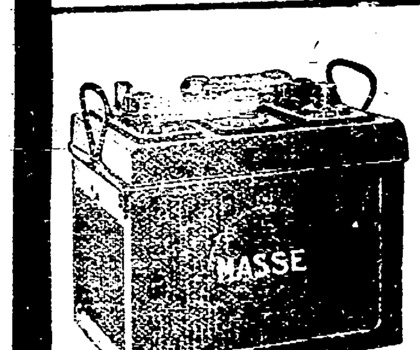
WESTGARTH NEWS

Personal.—An old resident of the State, in the person of William Juner died on June 30 at his daughter's residence, 63 Union street, Northcote. Deceased, who was 94 years of age had formerly lived for many years in Brunswick and Kinglake. He had a family of seven, of whom one son and four daughters survive.

H.A.C.B.S. Card Tournament.—The Northcote and district H.A.C.B.S. social committee has arranged a euchre tournament to be held on Sunday afternoon, July 19. A large number of entries have been received from the various branches.

Community singing is held every Sunday evening before the commencement of the services at the Westgarth Baptish Church.



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CHURCH NEWS

Methodist Church, High Street

Next Saturday the first of a series of social gatherings to be held among the church people will be held, and will take the form of a novelty night, conducted by the married ladies of the church in aid of trust funds.

Last Sunday evening a musical service was held, the preacher being Rev F. J. Jennings. His subjert was "Favirote Hymns." The choir, under Mr. A. Burge, rendered special singing, and individual members also assisted Mr. Jennings in the conduct of the service. The organist, Miss I. Park, Mus. Bac., gave an organ recital from 6.40 to 7 o'clock, and the soloist was Miss O. Batten. The male quartette party also gave an item.

On the first Sunday evening in August a Young Ladies Service is to be held. Sister Gwen is to preach and members of the Young Ladies Class will assist in the service. The choir for this service will consist entirely of ladies, under Mrs. B. G. Anthony.

Church of Christ, Northcote

On Thursday, July 2, about 50 members attended a Foreign Mission demonstration at Thornbury Church of Christ, Mr. George Waldon, Federal Foreign Mission Secretary, being the speaker.

A successful Bible Class Social, organised by Messrs. Anderson and Harrison, was held on July 4.

Fair attendances assembled on Sunday last. The Foreign Mission offering at the morning strvice amounted to over £13. The Bible Class reached a record attendance of 23 Miss Mavis Anderson was the soloist at the evening service.

All Saints' Northcote

A spiritual campaign for the uplift of the parish commenced last Sunday, when Rev. C. H. Nash M.A., preached morning and evening. During the week a series of prayer meetings was held. On Sunday next the theme will be evangelism, when evangelical services will be conducted in the evening by the young people from the parish, and these meetings will be continued each evening from the 13th to the 17th inst. Next Sunday evening the Rev. C. H. Nash will preach and Mr. Reg Gray, of the Y.M.C.A., will be the soloist.

C.E.M.S.

The Church of the Epiphany Men's Society held their second dance on Tuesday at the Epiphany Hall, when 90 were present. The second heat winners of the waltz competition were Mr. and Miss McKenzie, Mr. Williams and Miss Walker, Mr. Docking and Miss Harvey. The final resulted in Mr. McGie and Miss Mackay winning. Rev. T. Cole presented the judge (Miss Volke, of the Jennie Brennan School of Dancing) with a bouquet on behalf of the members.

Women's Christian Temperance Union

The monthly meeting of the Northcote branch was held in the Church of Christ on July 7. Mrs. A. J. Cornish, vice-president, occupied the chair. Mrs. Williams, from the headquarters, addressed the meeting on the forthcoming "Win One" campaign, to be conducted next month. Duets sung by Mesdames Clask and Paull and recitations by Mrs. Watson, were apprteiated. Mesdames Junor and Hazeldine were appointed delegates to the annual conference. There was a large attendance and one new member was enrolled. A vote of thanks was moved to the speaker and artists by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mrs. Oldis.

Missionary Meeting

On Totsday evening a well-attended missionary meeting was held in the Baptist Church, High street, when Mr. and Mrs. Lunn, of the Soudan Mission gave an interesting account of the work there—Mrs. Lunn dealing with tht work among the boys and Mr. Lunn with the wider scope of the mission. Mr. W. Saunders presided, and Rev. F. J. Jennings distrubuted the prizes won by Christian Endeavour members during the year. Several musical items were rendered during the evtning.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

The pastor (Rev. E. C. Hadley was again at his post in the pulpit on Sunday, whtn large congregations attended both services.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church

At a special meeting of leaders, held on Sunday it was decided to participate in the forthcoming "Follow Me" challenge, to be held in over 200 Methodist Churches in the metropolitan area. The local minister will conduct the services from August 15.

The morning service was conducted by Rev. F. J. Jennings and a large congregation appreciated his message. The preacher for the evening was Rev. J. T. Duggleby, who spoke of the parable of the potter.

Preston Church of Christ

Last Sunday was observed as Foreign Missionary Day, when special offerings were received among churches of Christ throughout Australia. At Preston a splendid response was made with a record offering. This is for missionary work conducted by Australian Churches of Christ in India, China and the New Hebrides. The services throughout the day were largely attended, and the Sunday school passed all previous records.

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

The Men's Mutual Improvement Society of the Croxton Methodist Church is running monthly Pleasant Sunday afternoons, and the second held on Sunday last was well attended. The chair was occupied by Mr. E. A. Freeman (president). The Thelma Quartette Party (Messrs. R. Cox, Reg Buddy, Hy. Wells and Bert Cox) rendered items and encores. Miss Eileen Wall recited splendidly Rev. Palmer Phillips, Ivanhoe, gave an address on "Christ and the Depression."

The chairman moved a vote of thanks to the speaner, and the artists which was carried by acclamation.

In the evening the pulpit was taken by he pastor (Mr. J. E. Blackney) who preached a forceful sermon on "The Power of Opposition." The fine anthem rendered by the choir was "Lift up your Heads, O ye Gates."

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

In spite of the present wintry conditions large congregations continue at Holy Trinity. On Sunday evening a special admission service of the Girls' Friendly Society was held when a number of girls were impressed with the high ideals of the society, enunciated at the service, and admitted to membership. The vicar officiated.

On Sunday next, services are to commence at 11 a.m. with Choral Eucharist, and at 7 p.m. Evensong, the celebrant and preacher being the vicar. The evening service is expected to be of a particularly bright character and a large attendance is confidently anticipated. A special mens' service is listed for Sunday, July 19, at 3 p.m. The visiting speaker will be Mr. G. E. James (president of the church of England Men's Society), while the celebrated Metro-Male Quartette of 3LO fame will render suitable musical items. These features together with the performance of the church organist, Mr. W. Ellis, on Trinity's fine organ, should be sufficient to arouse the interest of churchgoers. The vicar, who will officiate at the service, is confident that a large gathering of men will be present. On July 21 an entertainment of first class quality will be provided by the Merrymakers concert party in the parish hall. Proceeds are for the poor of the parish, and tickets are now in circulation The dance on Saturday, besides providing enjoyment for all present will stimulate the church maintenance fund.

Banquet at Croxton

The Croxton Methodist Men's Improvement Society held their annual banquet on Saturday evening. The hall was gaily decorated with national flags, lent by Mr. Nelder, and streamers in the Society's colors (blue and gold). Mr. E. A. Freeman, president, presided over al arge gathering of members and friends. The toast of the evening was entrusted to Mr. T. George, and Mr. J. E. Blackney responded. Cr. W. H. Turner responded to the toast of the Northcote Council. Many other toasts were honored. Songs were rendered by Mr. L. Lancaster and recitations by Mr. Sheldrick, Mr. M. J. Wyatt accompanied.

Special services were held at the Reservoir Presbyterian Church on Sunday last. Rev. Robertson officiated in the afternoon at a christening service, when the children of Messrs. Baker and Vantoff were admitted to the church. In the evenihg a special service was taken by Rev. Leckie, Director of Home Missions.

STRUUCK BY MOTOR CAR

When crossing Wellington parade near the intersection of Flinders and Spring streets on the night of June 11, John Alexander, ager 40 years, labourer, of James street, Northcote, was fatally injured when he was knocked down by a car briven by Charles Gavan Duffy, barrister, of Tintern avenue, Toorak. The coroner (Mr. D. Grant, P.M.) on July 2 held an inquest and returned a verdict of death by misadventure.

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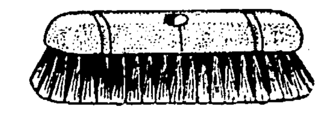

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8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Rev. C. H. Nash, M.A.
3 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7 p.m.—Rev. C. H. Nash, M.A.
Soloist: Mr. Reg Gray.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
Bayview Street
Trinity VI.: July 12.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Matins, 11 a.m.
Evensong, 7 p.m.
Preacher: The Vicar.
Subject: "Wycliffe and His Time."

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
(Shaftesbury Parade)
Sunday, July 12: Sixth Sunday after Trinity.
11 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.
3 p.m.—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar. (Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain)
Sunday, July 19: Seventh Sunday after Trinity.
3 p.m. — Special Men's Service. Speaker, Mr. G. E. James. Special singing by Metro Male Quartette, of broadcasting fame.

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Sunday, July 12.
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10 a.m.—Juvenile Church.
11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7 p.m.—Evensong.

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Northcote
11 a.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
7 p.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
St. George's Road
11 a.m.—Mr. Heaver.
7 p.m.—Mr. Ham.
Croxton
11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.

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Municipal Elections
CITY OF PRESTON
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MR. E. F. NORRIS
has consented, at the request of a number of prominent residents, to contest the Central Ward Seat. He will stand as the nominated candidate of the Preston Ratepayers' Protection League.
GEO. HENDERSON,
H. F. NISBETT,
Joint Secs. Pro Tem.

PRESTON MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
WEST WARD
CR.
LLEWELLYN JONES
J.P.
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City of Northcote
TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE WEST WARD
LADIES & GENTLEMEN,
My term of office as one of your representatives will expire in August.
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SUSTENANCE FRAUDS

TWO CASES AT PRESTON

WOMAN FINED £10

At the Preston court on Thursday, before Mr. E. R. Stafford, P.M., and Messrs. O. A. Walker and T. J. McMahon, J.'s.P., Alice Blum, Wood street, Preston, was charged with having, between February 2 and April 30, by means of a false representation in writing, imposed on the Preston Relief Sustenance Committee.

Mrs. Blum pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. A. E. O'Connor.

Harold Elsfelder, baker, Plenty road, Preston; Norman L. Hewett, Plenty road, Preston, grocer; and Charles Eric Osterberg, Plenty road, Preston, butcher, stated that between February and April they supplied food to Mrs. Blum and members of her family on sustenance orders.

William H. Davis, secretary to the Preston Unemployed Relief Committee, said he issued sustenance orders to Alice Blum, of Wood street.

Plain-clothes Constable Edgerton said:—"On June 17 I interviewed Mrs. Blum, and she admitted signing a declaration by which to apply for sustenance. She further admitted that at the time there was her husband in pensions coming into the house. She said, "My husband was ill and I went to the town hall to get sustenance for my daughter. I was advised to apply myself and did so."

In a statement Blum (the husband) said that several members of the family were out of work. As soon as he found out that persons into whose home there was an income of £2 a week were not entitled to sustenance he handed in the sustenance cards.

Continuing, Constable Edgerton said:—Mrs. Blum also stated, "I signed the form W. H. Blum, per Alice Blum, because my husband was ill."

Mr. O'Connor submitted that a declaration could not be signed by procuration, and it was, then it was not a declaration.

The P.M. said that Alice Blum had made the declaration, and it was she who was charged.

Mrs. Blum said:—My daughter went to the town hall to seek work, and was told she could be given assistance to the extent of 2/6 a week. One of clerks after making inquiries said he could "go one better" and help me and my three children. He gave me a form which I signed.

The P.M.: Did you read it?

Mrs. Blum: No.

You did not care whether it was true or false? I did. I did not think anyone would "let me in" like that.

Mr. O'Connor: Did you sign the paper before a justice?

Mrs. Blum: Not that I know of.

Did the man ask you if the statements were true?—No.

You signed it and then he also signed it?—Yes.

You then went to Mr. Davis and were given sustenance tickets?—Yes.

Sergt. Lang: Why did you sign the paper?—To help my three children.

You knew at the time that you were receiving £4 a week?—Yes, but I wanted to help my children.

Nellie Blum, 18 years, gave similar evidence.

The P.M.: Did your mother read the form over before she signed it?—No.

Was it read to her before she signed it?—No.

William Henry Blum said:—At an unemployed meeting I learned in April that any family receiving over £2 a week was not entitled to sustenance. I told my wife to "knock off" the sustenance, and the next day I handed in the sustenance cards.

I asked Mr. Davis to take the cards and he said, "Come back tomorrow." I said, "I can't. I've got an appointment." He said, "Put the cards down then. There's a time and a place for everything."

I never got a chance to explain the matter. You don't get much of a hearing at the town hall.

The P.M.: It is not right to cast aspersions on anybody who does a vast amount of work.

Mr. Walker, J.P.: I know the workings of the scheme, and I know that every case is given the fullest consideration.

The P.M. said that the bench must convict. This lady must have known that she was not entitled to the sustenance, and so had robbed others. The sustenance system was a big one, and heavy penalties must be imposed to deter others.

A fine of £10 was imposed, in default 14 days' imprisonment.

A stay of one month was allowed.

ANOTHER CASE

Patrick Crane, of Tanjil, formerly of Jeffrey street, Preston, was also charged with having, between March 2 and April 6, imposed on the Preston Relief Committee. He pleaded guilty.

W. H. Davis, secretary to the Relief Committee, said:—I supplied sustenance orders to Crane on the representations that he was a married man supporting two children.

Plain-clothes Constable Edgerton said:—Crane admitted having signed the declaration. He also said his wife had been dead for three years, and his two children were not being supported by him.

Crane said:—I wanted to get some "tucker" to keep me going for a week or so until I could get away mining. I am now on a few pennyweights.

The P.M.: Why did you sign the declaration?

Crane: I was just back from the bush and didn't want to impose on others.

The P.M.: So you imposed on the Government?—Yes. (Laughter.)

Are you doing well?—We are keeping ourselves in tucker. We shoot a blue crane occasionally. (Laughter.) Although we got help at first we are not getting it now.

The P.M.: You are making a praiseworthy effort to keep yourself.

The Sergt.: This is not such a bad case.

The P.M.: You had to come down specially for this case?

Crane: Yes. I walked from Moe.

A fine of £5 was imposed, in default seven days' imprisonment.

A stay of 28 days was granted.

"KEEP OUT MY NAME!"

A FAMILIAR REQUEST

(From an Exchange)

We wonder if there is a newspaper office in existence in which the above request has not been heard. We heard not long since, the person making it having, to use his own words, "Got into a little trouble with the police the other day, and don't want my friends to know it." These persons generally leave knowing more of the editor's mind than they were acquainted with before.

A short time ago we called on a certain party and asked why he did not advertise. "Oh!" he answered, "what's the use? Nobody will see it." "You are mistaken," said we, every part of our paper is read." "Nonsense," he replied, "even if people did read my advertisement they would never think of it again. I don't want to advertise." "But ——" we were continuing. He broke in. "No buts at all; I don't want to advertise, and don't bother me any more." And he walked back into his shop and strangled a poor little fly that was helping itself from a tin of lollies.

Time passed, and we never again suggested advertising, although meeting every day. The other day, however, this gentleman called on our editor, looking a little uncertain as to how he would be received. We cherished no ill-feelings, and mentioned him to a chair. "I suppose," he began, "you've heard of that little affair of mine." "Oh, yes!" replied the editor, "that little escapade in ——street the other night. We've got all the particulars." "Hush, not so loud, please," said he, "of course you're not going to publish anything of it in the paper." "And why not? came the query. "It is a matter of interest to your friends and the public generally." Said he, "Good heavens! Why it would ruin me!" The editor replied, "Oh, no, I guess not: nobody will ever see it." Said he, "Yes they will, and it ruin me as sure as I'm sitting here; I will be the laughing stock of the town. They will see it alright." The editor rose and touched him on the shoulder. "Well, we admit the people will see it; but then you know they will never think of it again."

PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, JULY 16.

Before Mr. E. R. Stafford, P.M., and Messrs O. A. Walker and T. J. McMahon J's.P.

Claim for Damages

John H. T. Cummings, Youngman street, Preston, through his uncle, David M. Trotman sued George Skipper, Youngman street, Preston, for the sum of £1/1 the value of a pair of trousers torn by Skipper's dog.

Cummings said that: "I was passing Skipper's place on June 14 when a dog ran out and tore my trousers. I went and saw Skipper who said that the dog was his wife's and then later said it belonged to his children.

The P.M.: Oh a family dog. (laughter).

I saw Mrs. Skipper next day and she said I could get them mended by a tailor for about 1/. She offered to mend them if I brought them to her.

The P.M.: Did you take the trousers to her?

Witness: No.

The P.M.: How do you say the dog is Skipper's?

Witness: "I interviewed Skipper who gave me a written statement that he would replace the trousers as soon as possible, on account of the damage done by his dog. He also said he was unemployed and had nothing."

The P.M. said there would be an order for £1/1 and 6/ costs.

Motor Cyclists Four Charges

George James Pierce, Bell street, Preston, was charged that on May 24 he rode an unregistered motor cycle that he drove without a license; that he failed to have a bell or horn attached to the machine, and that he gave a false name and address.

Constable Cunningham said on May 24 he stopped Pierce at Thomastown. There was no bell or horn on the machine, Pierce gave a wrong name, and when I taxed him with it he said: "I've done it before and have got away with it." I asked him how long he had been riding an unregistered motor cycle and he said "For five years."

Defendant: Did you see me riding the machine?—Yes.

Edward James Fullard, High street Preston, giving evidence for Pierce said: "As I was going along the road I saw Pierce and another man sitting on a machine at the side of the road. As I passed defendant dropped my fish tail and asked Pierce to pick it up and that I would be back in a few minutes. I did not see Pierce ride the machine at any time except when instructed to do so by the police.

Sergeant Lang: Are you prepared to swear that the police never saw Pierce riding the machine?—I cannot say. They may have a telescope, (laughter).

Was the machine you were riding registered?—No. But I am already up on that case.

Pierce: I was trying to sell the machine to the man who was with me. The engine was hot as we were short of oil. We were sitting on the roadside waiting for the engine to cool when the police came along. The name I gave to the police was my business name.

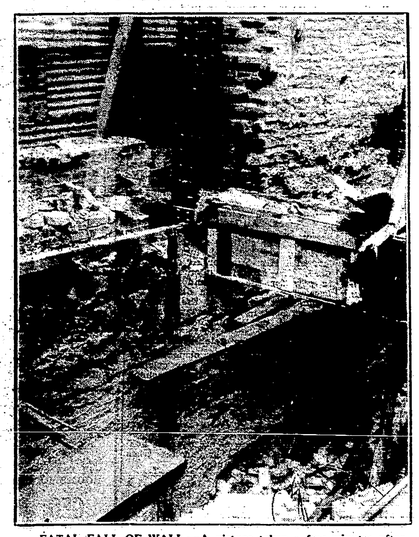
Fines were imposed as follows.—No registration, £3; no license, £1; no horn, 10/; false name and address £5. Pierce admitted prior convictions for similar charges recently at Northcote.

A stay of 28 days was granted.

No Light

Edward Poulter, Dundas street, Preston, who drove a lorry on July 7 without a light was fined £3 in default of 7 days' imprisonment.

COLLAPSE OF WALL



FATAL FALL OF WALL.—A picture taken a few minutes after the accident, this photograph shows the scene where a foreman carpenter was killed and four other workmen injured when a brick wall fell during reconstruction work at the Little Bourke street premises of the Myer Emporium Ltd. on Monday. The men were working in the basement below the girder and were crushed by the falling brickwork.
Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

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Help the Tradespeople who are out to Help You !

Activities at Preston

By The Rouseabout.

Reservoir District Band

MR. Davis presided at the weekly meeting at Mr. Flander's residence. Instruction classes will commence on Thursday, July 23, under the direction of Mr. Burke, and will continue every Thursday and Sunday. Arrangements for a fancy dress procession and carnival are being made. In spite of bad times house collections are satisfactory. A "one day shooting drive" in aid of the funds will take place shortly.

Injured When Wall Collapses

LESLIE Hill, 43 years, of Mitchell street, Preston, was injured when a wall fell at Myer's new building in Post Office place, city. One man was killed outright and four were injured, one of the injured men subsequently succumbing to his injuries. The wall being built was of brick, and about four tons of bricks fell on the unfortunate men.

Preston Girls' School

ON Thursday afternoon, July 9, two new tennis courts were opened at the Preston Girls' School, Cooma street, by Mr. Hansen, Director of Education, in the presence of a large and representative gathering, including about 200 parents. The mayor of Preston (Cr. G. E. Robinson) introduced Mr. Hansen, who was accompanied by the district school inspector, Mr. Greenwood. Cr. H. P. Zwar and Mesdames Sutcliffe, James, Rice and Rofe, representing the advisory council of the school, were also in attendance. The director served the first ball on one of the courts. Later on a fancy dress hockey match was played by a number of the girls, the game resulting in a draw. In the course of an interesting address, Mr. Hansen made reference to the fine stamp of girls in attendance at the school, and expressed the opinion that they would become good citizens of Preston in the future. Afternoon tea was partaken of, and a pleasant afternoon was passed. It was decided to re-organise the Mothers' Club, which has been in recess for some time. A meeting of the club has been called for next Wednesday afternoon at the school, when the appointment of office-bearers will be proceeded with.

Preston Rowing Club

THE annual smoke night in connection with the Preston Rowing Club has been fixed for Saturday, August 1.

Preston Council Loan

ON Monday evening the Preston council, by means of a special order, agreed to transfer £1040 towards the construction of High street, this being the unspent balance of a loan of £37,000. To enable this to be done a special act of Parliament had to be passed. The money is now being spent.

Good Catch of Flathead

ON Sunday last McCausland and party, members of the Preston Anglers' Club, made a trip to Beaumaris and landed 190 flathead.

Motor Car Stripped

MR. A. Lbister, in the employ of H. P. Zwar Pty. Ltd., was walking homewards on a recent evening when he saw a motor car in Taylor street, Thornbury, which had been stripped of almost everything that could be removed.

Preston Council's By-Laws

THE Preston council will take into consideration with its estimates for 1931-32 the question of revising all the by-laws of the city.

57-60th Battalion (Merri-Heidelberg Regiment

LAST Saturday the 57th Battalion match rifle team held a practice shoot at Williamstown range. Out of a possible 40 the lowest individual score was 36 from 500 yards. This augurs well for the forthcoming matches.

Fire Alarms Broken

LAST Friday at 12.37 p.m. Preston firemen were called to the corner of Spring and May streets by a false alarm. At 1.11 p.m. on the same day they were again called to the same spot, the glass having been broken a again. Boys, who are known, were the culprits in each instance.

Another Bicycle Theft

ROY Newell, Northernhay street, Preston, had his bicycle stolen from the rear of his residence last Sunday. It was valued at £5.

Destruction of Shrubs

SHRUBS in Jessie street rockery have been damaged recently. It is believed that boys were responsible.

Milton Street Quarry Hole

THE Preston council has instructed its engineer to use the old quarry hole at Milton street for a tip, on the understanding that it will be properly covered so as not to cause any nuisance.

Preston Bowling Club

THIS club will hold its annual meeting at the pavilion in Murray road on Saturday evening.

Preston Pavilion

THE Preston council has issued instructions that the pavilion at Preston Park must not be used for the holding of meetings unless with the santion of the council.

Preston Court Returns

MR. Prowse, clerk of courts at Preston, has compiled returns of business transacted at the local court for the quarter ending June 30, 1931, as follows:—300 cases were listed, including 25 arrests, 131 summonses for various offences, for which 123 persons were connected and 8 dismissed, 79 debt claims amounting to £816, the sum of £659 being awarded; and 65 miscellaneous cases. Mr. O. A. Walker, J.P., put in an appearance at a dozen court sittings, Mr. McMahon 7, Mr. Hooper 4, and Mr. Flanders 2. About 16 other justices, including one woman, did not attend on any occasion. At the Northcote court for the same quarter 585 cases were set down for hearing.

Wireless Set Disappears

HENRY Fennell, of Pender street, Preston, had an Astor electric wireless set and speaker, valued at £21/10/-, stolen from the address given on Thursday, July 9.

Robbery from Car

LAST Sunday a spare rim, tyre and tube, and a box of spanners, valued at £6, were stolen from a motor car in May street, Preston. The property belonged to Albert Robertson, Harold street, Thornbury.

Letter from Preston, England

CR. L. Jones forwarded a letter to the Preston council, Lancashire, England, by the first air mail between the two countries, to which he has received the following reply from the mayor (Cr. T. H. Atherton):—"We were very pleased to receive your most interesting letter of April 20, which was read to the members of the council. The members expressed their appreciation of the kind tihngs you say about our Preston, and were greatly interested in your resume of the position in Australia. I can assure you that we on our part will never forget the wonderful way in which the Anzacs rallied to the help of the Mother Country during the Great War, and it is with real regret that we learn of the difficulty through which you are passing. We sincerely hope, however, that with goodwill on all sides your troubles will soon be overcome and prosperity restored to your wonderful country. The first air mail between the two ends of the Empire is indeed an epoch-making event in our history, and it was a good idea to forward your letter by this means. The complete envelope will be kept in the achives with your letter. On behalf of the members of the council and of the town in general, I thank you for your good wishes and would convey to you on their behalf cordial greetings to Preston, Australia."

The town clerk of the English Preshas has received the honor of knighthood, and is now Sir Alfred Howarth.

Preston Red Cross Auxiliary

THE last monthly meeting was presided over by the mayoress (Mrs. G. E. Robinson). One new member was welcomed. The balance sheet of the recent bazaar showed a profit of close on £85. It was decided to send 12 monogram quilts and 12 sheets to the ward at the Eye and Ear Hospital. A Dorcas sewing class is to be formed in connection with the auxiliary. The mayoress will act as president. The first sewing meeting will be held at Mrs. Fred Yann's residence, 98 High street, South Preston, near Raglan street, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All ladies interested are asked to attend. Donations of drapery, wool or clothing suitable for renovating are solicited, and may be left with Mrs. Yann or Mrs. F. Sheppard. The intention of the class is to sew for the poor and needy or benevolent cases in the district.

The next meeting of the auxiliary will be held in the mayoress' room, town hall, on Wednesday, August 5, at 2.30 p.m.

Arbor Day Celebration

ON Friday afternoon of fast week there was an Arbor Day celebration at West Preston State school, when the Queensland box trees were planted under the supervision of Mr. Eagles, the local municipal curator. Representatives of the Mothers 'Club, school committee, and a scholar from each grade planted a tree. On the following day a working bee was held and guards placed around the trees which had been planted.

Haul of Cigarettes and Tobacco

LAST Saturday night thieves paid a visit to the tobacconist's shop of Lionel Bortnoski, Bell street, Preston. Tobacco and cigarettes to the value of £35 were taken.

South Preston Methodist Church

IN aid of the trust funds a concert was presented in the school hall last Wednesday evening. The programme was given by the members of the South Melbourne Presbyterian Church choir under the baton of Mr. Simmonds, a former organist of South Preston Methodist Church, who was ably supported. The arrangements were made by Mr. Vivian McGraw.

Preston Baby Health Centre

THE following is the report for the month of June:—Attendances at centre, 820; mothers, 409; babies, 411; new cases, 52. The number of births in Preston for the month was 43. Sir Truby King, the infant welfare authority, has been invited by the mayor of Preston (Cr. G. E. Robinson) to pay a visit to Preston in order to meet the local doctors, also those from surrounding districts, as well as nurses and probably other persons who are interested in the work. The visit, it is expected, will eventuate on Tuesday evening, August 4. On the following afternoon at 2 o'clock the mothers of Preston and the general public are to be invited to meet the distinguished doctor at the municipal buildings, where he will speak on matters pertaining to the health and welfare of mothers and babies. It is anticipated that there will be a large gathering, as it is seldom that an opportunity arises for people to gain such information from such a distinguished man.

'Snowball Tea."

A "Snowball Tea" was held at the home of Mrs. McRae, Malpas street, Preston, on Thursday, July 9, at which there were about 20 ladies present. A guessing competition was won by Mrs. Morrison. The proceeds will go towards the stocking of stalls for the forthcoming sale of work at St. Mary's Church of England, East Preston.

A Stolen Jinker

ON Sunday last a rubber tyred jinker, valued at £6, was stolen from outside the house of George Nixon, Donovan street, Preston.

Newsboys' Football Match

THE football match between Bell and Thornbury newsboys arranged for last Saturday afternoon was postponed for a fortnight on account of the bad state of the ground.

STREET CONSTRUCTION AT PRESTON

The committee of the council recommended to the Preston council at its meeting on Monday that plans be prepared for the construction of Devon street, Collins street, Mitchell street and Cuthbert road.

Cr. Jones moved an amendment that the committee consider the matter in conjunction with the report of the Commonwealth Bank as to what funds would be available. It would be foolish to prepare plans for streets when there was little likelihood of going on with the work.

The mayor (Cr. Robinson) said that the owners had repeatedly asked that the streets be constructed, and many of them were able to put up a substantial proportion of the cost. As soon as the money became aavilable the work could go ahead. The money market showed signs of settling.

After a good deal of discussion the amendment was lost, and the recommendation of the committee was adopted. Crs. Maynard, Jones and Spratling voted for the amendment.

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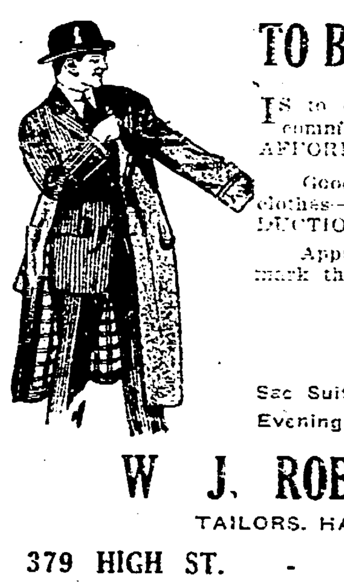

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CHURCH NEWS

Breach of Promise

The Church of England Men's Society provided an amusing and original entertainment in the Parish Hall of the Epiphany Church on Thursday evening. It was a trial for recovery of damages for a breach of promise of marriage. There was a good attendance in the hall to witness the case. The stage was furnished to represent the interior of a court of law and the forensic dress of officials was worn by those taking part, from the wig and gown of His Honor and counsel to the uniform of the policeman who kept order in the court. Angelina Spendulix (Mr. Cohen) was capital and Mr. A Singleton was her counsel, while cross-examination came from Mr. V. Preston for defendant. The Bench was occupied by the Chief Justice (Mr. Arthur Rogerson) and the police officer (Mr. Harry Marriner) throughout the evening maintained the dignity of the force. Messrs. C. Simpson, R. Brockie Albert Church, Frank Marriner and Master Austin, took other characters in good style. The jury, with Mr. Edney as foreman after the judge's summing up without leaving the box, returned a verdict for plaintiff with damages.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

Particularly good singing by the choir, marked the services in Sunday last. During evensong the anthem "Thy Way Not Mine, O Lord" was rendered, Miss Tomlinson being the capable soloist. The vicar officiated at all services.

Sunday, July 19, services commence at 8 a.m. with Holy Communion, followed at 11 a.m. with Matins and sermon, and at 7 p.m. by Evensong and sermon. At 3 p.m. a special service for men is to be conducted by the vicar when it is confidently anticipated that most of the men of the parish will be in attendance. The speaker is to be Mr. G. E. James, of the Central Executive of the Church of England Men's Socitey, while appropriate music will be provided by the Metro Male Quartette of broadcasting fame.

Interesting entertainment of excellent quality is the basis of the concert to be held on the Parish Hall on July 21. The original, celebrated Merrymaker's Concert Party will be in attendance and an enjoyable evening is assured. The proceeds are for the Parish Relief Fund.

The Church for All

The Church for All Thornbury, held a successful euchre party and dance in aid of the Childrens' Hospital on 7th inst. under the patronage of the Mayoress of Northcote who arrived at 9 o'clock accompanied by the Mayor and in a pleasing speech complimented the church on its wonderful effort and especially Miss Mary Arthur, the hon. organiser. There were old time, new and novelty dances, the winners being Mr. Walker and partner and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter. Euchre was keenly contested and enjoyed, the winners being—ladies—Mrs. Forbes 1, Mrs. Lyons, booby; gents—Mr. Tom Murray 1, Mr. Bailey booby. The inseparables "Bubble and Squeak" added to the enjoyment of the evening. A cushion kindly donated by Mrs. Walker, was won by Mrs. Compton, 69 Clarendon street, Thornbury (ticket No. 62) whilst Miss Durnford won the box of chocolates with the lucky number, 96. The ladies of the church who kindly provided the refreshments are to be thanked and congratulated on the excellent fare provided. This effort was a huge success socially and financially as the organiser was able to forward to the Childrens' Hospital the sum of £13.

High Street Methodist Church

An enjoyable gathering met last Saturday evening for the first of a series of social gatherings to be held during the winter. The meeting, a novelty night, was conducted by the married ladies of the church and organised by Mrs. B. G. Anthony. Progressive games and competitions were held, followed by supper. The next gathering will be organised by the married men.

The Mothers' Union

The monthly meeting was held at All Saints' Church, Northcote, on Tuesday. There was a large attendance. Mrs. Constable (president) occupied the chair. Mrs. Wakelam, of Ivanhoe, gave an impressive address on "A Threefold Promise;a Twofold Warning."

Church of Christ, Northcote

On Sunday last a special Childrens' Day Foreign Mission service was conducted at 3 p.m. The Sunday school superintendent (Mr. B. Smith) presided. Missionary items were rendered by the children. Biblical scenes for war in the kindergarten were displayed, and a short missionary address was given by the pastor.

All Saints' Church, Northcote

The second week of the campaign at All Saints' Church was entered upon last Monday when Rev. C. E. Nash began a series of evangelical services, which are being continued throughout this week. Each evening a group of young people from the various parishes in the metropolitan area visited All Saints' and spoke concerning their spiritual experiences. Group talks from Fairfield, North Carlton, Balwyn, Elsternwick and Bentleigh have been much appreciated.

The Archbishop of Melbourne is to open the kindergarten room tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

PRESTON LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING

One of our finest local organisations, the Preston Ladies' Benevolent Society held its 43rd annual meeting at the Preston town hall on Tuesday afternoon, Iceland poppies and gum tips forming an attractive setting. The mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson) presided, and congratulated the society on its excellent work during the past year, all the more creditable on account of depression causing a greater number of calls on its resources, and to show a credit balance after this was most satisfactory. He wished the body further success as the need of help was now greater than ever. Among those present were the mayoress (Mrs. G. E. Robinson), Mesdames L. W. Williams, H. McGregor, Moore, Eastaway, Catmull, Stevens, Heathcote, Hopkins, Carr, Luke, Llewellyn Jones T. Pollack, E. G. Green, Stewart, Allchin, G. Apted, Armstrong, Bell, J. Dale, J. Gormley, Liddell, J. McFadzean, Crowe, McIntyre, R. Mutimer, E. Sheppard, Stone, A. E. Newton, and J. Adams, Misses E. Jones and J. Bean, Rev. Fisher, Rev. Williams and Cr. Adams. Apologies were received from Mr. H. H. Oleny, M.L.C., and Mesdames Olney Orr, Williams, and Cr. H. P. Zwar. Miss Bean (secretary) read the minutes of the previous meeting, and Mrs. Sheppard moved and Mrs. Allchin seconded their adoption. The report and balance sheet was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Allchin, seconded by Mrs. Dale. Rev. Fisher, Rev. Williams and Cr. Adams each complimented the society on its success in relieving such a large number of deserving cases, which was a Christian service. Mrs. Allchin (president) in replying thanked the gentlemen and all who had shown interest for their appreciation. Mrs. Sheppard (treasurer) told the assembly of some of the pitiful cases she had recently investigated, and invited those desirous of assisting to a meeting of the Dorcas Society to be held on Thursday, 23rd, at Mrs. Yann's residence.

All the officers were re-elected:—president, Mrs. Allchin; vice-presidents, Mesdames Bell, Stone, Apted, and Dale; secretary, Miss J. S. Bean; treasurer, Mrs. F. Sheppard; delegate to Benevolent Council, Miss J. S. Bean; hon. auditors, Messrs. D. A. Dale and S. Richardson. The entire committee was re-elected and two new members, Mrs. F. L. Todd and Mrs. Catmull were nominated.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Rew. Williams to the officebearers for having managed affairs so capably during the previous year, to which the president, secretary and treasurer replied that the work had been a pleasure. Mrs. Allchin moved a vote of thanks to the mayoress for the amount of £28/10/ to hand that day, being the splendid result of the Mayoress' Guild dance organised to aid the society. Mrs. Dale moved a vote of thanks to the mayor for presiding, who suitably responded. Afternoon tea was generously provided by the mayoress.

The report shows what a real necessity this society is to the community, and the wholehearted energy put into its activities by all connected. The balance sheet disclosed that the sum of £805/17/6 had passed through the treasurer's hands last year, of which £163/5/2 was a balance from the previous year. This will give some idta of the great amount of groceries, wood, meat, milk, boots, etc. distributed among the needy. Many gifts of clothing, beds, mattresses, and a sewing machine have been received. Subscriptions and donations amount to £293 9/5. A cheque for £31/6/2 was received from the Lord Mayor's Fund; Preston City Council, £130; Government Grants, £150; Flower and Pansy Days, £15/7/3; Fete and Tea, £9/18/6; sale of supper cloth £3/4/. The expenditure shows that £748 8/5 has been spent on goods for distribution, Central Council Victorian L.B. Society, £2 2/; sundry expenses £8/5/; leaving a balance of £47/2/1.

A PRESTON EVICTION CASE

NAMES OF TWO POLITICIANS MENTIONED

The evidence in an eviction case at Preston court on July 9 was rather unusual, the names of two prominent politicians being mentioned.

Llewellyn Jones, as agent for the Perpetual Trustees sought an ejectment against John McIntosh in respect of premises in Wood street, Preston.

L. Jones said that he had served notices to quit and of owner's intention to apply to the court for possession, at the house.

Mr. Manchester (cross-examining): Do you know a man named Kenesky?—No.

Do you know that Blackburn and Holloway, two prominent politicians, are trustees for a Russian syndicate?—No.

Do you know anything about a Russian syndicate?—Only by hearsay.

Mr. McMahon J.P.: I think that the Press should take a note of that statement that two well-known politicians are mixed up with a Russian syndicate.

Evidence was given that the Perpetual Trustees were the owners of the property by foreclosure on two mortgages.

Mr. McMahon J.P., enquired who paid the rent of the house, and was told that no rent was paid.

Mr. Manchester said that the house was built by a man named Kenesky, who was agent for a Russian syndicate, and McIntosh did not know any owner of the property except Kenesky.

McIntosh said: "I went into the house at the request of my brother-in-law named Cardinal, who lives at Heidelberg, as a caretaker until he was ready to live there. Some time after I went to live there, a man called, stating he was a clerk employed by the Perpetual Trustees Company, and he told me to pay rent to his company. He also offered me the place for about £500.

Mr. McMahon J.P.: The plot is getting thicker.

McIntosh: I went to the Preston Town Hall and found that Kenesky was rated as the owner of the house.

After much legal argument the court granted an ejectment order with £3/5/ costs.

Messrs. O. A. Walker and T. J. Mc Mahon, J's.P. were on the bench.

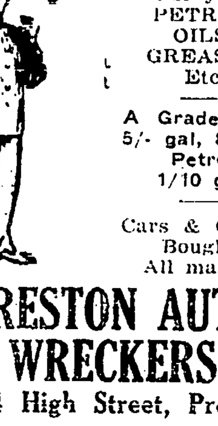
CENTRAL PRESTON.

While the occupants were out, thieves entered the home of Mr. Fennell, of Pender's street, last Friday, breaking a window. A motor van was utilised to remove the goods, which included a valuable electric wireless set. Several people saw the occurrence but the fact that it took place in broad daylight allayed suspicions.

High street re-construction work is held up by adverse weather.

A successful social was conducted at Preston Church of Christ last Saturday night.

The K.S.P. Club last Monday night held its monthly business and initiation meeting at which the formation of a Christmas camp was considered. A proposal was also submitted by the Church Cricket Club that the two clubs should combine in fielding a team. The P.B.P Club was again successful as basketball on Saturday, winning by 31 goals to 9. The training class on Tuesday decided to conduct a wind-up demonstration at the cessation of class activities in December. In the winter tournament the Training Class is still on top with a substantial lead; the week of records was however won by the K.S.P. club.



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THE CORNER STONE OF RECONSTRUCTION

At the erection of all stately and superb edifices it is customary to lay the foundation stone at the north-east corner of the building. We are building to-day the most splendid superstructure humanity has ever wrought—a new civilisation. Where are we placing the foundation stone? The great war revealed the futility of the materialistic civilisation on which we prided ourselves. The post-war disaster of world-wide unemployment is undeniable evidence of the incompatibility of lasting progress and prosperity with materialistic aims and ambitions. The social order to-day is in a state of flux, and mighty changes are affecting the nations in the direction of renouncing autocratic government and accepting democracy in one form or another. International leagues and peace unions have arisen to ward off the danger to humanity threatened by material science of race annihilation. In our scientific mastery of the secrets and command of the forces of nature we have outpaced our moral and spiritual development.

Changes are inevitable. Every party or group—Nationalist, Trade Unionist, Communist—has its own formula for reconstruction, and in the tumult of warring panaceas progress is painfully slow. Every party offers a solution on more or less economic lines, but if reconstruction aims at merely providing the people with material comforts, with improved physical conditions of living, then disunity and disharmony and disintegration will inevitably continue. The whole trend of social reconstruction is in the direction of democracy and socialism, but a democracy in which the people put the best men in places of power and responsibility, and in which equal consideration is given to all. This is fundamentally a spiritual conception, based on the unity of life, and will not be achieved until democracy has a right conception of life, an inward and spiritual conception of God and of human nature, a conception of God as the soul of the universe and the soul of the individual man. If God dwells in the heart of man, then He is the true self of each individual. He is the unity which we share with all other men, and we live only in that unity by dying to every self which severs us from it.

"Equal consideration for all," the formula of the new democracy, is a vivid realisation of unity, far more real and vital than the "Eqality, Liberty, Fraternity," slogan of the French Revolution. In what are men equal? Not in birth, or faculty, nor in opportunity. But in the infinite possibilities in each, in latent divinity which shall one day be perfected. If democracy is to lead mankind to a kingdom of happiness, it must express and use spiritual as well as material methods; it must present to mind and heart ideals which will lead the way to spiritual liberation for all. Hence the reconstruction of religion must precede the building of a new civilisation. Religion, or the search of God in the heart of man for the source and goal of his being, is the corner stone and foundation of sound civilisation.

With knowledge of the source and goal of life we can build a true social order, while knowledge of the purpose and process of life should be the plan by which we progress. Right spiritual conception and aspiration, hand in hand with right education to aid men in their achievement, are the fundamental principles for sound reconstruction, the King's highway to progress and happiness for all.

A number of parents were fined sums ranging from 2/ to 10/ at the Northcote court on Tuesday for having failed to send children to school.

Prisoner Sentenced.—John Heron Vincent, aged 18 years, laborer, of Fairfield, who pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted housebreaking, was committed to a reformatory during the Governor's pleasure by Judge McIndoe at General Sessions last Friday.

"A bicycle rider without a light after dark is the greatest menace on the road these days," said Mr. G Brown P.M., at Norhcote court on Tuesday.

"I would like time to pay this fine of 10/" said a defendant at Northcote court on Tuesday. "I have been out of work for 2 years and I have a wife to keep." He was allowed 14 days.

PERSONAL

Residents are invited to forward to the Editor, paragraphs for insertion in this column. All copy should bear the name and address of the writer, as a guarantee of good faith.

Mr. D. McIntyre, connected with Preston Postal Department is away on three weeks' leave.

Mrs. A. C. Rooney of Mansfield is the guest of Mrs. K. D. Bennetts, 479 Plenty road, Preston.

Friends of Mr. Albert Pritchard, Edith street, Preston will be pleased to hear he has resumed duties after his serious illness.

Cr. Albert E. Newton, manager of Messrs. J. C. Hutton's Preston factory, is enjoying three weeks' holiday.

Mr. Meehan, a member of the teaching staff at West Preston State school has resumed duty after being absent on sick leave.

Mr. J. H. Warren, B.A., headmaster of Tyler Street State school, Preston is suffering from a sprained ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buchanan, of Merri Parade, Northcote received a visit from the stork on July 3, and are the proud parents of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Callander, of 589 High street, Preston are receiving congratulations on the advent of a little stranger who arrived on July 5. They have named him John Donaldson.

At the ripe age of 71 years death has removed a well known resident of Alphington in the person of Mr. James Frederick Orders, of Fulham road. He leaves a widow and an adult family.

Mr. J. G. Membrey, of Queen street, Preston has been appointed chairman of the committee of management of the Queen Victoria Infectious Deseases Hospital, Fairfield, in succession to Dr. Newman Morris.

Col. W. H. Scott, city surveyor to the Preston council, has commenced three weeks' leave. He is at present paying a flying visit to Tasmania, and will probably on his return visit Wangaratta, accompanied by his wife and family.

When Miss Mattie Lloyd, of Frank street, Preston, arrived home for tea on Saturday last she received a pleasant surprise. It being her 21st birthday Mrs. Lloyd had gathered together some overseas friends to fittingly celebrate the occasion.

The death has occurred at the advanced age of 88 years of the Rev. Cadwalder Thomas. At one time he was vicar of All Saints' Church, Northcote, but has lived in retirement for about seven years. Mrs. Thomas died about twelve months ago. The family comprise four sons and two daughters.

The clergy of the Melbourne diocese have formed a social club for ministers, which will be accommodated with a room in the Cathedral buildings, fitted for their use. Rev. T. Cole, of the Church of the Epiphany has been elected to a seat on the committee of management.

There passed away to the Great Beyond on July 11 at 38 Erin street, Preston, Mrs. Louisa Sarah Jean Horsley, at the age of 72 years. Her husband predeceased her by some yeras. Members of the family are William, Percy, Lewis, Roy (deceased) Gladys (Mrs. Kennon), Kenneth (deceased), and Colin.

There passed away at her residence, Dundas street, Preston on Tuesday, Mrs. Bridget Maria Cashman, relict of the late James Cashman, at the age of 70 years. Members of the family are Bert, James, Mary (Mrs. Ludeman), Thomas (deceased), and Edward. The interment was made at the Heidelberg Cemetery on Thursday.

There passed away after a short illness at his residence, 82 Rossmoyne street, Thornbury, Mr. Henry F. Spong, a well known resident. He leaves a widow and members of the family are Herbert (Thornbury), Mary (Mrs. Williams, Tasmania), Hilda (Mrs. Scott, Preston), Lily (deceased), Edward (deceased)

A delightful afternoon which took the form of an Australian Tea was held at the home of Mrs. Alf Bean, Oakhill avenue, Regent last Saturday. The artists were Miss Bolle Miss Fletcher, Mrs. Herd, Miss Graham, Miss Mason, and Misses W. and B. Lonie. £5 was realised from the sale of gifts, which will be used to help young unemployed men, who are not receiving assistance from their parents. Mrs. Bean was thanked for the dainty afternoon tea.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Stott, Son and Watson at 3 p.m. on July 22, on the property, 87 Regent street, Preston, mortgagees' sale of four roomed concrete house on land 56ft 5in x 125ft. Particulars advertised.

A euchre party and dance has been arranged by the 12 hostesses of the Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary and will be held at the Memorial Hall, High street, Northcote, on Thursday, July 23. See advert in entertainments' column.

By Gran andJohnson, at 3 p.m.

By Gray and Johnson, at 3 p.m. Northcote, mortgagees' sale of 5 roomed bungalow. Particulars advertised elsewhere.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ELECTIONS

(To the Editor)

Sir,—Through your columns, with your permission I wish to thank the Reservoir residents who have thought well enough of the interest I have taken in the welfare of Reservoir to suggest that I should nominate as a candidate for the coming West Ward elections. I appreciate the goodwill shown, but regret that the time is not yet ripe when a Reservoir resident can hope to convince the remaining West Ward ratepayers that his claims are worth considering. I trust that I shall still be able to give my services for the betterment of Reservoir in the humble guise of a deeply interested ratepayer. Your etc.,

THOS. R. CLINNICK

"Yareen," Ralph street, Reservoir 14/7/31.

PRESTON FOOTBALL CLUB GATE RECEIPTS

(To the Editor)

Sir,—References have been made in the metropolitan press to the dissatisfaction expressed by two visiting clubs concerning the share of receipts allotted to them from matches at Preston. These reports are damaging to the Preston Football Club and, if not refuted, may cause incalculable harm. That they are unwarranted the following facts will show.

Entrance to the Preston home matches is effected by production of member's ticket (which is punched), by turnstile, by roll-numbered ticket or by tendering passes (for players, trainers police etc.,) The only officials handling cash are those in the ticket box and the turnstile operators. In each instance the turnstile register or the numbered roll ticket is an effective check. Before the end of the match the ticket office takings and change are checked the turnstiles are cleared and registers checked under police escort. The contents of each turnstile are placed in separate numbered bags which are sealed. All the takings are later transferred under escort to a local bank for safe custody until Monday. On the Monday following the match the contents of the various bags are counted and checked by an officer of the Preston City Council, by a representative of the Preston Football Club and by the bank teller. A summary of this check is later handed to the treasurer of the Preston Football Club for allotment of the net receipts.

The final check is made by the treasurer when comparing the turnstile registers with the receipts banked from the corresponding sealed bags. Then the net receipts are allocated in the following order. (1) entertainments tax; (2) grounds management expenses (umpires, gate men, advertising); (3) Preston City Council and Victorian Football Association; (4) the participating clubs in equal shares. The gate takings disclosed in the various returns coincide with the amount paid into the bank under the supervision of the Preston City Council.

The Preston Football Club therefore welcomes any investigation from any responsible body into this matter. It is a pity that the depressed conditions have prevented the club from establishing the patronage accorded to itself in former seasons, and as a consequence the takings have suffered. As honorary auditor of the club I was present when each of the disputed returns was compiled and assured myself of the accuracy of the statements as prepared. I can give an unqualified assurance to the patrons of Preston football that the Preston gate takings are disposed of in the correct manner.—Yours etc.,

R. A. CROWE
Hon. auditor Preston F.C.
246 Gilbert road, Preston N18.

SEX EDUCATION

(To the Editor)

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Weissenfeld in your issue of July 10, let me state that he has only put forth a lot of exploded fallacies and platitudes, advocated by those who have practised birth control all their lives. It would be interesting to know of his scientific qualifications for "butting in" on this subject. Let me point out that Holland has been interested in birth control since 1885, and the results were so successful that in 1895 a Royal charter was granted; and today there are over 50 birth control clinics sanctioned by the Government of that country, with a population similar to Australia, namely 6,000,000. Dr. Rutgers, who trains the nurses for this work, says: "We are lecturing everywhere. But the essential missionary work is done privately and modestly, often unconsciously, by showing the happy results in their families, by the nearly 5,000 members of our league, spread over the whole country, among whom are physicans, clergymen and teachers etc. The results in Holland clearly point out that the general death rate and infantile mortality has fallen till it is probaby now the lowest in Europe. Birth control in Holland has resulted in a decrease of 25 percent. in the birth rate, and at the same time a decrease of 66 per cent. in the infantile death rate, resulting in the increase of the number of children surviving; and further, the population has physically and morally improved, and the population is certainly not dying out. In America where the use of contraceptives and all information concerning birth control is prohibited, much degradation and suffering has resulted whilst the very life blood of the nation is being ruined. Dr. Hirsch says: "He who would combat abortion and at the same time combat contraceptive measures may be likened to the person who would fight contagious disease and disinfection. For contraceptive measures are important weapons in the fight against abortion." Many thousands of children are born in Australia physically and mentally handicapped, and cannot be expected to become useful, productive members of society. They must become social scum that make up the underworld, and fills gaols, reformatories and hospitals. That great Englishman, Dr. Havelock Ellis, says: "We possess in birth control a valuable instrument, not merely for immediate social betterment, but for the elevation of the race. As carried out at present, neo-malthusian methods may even be dysgenic rather than eugenic, for they tend to be adopted by the superior stock, while the inferior stock, ignorant and reckless, are left to propogate freely. The unfortunate result is encouraged by the notorious failure—still so conspicuous amongst us—to spread the knowledge of contraceptives among the classes which, from the eugenic standpoint, most urgently need them." Sir James Barr, M.D., LLd., F.R., C.P., etc., is responsible for the following words: "At present the lower fourth—including the submerged tenth—of the population is producing more than half of the next generation. At this rate of decadence it will soon happen, if it has not already occurred, that one-fifth of the population will be supporting the other four-fifths. While the virility of the nation was carrying on the war the derelicts were carrying on the race. Our sentimentalists and would-be philanthropists, at other people's expense, are crying upon those derelicts to produce more babies to replace the real nobility of manhood who perished in the war; this is the kind of material with which we are recruiting the next generation. We have to a large extent abolished a selective death rate, but as a nation we have made no attempt to establish a selective birth rate. I have no objection to large families, always providing that they are healthy and intelligent, and the arrival of the members is so spaced out as not to interfere with the health of the mother or her progeny, and that they become an asset and not a burden to the State. Those who produce the mentally and physically defective commit a crime against society, a crime which will be often repeated until the body-pilitic is roused up to its responsibilities to the race, and then the sexual activities of tht derelicts will be curtailed. Self-styled moralists often without sexual inclination but who would have no hesitation in defrauding their neighbours, frequently tell us that if young women knew the use of contraceptives they would lose any moral ity they now possess. On the contrary, I maintain that feminine moral ity was never in a higher state of perfection notwithstanding the prurient novels which they read. This sentimental stuff should be replaced by genuine information. The innocence of ignorance is not worth pre serving. Women are sexually far more moral than men, and do not readily succumb to the tempter notwithstanding his superior knowledge. It is the duty of parents to see to the proper sexual education of their children. We cannot put our trust in princes or men's sons, and the churches one and all have miserably failed in preventing immorality and the spread of venereal disease. Why resurrect a puritanical ghost of nonsense in this present day vital question. Let me quote some of the great leaders of the Christian Church to-day:—The Rev. H. E. Fosdick: "A right employment of birth control can be of profound benefit, and so serious a problem cannot be solved by suppression." Rev. John Haynes Holmes: "Birth control is man's final gesture of emancipation. I believe in it fundamentally because I am a teacher of religion." Rev. Bradford Young: "A knowledge of contraception is an essential condition for happy marraige and intelligent home making." Rev. Paul Jones: "Birth control is sound and necessary prelude to the solution of many of our problems of group living." Rev. Don. Chase: "The church ought to be in the vanguard of this movement. People need the knowledge of contraceptives." Rev. Curtis W. Reese: "Every law that prohibits birth control information and the sale ofcontraceptive devices should be repealed." Rev. William W. Peck: "We must insist that birth control is not contrary to religious principles or the highest ethical conduct." Rev. E. G. Gallagher: "Birth control has within its possibilities for happiness, more abundant life and untold blessings for this old world." Rev. Joseph F. Michael: "The more I study the birth control movement and see the plights of hundreds of homes, the more I am convinced it is a God-sent movement."

In conclusion let me state that this educational work on birth control must go on, and the people must be told the truth, instead of exploded fallacies coming from those who are sexually frigid, and have not the vision and intelligence to think. Let me state that my friend's strong desire to close this controversy can only be taken as weakness.—Yours etc.,

GEO. PAYNE PHILPOTTS.

UNEMPLOYMENT

MATERIAL FOR CLOTHING

Cr. Zwar Seeks Council Grant

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday evening Cr. H. P. Zwar spoke of the extreme need for clothing amongst the unemployed, and said boots and clothes were urgently required. Preston was fortunate, he said, in being in the position it was, as it cost Brunswick council £100 a year for unemployed relief clerk, whereas Preston council got the work done for nothing. He felt the council should spend something to buy materials with which to make garments. A Dorcas Society was being formed in Preston amongst the ladies, and if the council would make a grant material could be purchased which the ladies would turn into garments. If that were done it would give needed relief.

He urged that of the £250 charity vote an amount be allotted and used at once, remarking that charity should begin at home.

Cr. Robeson said he felt the council would do all it could to help.

Cr. Hemburrow asked if the charity vote of £250 was earmarked, and the mayor (Cr. Robinson) replied that it was for the council to decide how the money should be disbursed.

The Mayor: The council would be quite justified in making a substantial contribution.

The matter was referred to the committee of the council for further consideration.

State School Bazaar

A bazaar organised in connection with Tyler street State school realised £15 on behalf of the unemployed.

Fuel Supply

A few more trucks of wood have been received and distributed among Preston residents by the Preston council motor truck and one lent by H. P. Zwar Pty. Ltd. During the last 14 months the latter firm has been instrumental in distributing 230 tons of wood among the poor of the city. This is quite apart from the cartage done in connection with wood received from the government.

Numbers About the Same

The unemployed list and those in receipt of sustenance remains about the same.

Boots and Clothing

A further appeal is made that boots, shoes and clothing be sent along to the local relief depot.

MOTOR CYCLING

East Preston Club

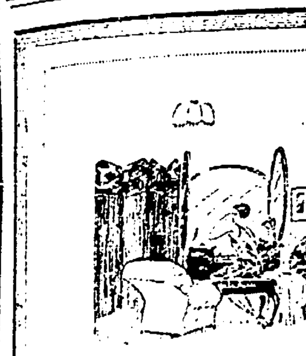
Results of recent petrol consumption test are:—Solo: M. Cordell, 493 B.S.A., 149 m.p.g., 1; D. Dawson, 249 A.J.S., 154 m.p.g., 2; W. Phillyps, 493 B.S.A., 108 m.p.g., 3. Side-car: A. L. Ludeman, 1265 Ace, 61 m.p.g. The football match with Queenstown has been postponed. Next run is to Kinglake on Sunday, July 19. A team will be entered in the Harley Mallsrk trial. All members intending to take part will leave the clubrooms at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday to inspect part of the trial course. The club is making good progress, despite the bad times. The club claims that it is the oldest established motor cycle club in Preston, and is the only local club affiliated with the A.C.U. The clubrooms are at the rear of Mr. L. Durrant's garage, 129 Plenty road, and the secretary is Mr. A. L. Ludeman, 12 Goldsmith avenue, Preston.

NORTHCOTE FREE GARDENERS

Visit of the M.W.G.M. Bro. F. J. Greig

At the meeting on July 7 the Victorian grand master and his officers paid an official visit. Replying to the vote of welcome Bro. Greig paid a tribute to the attendance and management of the Northcote branch. "It is pleasing," he said, "to attend a lodge which has such a large number of young office-bearers and members attending the lodge." Later in the evening Bro. Greig made several presentations to members and trophies won by members of the lodge cricket club (runners up in the North Suburban Association, third grade). Presentations made were a handsome framed photograph, P.R.W.M., G. Nyeman; trophies for batting, fielding and highest score to W. Taylor; bowling, E. Raphael; best junior player, J. Raphael; best senior player, W. Whittaker. After the meeting the Grand Lodge officers were entertained and an enjoyable evening was spent by all. The illustrated lecture for August 18 will be "A Travel Tour," and not a world trip, as announced.

Under the auspices of the Victorian Protestant Federation a Protestant Rally will be held at the Northcote Baptist Church on Wednes, July 22, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Walter Albiston, chief secretary.



Ladies Realm

(Conducted by "PENELOPE").

FANCY'S FASHION

COAT FOR GIRLS

No. 3486

This week we turn our attention to the wants of the smaller and younger members of the family, and we are offering for their approval a charming and stylish coat for spring wear, cut on double breasted lines, and featuring the inverted pleat at the centre back, a style that is extremely popular just now, and of which simplicity forms the main attraction.

The little coat shown in the illustration is one that should appeal to those who make their own clothes, whether from choice or necessity. With a good pattern such as the one we are showing here, and the necessary material, it is quite a simple matter to turn out a modish and up-to-date coat at very small expense. In fact, it is surprising the amount that can be saved in a year by making up one's own materials at home.

The model illustrated is shown made up in one of the new tweeds, but is suitable for making in any of the new season's coatings. The collar and sleeves are shown trimmed with fur or astrachan. The collar is convertable and may be worn closed if required. The pattern is No. 3486 price 10½d. cut in sizes to suit girls 9 to 11 and 12 to 14 years, and is obtainable from any of the district agents listed in another column in this issue, or from the manufacturer, Demaret's, Collingwood N.5. Ask your agent for a free copy of Demaret's monthly fashions.

HELPFUL HINTS—

To Make Hair Grow After Ringworm

Ringworm is extremely contagious you may have used someone's brush comb, or even face towel at the factory or school, and thus have contracted it. However, when you have successfully rid yourself of the trouble you will not be long in getting the hair to grow again if you apply the very best cocoanut oil (you can ...) to the scalp every other night, massaging it in very gently.

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Cleaning Windows

You can clean windows and pictures rapidly by rubbing them with turpentine or petrol. If the windows are very dirty, wash with cold water first, then rub with petrol or turpentine.

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Pressing Clothes

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

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Cleaning Knives

Garden earth is one of the best cleansers you can possibly have for such things as greasy knives, dishes and saucepans.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

To celebrate the coming of age of their eldest daughter, Kathleen, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rodway, of 539 High street, Thornbury, gave a social evening at their home on June 27. About 40 guests were present and the evening was enjoyably spent in dancing games and singing. The soloists were Misses Dorothy Cummins and Kath. Rodway and Mr. Bill Olver; and Miss Jean Buncle and Mr. A. Rodway were the accompanists. Miss Kath Rodway wore a charming white satin frock, falling in flares to the ankles; Mrs. H. A. Rodway was robed in black lace over pink ninon and Miss Loretto Rodway was gowned in pink georgette with a basque of pink moire at the hipline. The lounge was decked with Iceland poppies and gum tips and on the supper tables stood vases of pink heath and fern. The catering was carried out successfully by Mrs. A. Wright, of High street, Northcote. At supper Mr. Allen proposed the toast of Miss Rodway and Mr. Williamson suitably responded. A most pleasant evening was terminated by all singing "Auld Lang Syne."

NEEDLEWORK BAGS

Ready fitted work tables and baskets are expensive articles to acquire, but a satisfactory substitute can be contrived at small cost and little labor the only materials required being a good sized, closely woven, cane or wicker basket, a piece of pretty silk, a yard or so of silk cord, and a little stain, paint, or gilding.

A basket with handles is to be preferred for convenience in carrying, and it may be either deep, or wide and shallow. A very useful and pretty example was recently contrived by adapting a disused layette basket to the purpose. If the basket is of plain white cane or wicker it will look much prettier dressed in a in a coat of gay enamel in laquer red, jade, or royal blue, or, if preferred, it may be effectively stained and varnished.

When the basket is dry, a draw cover must be made from a strip of attractive taffetas or flowered cretonne, and sewn firmly round the inner edge of the basket, care being taken to cut the strip wide enough to cover the contents of the basket when the free edge of the strip has been drawn up on a silk cord.

For the actual fittings of the basket you will need a bran filled cushion covered with the silk or cretonne, and a long strip of the same fabric run on elastic along one side and sewn to the basket along the other to form a pocket. Both upper and under sides of the cushion are available if it is caught to the basket at its two upper corners only, and the pocket will be of much greater service if it be divided into several compartments by vertical lines of stitching.

If bulky needlework is to accompany one on a holiday or a visit, the most convenient receptacle is undoubtedly a bag in which silks, wools and cottons can be found quite easily the moment they are required.

To make such a work-bag you will need a yard or more according to the size desired, of colored linen or cretonne. The material should be planned to cut into two strips, one twice as wide as the other, and a small circular piece. The wide strip gathered on to the circular base forms the bag, and the narrower strip, which is stitched to the base of the bag, forms, when divided vertically, a series of pockets running all round it.

THREE CHARMING STYLES

Three charming and practical styles for present wear are shown by June Collyer in Paramount picture, "Dude Ranch."

Satin, in a lovely shade of pale pink which is so satisfying for evening wear, fashions one of the many chic gowns worn by Miss Collyer. The bodice adopts the bolero idea, and the skirt, closely fitting over the hips, falls into shimmering flares. Her two piece woollace jumper suit is in woody tones and is effectively banded in yellow tones wth a matching scarf.

For a top coat Miss Collyer has chosen a brown fleck, trimmed with an Elizabethan collar and cuffs of dyed fox fur.

CHIC LOUNGING SUIT

Somtthing rather new and smart in lounging suits is shown by Carole Lombard in her new picture for Paramount, "Up Pops the Devil,"

Chic Lounging Suit
featured by Carole Lombard in the Paramount Picture "UP POPS THE DEVIL"

The suit itself is unrelieved black satin, cut with fine wide flared legs and a slim fitting hip band. The jacket is one of the tuck in variety with V neckline, and the suit is belted at the waistline and finished with a brilliant buckle.

Over this Miss Lombard throws a black velvet coatee which is three quarter length and lined with shell pink crepe-de-chene. The color is again introduced in the inter lining of the wide flared sleeves, and her black velvet mules have the faintest touch of pink in a tiny spray worked on each front.

RECIPES.

HOT DRINKS FOR COLD NIGHTS

Black Currant Tea

There are few drinks more soothing than black curant tea on a cold night. It is particularly good for you if you have a cold. Squeeze half a lemon into a tumbler, add sugar to taste, fill with hot water, being careful to put a spoon in the glass before so doing, and lastly add a dessertspoonful of black currant jam.

Raspberry Grog

For those who do not like the flavor of black currants, raspberry jam may be used instead and honey instead of sugar.

Honey and Lemon

Honey is extremely soothing to a sore throat. A hot drink made with lemon and honey and hot water is excellent for the cold that starts with a sore throat. A very sore throat is, however, better eased by taking frequent spoonfuls of honey that has been well mixed with lemon and glycerine.

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German Cake

One cup flour, ½ cup sugar, 2oz butter, 1 teaspoon cream of tartar, ½ teaspoon carb. soda, 1 egg, ½ cup milk. Sift flour with soda and cream of tartar. Rub in butter, add sugar, beat egg well, add milk and stir into flour. Mix thoroughly. Grease a shallow dish and put cake mixture in it. Spread a layer of thick cream on top, cover with sliced apples and sprinkle with sugar and powdered cinnamon. Bake in hot oven for 15 minutes. The cream may be omitted if desired.

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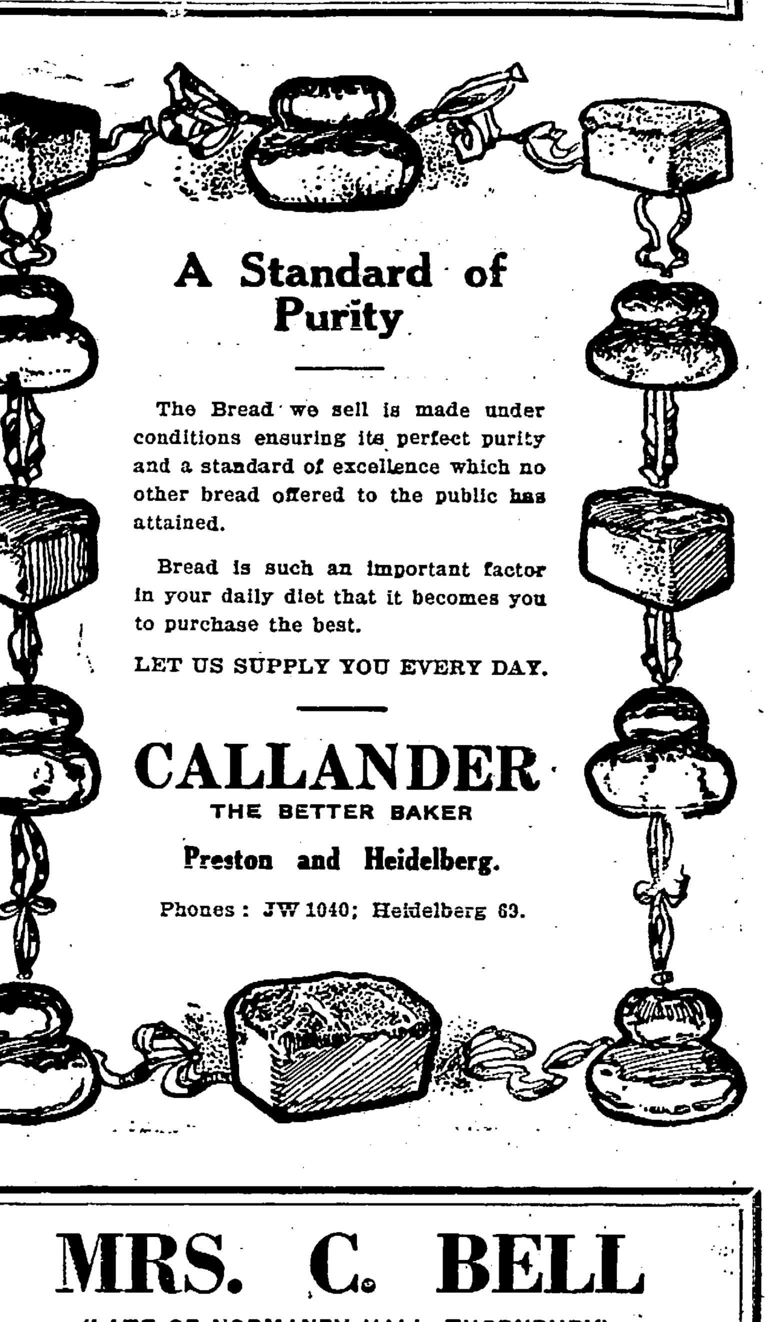

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AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON-NORTHCOTE CLUB

The Preston and Northcote Club met its Waterloo in the Chelsea to Brighton relay race on Saturday. Graded in the C section in which there were 15 teams, they never looked like winning. The team was the same as published last week, and their showing was not for the lack of support, as a full bus load braved the elements to watch the race. The teams were graded in four sections, and the winning teams were:—A Grade, St. Stephen's; B Grade, Section 1, East Melbourne; Section 2, Coburg; C Grade, St. Stephen's 2, with our old rivals from Sandringham filling second place. The two outstanding performances for the locals were put up by H. Sterry over three miles, and D. McEachen over the short section (two and a half miles.

The five mile cross-country championship of the club will be contested next Saturday. A new course has been selected as the one used last year proved very unsatisfactory, especially for Alan Gallagher, who got bogged waist deep in a swamp. In conjunction with the championship, a scaled handicap will be held. The race should be a great tussle between D. McEachen and H. Sterry, and if W. Weightman, who is at present away from town, is a starter the pace should be on from the start.

Members and supporters are reminded of a picture night on Tuesday. The money raised from this and from other functions now being arranged by the social committee is for the outfitting of the marathon race on October 3. This even is the talk of Preston, and is looked on as the greatest sporting event ever staged in the northern districts. Northcote is entered for also, as the route will cover the full length of High street and almost all St. George's road.

IVANHOE HARRIERS

Ivanhoe Club held a five mile run, with a two miles breakaway. D. Randle, who has consistently run in second place in most of the club runs this season, won in the absence of Bill Bolwell, from G. Brenchley and H. West. Old Xaverians joined Ivanhoe, and M. McClelland won from Jack Cooke, with O'Halloran third.

Preston-Northcote Women's Club

The Preston-Northcote Women's Club will hold its Chelsea-Sandringham relay run to-morrow. Many clubs are competing, and Sandringham women are running alternate stages with Preston, of 440 yards and 880 yards each. Being the first women's relay in Victoria, it is the principal running fixture on the Preston women's programme this season. Commencing at 3.30 p.m. from Chelsea, the schedule is set at 75 minutes for the distance. Members are reminded that the bus leaves Preston town hall at 2 p.m.

The basketball nights are drawing good attendances at the Wednesday matches at the scout hall. Next Wednesday will be a visitors' night, when a small fee will enable members' friends to witness basketball, ball games and races. Last Wednesday the first match between S. Jones' and H. Lowery's teams was won easily by the former. L. Haggerty's team beat S. Jones' team by 12 to 11 after a hard struggle.

WALKING NOTES

L. Wright, of Northcote, walked well in the 20 miles walking championship on Saturday, leading until 10 miles had been covered, when he cramped. The winner broke the State road record. Jack Cummins, of Thornbury, gained second fastest time to Mulcahy in the six miles handicap.

GOLF

HEIDELBERG CLUB

Associates

Forty-six associates competed for Mrs. W. S. Binks' trophy, which was a stroke round, nine secret holes, the scores being:—21, Miss G. Hall (18), 22, Mrs. A. R. Wallis (17); 34, Mrs. G. Balfour (14), Mrs. J. Cook (14), Miss Richmond (17); 36, Miss E. Baird (11).

The second round of the silver spoon competition also was played, and was won by Mrs. W. S. Binks with a net 69 off the 29 mark.

In the final round for Mrs. G. Balfour's cup Mrs. J. McCann defeated Miss G. Hall.

Next Tuesday:—Stroke competition for Mrs. A. R. Wallis' trophy, also third round of silver spoon.

Junior Pennant Match

In the junior pennant match between Commonwealth and Heidelberg, the latter won by 5 games to 3. The scores were:—D. Addicoat d F. Kiernan, 3 and 2; A. Addicoat d J. Ogilvy, 7 and 6; E. Daly d T. P. Kane, 1 up; C. Blight d G. C. Rhoden, 1 up; J. H. Knell lost to R. P. McDonald, 3 down and 2; A. E. Appleton lost to G. Raitt, 2 down and 1; V. Bell d H. Quigley, 1 up at the 19th.

Par Competition

Par competition was played for Mr. K. Whittle's trophy, 60 members taking out cards. The best scores were:—3 down, G. Youren (11); 4 down, J. Boyd (17), T. Hart (17), F. A. Moore (18), R. S. Thomson (18).

Next Saturday a mixed foursomes will be played.

IN THE GARDEN

JULY ACTIVITIES

(By "Syringa")

Annuals for Early Blooming

Although July is not usually termed a general sowing month, there are some varieties of hardy annuals that can be sown and which will insure attractive bedding displays during spring and the early summer months.

Ten-week stocks, both for their freedom of growth and beauty of flower are recommended.

The modern compact and bushy strains of nemesia are admirable for low beds, where they can be frown either in single shades or in mixture. For the most effective way is to grow them in mixture, as then a perfect kaleidoscopic coloring is obtained.

For a high bed the salpiglossis are excellent, and, if grown in a mixture of shades, provide a charming effect with their trumpet blossoms of rich coloring. They require to be grown in massed formation to get the best effect, as the individual plants are inclined to be rather thin and lanky, unless they have been well grown.

Phlox Drummondi is extremely free-flowering, and there is no better plant for a sunny situation.

Petunias are also most responsive to sunny conditions.

The Larkspurs, in shades of pink and blue, provide an attractive display, and an effective bedding scheme is to form the centre piece of the bed with the tall stock-flowered varieties and the edging with a mixture of the dwarf rocket-flowered strain.

Godetias, particularly the dwarf strain, are invaluable for bedding, as are the Eschscholtzia in a mixture of shades which provide a light and dainty effect in a bed; and nasturtiums, which will flourish in the poorest of soils and provide a carpet of rich and vivid coloring in full sun.

Gladioli Are Ideal Subjects for Decoration

Gladioli are pre-eminently plants for the average garden owner. They posses those qualities that the amateur would like to see in other plants, viz., ease of culture, success in most soils and situations, freedom from disease, grace and beauty of habit, which render them suitable for planting in beds and borders, either by themselves or in association with varous carpet plants like certain annuals. A wide range of the most attractive shades with two distinct forms in habit of growth and flower character. Excellence as a cut flower not on account of their beauty or grace, but also for their lasting properties. These are all admirable qualities which should commend the gladiolus to everyone who possesses a garden.

If gladioli are not already represented in the garden, then they are worthy of a trial. No matter where the garden is situated, gladioli will succeed. They do equally well in the city, as in the country garden, and take kindly to most soils except those that are very thin and poor; the latter are best given a dressing of fertiliser or manure to improve their quality and tilth.

Gladioli probably succeed best in medium loamy soils, although good growth can be had in light sandy loam, and in heavy black soils.

On the whole they do not like limey conditions, and where there is much lime present or where the soil is cold and clayey, then it is better to prepare a bed of sand, grit and good fibrous loam with a little decayed cow manure worked well down.

The corms are best planted about 3-4 inches deep, and about 5-6 inches apart. Deep planting, to some extent, does away with the necessity for staking, since the flower stem is well anchored in the soil. If staking is done carefully, then it is not unsightly, and certainly preserves the heavy flower spikes, which are liable to snap in the severe storm. Careful staking prevents the plants from becoming untidy and bedraggled and past their best before the season is half over.

Give Lawns a Top-Dressing This Month

After the wear lawns have received during the past season, it will be of benefit to give them a good dressing of ligh sandy soil or manure now to enable them to be at their best again during the summer months.

Before applying, cut the grass close, and lightly loosen the soil with a rake, taking care, however, not to injure the roots of the grass.

If manure be used, a light application of bone and superphosphate or blood manure will be found beneficial, but before applying, the ground should be covered over with rich, light sandy loam.

—"Garden Lover."

VEGETABLE CULTURE

(By "Syringa")

General Work

During July it is advisable to trench and manure all unoccupied portions of the ground. Where the ground is intended for summer crops, dig well over and leave in a rough state; the assistance of frosts will materially improve its condition.

This is a good month to give all the garden tools a good overhaul. Give all the handles a good rub over with an oily rag, and see that all implements are kept in a dry shed. It will help to prolong their life.

As the grass and hedges will soon commence to make rapid growth, sharpen up the shears and lawn mower blades.

To allow the sun to reach young vegetable plants better and also to facilitate growth, it is a good plan to keep the beds well raised up. It will also make better drainage.

Soils, which tend to be heavy, can be made easier to work when preparing the seed bed in spring and in the maintaining of a fine texture on the surface during the summer months, by a good application of lime this month.

Sowing Notes

It is not yet too late to make a sowing of broad beans for November and December crops.

Make large sowings of brown onions. Sow in a firm bed and be sure that the bed is at all times kept free from weeds.

This is a good month to plant potatoes. Early Carmen, Early Manistee, Up-to-date and Earliest of All (Kidney type) are recommendable for general garden purposes.

For summer use, make a sowing of Succession cabbage and Late Metropole cauliflower.

Continue sowing peas. Suitable varieties to sow this month include Green Feast, English Wonder, and William Hurst.

In well-drained and warm situations Giant Scarlet Radish will give quick results. Icicle is another variety worth sowing now.

Towards the end of the month, sowings of Hollow Crown Parsnip, Early Horn and Scarlet Intermediate Carrot, also Red Beet, can be commenced.

For spring crops, commence sowing Prickly Spinach, making another sowing in three weeks time, and make a good sowing of Silver Beet.

Iceberg Lettuce and London Flag Leek are two reliable sorts which can be sown now for good results.

Plant roots of asparagus, horseradish, sea kale, rhubarb and herbs whilst sets of artichokes, tree and potato onions, shallots and garlic can still be put in.

Gooseberries, Currants and Raspberries are Useful Plants for the Vegetable Garden

This is an excellent time for making full plantings of the above bushes, and as these plants are not very expensive they are well worth finding room for in the kitchen garden, as with a little care in planting and pruning they will repay the initial cost, and will bear good crops.

For gooseberries and currants an open spot of ground should be selected, which should be well trenched two feet deep at least, and well manured. The proper distance to plant is in rows seven feet apart, and allowing six feet distance in the rows. They may be also planted along the sides of the paths—that is, at the back of the borders where they succeed very well.

Those who have already gooseberry plants should lose no time in pruning same, and in doing so let all the branches be kept thin and straight, so as not to cross each other, leaving the bearing branches eight inches to a foot asunder at the extreme tips. Cut out all the superabundant lateral shoots of last summer's growth close to the old wood, leaving only here and there a good one, and always preserve the tops of both terminal and lateral shoots entire as cutting the trees too much only tends to encourage them to make too free a growth of wood, the consequence of which would be a crop of very small fruit, and when a tree in summer is too much crowded with young wood the sun's rays cannot enter to ripen the fruit, and it is, therefore, never of good flavor.

Currant bushes require nearly the same treatment as gooseberries, the chief thing being to keep the shoots from crowding and crossing each other and leaving a leading or terminal shoot to each branch, as directed for the gooseberry, only cutting it to within four eyes of the old branch, if strong shoots; but if weak, they should be cut to within three eyes.

Make plantings of raspberries in a deep, loose soil which has been well manured. In planting, make choice of last year's canes, using those with plenty of young fibrous roots, the straggling ends of which may be cut off. They should be planted in rows four feet asunder, and three feet apart in the rows, preferably in a shady position.

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NORTHCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING

Most Successful Year

The annual meeting of the Northcote Horticultural Society was held at Northcote Town Hall on July 8, the attendance of members being excellent. The report and balance sheet were read and adopted.

The membership was slightly smaller than in the previous year, which affected the financial position slightly but in every other respect the society has experienced a most successful year. Thanks were tendered to those who had assisted during the year and to the Press, especially the Northcote "Leader," "Home Gardener," "Garden Lover."

Office Bearers

The following office bearers were elected:—President, Mr. W. H. Dunallan; patrons, Cr J. H. Green (Mayor) Messrs. John Lukey and Wm. Gibson; vice-presidents, Mrs. Bennett, Miss G. Lancaster; Messrs. J. W. Firth, A. C. Thomas, W. J. Twentyman, F. T. Todd, A. Coxen; committee, Messrs. Gibson, Firth, Bailey, Lovelace, Mott, Corry, Coxen, Bonnell, Messrs. R. Bohme, H. Bailey, J. Pole, J. Lovelace, F. G. Rayner, G. D. McNamara, G. O'Neale, J. Brown; auditor, Mr. Tanner; treasurer, Mr. R. Gibson; secretary, Mr. W. Beattie.

Presentations

Trophies won during the year were presented as follows:—President's Trophy for bunches of Roses (amateur class)—Mr. H. Bailey.

Bunches of Roses, Intermediate class—Mr. C. Lovelace.

Basket of Flowers for Ladies (novice)—Mrs. Bonnell.

Cut Flowers (amateur class)—Mr. R. Gibson.

Cut Flowers (novice class)—Mrs. Bonnell.

The distinction of life membership was conferred upon Mr. W. H. Dunallan, who has occupied the position of president for a number of years. In 25 years only two life members have been elected and Mr. Dunallan is justly proud at being one of them. The gold life member's badge suitably inscribed, was presented by Mr. R. Gibson. Handsome presents were handed to the secretary and treasurer on behalf of the society. The president also made a presentation of a case of cutlery to the treasurer and in return received from the treasurer an outdoor electric light outfit. This little exchange of presents caused considerable merriment among those present.

At the conclusion of business a euchre tournament was held, which resulted:—Ladies, Miss Thomas; gentlemen, Mr. R. Crawford. Refreshments were served by the ladies committee and much appreciated, thus bringing to a close a most successful meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on August 12 when Mr. Jas. Allan, (president of the National Rose Society) will deliver an address on his tour of the world. Visitors are welcome.

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PRESTON COUNCIL

MONDAY, JULY 13

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

An apology was received from Cr. Newton.

Water Extensions.—The Board of Works agreed to extensions in Gilbert road, from a point half a chain north of St. Duthus street, further north for 21 chains; in White street from McCartney street east to Chedar road west 111 chains and from Chedar road west from White street north 13 chains and south 24 chains; in Crookston road from Suffolk street east 3 chains.

Cr. Jones said that owing to the financial stringency the work would not be put in hand immediately. The most urgent works were being done first, but approval was sought, so that when finance was available, the work would be done as soon as possible. Some of these areas were to be reticulated not because the residents or the council had asked for, but because the areas came within a newly declared sewerage area.

Cr. Jones also said that owners would have to tap on to the new mains, and he had not pressed for extensions unless they were very urgent.

Pipe Track Improvements.—The Board of Works advised that it had no objection to the council at its own expense beautifying the pipe track between Regent street and Reservoir.

Cr. Jones pointed out that the Board had no money with which to help the council with this work.

The Mayor said Cr. Jones deserved thanks for obtaining this permission.

Cr. Jones said that when the pipe track was beautified, the Board would pay its half share.

Interest Rate.—The Commonwealth Bank advised of a reduction of 1% on all loans made to the council by the bank from July 1.

The town clerk said that the council would benefit by the extent of £221 per annum by this rebate.

The letter further urged the council to use every endeavour to balance its budget, and practise every economy.

The Mayor said that if all the council's private creditors followed the same lead, and rebated interest on the council's whole loan indebtedness of £303,000 it would mean a matter of £3,000 yearly to the council.

Matter referred to the committee of the council.

Sunday Sport.—Preston Ministers' Fraternal Association approved of the action of the council to prevent organised Sunday sport.

Preston Library.—The library committee wrote re inconvenience caused by Unemployed Relief clerical committee using the library room.

Cr. Hemburrow said that he understood the room was being let for unemployed purposes. The walls were very dirty and were in a fearful state, so that it was almost unletteable.

Cr. Zwar said that after the clerks had finished they swept it out. When 200 or 300 men used he room daily, the place must get dirty.

Cr. Hemburrow: I was at a meeting last Tuesday, and the room was not in a fit state for any body of people to sit in.

Cr. Zwar: I am only saying what I saw.

Cr. Jones: They both wear glasses.

Cr. Zwar: Some glasses are dark though (laughter).

Matter referred to committee of the council.

East Preston Progress Association.—This body sought (1) that 7 days notice in writing be given before electric lighting services are discontinued; (2) that some relief be given to Maynard street; (3) that blinding be spread over large metal in Tyler street; (4) that south channel in Tyler street be cleaned out; (5) that footpaths in Dundas street be repaired; (6) attention to pot holes in South street, near Bell street; (7) attention to footpath in Plenty road, from Livingstone parade; (8) attention to footpath in Dreffna street, south side. Item (1) already receive consideration; other items referred to committee.

Regent Central Progress Association.—(1) re state of unmade roadway in King William street; (2) re attention to pot holes in Queen street (3) attention to r-o-w beween 30 and 32 Queen street; (4) numbering of shops at corner of Tyler street and Plenty road; (5) attention to footpath south side of Edgar street, off High street; (6) asking for immediate attention to the consequence of Hawker avenue; (7) attention to crossing in front of third house west of Jeffrey street; (8) re cost of construction of Mason, Edgar and other streets in this group. Items referred to various committees.

General

Bell State School Committee.—(1) screenings for school pathway and gravel; (2) attention to drainage r-o-w south side of Latona avenue to school; (3) re state of culverts corner Scotia street and Oakover road—asking that grid be placed at openings for safety of children. Items 1 and 2 referred to P.W. committee.

Cr. Jones said that something should be done to protect all entrances to underground drains which constituted a grave menace to children.

Item referred to P.W. committee.

The following matters were referred to P.W. committee. P. D. Walsh re road and path between Cleeland and Henty streets; C. W. Hean re North road and East street; W. H. Fyfe, road Southernhay street; H. C. Ogilvie, roadway Grandview street, between Bruce and Cramur streets; J. Brown, r-o-w rear Orient street and drainage; E. W. Harrington, drainage Grampian street; A. J. Stevens re Kane street; J. A. Bush re drain south side at bottom of Malpas street; R. A. Mooney, re road Jackman street to Erval avenue; W. H. F. McPherson, re Adeline street.

Reservoir Progress Association re Edwardes street, west of the lake.

In respect to the last item Cr. Jones said the council drays had "cut-up" the road, when carting stores for work at the lake. The council should give some relief.

Cr. Hemburrow said the road was in an awful state, and there were a lot of boulders there that might be put in the worst ruts.

The Mayor: I can bear out what the other speakers have said. I was up in this vicinity and a lady and a gentleman in a trap told me what they thought of me and the council and I think that something should be done.

Matter referred to P.W. committee

Committee Reports

Finance Committee.— Accounts to £506/3/9 wtre paid.

Public Works accounts to the value of £3,151/1/1 were paid.

The following reports were agreed to:—Crossing footpath at r-o-w north of Queen street (£1); r-o-w between Wilcox and Pender streets, temporary relief; dust to be placed on paths Kane street, between Gilbert road and McDonald street (£5/18/); Kendall street path, engineer to give relief; crown on pipe track Powell street (£3); culvert and gap, Crawley street (£10/18/); Victoria street, reject metal to be used in giving relief; Victoria street, Bailey avenue and Dundas street, dust to be spread on paths (£7/7/); attention to drain Dermott street, off south side of Bell sreet; r-o-w rear 70 Pender street, engineer to give attention; bad holes in Bell street paths, Stott street to 481 Bell street to be filled (£5); pot holes John street to be attended to when High street is being constructed; engineer to attend to deep ditch in front of Olver's, Gilbert road; metal from High street to be placed in r-o-w rear Plenty road from Wood street; crossing r-o-w, north side of Dalgety street left in engineer's hands, also path, east side of High street, Mason street to Northernhay street; r-o-w north of high school fence (£3).

It was decided to take no action in regard to footpath corner Oakover road and Davies street, being higher than adjoining property.

Electric Light committee accounts, £255/16/10 were paid.

It was decided to take no action in regard to the erection of a street light in Collins street.

Officers' Reports

Finance—Collected, £1,007/15/11; (rates current, £713/9/1; arrears, £75/19/) Dr. bank balance, £17,002/1/3, (with meeting's payments £18,440/19/5). C.R.B. account Dr. £679/4/6; E. L. account Dr. £1279/12/1.

Brandings.—1,784 pigs, 100 cattle, 2,118 sheep.

Health Inspector.—Infectious diseases: scarlet fever, 1; diptheria, 3; tuberculosis, 1. Inspections made, food shops inspected, prosecutions launched for breaches of by-laws, wandering stock impounded

Quarry Output.—518 tons.

Buildings.—6 permits issued, approximate value, £980.

Ordinary Business

Cr. Jones moved that ashes be placed on path Bischoff street, also attention to Bruce street path near railway.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Adams moved that state of Chaleyer street and drainage be given consideration.—P.W. committee; that light be erected corner of Sapphire street and Murray road.—E.L. committee; construction of r-o-w near Butler and Collier streets referred to P.W. committee; vehicles using unmade footpaths Dundas street referred to inspector; potholes Raglan street.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Robeson sought attention to Lake street; corner Rona and Spring streets to be given immediate attention; necessity of removing spoil after drains had been cleaned out.—P.W. committee; footpath Dunstan street.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Hemburrow moved that in Kendall street posts were needed to keep traffic off the paths.—To be erected; corner Mount Pleasant road vehicles were often bogged.—P.W. committee; lane rear of Olver street.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Maynard said there were continual complaints about vehicles driving on footpaths.—Referred to inspector.

Cr. Spratling moved that the following go to P.W. committee; channels in Storey road; r-o-w rear High street, from Southernhay to Northernhay street; Goldsmith avenue path; r-o-w near Phelan street had been cut up.

Cr. Spratling spoke of the excessive speed of cars in High street.—Police to be asked to take action.

Cr. Maynard said a r-o-w between Martin and Mutimer streets needed attention.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Maynard said that Maynard street was in a shocking condition and the channels were filthy.—Engineer to report on giving temporary relief.

Cr. Hemburrow said that in Davenry street there were some huge holes —Engineer to attend.

Cr. Hemburrow asked how much of the relief moneys had been spent.

The Mayor: The £500 grant has been spent for Edwardes lake, and about half of the other moneys.

Cr. Hemburrow: It is quite possible that the work will last another couple of months?

The Mayor: I hope that it will be spent before that, but not all at Edwardes Park. The money is being allocated equably between the wards

Cr. Spratling asked if any of this money was to be spent at Broadway Park?

The Mayor: About £250 will be spent on levelling up there, when men can get on the ground.

Cr. Maynard: How much will be spent on Bell Park?

The Mayor: About £600.

ROBBERY AT PRESTON

Trinkets and other articles, valued at £5/15/, were stolen on the night of July 8 from the home of Ex-Cr. C. T. Crispe, agent, in Southernhay street, Regent. The occupants of the house were away at the time of the robbery.

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HAWKER AVENUE

ORIGINAL PLANS TO BE CARRIED OUT

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday a recommendation was made by the committee of the council that the engineer be instructed to have the street constructed in accordance with the original plans adopted by the council.

Cr. Spratling urged that as the ward representatives were to meet the Hawker avenue people the matter should be adjourned until after that meeting.

Continuing, he said: "I will not move an amendment because I can see numbers are against me.

Our meeting with the owners was quite amicable, and we reached a certain decision. Then the council got further legal advice.

I do not want the street finished according the the original plans, as it will not be a safe street even then.

I want to see the street put into a proper and safe condition, and that will cost an extra £200.

There is a second alternative—to obtain the consent of all the parties concerned to the alteration of the plans—but no attempt has been made to do this.

Cr. Hemburrow said My experience of human nature it that, if the council does not complete the street according to the original plans, it will cost the council thousands instead of hundreds of pounds. Before anything is done I would like to secure the engineer's written estimate and his details of cost.

He moved that the plans go back to the committee of the council for this purpose.

Cr. Maynard seconded pro forma. He said: "I am tired of hearing about this street—almost as sick as I am of Rene street.

The engineer gave us an approximate estimate of what the alteration would cost and he said "about £200." Even though the original plans are carried out it is quite likely the people will not be satisfied, yet the council will have to carry out the original plans in order to safeguard the interests of the citizens of this city.

Cr. Robeson: The work must be done whether it costs £200 or £300, otherwise the council will lose a great deal more. I think the work should be gone on with at the earliest possible moment.

The Mayor(Cr. Robinson): If 99% of the people did agree to alter the plans, the other 1% could upset the agreement. The street must be finished according to the plans, and then afterwards if something is to be done that will be a matter for later consideration.

The recommendation was agreed to and the amendment was lost.

WESTGARTH TALKIES.

"Hell's Angels"

This week end Norma Talmage, as one of the foremost heart adventuresses ever known, appears in "Du Barry, Woman of Passion" The rise to fame of the young milliner who later, as Madame Du Barry ruled a king and the hearts of aristocracy provides the material for a most successful picture. A brilliant supporting cast includes William Farnum and Conrad Nagel. In "Recaptured Love," the story deals with a business man who sacrifices his wife and son for a chorus girl. Through a series of highly amusing events he is finally brought to his senses. The strong cast headed by Belle Bennett, includes John Halliday and Dorothy Burgess.

On Monday next, Douglas Fairbanks has a strictly modern, fast-moving, dashing role in his new picture, "Reaching for the Moon." The humor and charm of Bebe Daniels are given full play in the feminine lead. Edward Everett Horton and Jack Mulhall have important parts. "Man to Man" reveals the efforts of a father to live down a prison term after returning to his home town, and of his attempted sacrifice to save his boy from the same fate. Grant Mitchell plays the role of the father and Philip Holmes enacts the boy.

On Thursday next, "Hell's Angels" Howard Hughes' air sensation, which took three years to make, abounds in amazing scenes from the opening shots showing the jazz-mad capers of the pleasure loving rich right to the final sequences. In the dead of night a Zepplin noses its way through dense clouds on a mission of death and destruction. There is an alarm, and immediately London is plunged into darkness as a squadron of English set off into the skies to fight the invader. Thus begins one of the most amazing air battles ever brought to the screen. Jean Harlow, Ben Lyon and James Hall head a cast of several thousand people including many of the world's greatest aviators. "Hell's Angels" is the most discussed talking picture ever made and one you will never forget.

Coming—Monday, July 27—"East Lynne."

LACROSSE

A Section.—Y.M.C.A., 11 goals, d Ivanhoe, 5; North Fitzroy, 6, d Malvern, 5.

C Section.—Ivanhoe, 12, d Camberwell, 7.

Stella's Conversion

By ANNIE O. TIBBITS

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I.

"Go to a music hall? Oh, no, indeed! No, I couldn't Hilda!"

Dr. Hurley and his wife glanced at each other.

"Have you ever been to one?" Hilda asked innocently.

"No, never," declared her sister emphatically, "and never mean to go."

"That comes of living in the country," said Dr. Hurley. "I wonder what would have happened to Hilda if I hadn't married her and brought her away! But this music hall is quite amusing."

"It wouldn't amuse me! You go if you wish to. I will stay here by myself."

Dr. Hurley hesitated. Then slowly he turned to his sister-in-law, and looked at her a little curiously. She was a tall, fair girl, a little cold—the type of a girl who would probably grow glacial later on. She had the making of an iceberg in her now—a hint of steely light in her pale blue eyes, of contempt and pride in her finely curved nostrils, of scorn in her arched brows. But her lips were sympathetic and sensitive, and her forhead was broad and wide; and Dr. Hurley had a suspicion that somewhere about her hidden at present, must be something of her sister Hilda's sense of fun and breadth of sympathy.

"If she is hencooped up in the country much longer she'll be ruined," he had remarked to Hilda, who agreed.

"Let's have her here for a few weeks and knock the starch out of her," had been Hilda's ribald suggestion. "She hasn't had my advantages, you know—hasn't had to earn her living in a dusty office. Our little bit of money came too soon to save her. If it had been a few months later she wouldn't turn up her nose so much now. The money came just as she left school, and prevented her from going out. It has quite ruined her."

"Well, we'll experiment," said the doctor, who was too young to have done much experimenting yet. "We'll drag her out of her rut and mould her, eh "

They were doing it now.

Dr. Hurley and his wife, who was a good five years Stella's senior, were so frivolous from Stella Brooke's point of view, that she began to regret her visit almost from the moment she reached the house. It appeared to her that neither Jack nor Hilda were sufficiently impressed with the seriousness of life. She had come to London to improve the shining hour by a careful study of the East End. She thought "The East End in Summer," or "Conditions of life at Cripplegate," would be good titles for papers she proposed to read at the Vicarage Literary and Scientific Debating Society, when she got back, and she was rather angry with Hilda for her reluctance to help her.

"Oh, bother your silly old society, Stella," Hilda had cried. "Fancy filling your head with that thing now, at sale time. Come out and shop."

In spite of herself Stella Brooke thought shopping was rather nice. And she nearly forgot the petticoat flannel for the children's home she patronised. Also she committed the incredible absurdity of purchasing a "Teddy bear" in the shape of a glove. It would amuse the children at the Home she told Hilda!

"I wish you would come, Stella," Dr. Hurley said. "I've particular reason for going to the Star Variety this year. I have promised to go." Stella shook her head.

"I'm sure I would hate it," she said. "No, I won't go, thank you."

Dr. Hurley shook the ashes out of his pipe and leant back in his easy chair. Hilda stared into the fire with a queer expression on her dainty little face. The fire seemed to throw shadows into her eyes. There was a queer, tender expression about her mouth. She nodded her head at her husband.

"Tell her," she said.

"The fact is I must go, and Hilda too," he began. "It's an anniversary. I suppose you never saw Churchyard Cossy, did you?"

Hilda stiffened visibly.

"I've heard of him," she said, as if that was more than enough.

"I suppose you have heard that he is always vulgarity personified, that he is always drunk, that he beats his wife, has been divorced at least once that he makes a hundred pounds a week and regularly gambles it away, and that in general he is an out-and-out blackguard?"

"Something like that," said Stella stiffly.

"Ever seen him?"

"I've seen his photograph."

"In costume—or out?"

"As far as I remember he was in a terrible black and white check suit and had a Scotch cap. He looked awful. And he had long side whiskers. I hate whiskers."

"I've heard of other people doing that too," said Jack with a laugh. "Well, I must confess Cossy looks pretty outrageous sometimes. But you'd forget his whiskers if you saw him."

"Thank you, I don't wish to see him," said Stella.

Hilda smothered a giggle. Then sobered again, and standing up she took from the back of the mantelpiece a photograph.

"I don't suppose you'll ever persuade her Jack," she said. "She is hopelessly prejudiced. But, Stella, dear, I know you are a good judge of faces. Tell me if you like this."

She handed down the photograph. It was that of a young man with a child on his knee. The young man's face was sad, and his two strong, capable and finely shaped hands held the child with a peculiar tenderness.

Stella looked at it with sudden interest.

"Yes; I like it," she said decidedly. "It is a good face."

"That is Churchyard Cossy," said Jack abruptly, and Hilda jerked her head, and gave a warning frown, which, being interpreted, meant, "Don't go so fast. I shouldn't wonder if you haven't spoilt everything now."

Stella dropped the photograph quickly.

"Some faces are very deceiving, of course," she said. "One can't always judge."

Hilda put back the photograph sharply with an "I told you so" expression.

(To be Continued

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEAGUE

Fancy Dress Social

A pleasant evening in the form of a fancy dress social was spent by members of the Northcote branch of the Loyal Temperance Legion on July 3 at the Presbyterian Sunday school hall, James street. There was a good attendance of members, more than half of them being in fancy dress, and the judges' task was difficult, there being so many good costumes. After much consideration prizes were awarded as follows:—Best dressed: Doris Smith (harem girl), Marcus Clarke (courtier). Original: Les and George Stevens (clothes line). Sustained: Robert Macaulay (Indian), Reg Smith and Stephen Macaulay (cowboys). Couples: Dorothy Mills and Marjory Malloy (folk dancers), Thelma Powell and Mavis Boustiere (powder and patches). Humorous: Tom Robinson (parcel). A programme, which was much enjoyed, was supplied by Keith Junor (pianoforte solo), Marcus Clarke (recitations) and Lance Cogle (violin solos). Miss Hazeldine (superintendent) welcomed the mothers. The remainder of the evening was spent in games, and supper was served, after which the evening was brought to a close.

New members are welcomed to this organisation, which meets at 7 p.m. on alternate Wednesdays from July 22 in the above hall. Particulars may be had from Miss Nellie Hazeldine, 116 Bastings street, Northcote.

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PRESTON U.A.O.D.

At the fortnightly meeting held in the Anglers' Hall, Murray road, last Monday there was a large attendance of members. Presided over by the A.D. (Bro. P. Bigmore). An unexpected visit was paid by the grand president (Bro. H. McGill), the grand guardian (Bro. P. Lucas), and Bro. J. Cousins, of the board. The night was also set down as an official visit from the P.D.P.'s Association, and there was a very representative attendance of these veterans (though still fostering the welfare of the order). In welcoming the visitors, the secretary expressed the lodge's appreciation of the manner in which the Grand Lodge was endeavoring to come to the assistance of the unemployed members. Bro. Bott also extended a hearty welcome to the P.D.P.'s, who had attended, despite the unpleasant elements, to endeavor to promote the cause of Druidism.

The grand president and also the president of the P.D.P.'s Association (Bro. Wishart), in responding, thanked the members for the warmth of their welcome, and also for their hospitality, which they greatly appreciated.

Members and visitors then spent a couple of pleasing hours playing bowls and cards.

On Monday evening, August 10, the syllabus committee has arranged for a ladies' night, which promises to be most enjoyable.

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Dear Cobbers,—Three new Cobbers this week, a girl and two boys. The Pets are very pleased and decided to have a new sort of competition (at least Jacko has) to celebrate. We want lots of entries for it, so send in your answer without delay.

On Monday as my own car was out of action and I wanted to go to Ivanhoe on urgent business, Jacko decided to take me over. I accepted and curled myself up in his Baby Austin and off we set. Halfway across, along Darebin road, Jacko discovered his petrol was very low and soon we ran out altogether. Then the rain began to pour down and I had to trapse round again and getting for about half an hour in a regular deluge. I blessed Jacko and when I arrived back looking like a drowned rat, he roared laughing at the streams of water flowing off my hat. Eventually after fiddling round again and getting thoroughly soaked, the Austin started and we continued. Jacko still chuckling gleefully. However we reached home without any other mishap, and the Austin went very well.

Send in your Tria entries and those for the new competition. Greetings and heaps of love from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL

NEW COMPETITION

WORD COMPLETING

The following is a story of a ... which the Pets spent at the ...h and the words with dots beginning with a letter have ...be filled in. The first one ... is "went," so that each ... represents a letter and the ...ber of dots given completes ... word. Send in your reply ...king it sense) to Uncle Phil August 7. Results on August ... If more than one answer is ...ect, Jacko will pull the winner of the "hat."—U.P.

...iffy and Jacko w . . . to the . . beach one day and there ...ked. They had a w . . . . among the r . . . . and s . . .) ...cting s . . . . . and s . . . . . . building N . . . . . castles with . . . and b . . . . . . But a . . . . little terrier came . . and declared war on the b . . . . and soon they in r . . . . The Pets gave . . and soon in r . . . . . . that frolicsome d . . . . forgot c . . . . . and at length ...ght h . . back to l . . . . with

BIRTHDAYS

...l the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the ... send tht Happiest and Heartiest Birthday Greetings and Wishes ...adys Jones and Harold Lawrence ...y 18); Alma Stephens (July19); McNamara (July 20); Malcolm ...r and Arthur Kent (July 21); ...ace Howden (July 23); and ...enie Cox and Norma Wingard ...y 24).

OUR MAIL BAG

Plateau road, Reservoir, ...ear Uncle Phil.—Kindly enrol ... a member of the Cobbers Club. ... 12 years and 11 months and ... seventh grade. We get the ...der" every week and I find it interesting.

(GOOD) Arthur Kent.

Welcome to the Clubs Arthur ... please send us a snap of yourself for our Album. Entries will ... accepted gladly and Jacko is so ... you've joined at last. The ... send greetings.—U.P.

18 Barry street, Reservoir, ...ear Uncle Phil,—Would you kind enrol me as a member of the ...bers' Club. I am 12 years of ... and in the sixth grade at school. ...ad your page every week and I ... it very intresting.

(GOOD) Vera Marshall.

Welcome to the Clubs Vera, and ... you send us a snap of yourself ...ur Cobbers' Album please. The ... send a big greeting and will ... glad to see your contributions. ...s of love.—U.P.)

...llan Leonard.—Welcome to the ...bers' and Birthday Clubs Allan ... will you send us a snap for our ...m. Jacko sends a special greet... Love from the Pets.—U.P.

...eronica Reeves.—I am still ...ting for the second instalment of ... story "Bubble Finds the Thimble" ...e.—U.P.

Would the Cobber who sent in ... "Wooden Clock made by a Con..." please send along his or her ...e and then we will print this ...tribution.—U.P.

Beryl Lomas.—There is no age ... and you can stay in as long as ... like and we hope to have you ... a while yet. The contributions ... be published as we have room. ... send love.—U.P.

Cyril Henderson.—Do you like ... in the band? It must be good ... although hard work. Send in ... more entries. Greetings from ... Pets.—U.P.

Kevin Power.—We're sorry about the marks Kevin, but be more careful next time, as we can't do this again. Will you call for the prize on or after Monday and if you want a book leave the name then.—Love from the Pets.—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

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

TRIAS

DONKEYS' DAY

I am eight years old and during that time I have often heard the saying "Every thing has its day." Well I think too these words are very fine for Donkey Dave and his donkeys had their day on Sunday, June 28. Father has started a bus running from Essendon tram terminus to Keilor and I was over there driving on the bus with him that day when I remarked to him what a lot of cars were going along Keilor road. To our surprise when we got along the road to Keilor we saw numbers of donkeys being watched by these people who had gone ahead in cars. So I said to Father: "It must be 'donkey's day' today."

TRIA Alysia White.

THE ELECTRIC EEL THAT PRODUCES A 300 VOLT SHOCK

Most notorious of nature's electricians, is the electric eel of the swamps of Brazil Guianas. This eel may be as much as ten feet long and in color is slate blue with a vivid red on top of its head. It is said to give a shock equivalent to 300 volts, touching its victim with its tail and head so as to form a circuit. An idea of the current produced is obtained by remembering that the ordinary electric light mains work on a little over 200 volts. A fine specimen of electric eel has been exhibited at the aquarium at the London Zoological Gardens. The huge tail of this eel is practically one big battery. The electric organs extending along both sides in the form of longitudinal bands. These batteries consist of peculiarly adapted muscular tissues, and are composed of thousands of very small cells, full of a jelly-like fluid. Analysis shows them to be miniature galvanic jars, in which each jar is richly supplied with nerves in communication with the eel's brain. They are thus under direct control. The current produced runs from the tail to the head which is curious, since in every other electric fish (of which there are many kinds) the flow is in the reverse direction. At least one zoo keeper has been temporarily incapacitated by the creature and its method of attacking the fish offered for food throws a lurid light upon its lethal powers.

(GOOD) Joy Leeming.

THE ESSAY

"Children," said he teacher, taking the class in composition, "you should not attempt any flights of fancy, but write what is in you." Accordingly one bright boy turned in the following for his composition: "We should not attempt any flights of fancy but write what is in us. In me there is my tummy, lungs, heart, liver, two apples, one piece of jam tart and my dinner."

(GOOD) Frank Power.

IS THE MOLE BLIND?

Although it is popularly supposed so it is not quite true, for the mole has eyes, small, it is true, but quite sufficiently large for enabling it to see enemies when in the open. It is probable that the popular error arose from the fact that there is a related species of mole found in the south of Europe, whose eyes are covered with a membrane which has only a very small hole pierced in it, through which only enough light enters to enable the animal to tell whether it is in the open or not. Moles do not come out of the ground unless they are compelled by hunger to chased out by enemies. They even make underground passages leading to the water, as they drink a great deal, and if water cannot be obtained at the ordinary level in their neighbourhood, they actually sink shafts of considerable depth until they secure a supply.

(GOOD) Olive White.

HELPFUL

The lady of the house was hurrying frantically to catch a train "Sarah," she called to the maid. "what time is it now?" "Half past three, mum," was the answer. "Oh," continued the mistress, I thought it was later, I have still 20 minutes to catch the train." "Yes, mum, I know ye'd be rushed, so I set the clock back half an hour to give ye more time."

(GOOD) Vera P. Keele.

THE FIRST

During the final days of the war a sergeant in a native regiment ordered a newly-arrived private to go into a dugout and clean out any Germans that happened to be there. The nigger blanched a bit, and made ready to enter. Before doing so he turned to his comrades and said huskily, "Ef yo' sees three or fo' men cum runnin' out ob dat hole, don't shoot de fust one!"

(GOOD) Phyllis Murphy.

A GOOD TRICK

Place in a sauceer, some water, a square piece of bread (about one inch square) and stick a lighted match in the centre of the bread. Then put a glass tumbler in the saucer so at to cover the bread and match, then all the water from the saucer will gradually go into the tumbler, when all the water is in the tumbler the match will go out.

(GOOD) Lily Southam.

WARNING

A line is drawn across the grass and a player takes his place behind it, where he is at home and safe. Presently, with hands in front of him he calls: "Warning! warning!" and still with both hands clasped jumps across the line and chases the other players. If he can touch one of them he joins hands with him, and they set out again. The game becomes more and more exciting as more players are touched, for each one adds to the chain that comes from home to make prisoners. But on no account must those who form this chain unclasp hands or they may be caught and made to release their captive.

(GOOD) Allan Love.

THE KETTLE'S LIFE

"I'm sick and tired of the life I lead," this came in angry tones from the kettle. "What's the matter with you?" came back a swift retort from the poker, "you've nothing to grumble at; if you were me, however, things would be different. Here I am at everybody's beck and call; whenever the fire is not burning brightly I'm the one who has to poke it up, and I tell you that my poor bones are just aching." "That's all very well," replied the kettle. "Here is my tale: Three times a day I'm filled with water, put on the fire and am expected to be boiling in about ten minutes. That's all I get, water, water, and I tell you I'm tired of it. The twins in this house treat me simply terribly; they grasp my handle with sticky fingers, and should their hands touch my silver coat they scream and go off to the mistress to complain that I've burned their fingers. I'm also shoved on the fire anyhow; they forget that I take pride in my silver coat, and like to keep it shiny, yet they blacken me by rubbing me alongside the saucepans. My life is one long sorrow." "Hush!" whispered the poker, "here comes one of the twins; I'll bet he wants you." "He can't," replied the kettle; there's no water in me, and I'm jolly glad." But Bob carelessly shoved the kettle on the fire, and by doing so, the poor old kettle's useful life was ended, for the cook soon found it, with the bottom of it completely burnt, and to this day the kettle spends the remainder of his days in perfect peace—on the rubbish-tip!

(GOOD) Beryl Lomas.

NOT CATCHING

Two men were watching a cricket match in the city. The fielding was awful. Three easy catches had been missed in the last quarter of an hour. "Whatever's the matter with the team," cried a supporter, "they seem to be afflicted with an epidemic of some sort." "Whatever the disease may be," said his friend, "it is certainly not catching."

(GOOD) Jean Grenfell.

STORYETTES

Bright Boy.—"Mummy, didn't I hear you tell cook always to lock the pantry door?" "Yes, Billie; why do you ask?" "Because I found it unlocked yesterday, and to give her a lesson I ate all the tarts that were left."

(GOOD) Norma Minihan.

Billy: "I like people who keep their promises." Jack: "I don't Father promised me a thrashing if I went fishing today."

(GOOD) Guila Kohn.

Jack: "I suppose the boss was annoyed when you reminded him that I leave next week?" Tom: "Yes, very much. He said he thought it was this week that you were leaving."

(GOOD) Margery Ufton.

Missus: "You must be a little quicker Mary. You are too slow about your work." Mary (cheerfully): "Oh, that's all right Mum. What I don't do today I can do tomorrow."

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen.

The Postman's Bride: "And bring back 10/ worth of 2d stamps." The Postman: "We can't afford all that at one go." The Bride: "But surely you get your stamps for nothing?"

(GOOD) B. Muter.

A lady asked the astronomer if the moon was inhabited. "Madam," he replied, "I know of one moon in which there is always a man and a woman." "Which is that." "The honeymoon."

(GOOD) George Joyce.

Sensible Froggie.— The Duck: "Hullo, what's this. Are you going to be an athelete?" The Frog (skipping out of reach): "No just taking enough exercise to keep alive."

(GOOD) Cyril Henderson.

Soubrette: "Mr. Boaster tells me he has the position as leading man in the new drama." Star: "Yes, he leads the cow across the stage in the first act."

(GOOD) Bert. Moylan.

Uncle: "When I was your age I thought nothing of a ten mile walk." Ted: "I don't think much of it either."

(GOOD) F. Power.

"I'm sure you will like Jack," said the oldest daughter, just home from her holidays. "He is a fine young man." Has he got any property?" demanded her father. "Oh, you men are curious," sighed the girl, "Jack asked me the same about you."

(GOOD) Aileen Capper.

Lady: "Doctor be quick and come to our house." Doctor: "Who is sick?" Lady: "I am, I had no messenger to send for you so I came myself."

(GOOD) Roy Murphy.

"Mama, what is that little girl crying for?" Mother she is crying for her mother." Henry: "Can't she cry for herself?"

(GOOD) Jack Power.

Little Betty was saying her prayers: "And please," she begged, "make Rome the capital of Turkey." "Betty!" cried her mother, "why do you say that?" "Because I put it like that in my examination paper today, mummy," said Betty.

(GOOD) Colin Hammond.

Why is A a fortunate letter?—Because it is always i nhealth.

What is always behind time?—The back of a watch or clock.

Why is a tidy room like the letter R?—Because it is always in order.

When are broken bones like a busy little girl?—When they begin to knit.

(GOOD) Jack Morris.

Which three letters of the alphabet does every man wish to carry on his shoulders?—A.Y.Z. (a wisehead).

(GOOD) Alice Clarke.

Awkward.—Stage Hand: "Shall I lower the curtain sir?" Manager: "Whatever for?" Stage Hand: "One of the statues has got the hiccups."

(GOOD) Allen Leonard.

LIFE

Life is not as idle ore,
But iron, dug from central gloom
And heated hot with burning fears
And dipped in baths of hissing tears.
And battered with the shocks of doom
To shape and use.

(GOOD) Keith Barker.

Leaky.—One day little Mary Rose was given some soup for dinner, and she started trying to drink it with a fork. After some time she said: "Mummy, will you give me another fork please? This one leaks!"

(GOOD) Winnie Birmingham

His Wish.—Granpa: "Here you are a shilling for each birthday you've had. What else could you wish for?" Tony: "I only wish I was as old as you Grandpa."

(GOOD) Brian Mahony.

Old Mother Twitchett had but one eye,
And a long tail which she let fly;
And every time she goes over a gap,
She left a bit of her tail in a trap.
Answer:—A threaded needle.

(GOOD) Olive Waixel.

Mother: "Didn't I tell you not to go out the gate?" Bobby: "I didn't I jumped the fence."

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn.

Why are grasshoppers like watches? Because they both go by springs.

(GOOD) Jean Angus.

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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TITANIC STRUGGLE AT YARRAVILLE

TRYING CONTEST ENDS IN A DRAW

Preston's Determined Effort Pleases Supporters

YARRAVILLE FORWARDS' ACCURACY

THRILLS CENTRED IN MUDDY GAME

(By "Follower.")

Yarraville and Preston had another startling encounter on Saturday on the former's ground, which was saturated. Despite this inconvenience the play was most interesting throughout. A minute before the final bell Yarraville forced a point, and the game ended in a draw—probably a fitting ending to such an entertaining contest.

The game was of vital interest to the visitors. A win by Preston at this juncture would have enhanced their prospects of inclusion in the first four. They still have a chance. Preston's play is improving with each match, and they still feel confident of winning their way to the first four.

THE TEAMS

Preston.—Backs: P. Spargo, Smith, Campbell. Half-backs: McEachern, Monohan, Reichman. Centres: Dowling, F. Spargo, Gall. Half-forwards: Cameron: Cazaly, Collins. Forwards: Summers, Piper, Hughson. Followers: Taylor, Seebeck. Rover: Warr.

Yarraville.—Backs: Edwards, Hunter, Hannan. Half-backs: Laffin, Fitzmaurice, Stratton. Centres: Penny, Dwyer, Cameron. Half-forwards: Foote, Lawn, Evans. Forwards: Brumby, Buckley, Wunhym. Followers: Smith, Tyson. Rover: Prewett.

Cazaly Wins Toss

Winning the toss Cazaly decided to kick tow..ds the stand goal, having first use of steady north wind.

Preston Advance

Preston advanced immediately, but Wa[illegible] not went wide, although a [illegible] was rushed.

Collins Goals

Hunter's kick-off was marked by Collins, who goaled.

Fitzmaurice to the Fore

Fitzmaurice already stood out, his handling of the greasy ball being excellent. He diverted several rushes of the visitors.

Taylor Dominates the Ruck

Taylor commenced with the first ruck, which he dominated, and his influence was immediately felt.

Preston were attacking relentlessly, the home side not being able to pass the centre.

Smith Penalised

Evans was freed when Smith kicked the ball out. Hughson forwarded and Summers, scouting, profited, when he coolly turned and goaled.

Yarraville defenders were straining every nerve. Wunhym marked excellently.

Preston Lose Opportunities

Preston were not making the best use of their opportunities.

The home side skipper was kicking off beautifully, though his defenders were hard pressed as the red and white forwards continued to attack. Preston were forcing the game in order to obtain a good lead.

A Sixer to Cameron

Putting his foot to the ball in the nick of time Cameron raised the twin flags.

Ground Difficult

Players were slipping and sliding in all directions, queer and laughable incidents being noticed on all sides.

Dwyer Mars His Effort

Although playing splendidly there were times when Dwyer, in the centre, would have proved more serviceable had he used his boot more instead of trying to handle the ball.

Yarraville At Last Forward

After many efforts Yarraville at last drove the ball past the centre. Taylor drive it back to Seebeck, and the ball passed to Collins, who goaled.

Yarraville Advance

On the bounce Yarraville advanced again through the efforts of Dwyer. The home side got within shooting distance when a free to Lawn brought full points just before the bell, this being the first occasion that Yarraville had penetrated the visiting defence. Quarter-time scores:—

Preston 4 goals, 6 behinds (30pts)
Yarraville: 1 goal (6 pts.)

New Ball Requisitioned

A new ball was obtained for the second quarter.

Preston attacked but Fitzmaurice repulsed.

Monohan's Tactics a Deterring Factor

Monohan was coming through forcibly, his tactics being a deterrent to his opponents. Frustrating an attack he gave Dowling an opportunity. Passing to Collins, the latter short-passed to Summers who, marking close in, raised both flags.

Smith (Preston) Penalised

Play swung to the wing when Penny placed the ball to Brumley whose effort was replused by Smith, Preston's youthful guardian of the big sticks. Smith made his only mistake (which is pardonable) whilst relieving his goals, the ground being so treacherously wet, it being impossible to bounce the ball, he placed it on the ground, still retaining his grip and a free was given. Buckley thus scored a goal.

Fitzmaurice continued his usefulness by repulsing an advance.

Hunter sent Edwards to the full back position whilst he came out with the object of strengthening the forward line.

Seebeck to the Fore

A mark by Seebeck eased the pressure. Wunhym was giving of his best, driving the sphere forward. Out of the scramble in front Buckley snapped a major.

Preston Defenders Battle On

The continued offensive launched by Yarraville was keeping Preston's defenders busy. Reichman, always ahead of his opponent, frequently relieved, whilst McEachern's rushes were taking toll of his opponents.

Yarraville's Accuracy

Up to this stage Yarraville made full use of every opportunity they got.

Evans broke the sequence of goals with a minor, then Lawn, marking in front, steered the leather clear.

Yarraville advanced again, but by his deliberateness McEachern turned the next attack by kicking to Cazaly.

Systematic short passing between Seebeck and Cazaly ended in the former scoring a point.

Marking Edwards' kick-in high up, Wunhym booted the leather to Dwyer and before the visitors could counteract the move Penny notched a point.

Gall Leaves the Ground

In battling to ward off an advance Gall had the misfortune to receive a kick on the foot, which necessitated his removal from the ground.

Neither side was able to demonstrate superiority, and considering the conditions under which the game was played the contest was pleasing and creditable.

Another forward move by Preston towards the termination of the quarter brought a single to the visitors, the adjournment scores being:—

Preston: 5 goals 9 behinds (39 pts)
Yarraville: 5 goals 4 behinds (34 pts)

Castles Replaces Gall

Preston resumed after the interval with Castles (a recruit from Heidelberg Sub-District) in place of Gall. This meant an alteration in a few positions.

Attacking immediately, Preston set out to increase their lead.

The defence and followers were playing splendidly, attacking and counter attacking with vigor.

Fitzmaurice was a stumbling block for Preston, as he repeatedly turned play.

McEachern Relieves

Repulsing a Yarraville onslaught McEachern passed to Cameron. On the play went to Cazaly, who got a single.

A long kick-in by Hunter led to an effort, from which Buckley notched a minor.

Up and down the play went, neither side being able to secure more than disappointing singles. Warr, with a flying shot, hit the post.

With a sustained effort Preston manoeuvred to penetrate the opposing defenders, being met with a determined and tough opposition.

Scores at the last change were:—

Preston: 5 goals 14 behinds (44 pts)
Yarraville: 5 goals 8 behinds (38 pts)

Visitors Launch Attack

Quite contrary to expectations Preston advanced, Seebeck scoring a minor. This effort was pleasing. With great dash Warr forwarded, but Hannan saved at a critical moment.

Following grandly, Taylor scored a single. Piper's kick fell short, and Smith took advantage of it by passing to Penny.

Yarraville broke away, but Preston repulsed. These efforts, being the outcome of hard work, were continually nullified by frees being awarded to an opponent. This had a disconcerting effect on Preston players, and the position was no easier after Captain Cazaly conversed with Umpire Lester.

Supporters of the red and whites felt aggrieved at several of the umpire's decisions.

Yarraville attacked, the effort being with a counter-attack from the visitors.

Working the ball into position, Summers, battling tenaciously, made an opening in the home side's defence.

Watching the movements of his team closely, Hunter drove the attackers off by putting Lawn in possession. Seebeck returned.

Hannan, racing to the ball, relieved effectively. Lawn, working finely on the forward line, scored a single, which was followed by another from Brumby.

Scores Equal

A free to Foote kept Preston fighting on the defence, and when Buckley screwed a goal out of the crush the Yarraites roared with delight, as then scores were then equal.

Tense Excitement

The spectators were now aroused to a high pitch of excitement, swaying under the grip of a thrilling encounter, which, though being played with a greasy ball, had reached such a stage that anything was likely to happen.

Summers raised the hopes of Preston supporters by placing the leather in a favorable position, but Fitzmaurice turned the attack.

Spargo drove the leather forward again, and the visiting supporters were in ecstacies as the ball travelled towards their citadel. Just on the verge of going through Edwards swept down and relieved. On the play went to Yarraville's goals.

Dowling Injured

A great effort by Dowling was unfruitful, and he had the misfortune to be so badly injured that he was carried off the ground. This misfortune allowed Penny to return to the ball.

Getting possesion again, Summers, who was irrepressible, in sheer desperation made a desperate effort, but he ran too far. A free was awarded to Penny.

All eyes were concentrated as it remained with him to snatch a last minute victory.

Failure!

His kick failed to reach the distance, and amidst tumultuous uproar the game ended in a draw, final scores being:—

Preston: 5 goals 16 behinds (46 pts)
Yarraville: 6 goals 10 behinds (46 pts)

Goal-kickers.—Preston: Collins (2), Summers (2), Cameron. Yarraville. Buckley (4), Lawn (2).

Preston's best were Dowling, who gave an excellent display, Monohan, McEachern, Reichman, Smith, Taylor, Warr, Summers and Cameron.

For Yarraville Fitzmaurice was effective. Buckley, Dwyer, Wunhym, Hunter, Hannon, Penny and Brumby.

Preston Gossip.—Preston's stalwart, Bert Taylor, celebrated his birthday last Saturday. After the match he entertained the players.

Supporters will be pleased to learn that Davie's arm was not broken, but only badly bruised. He will probably be right in a week or two. For three successive seasons Davie has been injured prior to the return engagement with Yarraville.

Dowling, who has been Preston's most consistent player, may not feel well enough to strip to-morrow. He had the misfortune to receive a severe kick on the shin last Saturday.

Gall is also a doubtful player against Prahran, as he is still suffering from the effects of an injured instep.

Another injured player as a result of last Saturday's game was the local skipper. Cazaly received a kick on the leg, but it is considered the injury will not prevent him from leading the side on Saturday.

Monohan has been down with influenza, whilst Summers is suffering from a very heavy cold. Is it any wonder, after playing under such conditions as last Saturday? However, both these enthusiasts expect to take the field to-morrow.

Davie trained last Tuesday and felt very little ill-effect of his injured arm. He will probably be right for Saturday.

Change of Uniforms

The committee might well consider the advisability of providing each player with a complete change of uniform when a match is played under the conditions which they experienced at Yarraville. For players to sit round at the adjournment in soaked clothes is certainly taking a grave risk. To re-enter the game with dry, warm clothes is surely more likely to produce better results than for a player to appear wet and cold.

TO-MORROW'S MATCH

PRESTON PLAY PRAHRAN

After an absence of three weeks (during which time Preston gained two successes and a draw), Preston will be at home to Prahran, and the locals feel confident of turning the tables on the visitors. The locals are playing splendidly at present, and patrons at next Saturday's contest will not be disappointed.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

Clubs	P	W	L	P.C.	Pts.
Oakleigh	12	10	2	62.16	40
Port Melb	11	9	2	68.15	36
Yarraville	12	8	3	92.35	34
Northcote	12	8	4	80.71	32
Brunswick	12	7	5	85.41	28
Preston	12	6	5	102.20	26
Sand'ham	12	6	6	99.09	24
Coburg	11	6	5	106.50	24
Prahran	12	4	8	132.26	16
W'town	12	3	9	117.78	12
Cam'well	12	2	10	145.64	8
Brighton	12	1	11	129.12	4

ATTENDANCES AND TAKINGS

Owing to heavy rain attendances at matches showed a vast decrease. The aggregate attendances at Association matches were estimated at 16,000 and the takings at £195. There were 3,000 at the Yarraville-Preston match, and 2000 saw Northcote play Williamstown.

ASSOCIATION SUB-DISTRICTS

Preston v South Melbourne

Haxby Park was the scene of this encounter, and a good game was provided, although the ground was in a very bad state. Preston, through injuries and and illness, were without three stalwarts in Harding, McGlynn and Hickson, and their captain (Don Aitken) was unable to take the field, although present. At the bounce Preston fielded 17 men and hopped right in. With a burst of fast, dazzling play they caught the visitors napping and had 1-3 to nil before South woke up. Quarter time scores: Preston, 2-4; South Melbourne, 2-4. Still a man short, Preston made play, but South's "loose man" was troublesome and, favored by the wind, the visitors took advantage and rattled on 1-7 to Preston's 2 behinds in the second term. At the change and still one man short, Preston overtook the deficit and were two points ahead, but by 'lemon' time South had again obtained the lead. Scores:—South Melbourne, 6-12; Preston, 5-8. Aitken, although practically crippled, took the field in the last quarter, but his handicap was too great, and after a very interesting, fast and clean game South Melbourne ran out winners. Final scores: South Melbourne, 7-15; Preston, 5-8. Best players for South Melbourne were Burwash, R. Russell, Dodd, Clark (4 goals). Preston's best were Chatley (2 goals), Buzza, Rogers.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES

South Preston Methodists Remain Undefeated

The first round of the B section of the Protestant Churches Association terminated last Saturday, when the only two undefeated teams in South Preston Methodists and East Brunswick met on the latter's ground to determine the minor premiership. The opening term saw South Preston being held by their opponents, who, battling against the wind, were only a single behind their rivals at the first change. South Preston, however, rallied during the second term and increased their lead by two points. In the third term the visitors made a gallant effort to take possession and at the last change led by 14 points. East Brunswick, however, were not to be denied, and, playing splendidly they had South Preston defenders in difficulties. By good team work South Preston rallied and ran out winners of a great game by five points. Final scores:—South Preston Methodists, 6-8; East Brunswick, 5-9.

The game next Saturday is against St. Mark's at Haxby's Park, Bell street, East Preston.

Other Results

South Melbourne Church of Christ, 10-11, d St. George's Road, Methodists, 7-14.

Regent Church of England, 4-6, lost to Moreland Church of Christ, 14-15.

St. Mark's Church of England, 12-10, d Napier Street Presbyterians, 5-6.

Collingwood Methodists, 4-3, lost to Pender's Grove Methodists, 7-11.

BOURKE-EVELYN ASSOCIATION

Whittlesea, 8-7, d Mernda, 4-6.
Epping d Donnybrook.

C.E.B.S.

On Saturday St. Mark's, Regent, played Reservoir on the Regent ground. The play in the first quarter was one-sided, the scores being: Regent, 6-6; Reservoir, 1-1. With the wind Reservoir had the advantage but could not overhaul Regent. Regent came again in the third quarter, but inaccurate kicking lost them many gaols. Scores: Regent, 12-14; Reservoir, 5-3. In the last quarter Regent dominated the game and won by 17-21 to 7-7. Regent's best were R. Ash, Meuett, O. Ash, Palmer. Goalkickers: Meuett (10), Billsdown (3), Sullivan (3), R. Hesline.

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR LEAGUE

Thornbury District v Richmond Hill

The above teams met in the return match at Thornbury East on Saturday. The result meant a lot to Thornbury's position in the four. The ground was in its worst state for some years, being very thick with mud, with foot deep puddles at the east end. The visitors attacked early and scored two goals before Thornbury replied through Harper. Thornbury's kicking was erratic, and only behinds were scored. Marking and good football was impossible, so kicking off the ground was frequently indulged in. Richmond attacked repeatedly, but good defence work by H. Jackson, R. Goatley and Jack Cleary saved time and again. The locals gained the lead at the change over with two goals by Harper, who was showing a return to form. Thornbury led by 4 points at half-time. The visitors played the better football in the third quarter and had a ten-point lead at three-quarter time. The locals strove hard to regain the lead in the final quarter, but the visitors forged ahead with 3 behinds. Harper again goaled for the locals, while behinds were also rushed. With only time off to play Thornbury were still behind by 3 points, when Broadbent snapped it through as the bell rang, amidst loud applause from the home supporters. Final scores:—Thornbury District, 7-11; Richmond Hill, 7-8.

Best players for Thornbury were H. Jackson, B. Hart, K. Harper, G. Thompson, A. Beveridge, R. Go... Jack Cleary. Richmond Hill's ... were Hogan, O'Toole, Bolger, ...gan, V. Dyer. Goal-kickers.—Thornbury: Harper (6), Broadbent. R...mond: Hogan (2), Pope (2), Ca...field, Rahally, O'Toole.

Club Notes.—In their efforts ... build up a strong team Thornb... have tried out no less than 24 play... this season. E. Jenkins is out ... hospital, and was an interested sp...tator last Saturday. The winner ... the cake basket was Miss E. How... 2 Erin street, Preston. Players ... supporters are reminded of the da... and euchre party in the new Pres... Palais, corner Plenty road and Oa... street, Preston, on July 18.

RAMBLERS' MATCH

P.W.P. Methodists v Myer's

The above teams met in a retu... game at Hayes' Park on Saturd... Despite the sodden ground the p... was good up till half-time, altho... scoring was low. Myer's deficit ... 10 points at this stage was a res... of poor forward work. In the seco... half the play evened up considera... and became more willing, especia... in the last term, when Myer's gra... ally made up their leeway. With bo... teams level and only a few minu... to go weight was used unsparing... and players were unceremoniou... rolled in the black mud every f... yards. A final rally by Myer's fo... the goal, and a hotly-contested ma... resulted in a win for the visitors ... five points. Final scores:—Myer... 6-17; P.W.P., 7-6. Goal-kickers: Myers: Herbert (3), Robins, Bro... Stenhouse. P.W.P.: Oates (5), Jam... Cornish.

BASEBALL

Northcote and Preston Protestant Churches

The match between St. George... Road Methodists and Thornbury Pr... byterians A, played at Merri Park ... Saturday, resulted in an easy w... for the former by 25 runs to ... Methodists took control of the ga... from the start, mainly through go... pitching by L. Tulk, and the ga... proved very one-sided, as the scor... indicate. There was not a weak m... on the winning side, the best bei... L. Tulk (pitching). A. Kellett, pla... ing his first game of the season, fiel... ed and batted brilliantly. D. Woo... (5 runs), E. Williams (4 runs) a... H. Mabbett (6 runs) also did w... The losers were best served by M... Donald and Hook, who both field... well. Thornbury batted two m... short. In this match H. Mabbett h... his knee badly injured. Scores:—St. George's Road Methodists, 1 5 4 0 10 1—25; Thornbury Presbyterians 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0.

CYCLING

Preston Amateurs

Last Saturday several of the club riders took part in the first Malve... Star Melbourne to Castlemaine rac... over a distance of 70 miles. The... was a record entry of 212, but owi... to heavy rain only 135 started. On slippery roads and through drenchi... rain the riders had a severe te... Going through the Black Forest sev... ral riders cramped owing to the col... A big bunch had amalgamated ju... after leaving Woodend, and ride... had narrow escapes from being r... down by a car which swung on ... them just before reaching Kyneto... One rider fell, bringing down seve... others, including H. Neumann, ... Preston Club. No one was serious... hurt and all continued in the rac... At Malmsbury Hill R. Sewell (Foo... cray) and R. Scott (Terang) bro... away from the bunch and held the lead to Castlemaine, where Sew... beat Scott for first place. Presto... riders to finish well up and who w... receive medallions are W. Hughes, ... Neumann, F. Gascoyne and P. McC... ker.

Professionals' 50 Mile Race

There were 186 entrants for ... professional 50 miles open road ra... last Saturday. Weather conditi... were most unpleasant, the continuous rain making the roads very treach... ous. The event was won by D. Sc... (Essendon) in 2hr. 15min. 12sec. Walkley (Preston), off scratch, ga... ed the fastest time honors with 2... 13min. 7sec. C. Sterry (Preston), 8 mins., was ninth.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Club Matches

Northcote.—First Stage Club T... phy—Hook, 46 (3), 49; McQuien, ... (7), 49; Randall, 41 (5), 46; Kaye, ... (2), 46; Tongue, 42 (4), 46; Aske... 41 (5), 46; Williams, 35 (11), 46.

Preston.—Club Competition—A... 66 (6), 70; Bignell, 64 (7), 70; P... gott, 62 (10), 70; French, 62 (7), ... Griffiths, 65 (4), 69; Chynoweth, ... (12), 69.

HOCKEY

A2 Grade.—Fairfield, 1, lost to Iva... hoe, 3, after a hard game at Ivanho...

B Grade.—Fairfield, 2, d Hera... Sun, 1.

C Grade.—Essendon, 2, d Ivanho... 1.

The Northcote Football Club invites you to visit the training room every Sunday morning to meet the players, see their training methods and preparation.

NORTHCOTE FAIL IN A TIGHT FINISH

WILLIAMSTOWN "PUT ONE OVER" IN THE MUD

Green and Golds' Position in the Four in Jeopardy.

(By "Aequus.")

Williamstown sprang a surprise on Northcote last Saturday by defeating them by 3 points. The match was played under wretched conditions and was merely an uninteresting scramble. Although Northcote held the lead at half-time their play was not impressive. They had, by far, the greater portion of the game, but an over-indulgence of short passing, especially on such a day, saw many chances wasted. The visitors were accurate in front of goal, and, having superior dash and vigor in the closing stages of the game, gained the honors.

There was another poor attendance at Northcote Park last Saturday, when Northcote played Williamstown. The arena was swamped after the heavy rain and was entirely unsuitable for football. Northcote again omitted Seymour. Williamstown were without Shanahun, Lonergan and McKenzie.

THE TEAMS

NORTHCOTE.—Backs: Honig, Cockram, Hill; half backs: Dea, Humphries, McSwain; centres: Garrett, Williams, Nicholls; half forwards: Poulter, Briggs, Cole; forwards: Pruser, Simmonds, D'Helin; followers: Rowe, Goulett; rover: Ross.

WILLIAMSTOWN.—backs: Neil, O'Brien, W. Graw; half backs: Sheehan, Sykes, Hyde; centres: Farrell, Timesch, Taafe; half forwards: Barnes, Cahill, Sinclair; forwards: Blake, Helwig, Walsh; followers: Whitburn, O'Brien; rover: Shade.

UMPIRES

Field: Morcom; boundaries: Cahill and McGill; goal: Laidlaw and Moxham.

THE PLAY

Northcote kicked towards the stand goal. Kicking off the ground was favored from the start. Nicholls and Rowe were prominent early. They gave Pruser a chance and he hit the post. Rowe followed with a single.

Splendid Mark

The seasiders swung play to the other end. Cahill held a fine mark close in for six points. Barnes gained a single. Players were having a bad time and could do little with the slippery ball.

Goals for Northcote

Cole obtained Northcote's first goal when Pruser and Simmonds combined well. Following a single by Simmonds, Briggs, from a ridiculous free kick, gained the maximum. Sheehan went for the ball but slipped on top of it and was penalised.

It was a shocking mistake. Moxham was giving his usual inefficient display.

Even Contest

Good play was out of the question. It was a case of mistake after mistake. Helwig marked cleverly for a goal and Ross helped Simmonds to another. The latter also scored two behinds, one shot hitting the post. Northcote led by 11 points at the first change.

Northcote.—3 goals 6 behinds, (24 points).
Williamstown.—2 goals, 1 behind, (13 points).

Northcote Retain Lead

The visitors opened brightly. Helwig, played half forward, and Sinclair followed it up with full points. A behind followed. Williams, who was doing fairly well for his first game, received from Ross and a neat long punt brought a major. Play was lifeless and scrambling and did not arouse any enthusiasm.

A Great Defence

Sykes and W. O'Brien were defending capably for the visitors. Shade and Blake roved cleverly.

Northcote were playing as if the result was assured. Rowe was working hard in the ruck. Twice Simmonds missed with easy shots but a free to Blake was successful. Shade notched a minor.

Bright Interlude

Towards the end of the term Northcote opened out and played attractively, both Pruser and Briggs goaling. Smart exchanges by Taafe, Whitburn and Sinclair ended in Helwig working cleverly for a sixer. Northcote prevailed towards the end when Briggs added a goal and a point and Cole a behind. Half Time scores:—

Northcote.—7 goals 10 behinds, (52 points).
Williamstown.—5 goals 3 behinds, (33 points).

19 Points' Advantage

With a margin of 19 points Northcote looked to have a big chance. J. O'Brien (injured in first half) was replaced by Cutting.

Indifferent Shooting

Play promised well. Both Walsh and Simmonds struck the post. This was Northcote's third time. However, Pruser, from a snap, did better when he goaled. It happened to be Northcote's last.

Williamstown in Form

The visitors were now showing much greater determination and dash. From good marks Sinclair and Helwig goaled. Northcote made several fruitless endeavours to score, but the defence of Sykes and the roving of Blake and Shade kept them at bay. A free to Shade brought a point. The same player also snapped a goal. Sinclair followed this with another.

Behinds Only

Northcote had many chances, but Briggs, Cole and Simmonds were only equal to singles.

Williamstown had played a fast, dashing quarter and had reduced the margin of 19 to 3 points. It was a commendable effort.

At three quarter time the scores were:—

Northcote.—8 goals 14 behinds, (62 points.)
Williamstown.—9 goals 5 behinds, (59 points).

Slogging Last Term

The last quarter was remarkable for its evenness. The ball was now very sodden and could not be handled. Play was crowded. There was and entire absence of fast exchanges and the tired locals were helpless forward. During the quarter, Northcote were able to score one behind, while Williamstown managed a goal by Sinclair, from a free, and a point. Sykes, at one end, and McSwain at the other, were unbeatable and did a tremendous amount of work.

Play was hard and gruelling but could scarcely be called exciting, despite the narrow margin. Neither side showed much form, and the luck went to the visitors by finishing 3 points in front.

Final scores:—

WILLIAMSTOWN.—10 goals 6 behinds, (66 points).
NORTHCOTE.—8 goals 15 behinds, (63 points).

Northcote's Decline

Though Northcote were unlucky to lose and were the better team, their play was poor and lifeless. To have any chance of premiership honors, much better form against a weak team like Williamstown should have been shown. Only four weeks ago Northcote were able to beat the same team, on its own ground by 30 points. Last week against Camberwell, the locals gave indication of a revival of form but failed miserably in this match. Undoubtedly the sting has gone out of their game.

Best Players

The seasiders were well equipped with players who adapted themselves to the unusual conditions. Sykes, centre half back, was best on the ground. He was far too good for Briggs in the second half. O'Brien, full back, gave him much assistance. Sheehan and Hyde were other good defenders.

Across the center Williamstown did well, but the roving of Blake and Shade had the greatest say in the result. Helwig, 3 goals, Cahill and Sinclair, 4 goals, were grand workers in front of goals.

Northcote's Best

No one worked harder than Rowe, who is receiving little support. He battled well in ruck. Ross roved well and Goulett was a fair follower.

Best Defenders

McSwain played his best game to date. Cockram was also safe, but Honig and Hill showed no dash. Back men who have no dash are useless. Neither Humphries nor Dea did much. The latter again showed lack of determination.

Garrett in the Centre

Across the center Garrett alone prevailed, Nicholls was much below form and only occasionally shone. Williams did well early, but faded out in the second half. He received a bad knock in the second quarter.

Pruser Clever

Pruser and Cole were active on the forward line especially in the first half. Briggs found Sykes too fast and clever, though he, too, did well early, Poulter found the going troublesome and Simmonds failed to produce last Saturday's form.

The Umpire

Morcom gave a very poor display. He is too slow to keep up with the game. There is no doubt as to his being impartial, but his standard of umpirng is lowering the football standard.

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NEXT SATURDAY'S MATCH

Northcote have the next match against Brighton at Northcote Park As Brighton have won only one match Northcote should win this game.

CLUB NOTES

Northcote have fallen away so badly that it is difficult to forecast their retention of a position in the four. With six matches to go, two, Brighton and Sandringham, are at home and four, Oakleigh, Preston, Coburg and Yarraville, away. There will need to be a vast improvement to win these games.

P. Brown, whose services have been badly missed, has left hospital. His toe was amputated. Stockdale, has still to stand aside for three matches.

Gray, Corrigan, Bryne, Woods and Towers must all have their claims well considered for next Saturday's match. Seymour should also appear.

Unless some of the present members show more vigor it would be better to try some local juniors.

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

D. Fraser (Oakleigh) still heads the list with 51 goals. Seymour (Northcote) is an equal sixth with 31. Simmonds (Northcote) has scored 30, and Warr and Davie (both of Preston), 22 each.

MATCHES FOR SATURDAY

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

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NORTHCOTE v WILLIAMSTOWN

Although the ground was water-logged at Williamstown Northcote second eighteen and Williamstown second eighteen provided a fast and interesting game. Northcote won with a six-goal margin.

Len Smith, after several games with the first eighteen, returned to the side and gave valuable service. James, playing his first game, also did well. Docking (injured) and Joolan, who did not appear, were omitted from the side, which was as follows:—Backs: Davies, James, Tracey. Half-backs: Ackland, Burns, Winter. Centres: Laxon, Skilton (c.), O'Neill. Half - forwards: Randle, Smith, Russ (v.c.). Forwards: Allen Gray, Emmins, Bresnahan. Followers: Houldcroft, Geo. Gray. Rover: Alex. Gray.

Northcote, although having the advantage of the wind, were slow to get going, and Williamstown were first to score. Northcote backs were being kept busy, until a long kick by Burns to Smith enabled Bresnahan to goal. Northcote, relying on kicking off the ground, were now doing better, and Bresnahan, kicking from the pack, again found the goal. A nice angle shot by the Williamstown forward brought up the home team's second goal. Smith, in the half-forward position, was handling the ball well for Northcote, and with a long kick scored third goal. A snap by Alex Gray just on the bell made the quarter-time scores:—Northcote, 4-5; Williamstown, 2-1. Davies and Burns withstood a Williamstown attack, and Laxon kicked well down to Randle, who found the goal. Northcote's forwards were kicking accurately, and seven shots for the quarter produced five goals, Alex Gray, Emmins, Smith and Randle being responsible. Half-time scores:—Northcote, 9-7; Williamstown, 3-2. Northcote, through Houldcroft and G. Gray, supported by "Sandy" Gray, were dominating the ruck, but the smaller Williamstown men were handling the ball to advantage. Skilton, although well plastered with mud, was playing his usual clever game, frequently enabling the forwards to score. With goals from Bresnahan and Emmins the quarter ended:—Northcote, 11-9; Williamstown, 4-7. Williamstown were the first to attack, and two goals in quick succession raised the hopes of their supporters. Skilton secured the knock out and forwarded. The greasy ball missing the pack, was cleverly picked up by "Sandy" Gray, who found an unguarded goal. Williamstown were having the best of the play, and only the strong defensive work of Winter, Burns and Ackland prevented them scoring. A further goal was scored by Randle, and the game ended with Northcote attacking. Final scores:—Northcote: 13-12; Williamstown, 6-10.

The game was more interesting than the scores indicate, both sides adapting themselves to the sodden condition of the ground. Northcote's best players were Geo. Gray, "Sandy" Gray, Laxon, Randle, Davies, Emmins and Smith. Goal-kickers: Bresnahan (3), Alex. Gray (3), Randle (3), Emmins (2), and Smith (2).

The splendid condition of the team and the position on the premiership list reflects great credit on the coach, Bob Skilton, and the supporters of the club feel confident that he will lead the side to victory in the final matches.

Club Notes

At the conclusion of the Oakleigh match on the 25th inst., the Oakleigh Club will be entertained at tea in the pavilion, followed by a social and dance. The ladies' committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Roy Morrison, have the arrangements well in hand, and a splendid night is assured.

A smoke social has been arranged for Thursday, August 6, at the Friendly Societies' Hall, Gooch street, Thornbury. A fine musical programme has been arranged, and a bumper night is assured.

General regret has been expressed that Frank Ackland, the popular full back, will not be available after August 1 owing to his having secured work in the country. Frank has been an outstanding player of the club on the field, and the "life of the party" in club functions.

Preston v Yarraville

Preston, 18-16, defeated Yarraville, 6-3. For Preston Marshall, Roseman, Smith, Kupsch, Grierson and Morgan were best players. Goal-kickers were Grierson (6), Fennell (3), Roseman (3), Lee (2), Marshall (2), Ryan and Haddrick. For Yarraville Frew, Butler, Patterson, Holm, Belgrave and Joyce were best players. Goal-kickers: Belgrave (5), Cooper.

Premiership Points

Preston (40 points) now heads the premiership list, and has yet to replay a match with Port Melbourne. Brunswick also has 40 points, and Coburg and Northcote 32 each.

OTHER MATCHES

Sub-Districts League

First Grade.—Fairfield, 12-14, d Richmond District, 8-9; Alphington, 22-21, d Carnegie, 6-2.

Second Grade.—Fairfield District, 12-11, d Fairfield, 8-5; Ivanhoe, 15-11, d East Brunswick, 3-11.

Metropolitan Junior League

Second Grade.—North Melbourne District, 9-11, d Alphington Juniors, 8-9.

Association Sub-Districts

First Grade.—Alphington, 13-7, d East Brunswick, 5-7.

Second Grade.—Newport Juniors, 6-7, d Croxton, 3-4; Prestige, 13-7, d Northcote, 7-13.

Third Grade.—Heidelberg, 10-13, d Richmond, 6-8; Yarraville, 24-10, d Fairfield, 6-6.

C.Y.M.S.

Thornbury, 9-11, d North Brunswick, 1-9.

Flemington, 11-9, d Northcote, 2-3.

Fairfield, 12-27, d North Melbourne, 3-7.

Essendon, 7-15, d Clifton Hill, 5-8.

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB.

POPULAR GIRL CONTEST

The competition is rapidly gaining support from all quarters, and the various committees are actively engaged in supervising functions and exploiting new avenues to place their candidate at the head of the list. Northcote is benefiting by the publicity gained, and the manner in which each is organising is a credit. They have taken on no light task, and the spirit of co-operation that exists between the contestants is wonderful. Each girl and her committee is willing to actively help the other to make any function a success—a fine sporting spirit.

The second count of votes this week shows an interesting position. Miss George has jumped from last to first, Miss Olver is still second, whilst Miss Weate goes back to third. The voting to date is as follows:—

The White Girl .... 7,184 votes
The Red Girl .... 2,822 votes
The Blue Girl .... 2,754 votes

THE WHITE GIRL

Miss Lillian George held a successful social evening at the Masonic Hall Bastings street, on Saturday night. She entertained about 220 friends with a varied programme, including modern and old-time dancing, musical items, games and surprises. Mr. Ron Bohme's orchestra provided the music. A feature was an exhibition of toe, tap and fancy dancing and acrobatics by Miss Betty Neill and the Walsh Sisters. Popular items were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Shugg and Mr. Newham. The biggest surprise of the evening was when the party was raided by "masked bandits," under the leadership of Mr. W. Lambert. All the guests were "held up" and paid for their safe deliverance, the joke being thoroughly appreciated. To those who provided the harmony, to her committee, and to all who worked so energetically, Miss George desires to extend her appreciation and thanks. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. Snell, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Bohme, Mr. and Mrs. Brockie, Mrs. Schwaebsch, Mr. and Miss Hill, Mrs. Neill, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. E. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. P. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. N. Leitch, Miss J. Bohme, Miss A. Saunders, Mr. P. Tomkins, Miss M. Peterson, Mr. H. Wallace and Mr. C. Sheldrake. The various committees, as well as the players, were well represented, together with a large number of friends from other districts. Mrs. F. Snell presented Miss George with a handsome teapot, which helped considerably towards the financial success of the evening. Lillian announced her intention of holding a similar function in the same hall on Saturday, August 8, and assured all that she intended to make the next night even more enjoyable.

Miss George invites her committee and all others interested to meet her at her home, 40 Brooke street, on Monday at 8 p.m.

THE RED GIRL

A successful social evening was held on Tuesday night in Normanby Hall to assist Miss Gwen Olver. The guests were entertained with modern and old-time dancing and several surprises. Doug. Nicholls, partnered by Miss Norma Uren, was successful in winning one of the competitions. Doug is as popular with the citizens of Northcote as he is with all footballers. Mrs. C. Stevens, Mr. Clayden and Mr. Geo. Bradley were also successful in other competitions. Mr. Ron Bohme's orchestra provided good music, whilst the catering was in the capable hands of Mrs. Olorenshaw. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Grafen, Mr. and Mrs. W. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. S. Harvey, Mr. Ivan Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Trainor, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Reg Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Miss Alma Rae, Miss Rae Dyte, Miss V. Cockroft, Miss O. Green, Miss Ida Bradley, Miss Doris Smith, Cr. and Miss M. Jones, Cr. and Mrs. Olver, Mr. and Mrs. Clayden, Miss K. Olver, Mr. G. Heron, Mr. T. Garrett, Mr. R. Humphries, and many other friends and supporters.

Miss Olver will hold another social on Saturday evening, July 18, at the Masonic Hall, Union street. Tickets may be obtained from the hon. organiser (Mrs. G. Bradley), Miss Gwen Olver, Mr. W. M. Houston, or any of the committee. This function promises to be a huge success, due to the efforts of Mrs. Bradley. Gwen and her committee are now actively engaged in making arrangements for future functions.

THE BLUE GIRL

Miss Eva Weate has rested this week prior to entering on a big drive. With her committee she is forming plans for a campaign which will be much different from that of the other candidates. Eva is holding a euchre party at her home, 39 Spencer street, on Saturday, July 18, and a house party at Mr. Claude Weate's residence, 4 Morgan street, on July 25. To facilitate travelling Mr. Weate will run free buses from the Northcote town hall at 8 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. along High street, stopping at Separation street, tram sheds, Dundas street, Bell street, then on to Morgan street.

BILL POULTER (NORTHCOTE)

Strength and ability scientifically controlled make Bill Poulter a useful member of his side.

Born at Greensborough, Bill Poulter commenced his football career with the Greensborough State school. Playing with various teams, Bill commenced serious football when he went in 1923 to the Greensborough Football Club. He was one of the 1925 premiership team. Judkins (Northcote's former wing man and now with Richmond) was also a member of the team. Poulter joined the police force in 1926 and was a member of the police team premiers, 1926 (Wednesday League).

In 1928 J. Perkins persuaded Bill to come across to Northcote. A big, young man of the strong tenacious type, he has added dash to the rucks. Bill infuses plenty of vigor into his play and does not hesitate to bump hard. His weight (14 stone) enables him to stand up to the heavy demands made on him. His coolness in trying circumstances enables him to perform well. At Prahran three years ago the match was exciting right from the beginning. Time off to play and Northcote were one point behind! Poulter took a mark a long way out and a mighty kick produced a behind, which equalised the scores. On the kick-in seconds were valuable, but just as the bell rang Bill received a free kick. This seemed beyond his reach, but with another mighty kick he added a behind. The goal umpire was signalling a behind, but the field umpire called the ball back, as the man on the mark had trespassed beyond it. Poulter kicked again and scored the point by which Northcote won the day.

Bill was a member of the 1929 premiership team, and his firm opinion is that we will have another premiership flag this year. The only members of the 1928 side with the club now are Garrett, Nicholls, Cole, Gray, Seymour and Poulter.

Joe Poulter, who played with Collingwood for several years, and is now with South Melbourne, is Bill's brother.

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NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Before Mr. G. Brown, P.M., Messrs. W. Hayes, H. Evans, P. Carney and Mrs. Woods, J.'sP.

Cases Remanded

William Roy Barry, was charged with offensive behaviour on July 11. There was a second charge of indecent language.

Barry asked for a remand for a week, saying he was not getting "a fair go," and he wanted time to get a solicitor and witnesses.

Sergt. McEniff did not object, and the remand was granted.

Bail was fixed at £25, with a surety of a like amount.

Railways Case

Albert Vincent, Cecil street, South Melbourne, charged with having on June 5, between Regent and Croxton, travelled first-class in a railway carriage on a second-class ticket, was fined £1, with 7/6 costs.

Unlighted Bicycles

Joseph French, of Rucker street, Northcote, charged with having ridden a bicycle without a light in St. George's road at 9.45 p.m. on June 15, was fined 10/-.

Others fined 10/- for similar offences were Charles Lingren, Edith street, Preston; Alwyn Davies, Beaver's road, Northcote; John A. Edwards, Oakover Rd, Preston; Jack Hummill, Traill street, Northcote; and Douglas Crabtree, White street, Reservoir.

Unregistered Cars

Norman Proudfoot, Oamaru street, Northcote, was charged with having on June 15 driven an unregistered car

STELLA'S CONVERSION

Stella, prim and proper, of the Vicarage Debating Society, lived in the country and had not even been to a music hall. She hated "vulgar comedians," but found they were human and lovable.

Read it—Page 8

in Mitchell street. There was a second charge of having fraudulently used an identifying number. He pleaded guilty to both charges.

Constable Buchan said:—On June 15 I saw Proudfoot driving a car in Mitchell street. He admitted that the vehicle was not registered, and that he had painted the numbers on it.

Proudfoot said:—I was taking the car to a garage to get it repaired, after which I intended to get it registered.

Fined £2 for unregistered car, and £5 on the second charge.

Victor Rendell, Arthur street, Fairfield, was charged with having on June 16 rode an unregistered motor cycle, and also with having fraudulently used a number plate.

Constable McGuinness said:—I saw defendant in Arthur street, Fairfield, and he admitted that the machine was not registered. He also said he had painted the number on the cycle, they being the numbers of a motor car owned by his brother.

Fined £2 for unregistered cycle and £5 for fraudulently using the number.

Offensive Behaviour

Jack Renouf, Mansfield street, Thornbury, charged with having behaved in an offensive manner in a place near High street on June 27, was fined £1.

Debt

Adam Smith obtained orders against the following for money lent:—James Daley and Sarah Daley, £2/15/-; James Jury and Dorothy Jury, £1/15/-; Ellen Clutterbuck and Alice Riley, £2 4/-.

Emma Trahey sued George H. Denham, Dorothy street, East Brunswick, for £8/5/- for rent of premises in Valentine street, Northcote.

After hearing the evidence Denham admitted owing £7/10/-, and an order was made for that amount, with 13/- costs.

FIRE IN EMPTY PRESTON HOUSE

The trial was concluded before Judge Macindoe, in General Sessions on July 8, of Horace Gordin Futcher, aged 39 years, contractor, of Batson street, Footscray, and Jack Johns, aged 24 years, laborer, of Carlisle street, Maidstone, on a charge of having, at Preston, on March 12, maliciously set fire to a dwelling house belonging to John James Boland, with intent to injure or defraud. The house was empty at the time of the fire.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and Futcher and Johns were discharged.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

ORANGE AND VIOLET SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Orange and Violet Sunday will be observed in churches connected with the Christian Endeavour Movement and members of the congregations are invited to bring gifts. The proceeds of the appeal will as usual be presented to the patients at the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg and the Infectious Disease Hospital, Fairfield. This appeal which is made annually by the Northcote and Preston District C.E. Union has of recent years met with a wonderful response.

The monthly council meeting of the local Union is to be held in the vestry of the Northcote Methodist Church on Saturday evening next.

On Saturday afternoon next, the Union is holding a Quiet Hour Meeting at Northcote Church of Christ at 3 o'clock. A Fellowship Tea will follow at 5 p.m. and at 6.30 a Bible Study conducted by the Rev. F. J. Jennings. Mr. W. W. Saunders will lead the Quiet Hour session. The meeting will finish at 7.30.

On Sunday morning, the meeting of the Northcote Methodist Intermediate Society will be conducted by the young men of the society. Mr. Dave Roadnight will give the address. Many visitors are expected, including the District Intermediate Superintendent. Miss S. Sandland.

The Rev. W. D Jackson, B.A., of the Collins Street Baptist Church will speak at a session of the Annual Convention on November 14, 15 and 16. The Rev. Charles N. Lack of the China Inland Mission will also be present.

Mr. E. Hansford of the Sudan United Mission is to address the meeting of the Regent Baptist Intermediate Society early in August.

A combined street march and drive has been planned by the West Preston Baptist Societies for August 1.

POINTED PROVERBS

A CHANCE FOR ALL

The work of re-constructing the fortunes of Australia depends upon us all, and we can all do our share even if our part is only a small one. By a calm confidence a spirit of willing sacrifice, a readiness to serve others and to conserve our resources we all have an opportunity to help Asutralia back to prosperity. But suppose we fail! A Spanish proverb says. "Opportunities are shy things: they seldom come twice." A man who had refused to do a good work because it seemed so trivial dreamt that he died. An angel led him to a beautiful building which was marred because one stone of importance was missing. He asked the angel why this was missing and received the reply, "That was left for you to put in, but you failed in your part, and so the building will never be perfect." He awoke but the memory of his dream remained, and from then on he did his duty more faithfully than ever before.

We must rebuild Australia, and this task will need our united efforts. If any of us refuse to do our share, Australia will be so much the poorer. This is our day of opportunity. Let us all bear one another's burdens and so help to lift the load.

LOITERING CHARGES FAIL

At the Northcote court on Tuesday Harold James Day, Napier street, Fitzroy, was charged with having, on July 2, being a suspected person, loitered in Kellett street with intent to commit a felony.

Constable Derham said about midday he saw Day and two other men go into an empty house in Kellett street. When he followed the men disappeared. Later he saw Day driving a covered van, which answered the description of one used by stove thieves. When asked why there was no name on the cart Day produced a piece of tin from under the seat, on one side of which was painted "Turner, Canning street, Carlton," and on the other, "E. J. Arthur, Clifton Hill." The men with Day were convicted persons.

Day said he held a collector's license.

The P.M. (Mr. Brown) said that there was not enough evidence to warrant a conviction, but he warned Day to choose his companions with more care.

Similar charges were preferred against Robert Clarence Jones, of Ormond street, Kensington, and Leonard Thomas Fordham, Reeves street, Carlton, and after evidence had been heard the bench also dismissed these cases.

Larceny Alleged

Jones and Fordham were subsequently committed for trial on a charge of the larceny on June 23 of a fire stove, valued at £5/17/6, the property of Thomas W. Davies, from an empty house in Arthurton road, Northcote.

Law.

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WATER COLOR ARTISTS' EXHIBITION

John A. Munro, a young local artist is showing with a group of Melbourne painters, the Seven Watercolorists, who realise that Australia must develop her own traditions in Art. With this object in view they are progressing along original lines, and are holding an exhibition at the Athenaeum Gallery, Melbourne, which opens on Monday next at 3 p.m. The other artist are Messrs. James Farrell (Preston), E.B. (Pat) Heffernan (Heidelberg), Geoff Anderson, Mervyn E. Officer, Harry C. Hudson, and Dominic Leon.

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Northcote Notes

A.W.A.

The fortnightly meetings of the A.W.A. are still being held in the Town Hall council room but it is expected that the arrangements for a new lodge room will soon be finalised. At the last meeting on July 6, a large attendance was in evidence and at the conclusion of the meeting the members were entertained by Mrs. Schwaebsch, who gave an enjoyable evening. All members and intending members are cordially invited to the next meeting on July 20.

Community Singing

There was a splendid attendance on July 9 at the community singing by the Northcote Unemployed Professional Orchestra. The orchestra, under Mr. C. Winter, played some splendid selections. The comedian was Mr. Tom Gay, who kept the audience convulsed with laughter. Master Ron Letique sang "The Two Tramps" and "The Wee House." The Trader's prize was won by a lady who was attending community singing in Northcote for the first time.

Complimentary Social

A complimentary social, will be tendered to Mr. H. H. Olney, M.L.C. and Mrs. Olney at Northcote Town Hall on Friday evening, by supporters in the recent Melbourne North Province election. Amongst those who have accepted invitations to attend are Mr. J. A. Lyons, M.H.R., leader of the Federal Opposition, and leader of the United Australian Party. Admission will be by card only, and tickets may be obtained from Mr. H. F. Mitchell, 86 Helen street, Northcote, Mr. Geo. Henderson, 682 High street, Thornbury, and Mr. S. T. Grey, 273 High street, Preston.

First Aid Examination

Very successfur first aid examination was held by Dr. C. Sear, of Preston, and Mrs. J. Aitken, of Northcote, at Northcote Town Hall on July 1, All candidates being successful. Those who passed were:—Mesdames O. M. Scarfe and E. B. Brown, Misses M. M. Maltzahan, E. M. Burrows, D. V. Sowden, E. M. Lindsay, D. D. Chirgwin, J. A. Pile, J. F. Ellis, H. M. Green, E. V. Lillis, A. N. Lewis, I. Sutherland-Cathels, I. M. Trotman, E. M. Bourchier and I. A. De Laine.

A home nursing class will commence at the Northcote Town Hall on July 22 at 8 p.m. The hon. sec. is Mrs. J. Aitken, 9 Aberdeen grove, Northcote.

Musical Afternoon

On Wednesday, July 8, the Northcote Womens' Hospital held a musical afternoon in the Town Hall, Northcote to raise money for the maintenance of the Northcote bed in the Womens' Hopsital for which £25 per annum is needed. The hall was decorated with pot plants and Iceland poppies. Miss Olive Batten arranged the musical programme and the following artists assisted.—Mesdames Colin Gardiner, E. Fawcett, Hutchinson and Miss E. Somerville, songs; Miss E. Allen, elocution; Miss Ida Park, piano solo; while Mrs. T. Jones accompanied. The Mayoress (Mrs J. H. Green) presided and Mrs. J. Alston (president of the Womens' Hospital) and Mrs. D. Skene (hon. sec. Womens' Hospital) attended and both gave a short address on the needs of the Hospital. About 150 guests enjoyed the programme and afternoon tea, which was provided by the members of the auxiliary.

Brickworks Re-Open

The Glen Iris Brickworks, Thornbury, which have been closed down for some time have resumed operations. The manager (Cr. J. W. Adams) states that it will take about three months to re-stock the yard, and with the amount of trade now offering it is hoped to keep the works open for at least five months. The re-opening of the yards means employment for about 40 men, also carters etc.,

St. Vincents' Hospital Auxiliary

Northcote-Thornbury Branch.—The first effort of the new year was a pleasant card afternoon, held at the home of the vice-president, Mrs. E. J. McCristal, Raleigh St. Thornbury, on July 8. Euchre prizes were won by Mrs. P. Ryan and Mrs. Gillolley. A guessing competition of unusual interest was won by Mrs. J. J. Ryan, and Mrs. W. McMahon, held the lucky ticket for a fruit set. The prize for the guessing competition was a quaint tea cosy. The next meeting will be held in Northcote Town Hall on Thursday, August 3, at 2.30.

Thornbury Resident's Loss

Charles Tippett, of Rider street, Thornbury, had a nickel plated Boyce motor meter, with wings attached, stolen from the radiator of his car on the night of July 12. The value of the stolen property was 35/-.

Star of Northcote I.O.R.

The fortnightly meeting, on July 9 was well attended; Bro. E. Webb, C.R., presiding. Two clearances were granted. The C.R. reported on the progress of the speakers' class conducted by the district officers, which was largely attended and very interesting. The B bowls team reported having defeated Fitzroy by 16 to 6 After business had been dispensed with the indoor bowls competition was advanced a further stage. The A team defeated Ivanhoe A, who came "undermanned," by 16 to 10. The B team met the Ladies B, but after an even start the gents scored on the last eleven ends to win by 28 to 7. The syllabus item for next meeting (July 23) is another of the social evenings which have proved so popular among the members.

Handbag Theft

Mrs. E. Boyce, of Ilma grove, Northcote, has reported to the police that while she was in a draper's shop in Bourke street on Monday morning a purse containing six £1 notes, a gold wrist watch, and two diamond rings, valued at £15, was stolen from her handbag.

Crushed by Telegraph Pole

While unloading telegraph poles from a timber jinker of the Timber Transport Company at Lower South Wharf on Monday Hugh Owen, 52 years, of Pender street, Thornbury, sustained a fractured pelvis when the poles slipped off and rolled over him. Owen had hold of one of the poles when it slipped. He lost his grip and fell into a gutter. Two poles fell over the jinker and rolled over the top of him, but another pole struck him on the hip, causing severe injuries. He was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital.

False Fire Alarms

The Northcote fire brigade received four calls during the week, but upon attending found that the glass in the instruments had been broken and the machines run down. Apparently the heavy penalties imposed have deterred false alarmists.

Cinderella Dance

At the town hall, Northcote, on July 23 the Northcote debutantes are holding a Cinderella dance in aid of the Central Unemployed Relief Fund. Music will be supplied by the B.B. Orchestra, and supper is included. Miss K. Brewer and Mr. Max Dunn are the joint hon. secretaries, and Mr. C. Wallimont the treasurer, from whom tickets may be obtained.

Narrow Escape from Disastrous Fire

On July 3 the timber yard of Messrs. Page and Son, at Alphington narrowly escaped destruction by fire. In the boiler room was a quantity of saw-mill refuse, used in firing the boiler, which caught fire, and the building was threatened with destruction. The Northcote fire brigade quelled the outbreak. The property, which is owned by Mrs. G. Page, was not insured.

Milk Supply and Public Health

Recently in a general reference Dr. Dale, medical officer of health for Melbourne, queried whether the damp areas were a contributing factor to the spread of the diphtheric germ. In this connection it is particularly noticeable that a continued number of infectious cases are occurring in the low-lying portions of the North ward of Northcote, the more so where cows are still permitted to graze. Apart from the nuisance occasioned to other residents and damage to private and municipal property, the milk supply from these cows may constitute a dangerous menace to the locality. The animals cannot possibly obtain the correct pasturage from the various public and vacant allotments, and, further, as the general public has access to these open areas, the cows graze where less conscientious citizens dump their house refuse and garbage, and where children seek recreation, some of whom are doubtless in the early stages of infection. Under these conditions can it be wondered that the number of tubercular and contagious diseases are not on the decline?

FITZROY RACECOURSE

Under a provision in the Racing Control Act 1929 the State Executive Council has agreed to a continuation for one year of racing and trotting at Fitzroy and Richmond Racecourses

One of the provisions of the Act was that these two courses should close on July 31 when the current racing year ends, but power was given to the Chief Secretary to grant an extension if improvements to be made to Ascot course were not completed by that date.

The Fitzroy Racecourse is in St. George's road, Northcote.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

NORTHCOTE

LITTLE ACTIVITY

So far there has been little activity as far as municipal elections are concerned.

Cr. W. H. Turner is making preparations to fight a stiff campaign in the West Ward, but so far no opponent has been announced against him. He is taking no chances however, and has organised a strong committee.

In the other wards there is little activity, but as nomination day is still a couple of weeks off, anything may happen.

Members who retire through effluxion of time are:—South Ward, Cr. S. Pinkney; East, Cr. A. H. Oldis; Central, Cr. A. J. Cornish; West: Cr. W. H. Turner; North, Cr. M. C. Jones.

PRESTON

LIKELIHOOD OF CONTESTS IN THREE WARDS

There is a likelihood of contests in the whole three wards at Preston. The retiring councillors are:—Central, Cr. W. Spratling; East, Cr. J. W Adams; West, Cr. Llewellyn Jones.

Central Ward

There are already three candidates in the field. Cr. Spratling is seeking re-election, and Ex-Cr. C. T. Crispe and Mr. E. W. Norris have announced their candidature. Cr. Spratling was elected for the first time three years ago, and his term is drawing to a close through effluxion of time. He won the seat from Ex-Cr. Pratt.

Ex-Cr. Crispe has had many years' experience in municipal work as a councillor both in Preston and Fitzroy. Whilst a member of the Preston council he represented the West Ward.

Mr. E. W. Norris is a newcomer to municipal affairs, but as a citizen, has taken an active interest in the public affairs of the city. He is a barrister and solicitor and his legal training should stand him in good stead.

West Ward

So far two candidates have been mentioned in Cr. L. Jones and Mr. R. T. Cahir.

Cr. Jones has represented the West Ward for something like 16 years, and is the present father of the council. He also represents the council on the Board of Works, being a member of the Water Supply Committee. He has gathered a strong committee and is preparing for a keen fight.

Mr. Cahir, is a barrister and solicitor, and he too, has taken an interest in public affairs. His forensic abilities are well known.

East Ward

In the East Ward, Cr. Adams is seeking re-election. So far he has no opposition, but a lot may happen between now and nomination day.

There has been some talk of possible candidates, and the names of Mr. F. Ludlow and Mr. T. Andrews have been mentioned, but so far nothing definite has been announced.

Cr. Adams has been a member of the council for ten years, during which time he has devoted much time to the supervision of the erection of the new municipal buildings; advocated the purchase of parks etc.,

CR. ADAMS' CANDIDATURE

Recently a deputation of some 40 representative ratepayers of the East Ward waited on Cr. Adams, with a request that he again contest the seat. After some consideration Cr. Adams consented and a strong campaign committee was formed to further his candidature. Members of the committee are Mr. C. W. Jenner, chairman; Mr. F. A. Paton, campaign secretary; committee, Messrs. J. Foley, W. Ward, C. Morgan, — Rogerson, A. Carthw, A. Andrews, G. Priest, L. Bushell, L. Cochard, T. Letchford, J. Bruce, T. Callaway, E. Croft, H. H. Pegram, J. E. Haxby, W. Foley, W. Fitzgerald, — Taylorson, E. Bryant, C. Whittie, A. Fry, — Cameron, V. Ulm, R. Luscombe, G. James, W. Hopkinson, J. Adams (jun.). Mesdames B. Moulder, W. Ludeman, A. J. Dennis, Ray and McGregor.

Cr. Adams has represented the East Ward for 10 years, and has been a resident of Preston for 46, the major portion of which he has lived in the East Ward. He is manager of the Glen Iris Brick Works, and also of the Oakleigh Brick Works; a fully qualified engineer, and has had considerable experience in building and engieering. During his period as a councillor Cr. Adams has been mayor twice and has been chairman of all the council committees at various times and he has also represented the council on the Weights and Measures' Union, for the past eight years. He has played a prominent part in many city improvements, such as electric light extensions, use of better mechanical plant, introduction of by-laws, drainage and sanitary matters etc., At all times he has been a keen advocate for the purchase of park lands for breathing spaces, and for the laying out of gardens and of playgrounds for children. Quarry improvements have been brought about by his efforts resulting in the cheaper production of metal. Amongst the many improve-

Cr. J. W. Adams, J.P., who is seeking re-election for the East Ward

ments in the city buildings, he planned and supervised the erection of the following in an honorary capacity:—Band rotunda and Press box, Preston Park; erection of City Hall and conveniences; electric light office extensions; alterations and additions to old Town Hall; new offices for engineer's department; supper room, kitchen and appointments for new City Hall; scout hall, Baby Health Centre and many others.

Cr. Adams has been an active member of the East Ward Progress Association since its inception and an able worker. He has been constant in his attendance at council meetings, and has taken a very keen interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the municipality.

MR. E. F. NORRIS' CANDIDATURE

A large and representative meeting numbering about 50 persons gathered at the home of Cr. H. P. Zwar in Gower street, Preston, on Tuesday evening. All present decided to form themselves into a fighting committee for Mr. E. F. Norris in the Central Ward election. The meeting was particularly enthusiastic and was regarded by those present as one of the best meetings of its kind for many years. Cr. H. P. Zwar was elected chairman and Messrs. Geo. Henderson and H. F. Nisbett joint secretaries.

Mr. T. R. Clinnick Not a Candidate

Mr. T. R. Clinnick, of Reservoir, has been approached with a request that he contest the West ward seat at the Preston elections. Mr. Clinnick definitely stated that he had no intention of offering himself as a candidate, but at the same time thanked those who had approached him for their promises of support.

Preston Boys' Band

ON July 15 at the residence of Mrs. Bert Palmer a delightful musicale was held. Mrs. Payne sang "A String of Pearls." The prize winners for the competition were Mesdames Griffiths, Kelly and Jaggard. Afternoon tea was enjoyed.

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First Northcote Wilkin's Rover Crew

On Thursday last at our annual meeting Rover Mate Johnson tendered his resignation but was asked to re-consider his decision. A pound night followed. All rovers are looking forward to the football match on Saturday against third Fairfield.

SOCCER

Box Hill Defeats Preston

The match between Box Hill and Preston last Saturday was a struggle for points. Box Hill gained a good lead in the first half, then Preston improved so much that it scored two goals and overwhelmed Box Hill in the final stages. Calder got the first goal from a well-placed corner kick, and he was responsible for the opening which gave Giles a goal. Croot made a splendid stop from a hot shot by Calder, but Bailey followed up and scored. Preston took a hand when Johnson offended, Gray scoring from the free kick, and McIver followed with a neat header from Fairweather's pass. Final scores:—Box Hill, 3; Preston, 2. Gray and McIver scored for Preston.

To-morrow's matches: — Preston v Caulfield at Haxby Park, Preston; Reserves v Caulfield Reserves at Caulfield.

Preston is now third on the premiership list in Grade 2 with 9 points, the leaders being South Yarra (11) and Box Hill (12).

Grade 2.—Heidelberg, 6, d Fawkner vale, 2.

Grade 3.—Nettlefolds, 6, d Heidelberg B, 3.

Reserves, Grade 2.—Box Hill, 4, d Preston, 1.

Junior Association—Collingwood, 3 d Heidelberg, 1.

Meet your friends at the Northcote Football Club's training rooms every Sunday morning and discuss the Club's activities.

RESERVOIR NOTES

Owing to recent rains many of the back streets are impassable, and it is a common experience for motorists and even tradespeople to get bogged. One consolation is that the overflow at the Lake weir is a sight well worth seeing.

Mrs Jupp senior, arrived home via Sydney from an extended holiday at Dunedin, New Zealand. Her son is a wireless enthusiast, and conducts an amateur station there.

The depression is causing decreased attendances at public efforts.

Table drains in Duffy street have been cleaned out by the council, and the path attended to so as to make it passable for children. Broadway footpath is also better for the work done there.

The effort for unemployed girls organised by Senior Constable Joiner at Reservoir Palais last Thursday, drew one of the largest crowds ever seen at Reservoir. Donations for prizes totalled £2/11/ and a profit of £8 will be shown. Competitions were won as follows:—Waltz, Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Laddie; Fox Trot, Mr. Matthews and Miss Diver; Modern Waltz, (public vote) Mr. Dixon and partner. Judges were Messrs. Treloar, Sutton, Elder, Counsell, Smale, and Smith. Fancy dress prizes went to Mrs. Gill (Killarney Kate), and Mrs. Spencer was awarded the sustained with a child character. Mr. Kruger (Old Bill) was the successful gentleman in sustained character. Mr. E. Flanders J.P., presented the prizes, and the evening closed with a vote of thanks to Senior Constable Joiner and his energetic committee. The committee are to meet at Senior Constable Joiner's office to arrange a syllabus of entertainments for the Preston Rowing Club, Danella Park and Danella Tennis Clubs and Reservoir Band, and it is hoped to make arrangements whereby one third of the proceeds will go to the unemployed funds.

NORTHCOTE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

BEETHOVEN SYMPHONY NO. 5

The outstanding item of the programme for Tuesday evening is the Beethoven Symphony No. 5 in C minor. This symphony was first performed at Vienna on December 22, 1808, and is probably the greatest of the nine wonderful symphonies written by Beethoven. From its first performance it has been recognised as one of the greatest dramas in musical form ever given to the world. This symphony portrays in vivid tone and color the great conflict between humanity and the all powerful crushing hand of Fate. In the first movement (Allegro con brio) we find our hero rudely shaken from his innocent dream of life by the stern challenge of Fate. Then follows passage upon passage portraying the struggle between these two great forces, which continues throughout the movement in a thousand breathlessly engrossing forms, culminating in the mighty Coda, in which all becomes more stern, more inflexible, more fatal than ever, bringing the movement to a tremendous close.

In the second movement (Andante con moto) the struggle and anguish of the first is left behind. All is peaceful, beautiful, spiritual, with the very spirit of love and beauty manifesting itself under a thousand different harmonious forms, linking together all Nature.

The Third Movement (Allegro) is more sombre, mysterious, and sinister, destroying the peace and consolation of the previous one, and has a suggestion of grim, ponderous humor. Following a passage of great suspense and intensity, suddenly breaks forth the wonderful Fourth Movement (Allegro), which carried all before it, triumphant and victorious. The great power of this work in stirring an audience, and its everlasting popularity was shown in no uncertain manner at the orchestral concert given in the Melbourne town hall by the University Symphony Orchestra last Saturday night, and the music lovers of Northcote are looking forward with great expectation to hearing our own local orchestra perform this work on Tuesday night. Citizens owe a great deal to the founders of this orchestra and these concerts, in giving them the opportunity of hearing the world's greatest works to the very best advantage in their own suburb. The programme for Tuesday night has taken no less than 46 rehearsals, and the number of players has been increased to such an extent that it has been found necessary to enlarge the town hall platform to accommodate them.

It is hoped patrons will show their appreciation by filling the town hall on Tuesday night to witness this brilliant performance. Full details will be found in our advertising columns.

WOMEN MOLESTED AT THORNBURY

Residents of Thornbury, particularly near the railway station, have been complaining of late of the actions of men terrorising women in the locality.

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Turf . . . . . . Notes

(By "Luteplayer.")

Past and Present Jumpers.

It takes little provocation for the present generation of racegoers to enngage in arguments with old-timers concerning the merits of gallopers of the past and present. The big meeting, such as the Grand National Carnival brings a crop of these arguments. The stock phrase of old-timers is "the racehorse of to-day is not as good as in the past." To that one feels like repeating Mr. Punch—"he never was." Old-timers regard jumpers like Redleap, Diamio, Ruby and Tim Swiveller, to name only a few, as being far superior to horses like Mosstrooper, Roisel, Mountain God and Fiscom. If Redleap and Co. were much superior to Mosstrooper and Co, they must have been wonder horses! The veteran trainer, and former cross-country jockey, J. Scobie, in his book, "My Life on the Australian Turf" gives the impression that he regards Blue Mountain as the "best ever" Blue Mountain won the Caulfield Grand National Steeple (now known as the Australian Steeple) after having baulked at the fourth fence. Of this incident Scobie says: "I took him back quickly and, with a short run popped him over the fence.... spectators imagined Blue Mountain to be out of the race, but I was confident that what had happened didn't matter at all.... Blue Mountain was a cup horse among a lot of mere jumpers." The present day racegoer might be excused if he smiles and asks: "How would Blue Mountain have fared if he had baulked at the fourth fence in the Grand National Steeple last Saturday? Could he have been taken back "quietly and with a short run popped over the fence" and then gone on to catch and defeat the tearaway Rakwool?" Most decidedly he could not have done so. Rakwool's winning effort stands out as the boldest and most spectacular in the history of the race and definitely establishes him among the great. Rakwool's form gives the champions of the gallopers of bygone days something to think about. Rakwool's tearaway tactics completely broke up the field. Mosstrooper was in pursuit and when he fell at the last on the abattoirs treble he was going well at the time, but it is doubtful if he could have defeated Rakwool. Kentle came home well in second place and Bestman was tiring in third place. R. Inkson who rode Rakwool, is the leading cross-country jockey. He formerly rode as an amateur. Since he turned professional Inkson has won scores of races, but until last Saturday the bigger events had eluded him.

Worth Keeping in Mind

Although he finished out of a place, Kidaides pleased by his showing in the July Handicap at Flemington last Saturday. The mile was too short for him and he started at 33/1, chance. He was not in the "call" of the race until the closing stages when he put in some great work and was running over everything at the finish. Kidaides is in great heart and should be prominent at the business end of a mile and a half race, before long. A runner in the Trial Hurdle on Saturday who should be remembered for a minor hurdle event is Sere. He had all the worst of the start on Saturday and for the greater part of the race was tailed off, but over the concluding stages he put in some telling work and he made up a lot of ground to finish fifth. Lynden ran on fairly well in fourth place in the July Handicap and can be kept in mind for the race over a longer journey. In finishing fifth in the Lawn Handicap last Saturday Green Moth did not show her true worth. H. Badger, who steered the Greenstead mare to victory at the Valley, was on Princess Betty, who finished second in Saturday's race and his style of riding appears to suit Green Moth better than W. Elliott, who rode her on Saturday. Although he finished only a moderate third in the Trial Hurdle Gold Clare gave a creditable display. He is an improving hurdler and should win an event over the battens in the near future.

Australian Hurdle and Steeple

The next double to engage the attention of racegoers is the Australian Hurdle and Steeple. Weights for this double were issued on Monday. Cockcrow, winner of the Grand National Hurdle, has gone up to 10.12 from 9.3, a rise of 23lb. Rakwool, the National Steeple winner has had his weight increased from 11.7 to 12.12, a matter of 19lb. It is in each instance a substantial rise, but the brilliant form of the pair in the Nationals, suggests that they are equal to the extra poundage and probably they will again be returned the winners. At the moment it seems as though Cockcrow will have most to fear from Drake, Bay of Biscay, Polygonum and Solo King. The danger to Rakwool in the steeple may come from: Kentle, Bestman, Indicate, Cellist and Sir Carillion.

Some Track Work.

Tracks have been too heavy of late for fast galloping, but on Tuesday Santorb went well over seven on the steeple track in 1.351. This Salash colt has not realised expectations, but he is a good galloper and is likely to show his true worth in a race any day. Lancette failed badly in the heavy going at Flemington, but it would be wise to overlook that failure. She has since done well in her track work and is likely to show improved form when next she sports silk. Distant (by Poitrel) is moving along nicely in his work at Caulfield. He has shown promising stamina in races and should be worth keeping in mind for one of the "down the line" purse events. Thonian is sprinting along nicely at Flemington and should win an event of minor importance before long. Binna has done well since his race at Aspendale. The Mentone trainer, E. J. Wilmott, has Binna in good shape and that gelding can be set down for a nearly return to the winning list.

SELECTIONS FOR CAULFIELD (SATURDAY)

Hurdle Race

Solo King	1
Dark Dawn	2
Gadray	3

Two-Year-Old Handicap

Lancette	1
Idle Banter	2
Heliostar	3

Murrumbeena Handicap

Kidaides	1
Spang	2
Pendennis	3

Steeplechase

Rakwool	1
Cellist	2
Bang Bang	3

Kambrook Trial

Green Tinge	1
Ellebanr	2
Virida	3

Welter

Disney	1
Metaphor	2
Straight Edge	3

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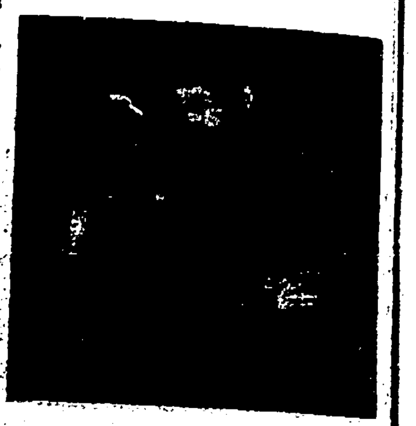

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WHITTLESEA

On Saturday evening, July 18, in the Mechanics' Hall, a revue, "Hellon Whittlesea," will be given in aid of local charities. The Whittlesea orchestra, assisted by "The Melody Boys" Jazz Band, will render the music. Major S. Crawford is the producer, and Mrs. Longhurst and Messrs. W. Campbell, S. Beney and W. Edes and Co. are in charge of the other departments.

Unique Celebrity Concert

UNDER the auspices of the Preston Football Club a concert of exceptional merit is to be presented in the Town Hall next Wednesday evening. Considerable effort has been used in preparing a programme of taste, and the event should prove most attractive. The funds of the club are at a low ebb, and the patronage of residents will assist in restoring stability to the club, and at the same time be afforded the opportunity of listening to such talented artists as Miss Myra Hardenack (contralto), Mr. Tom Semple (tenor) members of the Sundowners' Quartette Party and others. (See advert.)

REGENT TALKIES

"New Moon"

Nearly a thousand extras were employed for spectacular scenes in "New Moon" co-starring vehicle for Lawrence Tibbett and Grace Moore coming on Monday next. Hundreds of dancers in a huge palace ballroom and a vivid scene in which Tibbett rides and sings at the head of 250 cavalrymen who form a rousing male chorus are features. Settings were equally elaborate, in that of complete Russian steamer a replica of an isolated fort in Turkestan, peopled by a regiment of soldiers and a siege and midnight attack about the fort. Adolphe Menjou is cast as the villain. The second feature is "Man of the World," a fascinating story with the role of the sophisticated man of the world played with skill and understanding by William Powell. The girls he loves, and then purposely frames him in order to kill her love for him, is portrayed by Carole Lombard. His accomplice, an intriguing character, is enacted by Wynne Gibson, and the movement is in the glittering world of tourist Paris, with a remotely sinister note underlying its always charming action.

"Hell's Angels"

Thursday brings "Hell's Angels" an astounding and unusual spectacle.

Was is on and two brothers—one a noble the other a scapegrace—enlist in the Royal Flying Corps. Roy, the former, is in love with a girl unworthy of his high ideals; the other loves all girls. Before they attack a munitions plant, Roy finds his sweetheart in another man's arms. Following a terrific bombardment, in which the munitions plant is destroyed, they encounter Richthofen's "Flying Circus," and are taken prisoners. How Roy saves the situation in a stirring and inspiring climax. Ben Lyon and James Hall are exceptional and Jean Harlow has the feminine role. "Reno," concerns the attempt of wealthy Felicia Brett to regain her freedom from a tyrannical husband—for the sake of her five-year-old son. The husband is not only able to defeat her efforts, but frames her. When the conspiracy is revealed Brett makes a last, desperate attempt to frustrate his wife's plans—and thereby furnishes a dramatic climax. Montague Love, and Ruth Roland have the roles of husband and wife.

WESTGARTH NEWS

Great damage has been done to the retaining walls of the Merri Creek, along the south end of Northcote, by the flood waters in recent weeks. The soil has been washed away from behind the wall in many places, with the result that they have been broken down.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Victorian Girls' Basketball Association.—E Grade: Millers, 18, d Croxton 11, 1.

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ESTIMATES WITH PLEASURE.

WHITTLESEA COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8,

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday. Present. — Crs. W. Thomas, J. Downie, J. Orgill R. Reid, D. Murphy, B. McCormack, Scott, M. A. Fergusson, R. A. Smith, T. M. Browne and T. Hurrey.

Cr. Thomas was appointed chairman.

Correspondence

Country Roads Board approved of work done to the extent of £587 on main Whittlesea road.

C.R.B. authorising the offering of a reward of £5 for information leading to the conviction of persons removing timber from Epping, main Whittlesea, Wallan and Whittlesea-Kinglake roads.

Metropolitan Board of Works stating that sufficient detail has not been supplied to enable the Board to report regarding the provision of sewerage for Thomastown.—Referred to engineer.

Shire of Broadmeadows suggesting that day labor be used to place stone on Maloney's road, such stone being readily obtainable from stone fences.

Cr. Downie said it would be far better for the men receiving sustenance to work for it on the roads instead of getting it for nothing as charity.

It was decided that Epping Riding members attend a conference with the City of Preston and Shire of Broadmeadows.

Shire of Kowree sought support in requests to the Government to curtail High school expenditure rather than close small country schools. —Support to be given.

R.A.C.V. advising of despatch of six "school" signs for Epping, Wollert and Thomastown schools.

Henry Roach, South Morang, seeking permission to re-open mine shaft on Wilton Vale lane.—Granted, providing shaft is fenced and lighted at night.

A. M. Hargrave, Whittlesea, complaining of damage by wandering stock.—Ranger to attend.

W. A. Davies, Haley's Gully road Heidelberg, asking that culvert be constructed at corner Haley's Gully road and Arthur's Creek road.—To be considered with estimates.

R. Fowler Ltd., asking for a re-valuation of property at Thomastown.

Cr. McCormack said the council had no power to reduce the valuations.

Cr. Browne said the time was coming for a 10% reduction all round.

Cr. Scott said that owners who were aggrieved had the right to appeal, as their only means of redress.

If all valuations were reduced next year the council would have to increase the amount of the rate to meet its commitments.

Cr. Hurrey: There is nothing surer than we shall have to have a new valuation next yaer.

Cr. Browne said that land values had slumped and next year there should be an all-round reduction of 10, 15, or even 20%.

Cr. Fergusson moved that Fowler Ltd. be advised that the council had no power to vary the valuation, and that the only remedy was by appeal.—Carried.

It was also decided to consult the Municipal Association if there was any way in which valuations could be legally reduced.

Mrs. L. Young, Epping, drawing attention to awful state of drainage in Coulstock street. She added that she had been complaining unavailingly for 5 years.—Work to be done.

E. Smith asking that culvert be cleaned out in Main street, Thomastown.—Engineer to attend.

Miller Bros., South Morang, complaining of state of road from Smith's corner to the Board of Work's pipe head. A similar request was received from N. Dare, Robert Ansell, C. Smith, Robert Crozier and John McLaughlin, who asked that side drains be cleaned out to drain water lying on roadside through Mr. John McLaughlin's property.

Cr. Orgill said the road was a disgraceful quagmire.

Cr. Thomas said the Board of Works originally made the road, and the engineer was seeking assistance from the Board.

Matter referred to engineer.

M. Zimmer, Epping, complaining of cows on road in Cooper street.—Health Inspector to attend.

R. T. Kimmie, Strathewen, urging the council to request the C.R.B. to complete the Chadd's Creek-McKimmie's road with works in the coming year.—Request to be made for the work.

Mr. Sabelberg, Shire solicitor, reported that Mr. Brennan's claim for 1/3 per yard royalty on ground had come before the court, and the police magistrate reduced the value to 9d. per yard. The council had offered 6d per yard.—Received.

Cr. McCormack inquired how Royalty was decided on gravel.

The Engineer: Every case must be decided on its merits. If it is grass land the council has to pay surface damage. If it is creek gravel the landowner has no claim at all, as the royalty paid, if any, is the property of the State Rivers Commission Under the State Rivers and Streams Act control of all creeks, streams, watercourses, etc., reverts to the State Rivers and Water Commission.

If the council liked to follow this case up and appeal, it would probably have to pay nothing for royalty.

Board of Works re discharge of water from Yan Yean Reservoir into Plenty river, stating that practically all the water came from the natural watersheds. For some time past all discharges from Wallaby Creek and Silver Creek watersheds had been excluded from the Plenty catchment area in times of heavy rain, and the Yan Yean Reservoir had helped to moderate flooding.

F. C. Parsons, South Morang, drawing attention to bad state of road—Patrolman to attend.

O. F. Pump, Wollert, application to kill stock.—Granted.

Mrs. A. Giddens, Strathewen, complaining of flooding from roads.—Engineer to report.

L. Neander, stating that he was unable to complete grubbing on Eden Park deviation, and asked that his deposit be refunded, and work done paid for.

As this was a matter for the Country Roads Board it was decided to request the Board to give the request sympathetic consideration

W. F. Dalton, Humevale, re state of Jack's Creek road from corner of Humevale and Whittlesea road.—£5 to be spent from Johnson's corner to Kinglake road.

Health Inspector

H. M. V. Woodhouse, Health Inspector, stating no cases of infectious disease had been reported. There was a gradual improvement in the sanitary condition of the shire. The quarterly quota of food samples had been taken for analysis.

Tenders

Tender for fencing, Eden Park deviation.—C. Sleigh, £117/10/.—Accepted.

Finance

Amount received since last meeting including current rates, £1,351/13/5, £1,461. Country Roads Board account, £1,201/11/; Loan account, Cr. £125; Water Rate, Cr. £660/6/11; Bank balance, Dr. £6,124/15/5.

Riding Balances.—Whittlesea, Dr. £3,858/16/4; Yan Yean, Dr., £713/2/4; Morang, Dr., £1,998/1/8; Epping, Cr., £251/0/7; Trust account, Cr., £202/16/6.

Amount recommended for payment General account, £392/2/4; C.R.B. account, £174/1/.

Cr. Downie said Whittlesea Riding was £1,000 worse off than last year.

Cr. Thomas said the total of current rates was £9,000, of which £6,678 had been collected, leaving £2,332 still to come in.

Cr. McCormack said that it was the finance committee's duty to inform the council when the amounts alloted for certain works were exhausted, instead of letting the expenditure continue. This led to drift, and the finances got into a hopeless muddle. He added "What are we going to do?"

Cr. Thomas: Stop all works.

Cr. Orgill: This council does not know what it owes, and unexpected accounts are always cropping up. Whittlesea is back £1,000 on last year's figures, Epping is back £500 and the others are also down. If we go on like this for another couple of years we'll be bankrupt.

The report was adopted.

Engineer's Report

The Engineer (Mr. C. J. McCormack) reported:—

Whittlesea Riding.—It is necessary to put in a new culvert on the main Whittlesea road near the cemetery, permission will be obtained from the Board to do this. Armstrong's drain cleaned out. Township footpath—Gravel has been obtained but owing to wet conditions carting has been impossible. Relief Work—Weather too wet to proceed. The overseer is getting the timber for bridge at Cragieburn lane and McLean's bridge, Bundoora.

Yan Yean Riding.—Reservoir road —On this road, east of the reservoir, water scours have been filled and drains cleaned out. Arthur's Creek road—Loose gravel re-blinded on road and ruts filled. She Oak lane—Holes attended to.

Morang Riding.—Breakneck Hill receiving attention. Bridge Inn lane East—Table drains given attention. Culvert, Doreen—Some person, without authority, blocked the waterway of this culvert. Instructions given to Overseer to remove obstruction. Last week I inspected several bad portions of the road near Linton's bridge and gave instructions to have same attended to. Draw attention to growth of scrub at concrete bridge at Hurstbridge, and recommend that scrub blocking waterway be removed immediately.—To be done.

Epping Riding.—Germantown Lane 150 yds. metal spread blinded and rolled. Culvert put in at Mr. Sibel's gate. Notice signs have been received and erected. Settlement road, Thomastown—100 yards of metal spread and blinded. Harvest Home Lane—The box culvert on this lane has been taken up and replaced so as to give better turning into this road. Pipes received for McKie's gateway and Bindt's lane. Washaway at Grant's bridge and wing wall attended to and ruts filled in. Washout on Eden Park road attended to. Settlement road, Bundoora,—60 yards of metal spread and blinded, and 2 culverts put in. Drain through Mr. Zimmer's property receiving attention.

Report adopted.

General Business

In reply to Cr. Fergusson, the engineer said pipes had been ordered for the entrance to the Whittlesea Mechanics.

Cr. Fergusson asked about the entrance to the Presbyterian Church and said pipes would be supplied.—To be put in.

The date of the Revision court to revise the municipal rolls was fixed for July 22, at 11 a.m.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the council to consider the financial condition of the shire.

Cr. Downie moved that attention be given to Parker's road where two trees had been blown down, and water was being diverted on to the road.—To be done.

Cr. Downie moved that the Railways be asked to clean out culverts between Yan Yean and Whittlesea. —Carried.

Cr. Downie said, with Cr. Scott, he had authorised the filling up of a washaway at the bridge at Scrubby creek, with stone.

Cr. Browne moved that £10 be spent on cleaning out culverts on Beveridge lane north.—Carried.

Cr. Smith referred to danger to traffic on road at entrance to quarries in Cooper street, Epping.—Road to be widened.

Cr. Smith moved that inquiries be made as to the possibility of obtaining a fire reel and hose for Epping township.—Carried.

Cr. Murphy said there was a bad breakaway on the Eaglenest road, where the culvert had been washed out. Crs. Thomas, Fergusson, Yan Yean, members and engineer to inspect on July 22.

Cr. Reid moved that engineer inspect creek on Middle Hut road.—Carried.

Cr. Hurrey moved that tenders be called for 100 yards of metal on Mason's lane and 50 yards for Barrow's lane.—Carried.

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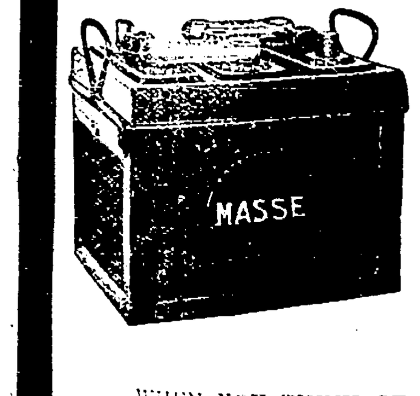

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Bayview Street
Trinity VII.: July 19.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion, 11 a.m.
Evensong, 7 p.m.
Preacher: The Vicar.

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(Shaftesbury Parade)
July 19: Seventh Sunday after Trinity
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
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11 a.m.—Mating.
7 p.m.—Evensong.

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7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings (S.).
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11 a.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
7 p.m.—Mr. Crocker.
St. George's Road
11 a.m.—Sister Edith.
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REGENT CLUB
A successful fancy dress social was held in the pavilion (Regent Park) on Saturday evening to raise funds for wireless set. About 60 members and friends availed themselves of the opportunity to dress up and some splendid costumes were seen. The task of judging was rather hard. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Johnson and Mr. White acting as judges. Prizes were awarded to Mr. A. G. Dairs, as clown (best sustained character); Mrs. Bromley (original), Old time tennis lady; Miss Simpson (best dressed lady, as Spanish lady) Mr. W. Purbrick (best dressed gent) as a sheik. Games and dancing formed the evening's entertainment.

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ROBBERY UNDER ARMS

MANUFACTURER HELD UP NEAR MERRI STATION

Assailants Armed With Revolvers

Last Saturday night whilst going along St. George's Rd North Fitzroy, on his way to the Merri station, Leslie Cavanagh, boot manufacturer, of South Melbourne, was "bailed up" and robbed by two young men, who were armed with revolvers.

The incident occurred at about 10 p.m., and the men took Cavanagh into a lane, where, whilst one menaced him with a revolver, the other took 4/6 out of his pockets.

Cavanagh was then told to "clear out" which he did, and the thieves disappeared.

Armed Hold Up at Clifton Hill

SERVICE STATION ROBBED

On Tuesday evening at about 7 p.m. two armed thieves menaced Albert Harrison Whiting, manager of the Southern Cross Service station at the corner of Smith street and Queen's parade, Clifton Hill and robbed him of £8/10/. The men cut the telephone wires and escaped in a motor car.

Doctor's Unenviable Experience

Whiting took the number of the car and it was subsequently ascertained by the police that the car belonged to Dr. Alexander C. Mathew, of Bell street, Coburg, and had been stolen earlier in the day. Dr. Mathew gave the men a lift in Studley Park road, Kew, and on getting into the car the men both drew revolvers and forced the doctor to drive to Hurstbridge, where they gagged him and tied his arms and legs, dumping him in the middle of a paddock after robbing him of £1.

His assailants then drove away towards Melbourne.

The car was later found abandoned by the police at Carlton, at about 11 a.m. on Tuesday night.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By A. F. Deacon at 3 p.m. on July 29, on the property, 23 Southernhay St., Preston, mortgagees sale of four-roomed W.B. house, on land. See advertisement.

By J. and H. Burgess (A. McL. Paterson, auctioneer) on Wednesday, July 29, at 3 p.m., on the property, 3 Armadale St., Northcote, 6-roomed W.B. house, all convs. See advertisement.

By Gray and Johnson, on Saturday, July 25, at 3 p.m., on property, 152a Harold St., Thornbury, D.F.W.B. villa of 4 rooms. See advertisement.

In the Banco Court on Monday Mr. Justice Mann granted Percy Pennington Kidd, 33, Gower street, Preston, a divorce from Naomi Hall Kidd, 31, formerly of Northcote, on the ground of desertion. The marriage took place on June 19, 1920, at Preston, and there are two children.

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MARRIED WHILST UNEMPLOYED

SAD PLIGHT OF YOUNG COUPLE

WIFE SECURES A MAINTENANCE ORDER

Living at a poultry farm at Emerald with her husband, Mrs. Edith Watson, told the Northcote court on Tuesday that often there was a shortage of food, that there was no milk, and just bare necessaries.

The parties were married in February last, though the husband was out of work and after coming to Melbourne the wife went to live with her mother. Receiving no assistance from her husband she obtained sustenance, and this was stopped by some mysterious person.

Mrs. Edith Watson, of St. David street, Northcote, sought a maintenance order against her husband, William Watson, of Church street, Flemington, at Northcote court on Tuesday.

The Wife's Story

Mrs. Watson said: "We were married on February 7 last and during the first week after the marriage we went to Emerald, staying at a poultry farm owned by my husband's father. After a week we came back to town, where I went to my mother's.

Four weeks passed and my mother made a complaint to my husband's people that something should be done about keeping me and my husband went back to Emerald.

"Always Short"

There we used to get provisions once a week, and we were always short. On a couple of occasions my mother brought up supplies.

Three Days' Work

After eight weeks, we returned to Melbourne and both went to my mother's place. My husband got three days' work, for which he got 35/—the only sum he had earned since we were married—and that practically nothing out of it.

After that my husband went to his people, and I understand he has since got a position selling boot polish, but he has not given me anything to keep me.

My mother communicated with my husband's people suggesting that we should take a room at Flemington and set up for ourselves. My husband agreed to this and when I got there I found it was only a bedroom, and we were to go to Watson's mother's place for meals.

I did not like that arrangement as my mother-in-law and I did not get on too well.

Got Only About 7/6 Since Marriage

Since we were married my husband has given me a total of about 7/6.

Mr. Auty (for husband): Your husband has not been cruel?—No.

He is not a "bad sort"?—No.

You were not starving at Emerald?—We would have gone short if my mother had not called.

The flat at Flemington was comfortable?—Yes.

There was plenty of food there?—Yes.

He proposed to shift to St. Kilda where you could get access to a kitchen range?—Yes but it did not come off.

In the end you insisted on going back to your mother?—Yes.

Against his will?—He wasn't pleased about it.

What is wrong with his mother?—We don't get on too well.

Mr. Ridgway: She didn't marry his mother.

Husband's Boast

Mrs. Scott, of East Kew, sister of Mrs. Watson, said: "My sister's husband visited me on one occasion and said he had obtained a position selling boot polish and was making £5 to £6 per week.

Difficulty of Getting Work

Watson said: "I agree with what my wife said. We were married rather hurriedly, and I have had a good deal of difficulty getting work.

Whilst we were at Emerald my father used to bring up provisions and he would leave money with my brother to buy necessaries as they were required.

At no time did we have to eat bread a week old. There was plenty of eggs and vegetables. I returned to Melbourne when my wife's mother said she was assured of getting me work.

Some time later I got a position selling boot polish and I went to my wife telling her I would be able to do something towards making a home for her in six weeks or two months. I got a furnished room at Flemington and my wife and I had meals at my mother's place, until my wife said she did not like my mother's place.

I suggested that we get a more comfortable place at St. Kilda. At first she agreed and later refused to go. She returned to her mother's and the next thing I knew I got a summons.

Mr. Ridgway: Are you prepared to provide a home for your wife?—Yes.

Where?—I can do something with in a week and get the use of a furnished room with use of kitchen.

Are you prepared to pay the cost of that room to your wife and let her stay where she is?—I do not think it is right I should do so.

Whilst at Emerald is it not a fact that on one occasion your father left 11d. for food?—It did happen.

Is it a fact that one night there was nothing for tea until someone shot a rabbit?—No. There was other food to eat.

That rabbit was not the saviour of the family?—No. (laughter).

An order was made that Watson pay his wife 15/ weekly, that he find a surety of £25 to comply with the order, and that he pay £2/8 costs.

Many will learn with regret of the death of Mr. John Alexander Craig, of Erin street, one of Preston's oldest residents, who passed away on the 15th July, at the ripe old age of 98.

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

THE LURE OF GOLD

HOPING FOR "COLOR."—A Septuagenarian prospector "panning" auriferous wash by the banks of the Yarra at Warrandyte. He is one of the many "fossickers" in the district who labor precariously, but ever hopefully, for gold.

Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

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Northcote Notes

Hostesses' Dance

On Thursday evening in the Memorial Hall, High street, Northcote, 12 members of the Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary held a euchre party and dance in aid of funds. The attendance was very good and the function was a huge success. Dexter's band supplied the music, and the floor was in first-class order. The hostesses were Mesdames J. Dexter, P. Flathers, M. Thornton, J. Poulton, H. Wood, J. Pearce, J. Thayer, V. Marks, E. Bestwood, B. Thomas, W. Pridgeon, W. Steele.

Northcote Branch, A.N.A.

The fortnightly meeting was held on July 16, Mr. Turnbull in the chair. Two new members were elected and welcomed by the president. The balance sheet submitted by the auditors was adopted. Notwithstanding the strenuous times the finances are very satisfactory. A letter was received from the town clerk intimating that the new lodge room was undergoing alterations. Members are looking forward to meeting in the new hall, as the present one is unsuitable. Rifle practice will commence on Monday, August 3, at the rifle range, near Merri station. The secretary (Mr. Betty) will be pleased to enroll new members in the rifle team. An invitation has been extended to South Preston branch to join in the syllabus item next Thursday (indoor games).

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary

Northcote-Thornbury Branch. — A card afternoon that gave pleasure to all was held at the home of Mrs. W. Mahoney, Westgarth street, Westgarth, on Wednesday and will be the means of further augmenting the funds of the auxiliary. Mrs. P. Kean won the euchre prize (crystal salad bowl). In a guessing competition Mrs. Comas and Mrs. P. Kelly were equal, and Mrs. Kelly finally became the winner and received a crystal powder bowl. A cake was won by Mrs. Mahoney, and Mrs. Sheehan won a biscuit barrel. A euchre party was held in the Memorial Hall on July 16, and the proceeds were devoted to assist the unemployed. The next meeting of the auxiliary will be held in Northcote town hall on August 13. All members are requested to attend.

Northcote A.W.A.

The A.W.A. meeting was held in the town hall on Monday, the attendance being large. Final arrangements were made for a new lodge room, and it is expected that a meeting will be held there in the third week in August, when it is proposed to hold a social evening. All members are invited to the next meeting on August 3. This meeting will probably be the last held in the council room.

Australian Tea

At the Church of Christ, Northcote, on Wednesday afternoon the Ladies' Guild held a pleasant and successful Australian Tea. Good business was done among the large attendance, and a substantial sum will swell the funds. An excellent musical programme was arranged by Mrs. Graham, the artists being Mrs. L. Ronalds, Mrs. G. Davern and Mr. Low (soloists). Miss K. Hershell played selections on the mandolin, and recitations were given by Miss Jean McLennan. Mr. Saunders was chairman.

Shopbreaking in Northcote

Mr. Crawford lately opened a confectionery and pastry business in St. George's road (opposite Gordon Gve.) next to an unoccupied factory. He locked up his shop at 9 p.m. on Sunday, but on Monday morning found it had been visited by shopbreakers, who had removed confectionery and personal clothing valued at about £25. Entrance was effected by smashing a window, and exit was made by the back door.

Fire in Northcote

Shortly before 5 p.m. on Tuesday the Northcote fire brigade was summoned to an outbreak at 159 Ballantyne street. It is thought a spark from a washing copper ignited material at the rear of a four-roomed dwelling owned and occupied by Mr. J. G. Neilson. Before the fire was extinguished part of the washhouse was severely damaged and some wearing apparel was destroyed. The property is insured in the State Savings Bank office.

Community Singing

There was a full hall at the Community Singing on July 16. The Northcote Unemployed Professional Orchestra, under Mr. V. Winter, opened proceedings and rendered good items. Miss Edna Barker (elocutionist) was the artist and Miss Peat, a youthful performer from Port Melbourne, gave a song and dance. Mrs. Meekin, by request, sang "Let's Grow Old Together" and "In Sheltered Vale." Mr. Nicoll conducted the community singing. The weekly traders prize was donated by the Bon Accord Store.

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St. Vincent's Junior Auxiliary

The monthly meeting will be held at Northcote Town Hall, on August 3. A picture night will be held at Regent, Thornbury, on September 22. All members are requested to attend the coming meeting.

Protestant Federation

Under the auspices of the Victorian Federation a splendidly attended meeting was held in the High Street Baptist Church, on Wednesday evening to hear Rev. S. Albiston, the general secretary of the movement, deliver an address. The chair was occupied by Rev. S. Dorman. It was decided to from a branch in Northcote, and Rev. S. Dorman was appointed president pro tem, and Rev. D. Reeves secretary pro tem.

Northcote Symphony Orchestral Recital

The Northcote Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Basil S. Farrell, gave a recital at the Northcote Town Hall on Wednesday evening in the presence of a fair numbers of music lovers. A full report will appear in these columns in our next issue.

Wimble Workingmen's Club

A general meeting was held in the Wimble Hall on Wednesday, Mr. Andrews in the chair. Mr. Muller reported that at the dance on June 21, given by the members' wives an enjoyable evening was spent. Next dance, July 25.

Thornbury Bowling Club's Effort

In response to an appeal by the Mayor for funds to assist in relieving local distress caused by unemployment, the Thornbury Bowling Club held a dance on June 24 and as a result some £10 has been raised for the Mayor of Northcote's Unemployed Relief Committee. The committee and members of the Thornbury Bowling Club are to be congratulated on this splendid effort. At a time when social and sporting bodies in the municipality are suffering acutely from a shortage of finance it is creditable to note that this club has come forward to assist the less fortunate members of the community.

C.E.M.S. Debating Competition

The second round of this competition, which embraces branches throughout Melbourne, was begun on Monday, when St. Paul's Fairfield, met Epiphany, Northcote, on the subject that "Motor Cars do more harm than good." Mr. Towler was the adjudicator, and the teams were.—Fairfield (negative), Messrs. Davis, Le Plastrier and Walker; Epiphany (affirmative), Messrs. A. Singleton, E. Cohen, V. Preston. The Epiphany won by 283 points to 263, and by so doing have assured their position in the semi-finals. Rev. Pay was the chairman and afterwards complimented the teams on the high standard of the debate and Mr. Towler for his excellent criticism.

REDUCTION SOUGHT IN NORTHCOTE RATES

WEST WARD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION'S PETITION

20 Per Cent. Cut Desired

A rate reduction is being sought by the West Ward Progress Association in the Northcote council's rate which is 2/9 in the £.

In many quarters it is felt that while reductions have been made in the cost of living and commodities and wages have received "cuts," municipal rates and valuations stand at a high level. A petition has been drawn up and signatures are being obtained with a view to presenting it to the Northcote council with a request that a 20 per cent. reduction in rates be made in the forthcoming year. As the municipal rate is struck at the beginning of the financial year (October) no time is to be lost if it is desired to set the necessary machinery in motion for a reduction.

BABY COMPETITION

Many Entries Received

The Baby Competition, which is being run by the Regent Theatre, in conjunction with Cyril Stevens Studios is progressing favorably. Many entries have already been received and entries from the bonny babes of the surrounding districts will be welcomed. Entry forms are available from either the theatre or the studios, where full information can be obtained.

WOOD MERCHANT FINED

At Hawthorn court on Wednesday W. J. Curtis, of South crescent, Northcote, was fined £5 for having delivered wood without a delivery ticket stating the weight delivered.

NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Before Mr. G. Brown P.M., Messrs. H. Evans, P. Carney, and Mrs. Woods, J's.P.

Debt

R. G. Metcalf Pty. Ltd. v Mrs. A. G. Smart, claim for £3/19/. Order for amount.

The same complainant also obtained orders against the following:—Mrs. A. Elliott, £1/5/; Mrs. M. A. Brown, £2/5/; A. Harrison, £3/12/6 J. Hartwell, £1 2 .

Mr. A. E. O'Connor appeared for the complainant in each case.

Burns and Duggan obtained an order against Norman Turnbull for £14 2/9.

Ex-Boarder Seeks Return of Tools

Frank Hector Tucker, Wellington street, Collingwood, proceeded against Clara Annie Richardson, claiming the return of certain tools, blankets and colthing valued at £7.

Tucker said: "I was boarding with Mrs. Richardson, and got into arrears. She told me to go. I went the same night. I left tools with another friend, and later I heard that Mrs. Richardson had seized them. I asked her for the box later as I wanted the tools to go to work, and she refused to give them to me."

To Mrs. Rosanove: You left on June 15?—Yes.

Did you say you'd try to get your sister to pay the arrears?—Yes.

You have not paid the £2/7/6?—No.

Mrs. Richardson said that if you come there on one day you could get the tools?—Yes. But when I went there a man named Smith would not let the tools go. Mrs. Richardson was also there. I cannot do any work until I get my tools.

Mrs. Rosanove argued that Mrs. Richardson had a lien on the goods, and the correct order for the court to make would be to order the return of the goods upon payment of the amount due to Mrs. Richardson.

Mrs. Richardson said: When Tucker left he told me he was leaving his box as security for the debt. The box was locked, and I told him that when he brought round the money he could get his box.

An order was made that the goods be returned to the complainant on the payment of £2/7/6, together with £1/1/ costs.

No Lights

John Bathman, Plow street, Thornbury, who rode a bicycle without a light in High street, was fined £1. Others fined for similar offences were:—Arthur Gilson, Dally street Northcote; Albert Cook, Miller street, Thornbury: each £1. Charles Lindsay Grover, Leonard street, Preston, 15/; Edward Duncan, Collom street, Northcote, 15/.

Henry Ryan, Aberdeen grove, Northcote, drove a horse and cart in High street without a light after dark and was fined £2.

Canaries Returned to Owner

George Alexander Reid,, Robert street, Dennis, claimed a number of canaries now in the possession of the police, and for which the police sought an owner.

The canaries were the subject of an unlawful possession charge, in which a person was convicted a couple of weeks ago.

There being no other claimant the bench ordered that the canaries be handed by the police to Reid.

Theft of Overcoat

Reginald Rupert Jackson was charged that he stole an overcoat and a pair of gloves at Fairfield, valued at £5, the property of Samuel Michael.

Samuel Michael, Heidelberg road, Fairfield, said: "On June 30 I missed an overcoat and a pair of motor gloves from my car, which was standing in Park crescent.

Detective McKenna said: "At about 8.45 a.m. on July 4 I arrested Jackson. He admitted taking the overcoat and gloves from a car in Park crescent, Fairfield.

A conviction was recorded and imprisonment for 7 days was ordered.

Another Charge

There was a second charge of unlawful possession on July 14 of motor tools, two suitcases, two car seats, a golf bag and seven sticks, a rug and other articles.

Detective McKenna said on July 14 he saw the articles in car in North Carlton. As I, with others, approached, he ran away, and was chased and caught. He admitted having taken the goods from cars round the suburbs.

Jackson pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to seven day's imprisonment.

Clothing for the Poor

A MEETING of ladies, presided over by the mayoress (Mrs. G. E. Robinson) was held on Tuesday afternoon, when it was arranged to form a working bee with a view of purchasing material in order to make underwear for the use of poor women and children residing in Preston. On Wednesday a party of ladies visited the city and made the necessary purchases of material, and the work will be taken in hand at once, and the clothing will be made available for distribution at as early a date as possible.

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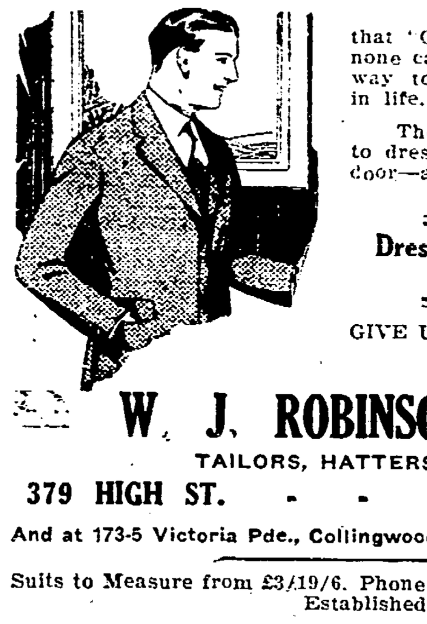

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TENNIS

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UNFURLING OF PENNANT AT COOMA COURTS

SPARKLING EXHIBITION GAMES

A sparkling exhibition of masterly tennis under ideal conditions, a pleasant afternoon's entertainment, the benefits in aid of a really deserving cause—such was the fare offered and provided to between 300 and 400 tennis enthusiasts of Preston on Sunday afternoon last, when four of Victoria's leading tennis stars gave an exhibition match on the Cooma tennis courts. The players comprised the undefeated A pennant pair, W. Teague and G. Holloway, of St. Kilda, and the Brighton A pair, G. Gaffy and J. Purcell, and altogether six sets were contested. The collection during the afternoon for the Preston unemployed fund realised £4/14/10.

Prior to the commencement of play the president of the club (Mr. E. A. Jones) introduced the four players to the visitors present, and then called upon Mrs. W. P. Jones to unfurl the pennant recently won by the Cooma Tennis Club in the North Suburban summer competition. This honor the club's hostess performed amidst applause.

Mr. Ted Jones then introduced Cr. Jobeson, representing the mayor, who welcomed the players to Preston, and thanked them for their services for such a deserving cause, saying that besides the monetary benefit derived by the Preston unemployed, the tennis of Preston would be improved by exhibitions from such outstanding exponents.

The first set was keenly contested between Teague-Holloway and Gaffy-Purcell. Owing to the huge crowd present space on the courts was slightly cramped, and the first-named pair were rather hampered, being naturally a hard-hitting combination they were not desirous if exploiting full length driving or smashing, etc., which would cause any inconvenience to the onlookers. Realising this, Gaffy and Purcell, by splendid position play, quickly ran up a 4—1 lead against their redoubtable opponents, the service of Purcell, an ex-public schools champion, being a feature of play in his set. Teague played a love service, bringing the score 4—2, but Gaffy retaliated; and, thanks to Purcell's excellent net volleying, capturing Holloway's service and the first set 6—2.

Taking the courts again immediately they played the second set in the same order. By now Teague and Holloway had adapted themselves somewhat better to the conditions, and sparkling play resulted. Purcell opened the service and won to love—two winning side lines drives by him and a smash by Gaffy featuring it. Teague made it 1 all, the game ending with a cross court drive that left Gaffy standing. The tennis was now almost faultless, the backhand of Teague and Holloway being outstanding. The games quickly ran to 3 all, and on Gaffy's service to 30—40. Desirous of making it deuce, he brought the onlookers to their feet amidst rounds of applause by taking the extreme left of the service court and aced Holloway with a beautiful serve to the fence—one that Holloway dared not attempt owing to the onlookers. However, he then double faulted to Teague, and Holloway brought off a splendid side line drive that completely beat Purcell, and thus Teague and Holloway took the lead for the first time at 4—3. Retaining that lead it went with the service to set victory at 6—4 for Teague and Holloway.

An adjournment was made to the kiosk for afternoon tea, and during the interval the president presented the singles championship cups of the club to this year's winners, Miss Phyllis Lewis and Mr. Colin Burgess. Presentations also took place to the members of the victorious pennant team—Misses N. Tuppen, T. Jenyns, P. Lewis, K. Hollowood, Messrs. A. Schier, O. Dolphin, H. Jones and D. Sykes (capt.).

Upon resumption of play singles matches were the order, Purcell v Gaffy, Teague v Holloway, both courts being utilised, thus allowing the visitors to more easily see these champions in action. In the first set Purcell frequently drew applause by his marvellous driving. He was hitting much harder than Gaffy at this stage, and making fewer mistakes. Not afraid to take the net, he frequently volleyed winners. In this set he reached his peak, and quickly ran out 6—2 winner.

The set between Holloway and Teague was the finest exhibition that has been witnessed on the court, possibly the best ever seen in Preston. Holloway served first, but by powerful cross court driving took the service to fifteen. However, he then lost his service to love, evening the score. Holloway was hitting harder and had Teague on the run, but some of his shots missed by inches. Two service aces in the ninth game paved the way to a love service to Holloway, and by relentlessly playing Teague's backhand was set point twice, but the latter by beautiful side line drives brought the games to 5 all. From here it went with the service to 8—8, the back hand of both players being a wonderful feature of the games. Making it a weapon of offence as well as defence, they frequently dazzled the onlookers by their uncanny accuracy in picking the side lines. Time and again each thought they had scored, only to see the other get to the ball, and place the ace in his column. The match was concluded in Holloway's favor at 9—8, by a series of devastating services, three times clean aceing his opponent.

A further set between Gaffy and Purcell showed Gaffy at his best, and by excellent placings he frequently had Purcell in trouble, and ran out winner at 6—4.

Although it was now after 5 p.m. onlookers were so appreciative of their efforts that the players, who were enjoying themselves as much as the spectators, decided to play another doubles in the following pairs: —Holloway and Purcell v Gaffy and Teague. This was probably the best contested doubles, and the tennis enthusiasts were treated to a masterly exhibition of position play. The feature of this set was Purcell's net play and the excellent backhand of all players. Games went with the service to 4 all before Holloway and Purcell broke through Teague's service. Purcell's play sparkled with good shots, and his cross court drives frequently out-manoeuvred his opponents. The final game was a brilliant battle of strokes, Holloway dominating the back court, and Purcell ultimately finished off the set at 6—4 with a beautiful slice volley that hardly rose an inch.

This concluded an interesitng afternoon's tennis, and the Cooma Club are to be congratulated on securing the services of such a wonderful quartette to give an exhibition for such a deserving cause. Results:—

Gaffy and Purcell d Teague and Holloway, 6—2.
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Holloway d Teague, 9—8.
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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Glorius sunshine and thousands of golden oranges, not to speak of the appreciative smiles of the recipients, were certainly reward for the Orange and Violet Effort held last Sunday. As a result of the appeal, which can be classed as the best yet, patients at the Austin and Infectious Diseases Hospitals and the Janefield Sanatorium benefited. During the past four weeks over twenty Christian Endeavor Societies have been commenced in Victoria. The membership for the Sate is now 20,000.

Owing to the pressure of duties in other parts of the district, Mr. Stan. Hill of Ivanhoe has been forced to relinquish his position as Publicity Officeer to the Union. His service during the past six months has been greatly appreciated.

Last Saturday afternoon a Quiet Hour Meeting was conducted at the Northcote Church of Christ by Mr. W. W. Saunders. This was followed by tea arranged by the Church of Christ Society and a Bible Study led by the Rev. F. J. Jennings. The gathering then adjourned to the Northcote Methodist Church for the monthly council meeting.

The Endeavorers connected with the Northcote Methodist Church are erecting a "Wayside Pulpit" in the church grounds. The message will be changed weekly.

Members of the Northcote and Preston District C.E. Union are assisting the drive arranged by the "Youth to Youth" Movement at Fairfield and Alphington over the week-end.

The Union has decided to hold an Evangelistic Drive in Northcote on September 26. The Drive is to be conducted by the Rev. W. F. Betts assisted by Mr. C. H. Dyer. Two other such drives are to be held at West Preston on August 1 and South Preston on August 29.

Miss Coral Wicks of Beatty street Ivanhoe has been appointed secretary of the Ivanhoe Bapist Y.P. Society. The anniversary of this society is being held on Tuesday evening next.

Mr. Gilbert Watson of Martin street, Preston has been elected secretary of the South Preston Methodist Y.P.S.C.E. Miss Ethel Rackham has been appointed to a similar position in the North Preston Y.P. Society.

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PRESTON BREVITIES

Preston A.N.A.

THE usual fortnightly meeting of the Preston South branch of the Australian Natives' Association was held on July 16, the president (Mr. Hooker) being in the chair. One new member was proposed. Mr. Chomley, of the National Credit Association, gave an address, in which he advocated a way out of our present financial difficulties. The syllabus item for next meeting (July 30) is a euchre party for ladies and gents. Everybody is invited.

Preston Rowing Clyub

THE twelfth annual meeting of the Preston Rowing Club will be held at the club's pavilion, Edwardes Lake on Wednesday, July 29 at 8 p.m. The annual smoke social at which trophies won during the year are to be presented, will take place on Saturday, August 1.

The past season has proved trying on account of the financial depression, through which a number of members are out of work. This in turn has made finance difficult, and has also decreased the number of members in training.

The balance sheet shows a credit at June 30, together with cash in hand £27/19/; and the surplus of assets over liabilities is shown at £1790 13/3.

Reservoir District Band

THE above band held its weekly meeting at Mr. Flanders' home, Mr. Davis presiding. Mr. Wolf and Mr. Leonard have been appointed official delegates to attend the Melbourne Band League monthly meetings. It has been decided to ask permission of the city council to play on Sunday, 9th August, at Edwardes Park in aid of Alfred Hospital. Nurses to be present collecting, and two other bands assisting. As the weather has not been promising evening programmes will not commence until July 31, after which they will be held regularly every second Friday.

Preston Popular Boy Competition

THE Preston Football Club's popular boy competition is progressing satisfactorily. In support of Bert Webber, a euchre party and dance will be held at West Preston Progress Hall next Thursday night.

Preston Fox Trot Competition

ON Saturday night the last heat of the popular fox trot competition will be decided at the Preston Football Club's fortnightly dance in the town hall. The contestants will be Messrs. Reichman and partner, Maher and partner, Crocker and partner, Knott and partner and Donath and partner.Novelties will be ineroduced.

Preston Bowling Club

PREPARATIONS are being made by the Preston Bowling Club to institute a membership drive. The matter will be fully discussed at the annual meeting of the club at the pavilion, Murray road, on Saturday evening next (July 25) at 8 o'clock. The club affords splendid facilities to those interested in bowls to play the game under the most pleasant conditions. The nine rink green is recognised as being one of the finest in the metropolitan area, and besides day play members may spend the cool summer evenings playing under electric light. The clubhouse is modern and fully equipped, and the social side is catered for throughout the year. In winter card evenings, billiards, etc., may be indulged in, and these enable members to get to know each other better. The club has still a few vacancies for members, and anyone desiring to join, or who is interested, should get in touch with Mr. W. F. Tatchell, Jeffrey street, Regent, who will be pleased to supply full particulars.

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THANKS

McDONALD.—Mrs. Angus McDonald and Family desire to THANK all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Will all please accept this as a personal expression of sincere thanks? "Strathroy," 480 Barker's Rd., Upper Hawthorn.

The Leader

JUSTICE TO ALL

Published Every Friday Morning

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1931

Owing to pressure of space a number of items are unavoidably held over. These include report of Northcote Symphony Orchestral recital, Heidelberg Council, celebrity concert at Preston, East Preston Progress Association, and a number of smaller items.

Citizens are tendering a return ball to the mayor and mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. J. H. Green) on Wednesday, July 29, in the Northcote town hall.

Mr. A. F. Deacon, Preston's oldest established estate agent, draws attention to his announcement in another column. He advises property owners to consult him about their real estate. All matters are given his personal attention.

The Northcote Council elsewhere invites tenders for the construction of Lawry street (east end).

Mr. G. Moylan announces that he has taken over the butchery business lately conducted by Mr. H. V. Sayner at 81 Dundas street, Preston. Best meat at cheapest possible prices.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ENDING THE DEPRESSION

(To the Editor)

Sir,—The Victorian Liberation League intends to petition the Mayor to call a public meeting for the purpose of giving the people an opportunity of having its practical proposals explained with the object of expounding a solution to the present depression. There are over 300,000 men out of work which the League claims could be employed; that wages need not be reduced; and deserving pensions could remain. It claims the present intentions of the Government to be on etirely wrong lines. These proposals appear to the uninitiated startling reforms, but during the three and a half years the League has been expounding the reform in Western Australia it has gained widespread support. A public meeting in the Perth Town Hall, called by the Lord Mayor (Sir William Lathlain, M.L.C.) was crowded and the resolutions placed before the meeting were carried and copies sent to tthe Prime Minister and every State Premier and Leader of the Opposition. The following is quoted from the "Perth Daily News" report on the meeting.

"The simple remedy was to increase the purchasing power of the people. Henry Ford and Edison, and scores of intellectual leaders of thought including our own Professor Murdoch, preached this all the time. But it was left to the Liberation League to show them all how this could be done in a practical and just manner."

—Yours etc.,

ROBERT WALKER, Pres.
Victorian Liberation League.

NORTHCOTE UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I desire to give an emphatic denial to rumors about the distribution of foodstuffs collected by the Northcote Unemployed Association, and the statements that only a few participated and that some are favored. I desire to state that the potatoes were distributed equally and there is no foundation for the statement that three bags were left behind. If the person who is circulating these statements thinks he has cause for complaint, he should know that the methods to adopt so that his grievances can be sifted to the bottom.

On behalf of my association I wish to convey sincere thanks to the various tradespeople for the splendid manner in which they have contributed. At the same time we would like them to note that no donation should b egiven to any member of the N.U.A. unless he has an authority from the association, signed by the president or secretary, and bearing the official stamp —Yours etc.

J. EASTAWAY, hon. sec.

PERSONAL

Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Fredman of Reservoir, are rejoicing at the birth of a little stranger,—a boy—born on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McWhirter, of Martin street, Heidelberg celebrated their silver wedding on July 18. They were married in Bendigo in 1906.

With the passing of Mr. John A. Craig on July 15, Mrs. N. Ellis, of Frank and Bell streets, Preston has lost her father.

Mr. John Keane, of 29 Alexander street, Northcote passed to the Great Beyond, at the age of 62 years. He is sorrowed by a widow, and members of the family are Frank, Mark, Pat, Nell and Jack.

The many friends of Mr. Everard Palling, of Plow street, Thornbury, will be glad to learn that he is recovering after his serious illness.

Mr. Claude Allen, son of Mrs. E Allen, of Clarke street, Northcote, sailed recently for Papua, via Cairns Queensland.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Dennis, of Walker street, Northcote, have both returned from Fairfield Hospital where they were confined with scarlet fever.

Mrs. S. Dennis, of Walker street, Northcote, is suffering from a heavy cold and Mrs. W. Glanfield, of Separation street, Northcote, is just recovering from the same complaint.

The death occurred on July 17, of Nurse Sutherland at the residence of her daughter (Mrs. Green), Grange road, Alphington. She had been ill for some time.

Mrs. Hands, relict of the late Benjamin Hands, of Daylesford, passed away suddenly at the residence of her daughter (Mrs. A. E. Morris) Broomfield street, Alphington, on July 15. She was 85 years of age, and a colonist for 79 years.

Mr. Francis William Frawley, of Ivanhoe, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western and Midland bailiwicks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brown of 65 Station street, Fairfield, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son(Barrie Herbertson). The happy event occurred on June 25 .

The stork visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Northover, of 23 Yarra road, Ivanhoe, on July 15, bringing them a daughter.

The engagement is announced of Betty Terres, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bell, Miller street, West Preston, to Albert William, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Edgeley, Scotchmer street, North Fitzroy.

The engagement is announced of Elsie C., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lang, of Charles street, West Preston, to Stanley B., only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Edgley, Beauchamp street, East Preston.

At the last meeting of the Northcote Cricket Club Committee Mr. H Wetenhall, of Westgarth street, Northcote, was nominated for the life governorship of the Melbourne Hospital, allotted to the club through the Victorian Cricket Association.

The many friends of the Rev. S. C. Hadley will regret to learn that he has not yet recovered from his attack of influenza, but is still confined to his room. He had to seek assistance to carry out his ministerial duties on Sunday.

Mr. Harry Turley, railway guard, of Harold street, Thorbury, who was seriously injured by a "hit and run" motorist several months ago in Mitchell street, Northcote, has so far recovered as to be able to take short walks from his home.

Mr. John Cornish, of Ballarat, a former resident of Northcote, who has been visiting friends in Northcote, left for his home on Thursday. Mr. Cornish is 96 years of age, and still going strong—He is the father of Cr. A. J. Cornish and Mr. F. C. Cornish.

On July 11 in the Dispensary Hall, a large number of the friends of Miss Jean Read, of the Presbyterian Church, Thornbury, met and entertained her at a birthday party, to mark her coming of age. A very pleasant and happy time was spent.

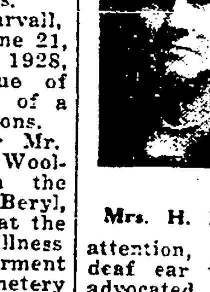
Mr J. Bennett, of the firm of J. Bennett and Sons, cartage contractors, who is well known in sporting circles in Heidelberg, Ivanhoe and Fairfield and Collingwood, was entertained at the London Stores Cafe, on Monday evening. The gathering was to show appreciation of his many services in the field of sport and to his fellow citizens.

Mrs. Dorothy Le Poer Darvall, of Heidelberg, who died on June 21, left by will dated January 3, 1928, real estate of a gross value of £2,180 and personal property of a gross value of £1,218 to her sons.

Sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith, 16 Woolhouse street, Northcote, on the death of their only daughter, Beryl, who passed away on July 16 at the age of 22 years, after an illness of a few months. The interment took place at the Fawkner cemetery on Saturday where representatives of the Order of the Burning Bush, Girls Order of the Covenant, Board of Management of James Street Presbyterian Church were present.

There passed away with great suddenness on July 17, Mrs. Sarah Williams, relict of the late Jack Williams, of Plenty road, Preston, and formerly of High street, Thornbury. Mrs. Williams had a heart seizure shortly after she retired for the night, and her daughter heard an unusual noise, and found her mother had collapsed. A doctor was called at once, but Mrs. Williams expired before his arrival. Mrs. Williams was well known in Thornbury, having for 18 years with her husband conducted a confectionery business near the tram terminus. They retired from business eight years ago, Mr. Williams died about six years ago. Members of the family are—Bertha (deceased), Jack, Winifred (Mrs. Green). The funeral took place on Monday, the interment being made at the Coburg cemetery.

The death occurred on Thursday of a well-known resident of Northcote, Mr. James Clarkson, at the age of 76, of 21 High street. Mr. Clarkson had just returned from a holiday and suddenly collapsed. He for many years carried out the duties of musical director for the Northcote and Preston Highland Society. Mrs. Clarkson died some time previous. One son survives him. The interment took place at the Melbourne General Cemetery on Saturday afternoon and was largely attended by members of the Northcote and Preston Highland Society, and members from the Forester's lodge. The Highland Society's piper played the lament "The Flowers of the Forest," and the plaintive wail of the pipes in the quietness of the cemetery accentuated the impressiveness of the service.



Mrs. H. P.Zwar

Mrs. H. P. Zwar, of Gower street, Preston, is keenly interested in the Eye and Ear Hospital, and for the second year in succession has just been elected president of the Central Auxiliary. Apart from this, the Women's Hospital and Northcote Creche can also lay claim to her generous attention, and she never turns a deaf ear when their interests are advocated, and is always ready to give a helping hand on their behalf. Mrs. Zwar takes an active interest in the Mayoress's Guild at Preston also the local branch of the Red Cross and at Tuesday's meeting of the Northcote Creche Mrs. Zwar was elected president of that body. In addition Mrs. Zwar is a helpmate to her husband, Cr. Zwar, who is always well to the fore in works of a charitable, social and public character.

"HALLOA, WHITTLESEA !"

Had a doctor been asked to diagnose the symptoms shown at the Whittlesea Public Hall last Saturday evening, he would undoubtedly have said "risoria paralysis." This is not by any chance a new epidemic but it is rather rare these days of gloom. The outbreak occurred as a result of the "Halloa Whittlesea" Revue Company's inaugural production, which took place before an appreciative audience, filling the hall to capacity.

Many of the scenes were localised, and such quips as "The Whittlesea council are a 'Downie' lot" provoked roars of merriment. None of the members of the company suffered stage-fright—if they did it was not perceptible, and there was no shortage of talent, either on the boards or off them. After all, the dialogues must be written before they can be presented, and to those responsible for this part, a good deal of the credit of the success is due.

After the National Anthem the orchestra gave an overture, and then all ears were strained to hear the arrival of the Revue Company at the Whittlesea station. With curtain down, the company could be heard arriving in Church street, there ain't no church there anyhow, and they soon got into the hall.

The opening scene was "The King's Horses," founded on the dance number of that name, the lead being in the capable hands of Miss Leahy, ably seconded by a beauty ballet in scarlet and silver.

Miss N. Wyatt, elocutionist, gave "The Sad Fate of Theophilus Jones" and was warmly encored. Her enunciation was most distinct, and her delivery fluent.

When Mr. Brown (H. Ovenden) and Mrs. Brown (Mrs. Elliot) took their son Aubrey (Major Crawford) to see a pantomime, the effect was devastating, the audience rocking with merriment. Poor Aubrey was rather petulant, and to ward off the attack of 'flu put up his sunshade, but with little success. This role gave Aubrey a full range for playfulness, and he used it with artistic effect. Other characters were the Old Man(J. Longhurst), Orange Girl, (Mrs. Longhurst) and Commissionaire (C. McDonald).

Mr. L. Hawser entertained with a melodious banjo solo "The Rosary," which was encored whilst the audience wiped its eyes, and prepared for more.

"Beaten at the Post (Office)" was the setting for many local shots. Miss Somerly (Miss Leahy) and Miss Peevie(Mrs. Elliot) as the post office attendants, were much too interested in their own affairs to worry about attending the urgent demands of the public. Brown (J.Gibbs), Jones (H. Ovenden), Smith (C. McDonald) and the French Lady (Mrs. Longhurst) impatiently urged their needs, but alas! were only noticed after closing time had arrived.

As a Communist (Major Crawford) held forth in the park telling the workers not to bother about working, but if they wanted a thing just "to help themselves." He was more than chargrined to find his advice had been taken literally taken, —and he was minus a good coat.

When the bridegroom (W. Campbell) was about to lead his bride (Mrs. Longhurst) to the altar, at her request he sang of his travel, and of the girls he had wooed. A Breton Girl (Miss D. Owens), A Spanish Girl (Miss N. Wyatt) and an Eastern Girl (Miss E. Owens) each appeared in turn in national bridal array, and danced. The denouement arrived in the shape of a raging wife armed with her marriage lines.

The short interval followed, then the orchestra rendered a brilliant overture. In a seaside scene, "Their Misunderstanding". Miss Leahy as the Girl, and Major Crawford as "the Knut," created a furore and their ready quips found many a bullseye.

Under the euphonious title of Herr Von Melodious, a member of the orchestra gave an excellent violin solo from "Cavalliera Rusticana." His encore number was played with more confidence, and was a well-known selection from "Il Trovatore"

Mrs. Hamblett (Mrs. Longhurst) visited the polling booth to record her vote, to the delight of everyone, except possibly herself. She was accompanied by her daughter (Miss Leahy) and the poll clerks were W. Campbell and C. McDonald She did not know who to vote for—though Everard was in her mind—and finally after being told precisely what to do, her vote was cast informally.

Miss N. Wyatt told all, and sundry "How to live to be a hundred," and on being recalled gave, by special request, "The King's Breakfast."

In mid-Victorian costume Miss Leahy sang "Lackaday" with ballet daintily frocked who trod demurely to the stately measure of a gavotte This number did not do Miss Leahy's voice justice, as it was apparent that she was feeling the strain of the long evening.

A "Whittlesea Disappointment" caused much laughter.

Swaggie Giles (Major Crawford) mused aloud to great content and merriment of all. He disappeared with the disconcerting and alarming remark "I must make a hurried change into a lady for the next scene," which almost brought the house down.

The concluding scene was possibly the best, and ran the whole gamut of burlesque. It opened in the setting of a gipsy encampment, the soloist being Mrs. J. N. McDonald, who used her rich mezzo voice with splendid effect. The frocking was bizarre, yet pleasing and the ballet effective. Mrs. Longhurst had the male lead. Uproarious laughter greeted the entrance of The Roman (J. Longhurst) gowned in a toga, with the usual chaplet of laurel the while discoursing sweet music (?) on a wire griller. Pan (H. Ovenden) was attired in a leopard skin, and as he had left his pipe behind, substituted for it a tin trumpet. Daffodil (Major Crawford) and Violet (C. McDonald) duly arrived in haste at the call of their respective swains and all four tripped to a merry measure with elephantine tread. Their eccentric ballet work had much to commend it, judging by the re-calls they received.

The grand finale saw the whole company assembled when Major Casey, a prospective candidate for Corio electorate presented on behalf of admirers, bouquets and sweets to Mrs. McDonald, Miss Leahy, Mrs. Longhurst, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Elliot and other members of the company.

A vote of thanks was moved by Major Casey to the players, to which Major Crawford responded, intimating that the company wished to cause some merriment in these times of gloom, and at the same time help local charities. He thanked all who had helped to make the show such an overwhelming success.

Throughout, the whole entertainment was full of hilarity, and undoubtedly is one of the brightest shows ever staged in the township.

Members of the orchestra were —Mrs. W. B. Campbell (leader) Miss E. Howell (mandolin), Mr. James Cornfoot (violin), Mr. T. Crowley (violin), Mr. L. Hawser (banjo) and Mr. Alf Butler (jazz instruments).

The revue was produced by Major Crawford, who carried out his duties well and was ably assisted by every member of the company; Mrs. Longhurst arranged the ballets and choruses; Mr. W. Campbell was master of ceremonies; Mr. S. Beney acted capably as stage manager; and Messrs. Edes & Co. saw to the electric lighting and spotlight effects.

Members of the eight "Happy Girls" cast in the ballets were Misses G. Childs, E. Childs, D. Owens, E. Owens, N. Johnston, I. Cornfoot, I. Robinson and K. Longhurst.

The takings totalled £21/6/6 which will go to Whittlesea charities.

So numerous have been the demands, that it has been decided to hold a repeat concert on Saturday night next. Already the bookings are heavy.

CHURCH NEWS

Communion Breakfast

The Preston branch of the Catho[lic] Young Men's Society will hold a co[m]munion breakfast on Sunday next.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

The pulpit on Sunday morning w[as] occupied by Rev. A. D. Leckie, dir[ec]tor of Home Missions, and at nig[ht] by Rev. Prof. F. E. Oxen, M.A., B.D. when Mrs. Colin Gardiner contribut[ed] a solo.

High Street Methodist Church

Last Sunday was "Orange and V[io]let Sunday,' and these were distrib[ut]ed to the patients at the Austin Ho[s]pital, Heidelberg, and the Infectio[us] Diseases Hospital, Fairfield.

At the meeting of the Women's Auxiliary for Foreign Missions o[n] July 16 Mrs. Inglis, of the Salvatio[n] Army, gave a talk on missio[n] work.

On Monday an enjoyable concert was given in the school hall by mem[]bers of the four Sunday schools [of] the circuit. The proceeds were i[n] aid of the Home Mission work.

St. Aidan's Church of England

The tennis club held a social o[n] July 18 for club funds, and was ve[ry] successful.

James Street Presbyterian Church

On Sunday morning the choir re[n]dered the anthem, "Crossing the Bar" in memory of the late Miss Be[ryl] Smith, a member of the Girls' Order of the Covenant. The Rev. A. T. Jones was the preacher.

On Monday the boys of the Order of the Burning Bush were entert[ain]ed at a lecture entitled "Quaint Cus[]toms of the Fijians," delivered by Mr. G. L. Johnston, of South Mel[]bourne.

St. Mary's Church, Preston

At a meeting of parishioners o[n] Tuesday evening last it was decid[ed] to hold an "All Nations' Fair" o[n] November 20 and 21.

The C.E.M.S. were hosts to the re[]cently-formed St. Mark's C.E.M.S. West Preston, when numerous gam[es] and competitions were indulged [in]. The vicar (president) welcomed [the] visitors. Responding, Mr. Smith, [the] visitors' vice-president, said they [had] enjoyed themselves immensely. [A] vote of thanks was passed to [the] ladies who prepared supper.

All Saints', Northcote

The third week of the spiritual [up]lift campaign began last Sunday when Rev. C. H. Nash preached o[n] "The Inheritance and Privilege of the Believer." Throughout the w[eek] meetings have been held.

On Sunday a special men's servi[ce] will be held at 3 p.m., and a pic[]ial service will take place in the eve[n]ing. Rev. Nash will be the preacher.

Church of Christ, Northcote

The Northcote and Preston [Endea]vour Union held a half-day pray[er] meeting on July 18. Pastor W. W. Saunders presiding. The Endeavour[]ers enjoyed a fellowship tea, afte[r] which Rev. F. J. Jennings led a perio[d] of Bible study.

A special service on Sunday even[]ing was conducted by the Bible Class and Sunday school teachers. Sol[os] were contributed by Miss Hil[da] Drakeford and Mr. J. Barber.

Preston Church of Christ

Last Sunday was children's day fo[r] Foreign Missions. Special missionary hymns were sung, and the scho[lars] participated. Mrs. A. Briggs recited "Wanted for the King," and Miss H. McDonald sang "Guided by a Sta[r]" while the choir rendered the anthem "We Declare Unto Thee." An u[n]usual feature was the singing o[f a] hymn by the choir during the serm[on] one verse introducing each sectio[n] of the sermon. The sermon by Mr. A. J. Fisher was entitled "Heralds of the Dawn," and was illustrated by [a] series of large pictures. An offeri[ng] to give Christmas cheer for chil[dren] in heathen lands was liberally co[n]tributed to.

Preston Ministers' Fraternal

On July 21 the president displ[ayed] moving pictures illustrative of mi[s]sionary work in India. This was fol[]lowed by a continuation of the stud[y] of the South Indian Union propo[sals]. This study has been introduce[d] by Rev. T. Wilkinson, who placed be[fore] the Fraternal a comprehensive revi[ew] of this important union movem[ent]. Discussion and questions revea[led] very interesting features.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

Services on Sunday were atte[nded] by inspiration and large congr[ega]tions. The special service for me[n] proved a success. The speaker wa[s] Mr. G. James, while the celebrat[ed] Metro Male Quartette rendered mus[i]cal items.

On Sunday services commenc[ed at] 11 a.m., with Choral Eucharist a[nd] address; at 4.15 p.m., Holy Bapt[ism] and at 7 p.m. by Evensong, when Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain will offi[ciate].

A successful euchre party functio[n]ed in the kindergarten hall under the Holy Trinity League of Mission Hel[p]ers, on Monday evening. On Tue[s]day evening the Merrymakers Concert Party gave an excellent pro[]gramme. This Saturday evening the usual dance will be conducted by the Trinity Young Men's Club as a g[ala] night.

Winter Sermons at Holy Trinity, Thornbury

A course of winter sermons, "Th[e] Church and National Life," will b[e] delivered at Holy Trinity, Thornbury under the auspices of the social que[s]tions committee of the Anglica[n] Church.

Ladies Realm

(Conducted by "PENELOPE")

SILVER AND GOLD WRAP

Lines of gold thread on silver tinsel make the rather unique trimming on a long evening wrap worn by Kay Francis in Paramount's picture, "Ladies' Man."

Silver and Gold Wrap featured by Kay Francis in the Paramount Picture "LADIES MAN"

The coat shows a tiny fish train at the back, and is wrapped closely round the figure, curving well up in front to show her tulle frock which has applique dots of the gold thread scattered all over.

A huge collar which snuggles well up round the neck, and big fur cuffs on the three-quarter length sleeves are of white fox, and to finish the ensemble Miss Francis wears silver and gold slippers.

GREY AND BROWN

Something in the nature of a surprise it the new color combination showing on many of the present time frocks. The two colors are grey and brown, and were first introduced to Hollywood by Francis Dee in Paramount's picture, "An American Tragedy."

Miss Dee a[] a brown hat, gloves handbag and [] to a suit of spongy wo[ol] [] grey. The suit has inverted [] on the skirt, well down [] knees and then flaring out [] the necessary fulness, and [] is well curved in the front [] over with a light belt. [] and scarf are added to [] effect; the ends [] wrapped round [] with a posy [] flowers.

LIGHT COATS FOR DARK FROCKS

When the [] is dark this year, the jacket [] is light, and it follows that the light frock is always topped by a dark wrap.

Jean Arthur displays this contrast in Paramount's picture, "The Lawyer's Secret," with a dark blue crepe frock and a coat of white silk faille.

Miss Wray, who also plays a featured part in this production, introduces the new color of shell pink for evening gowns. Fay underwrites the trend to pink with a gown of flesh crepe. A cowl neckline, accented with crystals, permits a subtle, yet intricate draping from waist to hem-line.

She mentions that the materials that will be seen this season are tulle net, lace, crepe, chiffon, taffeta and satin, but that the predominating tone of these materials will be the delicate pink of the shell.

IN THE FIRELIGHT

FENDERS are items which rapidly are ceasing to to be household necessities. The marble kerb, or the wooden kerb ousted the fender proper long ago.

With the old-fashioned fireside or grate it is as well however, not to dispense with the old-fashioned fender, for this will assuredly look more in keeping than the more modern kerb. But in the nursery where a fire is kept lighted the high guard fender should always be left round the hearth as a safeguard.

Some people even go so far as to dispense with a kerb. If the tiling round the grate is attractive, and the carpet or hearthrug is carried right up to that tiling the effect is not as bare or unattractive as might be imagined, but a guard is an absolute necessity for a grate where neither kerb nor fender is used, and the room should never be left without a guard being placed in front of the fire.

The little curved pedestals to fit round the edge of a grate are other safeguards, and you may also stand your kettle or your plate of toast on them.

Otherwise your brass, copper, or iron kettle-stand should find a place in front of your grate. Toast and hot water will keep hot on this, but not if you place either below the level of the fire.

Round your fire-place at the sides and at eye level when you are sitting down, arrange any tiny prints or pictures of which you are particularly fond. Hung here, you will find time to study them and find, too, many a detail unnoticed when they are hung elsewhere.

If you are so lucky as to possess a warming-pan, its place also is near the fire, not in the hall, as so many people seem to imagine. A good substitute for this, if you are fond of copper or brass, is the more modern chestnut roaster which is rather like a miniature warming-pan and which is useful as well as ornamental.

RECIPES

Condensed Milk

Take 1½ pints new milk, 1½lb sugar and 2 tablespoons cornflour. Boil the milk, and while it is boiling add sugar. It must be carefully watched in case of bruning. Now stir in the cornflour, made into a paste from milk taken from the 1½ pints, and boil for a few minutes, stirring well. This makes 4lb of condensed milk, and is very useful when camping out.

Cinnamon Cake

Three tablespoons dripping, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg, 2 cups self-raising flour, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 cup milk. Beat dripping and sugar to cream, add egg, then milk, lastly flour and cinnamon sifted together. Bake in fairly hot oven half an hour. Ice with cinnamon icing.

Madras Kidneys

One or 2 veal kidneys, 1oz butter, onion, sprig of thyme, tiny piece of bay leaf, ½ lemon, teaspoon curry powder, 2 lean rashers of bacon, ½ pint good thick gravy, salt and pepper, boiled rice.

Leave some fat round kidneys, put in baking dish and bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes, according to size. Cool, then cut in slices, removing fat. Pour off the fat in the dish, add the stock and stir well. Put butter into pan with the onion cut in thin shreds, chop the bay leaf and thyme finely, and sprinkle with pepper and salt. Cover and cook slowly for 10 minutes, then add bacon cut into tiny pieces, also lemon juice and curry powder; then add the gravy. Simmer for 30 minutes, then add the slices of kidney. Serve very hot with a border of boiled rice.

WOMENS' ACTIVITIES

Presbyterian Women's Mission Union

At the monthly meeting of the James Street branch the president (Mrs. Jones) occupied the chair. Deaconess Morton, of the Collingwood Presbyterian Mission, spoke of the work being done in Collingwood. Duets were rendered by Mesdames Muir and Paull. A number of parcels of groceries were sent to Collingwood.

Mother's Union

The monthly meeting was held at the Church of the Epiphany, on July 16. There was a fair attendance and Deaconess Crabbe gave an interesting address on "Friendship."

ROMANTIC CIRCLE.

PITTS—JURY

Miss Molly Ethel Jury made a charming bride at the Church of the Epiphany on July 11 when she was married by Rev. T. Cole to Mr. Lawrence Edward Pitts. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr T. and the late Mrs. Jury, of Northcote (late of Maldon) and the groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pitts, of Welshman's Reef, via Newstead. Stately lilies and heath decked the church and the service was fully choral. Entering with her father, the bride was gowned in a beautiful ivory satin frock with hand embroidered yoke of georgette and her exquisite veil falling over a billowy tulle train was held with a coronet of orange blossom. Camellias heath and lilies formed her sheaf. Masters Jack and Raymond Hooper, nephews of the bride, dressed in white satin suits with georgette ruffles, acted as trainbearers. Misses Poppy Boreham and Jean Pitts (sister of the bridegroom) were the maids and were frocked alike in floral georgette in blue and pink tonings with stitched georgette hats to match. Mr. Tom Jury was best man and Mr. Maurice Thornton (nephew of the bride) was groomsman. Wearing a wine marocain frock with fox fur, Mrs. Lynes (the bride's sister) stood with the groom's parents to receive the guests, which Mr. Jury entertained at Normanby Hall, Thornbury. Brown satin, under a black face cloth coat was worn by the bridegroom's mother. The bride's travelling costume was a frock of brown floral satin, under a navy face-cloth coat trimmed with coney collar and cuffs and a black velvet hat. At 74 Kennedy street, Castelmaine, will be the couple's future address.

WESTWOOD—DAVIS

Rev. T. Cole officiated at the wedding of Mr. Wm. J. Westwood and Miss Lillian Davis at the Epiphany Church, Northcote, on June 27. The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Westwood, of Beaconsfield parade, Croxton, and the bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. Arthur Davies, of Raleigh street, Thornbury. Given away by her brother, (Mr. E. Davis) the bride made an exquisite figure in her flared ivory satin gown which had a lace yoke. Her Limerick lace veil, mounted over pink, fell over a flowing tulle train, and was held by orange blossom. Azaleas, roses and heath composed her beautiful bouquet. The Maids, Misses Nell Westwood (groom's sister) and Gladys Ginivan were frocked in turquoise blue satin frocks with long flared skirts with elbow length kid gloves. Velvet hats to match and satin shoes completed their costumes and they carried pink sweet peas, carnations and autumn leaves. Mr. Bert Foster (cousin of the groom) was best man and Mr. William Davis(brother of the bride) was groomsman. The reception was held in Normanby Hall, Thornbury, and the catering was in the capable hands of Mrs. Olorenshaw. Black wool marocain in a Cossack costume trimmed with astrachan with white a satin blouse and black velvet toque frocked the bride for travelling. The honeymoon was spent at Healesville.

A SURPRISE PARTY

On Saturday afternoon a number of friends assembled at the home of Mrs. R. Thompson, "Araluen," Bastings street, Northcote, to pay her a visit. Mrs. Thompson, who has been confined to her bed for some time, was pleased to see her friends and was quite overwhelmed when the afternoon turned into a surprise party who had brought an exquisite afternoon tea and a handsome present of a brass bowl and two matching vases, gifts from the Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary, of which Mrs. Thompson is the energetic secretary.

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TWO CHARGES ADJOURNED

ROY BARRY TALKS OF VICTIMISATION

"Hounded From Pillar to Post." He Says

At Northcote court on Tuesday William Roy Barry, Claude street, Northcote, was charged that on July 11 he used indecent language, and there was a second charge of offensive behaviour.

Constable McGuinness said: "At about 6.20 p.m. I was in High street, between Bastings and Mitchell streets, and saw Barry struggling with two other men. As I approached Barry backed away, with his fists up in a fighting attitude. Barry used bad language, and then rushing in grabbed a parcel held by one of the men. One of the men said: "Give that back," and Barry then held a bottle of beer in his hand, above his head.

One of the men, named Poulter, said Barry had taken the beer from him, but he did not want to lay a charge.

Barry: Is it not a fact that you hound me "from pillar to post?"—No.

A couple of days before were you not watching me for about half and hour in a billiard room?—There were about 50 men there.

Did you make inquiries as to what sort of a billiard player I was?—I asked you about it next day.

Did you see me get off a tram at Separation street on July 11 and when I saw you I ran back terrified to the tram?—I saw you get off the tram and on to it again, but I do not know anything about being terrified.

Constable Buchan gave similar evidence.

Barry: Aren't you prejudiced against me?—No.

Have you not given evidence against me in six charges in the past three months?—I might have. Aren't these charges designed to upset my appeal?—No.

Have you not been watching me for some time?—No.

Was there not some discussion at the watchhouse as to what I would be charged with?—No.

Do you not hound me down?—No.

If I did you would have been here 30 times instead of six in the past three months. You've had more "let-offs" than anyone else round here.

Barry said: "On July 11 about 6.15 p.m. I was on a tram going home. I got off the tram at Separation street to go home, when I saw Buchan and McGuinness. I got back on to the tram, and left it later on to go into a billiard saloon. This was closed and I was talking to Poulter brothers when the constables rushed up and grabbed me.

At the watchhouse there was some discussion between Constable Buchan and Constable Derham as to what charges would be put against me."

Continuing, Barry said: "I have already got six months imprisonment on a vagrancy charge, and I have been in gaol for 10 days.

Senior-Constable Fowles: Why didn't you go home when you got off the tram?—I saw the constables and was afraid they'd pick me up and put a couple of charges against me.

You say the constables are harassing you?—Too right they are.

Who did the bottle of beer belong to?—I did not have a bottle of beer I realise I'm on my oath; and I regret to say that the police are telling lies.

Did you have any bottles?—No.

The police evidence is a pack of lies?—I would not say that, but I would say they had made an honest mistake.

Frederick Poulter, driver, Frederick street, Northcote, said: "On July 11 I was walking along with my brother. We stopped at a lane and I asked Barry to open a bottle of beer. When I looked round Barry was half way across the street. I ran after him and just as I came up to him the police grabbed Barry. I took the bottle out of Barry's hands. I did not hear any language used.

Cross-examined: You had had a fair amount of drink that afternoon?—Not a great deal.

Are you a friend of Barry's?—No, only an acquaintance.

Did you make a complaint to the police that Barry took a bottle of beer from you?—No.

The P.M. (Mr. G. Brown): The bench was definitely of the opinion that this was not a "rig-up." The evidence showed that Barry had not told the truth. The expression used by Barry was not even fit to be used in the open fields in the vicinity of cows!

Barry: "I didn't use the language."

A number of prior convictions were proved.

Barry: I get convicted on my convictions every time. I never had a chance and I get hounded down "from pillar to post."

The P.M.: You've been here over and over again for different offences, and it not doing you any good to be continually appearing here. These cases will be adjourned for six months, which will not prejudice your appeal, and we hope to have a good report of you at the end of that time.

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IN THE GARDEN

ASPARAGUS

In spring, asparagus is one of the vegetables that is looked upon as a luxury, but the amateur who is prepared to go to a little trouble can easily grow this vegetable economically, and when once established it is no trouble to look after. It is perennial, and the bed improves with age, lasting for a great number of years, so it can be seen that the soil preparation is of the first importance. Asparagus thrives by the sea which is its natural home, so it can easily be seen that salt is beneficial to it. It can be raised from seed but this is a long process; it is best for the amateur to procure three-year-old crowns, as naturally every gardener wishes to get the bed into bearing as early as possible.

The ideal soil is one of deep rich sand soil. The best asparagus is grown in black sand. Asparagus is a wholesome vegetable, and is a change from the usual run of vegetables.

Soil Preparation

The first thing to see to is the drainage, and if this is not good, agricultural pipes must be laid to take away the surplus water. Trenching the ground must be thoroughly done, 18in to 24 in; if the soil is shallow it is advisable to take some of it and replace with good soil, but thoroughly picking up the bottom and incorporating burnt garden refuse or strawy manure and working well-rotted manure in the top soil will do.

If the soil is heavy, wood ashes and manure will help to lighten it. This preparation should take place several weeks before planting if possible.

It is necessary to choose an open position for the bed, and the bed should be raised a few inches above the surrounding level. The method of making the bed is governed by the class of soil one is dealing with; if the soil is light the surface need only be 3in or 4in above the surrounding level; if heavy, 12in will not be too much.

The advantage of raised beds is that the soil depth is greater; it assists the water to drain away quicker; it promotes warmth, which is essential to get early results in the spring.

The width of the beds is the next consideration. The huge sticks often seen in the shops can be had if plenty of room is given to the crowns, but sticks of medium size are more serviceable for household purposes. I think, for the amateur, 3 foot beds are the best; they are easily managed, and the weeding and cutting is easily done without treading on the soil of the bed, as this might damage a lot of sticks, just beginning to push through the surface, and which are not noticed. By making the beds 3ft wide, this allows of two rows in each bed.

The crowns, as the roots are termed, should be planted 18in apart each way and 9in from the edge of the bed.

Planting

Two trenches should be taken out in the prepared bed, about six inches deep and 12in wide; in the centre of these trenches form a ridge, or hillocks with the hands; on these, plant the crowns, spreading out the roots carefully all round, and cover over with soil as soon as possible to save the roots from drying out. It is advisable to get the crowns from a good reliable source; when they will be packed in damp straw, and need not be disturbed until the actual planting takes place, and then cover over with soil as soon as possible.

Should one wish to use as much space as possible, the beds can be made to take three rows; in that case, planting will be the same, also the same distances will be observed and the width of the bed will be 5ft instead of 3ft.

July, August and September are the three months for planting; the earlier this is done the better it is for the crowns to get established. The surface of the bed should be left loose, and should not be dug with the spade on any account; a light forking is all that is necessary.

The varieties generally used are Connover's Colossal and Early Argentine.

The first season all that requires doing it to keep the bed free from weeds, but on no account must any sticks be cut; they must be left to grow naturally to get the crowns established ready for next season.

The second season, cut sparingly. After that, it can be cut freely during the season. The time to cease cutting is governed by the season, but on the average, November is the final month for cutting, as the sticks from then must be allowed to grow, as this top growth builds up the crowns for the following season.

This top growth must be encouraged, and watered, until in the autumn, when it has completely turned yellow, it can be cut down level with the ground. When this is done any weeds may be removed and the beds lightly forked over and a good half inch of manure can be placed on the surface, the paths cut out and any loose soil scattered over the beds; this leaves them tidy for the winter and the rain will wash the goodness down to the roots ready for active growth in the spring.

When cutting asparagus, care must be exercised, as several new shoots are forming and making growth below the surface, so it can be seen damage is easily done. The knife should be pushed down as close to the stick as possible, and a half turn will serve to cut it off. It must be remembered that weeds should not be tolerated at all as asparagus will not thrive among weeds. Salt is beneficial when in active browth. When the first shoots appear, give a dressing at the rate of 2ozs per square yard, and again in three weeks' time, when 3oz per square yard can be given. Bone and blood artificial manure is also good during the growing season.—E. F. Cook, in the "Garden Lover."

IRISH NATIONAL FORESTERS BENEFIT SOCIETY

At the last meeting of the Michael Davitt (Northcote) branch of the above, the syllabus item was provided under the auspices of the State Electricity Commission, being an illustrated lecture given by Mr. Armstrong, publicity officer of the Commission. Mr. Armstrong dealt with the Yallourn brown coal deposits and showed films depicting the workings of the various portions of the vast undertaking. A very interesting comparison was shown on slides comparing the Yallourn scheme with similar mines in various parts of the world. On seeing these slides one was surprised at the great difference between those mines and that in our own country. Right throughout the film one could not but be impressed at the great progress made during the few years that have elapsed since Yallourn was a canvas town. Now it was shown as a town. Showing the vast area of the open cut and the methods employed in winning the coal, the film gave a clear understanding of dealing with the manufacture of the briquettes. A further film was shown of the Sugarloaf scheme, another successful venture of the Victorian Government. At the conclusion of these interesting screenings, a vote of thanks was moved by Bro. P. Ryan, and seconded by Bro. J. Cavanagh, and carried with enthusiastic applause. Mr. Armstrong suitably responded. Some very interesting items are promised for future meetings, including debates, musical nights, and various other pleasant evenings.

GOLF

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Stroke Competition

The leading scores in the stroke competition for Mrs. A. R. Wallis trophy were:—74, Miss R. Rendle (35); 76, Mrs. J. R. Edwards (36); 77, Mrs. G. O. Youren (31); 80, Mrs. J. McCann (18).

The third round of the silver spoon was won by Mrs. G. O. Youren with a net 77.

Mixed Foursomes

Ninety-six members competed in the mixed foursomes for trophies presented by Messrs. L. R. Dowell and C. Holt. During the round one of the competitors, Dr. H. R. Walker, holed out in one at the fifteenth hole (156 yards). Best scores were:—69, Mrs. A. J. Norris and F. L. Norris (25); 70, Misses G. Hall and T. Hart (28); 71, Mrs. W. Ferguson and J. H. Knoll (21); 72, Miss Maggs and J. H. Chandler (25); 73, Mrs. W. S. Binks and W. Bell (21); 73, Miss A. Wignell and R. S. Thomson (30); 74, Mrs. J. Simpson and G. Hanger (28); 74, Mrs. G. Balfour and A. Addicoat (15); 74, Miss I. Provan and G. S. Gay (25).

Next Saturday.—Monthly medal, stroke.

OPEN 10,000 METRES RACE

The 10,000 metres open race, a test for the selection of a State team for Brisbane for the Australian cross-country championship, will be held tomorrow at Maribyrnong. Cecil Wills, of Preston, is expected by his friends to put up a fine run. He runs for Coburg Club, and has represented the State previously.

BOY SCOUTS.

First Preston Troop

Last Saturday the football team suffered its third defeat, losing to 2nd. Essendon by 8 points. The match developed into a rough scramble owing to the quality of the umpiring. Our best players were—H. Dineen, A. Rackham, E. Goujon and T. Sayers.

To-morrow we play 1st. Hampton at home and expect to register another win.

Last Friday night we received a visit from the 3rd. Carlton troop and an enjoyable evening was spent. This visit necessitated the postponement of the start of the annual Thomas Hurford Competitions which will however, be started tonight (Friday). The letme will be quoits and skipping. Items for next Friday are Kim's game and Scouts' Pace. These competitions are held annually in the memory of our late brother scout who gave his life in attempting to save two young boys from drowning.

The cubs will parade as usual on Thursday, and the gymnasium class on Monday.

First Northcote Wilkin's Rover Crew

The greater portion of last Thursday night was spent in repairing the rover den. This was followed by gymnastics.

On Saturday last we played a foot ball match against 3rd. Fairfield and after a hard game came out victorious, the final scores being—Northcote 12—15 to Fairfield, 1—5. Although Fairfield were beaten they played a hard game losing the week forwards.

Second Thornbury Troop

S.M. Frank has taken charge of 1st. Thornbury troop for the next three months, and has also been appointed District Scoutmaster Mr. Stonehill has received the sanction of headquarters for his A.S.M.'s. warrant. P. L. Ellsworth has been appointed troop librarian, secretary, bank clerk. Second Stonehill has been appointed P.L. of the Kangaroos.

The troop will hold a picture night on Wednesday, August 26. A voluntary church parade was held at the Thornbury Presbyterian Church last Sunday night. Owing to the success of our last parents' night it has been decided to hold another at the Northcote Town Hall in an endeavour to raise £10 for the Mayor's Unemployed Fund. The evening will be in charge of Mr. T. Gardiner. Mr. Gardiner is well known in Scottish circles for his production of "Rob Roy." The troop intend holding a St. John ambulance class for males over the age of 16 and any persons interested are invited to consult S.M. Frank, "Portland," Smith street, Thornbury. Any boys or girls who have any old comic papers are invited to bring them to the troop for the Burwood Boys' Home.

Jeanette MacDonald began her career as a chorus girl in the musical show, "Night Boat."

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NORTHCOTE CRECHE AND KINDERGARTEN

ANNUAL MEETING

Beginning with a thorough inspection of the Northcote Creche and items by the kiddies housed there during the day, the third annual meeting of the Northcote Creche and Kindergarten was held on Tuesday afternoon. After the inspection, an adjournment was made to the committee room of the Northcote Town Hall, where the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. J. H. Green, J.P.) was asked to preside by Mrs. J. J. Ryan (vice-president). Among the visitors welcomed were Mrs. Noall (secretary Creche Association), Miss Rutherford (representative Children's Welfare), Mrs. J. H. Green (Mayoress), Rev. F. J. Jennings, Cr. Dennis, Mr. Lavendar, Miss Oliver and Cartmell. Apologies were received from Mrs. Watson Robertson (president Creche Association), Mrs. Speers (Collingwood Creche), Mesdames G. Reid, D. H. Mott, A. E. Fizzey and Miss E. Johnson. The Mayor, in his opening speech, congratulated the ladies on the wonderful work they were doing in caring for and aiding to train the youth of the community. He stressed the happiness of the children who attended the Creche and the worthiness of Miss Eddy for her position of matron and Miss Newton, the kindergarten teacher. The minutes of the second annual meeting were read by Mrs. Dennis (hon. secretary) and Mesdames H. P. Zwar and H. J. Bennets moved their adoption. Mrs. Dennis also read the annual report, which, on the motion of Cr. Dennis and Rev. F. J. Jennings, was received and adopted. The former spoke of the splendid report set forth, which enumerated at length the generous gifts of the many friends of and workers for the Creche. Several social efforts had been successfully carried out to swell the funds. Rev. Jennings corroborated Cr. Dennis' remarks and said the standard of charitable work in Australia was much higher than on the Continent. He also spoke of the particular need of training a child in the right path. Miss Rutherford said a few words in praise of the management of the Creche. The balance sheet was read by the treasurer (Mrs. D. Davern) and Mr. J. A. Thomson, in moving the adoption, said it had been a pleasure to audit such well-kept books. Mr. Lavendar (manager of Northcote branch of the Bank of Australia) in seconding the motion congratulated the creche on having a balance of £129/10/8, only about £2 less than the balance with which the year commenced. The main receipts were—balance, £129/10/11; donations, and subscriptions, £44; mothers' fees, £65/15/3; bequest donations, £87/2/1; Alfred Edments trust, £15; euchre parties and bazaar, £19/12/3; concert, £14/8/8; sundries, £12/11/5. Items of expenditure were—Salaries, £149; rent, electric light and gas, £35/18/2 tradesmen, £71/10/11; postages, printing, etc., £7/8/8. The total amount through the treasurer's hands was £385/7/7. The Birthday League, under the expert guidance of Mrs. A. E. Gray, has a balance of £13/4/4; and the Kindergarten has a balance of £90/1/11.

The election of office-bearers resulted in—President, Mrs. H. P. Zwar; vice-presidents, Mesdames J. J. Ryan; C. Bean, A. J. Cornish and H. Hawthorn; hon. treasurer, Mrs. Gerald Davern; hon. secretary, Mrs. S. Dennis; assistant secretary, Mrs. L. C. Dennis; hon. physician, Dr. A. W. Hurley; hon. architect, Mr. R. R. Gray, LL.B.; hon. auditor, Mr. J. A. Thomson, L.I.C.A.

Mrs. Bennetts moved a vote of thanks to the retiring office-bearers and Mrs. A. J. Cornish seconded. A presentation of an Aynsly china breakfast service was made to Mrs. H. J. Bennetts (the past president), who had resigned early in the year through illhealth. Mrs. Bennetts suitably responded. A vote of thanks to the mayor for presiding was moved by Mrs. W. Glanfield.

A dainty afternoon tea was catered for by Mrs. Olorenshaw, of Scantlebury Hall, whose tables were decked with tall silver vases of deep orange poppies and gum tips.

ACTION FOR DAMAGES

Whilst walking along Geelong road, Footscray, a few weeks ago, Thomas Michael Kileen, Ormond road, West Footscray, got a ride on a motor lorry loaded with screenings, driven by Douglas French, of Hazes street, Northcote, and owned by James Matthews, Westgarth street, Northcote. After going about 300 yards on the truck Kileen was bumped off on to the roadway and injured, and he subsequently brought an action claiming £499 damages against French and Matthews in the County Court on Monday, before Judge Foster.

Kileen alleged that French had invited him to ride and had driven negligently.

French denied that he had invited Kileen to ride or that he had driven negligently.

Judge Foster said that Kileen was actually an invitee—or at least was in that position. There was no evidence of negligence on French's part, and judgment with costs would be entered for both defendants.

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VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP HEAD

NEW KINDERGARTEN OPENED

The newly-erected Kindergarten Room at All Saints' Church of England, Northcote, was dedicated and opened on Saturday afternoon last by His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne (Dr. Head) in the presence of a large assemblage, and the school hall, in which the proceedings were held, was too small to accomodate all the visitors. The Archbishop was escorted into the building by the Revs. T. Cole, of the Church of the Epiphany, and A. H. Constable, of All Saints.

Dr. Head addressed the gathering, basing his remarks on the words "They brought young children to Christ." Christ had said: "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." The room had been erected for the purpose of bringing up the young people in the service of Christ, and he was well pleased to be present to declare it open. He explained the term Kindergarten and what a kindergarten school really is, and outlined the benefits either in connection with Sunday or day schools. In the new room the children would be instructed in love and Christianity. He asked God to bless the work which had been undertaken.

His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, (Dr. Head).

Rev. A. H. Constable extended a welcome from the parish to the archbishop. The work which had just been completed had been started about 15 years ago. Twelve months ago, when he came to Northcote, he realised the want of a kindergarten room. A start was made and money was from time to time placed aside for that purpose, and he thanked those who had contributed, and hoped they would feel that their money had been well expended. The total cost had been £329, and all payments due had been made, but shortly a final payment of about £50 would have to be made to the contractor. It was a delight to Mrs. Constable and the teachers that the building was complete, and all are glad that the Archbishop is present to open it. A great deal of the credit for starting the new room was due to Miss Williamson, who was not now a resident of Northcote.

Mr. O'Brien was called upon and he addressed a few words of heartfelt welcome to the Archbishop from the parishioners.

An adjournment was then made to the new building, which the Archbishop opened and dedicated to God for the purpose for which it was erected. The assemblage then inspected the room, which is well equipped. The proceedings closed by the ladies providing refreshments for the gathering. During this part of the proceedings, the hon. architect for the building (Mr. Seidle) was thanked by Rev. A. H. Constable for his invaluable services.

WHITTLESEA.

Mr. W. H. Everard M.L.A., and Mr. Webb, president of the Chamber of Agriculture and Fruitgrowers' Association attended a meeting convened at Whittlesea by the Whittlesea Agricultural Society to deal with Section 45 "State Agricultural Championship" at the forthcoming Royal Show. This is something new and should interest all exhibitors in the whole State. It is introduced in place of the Walker and Hall Shield which has been won outright on two occasions by the Whittlesea Agricultural Society, the second one being won finally last year. By conducting this new State Electoral District Competition it is the aim of the Royal Agricultural Society to encourage districts to go in more for organised competitions locally such as potato plots, top dressed paddocks, etc., and the successful electoral district is expected to foster the idea in the electorate. There are six prizes ranging from £100 first, £50 second and down to £5 sixth.

Every exhibitor throughout the state is expected to enter exhibits in the interests of the electorate in which he resides and all that is necessary is to write "Evelyn Electorate" on the entry forms if the exhibitor resides in Evelyn and then any prize awarded will score six points in the State Electoral Competition.

Points are awarded as follows:—In the Clydesdale section and in the Cattle Breeding section 9 for a first prize, 6 for a second, and 3 for a third. In all other horse breeding sections and in breeding sections for sheep and swine, and in cereal classes, points ranging from 6, 4 and 2 will be allotted. In other seections correspondingly less points will be awarded for sections such as Women's Industry section and poultry.

It was decided to form a committee in the interests of the Evelyn electorate with Mr. A. M. A. Smith chairman, P. W. Clarke secretary, Messrs. Webb, J. H. C. Crufoot, J. McDonald, D. Funston, C. W. Andrew and J. W. Scott committee.

All exhibitors in the electorate are to be circularised.

WESTGARTH NEWS

Personal.—The death occurred on July 16 at his residence, 21 High street, Northcote, of a well-known and highly respected resident, Mr. James Clarkson, at thee age of 76. The interment took place on Saturday afternoon to the Melbourne General Cemetery, Carlton. Deceased was member of the Northcote and Preston Scottish Society and the Court Little John branch of thee A.O.F., members of which societies attended the funeral cortege. His wife predeceased him and there is one son living, Mr. Harold Clarkson.

There passed away at his residence, 84 Thomson street, Northcote, on July 17, John William Thomas, in his 75th year. The funeral took place privately on Saturday, at the Boroondara Cemetery, Kew. He leaves a wife and son to mourn their loss.

H.A.C.B.S. Social Activities.— A successful euchre tournament was held at St. Joseph's Hall, James street, Northcote on Sunday afternoon last, under the auspices of Northcote and District Social Committee. Members were present from the six branches of the district. On Thursday next, a parlor bowls doubles championship will be held in St. John's clubrooms, Queens Parade, Clifton Hill.

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COMPLIMENTARY SOCIAL

MR. H. H. OLNEY, M.L.C., AND MRS. OLNEY ENTERTAINED

At the Northcote Town Hall last Friday evening there was a gathering of something like 300 representing the campaign sub-committees of Northcote, Preston, North Fitzroy and Clifton Hill, who supported Mr. H. H. Olney, M.L.C., in his recent successful campaign in the North Melbourne Province.

The gathering was very representative and amongst those present was Mr. J. Lyons, M.H.R., Leader of the United Australia Party, and Leader of the Federal Opposition.

During the evening dancing was indulged in, interspersed with a number of concert items.

Mr. Lyons, who was received with applause, said that he was pleased to be present, as Mr. Olney had attained the distinction of being the first candidate endorsed by the United Australia Party, to be elected The fight had been hard, but a slogan of "It can be done" had been adopted, whereby victory had been achieved with a magnificent majority. The province had a worthy representative in Mr. Olney, to whom he extended hearty congratulations (applause). Mr. Lyons touched on the Federal Sphere in New South Wales, and spoke of the part being played by the U.A.P. in order to lift Australia from the slough of depression and to restore prosperity. He drew attention to the vacillation of the Federal Government, which changed its policy from week to week, of the Federal Government's inflation policy and to the fact that though the Government made a big noise about adopting the Premier's Plan, which was designed to save the country, the Federal Parliament would have been defeated on this measure if it had not been for the help of the United Australia Party representatives. Though the plan was brought into the House by the Federal Cabinet, many of the rank and file of the Labor representatives had voted against it. Such a showing did not help to restore confidence, which was the first step to be taken by the governments of to-day.

Mr. Lyon's address was listened to with interest, and he was accorded an ovation.

Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P., (Preston) in proposing the health of Mr. and Mrs. Olney, said he had known both for many years. The result of the poll had been exceptionally pleasing, representing as it did the biggest percentage of votes ever polled in any election in this province. The large majority accorded to Mr. Olney, showed that there had undoubtedly been a general "swing over." The general feeling now was that everything should be sunk for the sake of the country. "Ninety-five per cent. of the people of this country want to see Australia hold up her head and pay her way," he said. In Mr. Olney the North Melbourne Province had an able representative, and one who would give willing and able service.

Cr. Olver (Northcote) supported the toast, saying that the people simply desired their new representative to be loyal to them, as they were to him. That would be so, he felt sure, as Mr. Olney was a man of tested probity and integrity. In conclusion Cr. Olver wished the new Member the best of health and a successful term.

Mr. Olney said it was a proud moment to be amongst a section of the willing workers who had assured his success, and he was deeply grateful for the splendid work. At first the hope of winning the seat appeared slight, but after the first week, he had never wavered in his confidence that "It can be done," and the representative committees had adopted that slogan as their watchword, and in the end "it was done." The result of the poll was ample proof that the people at large were tired of the intrigues of politics.

Continuing, he said: "If I cannot serve you conscientiously, I do not want to remain a member of parliament (applause). The Premiers' Plan is now before the Assembly, and will have my fullest consideration when it comes before the Legislative Council. When that is adopted it will be a start—but a full revival will not come about in industry unless some of the shackles are removed to give industry a chance. I hope to serve the people faithfully and well, and trust that I may be able to live up to the people's ideals" (applause).

Votes of thanks were passed to the Campaign Committees, and to Mr. Lyons for his attendance.

After supper, which was in the capable hands of Mrs. Neumann, Mrs. Brooks, and a committee of ladies, and to whom a vote of thanks was passed, dancing was continued until the gathering broke up with "Auld Lang Syne."

Substitute for Church Bells

For 30 years the bells of the church at Tintagel, Cornwall, have not rung, as the cost of restoring the chimes is too high for the parish. The following very original plan has now been decided upon. A loudspeaker equipment which can reproduce a peal of bells by means of an electric gramophone and an amplifier, is to be installed in the tower.

Stella's Conversion

By ANNIE O. TIBBITS

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"Churchyard Cossy has sprung up like a rocket this year," Jack said slowly. "Two years ago you had scarcely heard of him, I dare say? He was making his name in the provinces, but it was not till last year that he got his chance in London, and we all know how he has got on since. But a year ago he was a poor and unknown man, burdened with a child and a secret."

"A child!" The exclamation broke from Stella's lips involuntarily. Jack looked as if he had not heard.

"He is the son of a clergyman, he went on. "Wouldn't think it, would you? He offended his people when he went on the stage. He offended them still more when he married the lady with whom he acted later on. Perhaps you don't know that his wife used to act with him?"

"Really, I am not interested in the least," began Stella, but again Jack did not seem to hear

"The lady was worse than any mill stone round his neck from what I should gather," he said, "but I can't judge of that. All I know is that she had been an acrobatic performer and tight-rope dancer, of very great beauty and no mean ability. She had been engaged to Lord Stefenhoward, and was still wildly in love with him when she married Cossy. Why she married him I don't know—out of pique probably; but anyhow I've heard enough to guess that she led him a horrible life. She was a barbarian, with a hopelessly uncontrollable, temper, and a passion for gambling.

"But I knew nothing of that a year ago. It was last July—a year ago to-day—that I saw Cossy for the first time. They—he and his wife—were billed to appear together, in what they called their 'World Famous Farcical Balancing and Tight Rope Act.' Cossy had written a sort of sketch, which combined her business with his own comic songs and patter, and if it was as clever as most of his things it was good, I can tell you! They said the house was in roars! It was the most popular thing on the programme—at least, that's what everybody said! I never saw it. I got there too late."

He stopped to strike a match. His pipe had gone out, and for a moment as he puffed it into life again, there was silence in the room. Against her will, the stiff and icy, narrow-minded Stella was listening.

"I think you say you never read the newspapers?" he asked a moment later.

Stella moved icily in her chair.

"No, I don't," she said.

"Then you wouldn't know what happened last summer," Jack remarked, "but Cossy and his wife were acting together, as I told you. The sketch consisted of songs and patter and a bit of acrobatic performance by his wife. There was a child in it—a doll they had—but Mrs. Cossy thought it would improve it if a real child was introduced, and so, a year ago this July, she brought her own."

"Scandalous!" said Stella.

"The child, hoisted in a basket, was carried to the roof on Mrs. Cossy's head, and sent down by his mother in a parachute."

"Horrible, horrible" said Stella emphatically.

"Cossy was against it, but, as I told you, Mrs. Cossy was difficult to control and the baby was put in the basket at the last moment—before Cossy was aware it it. When he knew of it they were in the middle of the act, and the child was being lifted in the basket."

He stopped a minute. His pipe made a bubbling sound which seemed to fill the silence ominously.

"Cossy watched—you can imagine it! Dickie was under two years old and the idol of his eye. Mrs. Cossy hated and neglected him, but, whatever else she might be, she was sure and steady and reliable in her work. She never slipped, she never made a mistake, she had nerves of iron. Even Cossy—much as he hated seeing the child there, in the smoky hall, watched by those hundreds of eyes, even he felt no fear—he had no uneasiness in that way—he had no fear of her making any mistake, but he almost hated his wife that night.

She was dressed in spangles—gold and red—and she looked lovely. But she cared no more for poor Cossy and her child than she cared for her dresser, whom she bullied and ill-treated. But perhaps she would not have been such a wicked woman if Lord Stefanhoward had behaved decently.

"As it was, he killed her. He had no sense of honor about him. Just as she commenced the last part of the act he and two other men came into a box, and Lord Stefenhoward bending forward looked straight and with peculiar significance at Mrs. Cossy.

Heaven knows what she thought or felt; Lord Stefenhoward did not stop or care to think. All he thought about was to test his influence over her. He had not seen her for over two years. She had been passionately in love with him then, and ready to crouch at his feet—to do his bidding—to behave as a veritable slave to him then—and it had nearly killed her when he managed to rouse her temper and make her break off the engagement.

Lord Stefenhoward is a pretty despicable young man. He has ruined two lives to my knowledge. And he nearly killed her child."

Again he paused. Stella was sitting quite still in her chair, watching him now with a faint pink in her cheeks; and under the ice in her eyes it seemed a fire had been kindled.

"What happened?" she asked in a low voice.

Jack lowered his pipe and stared into the fire.

III.

"He looked at her—that was all," he said, "straight across the theatre into her eyes; and, Heaven knows! it was a fiend's own trick. For a moment, as they told me afterwards she stood stock still. For a moment it seemed as if she waited to draw breath before she ascended—just a heart's breath; apparently, longer than usual, and then she went up.

"Perhaps up there she saw the eyes of Lord Stefenhoward still on her—perhaps, as she stared down, she saw nothing but his face—perhaps her own uncontrollable passion—perhaps jealously or regret or anger at what she had lost overcame her. No one knows, but the basket missed!"

(To be Concluded)

MERNDA

Recently Mr. Robson, of South Morang, had an accident in front of Cr. Thomas' residence on the main Plenty road. He was driving his jinker, accompanied by his wife, and a young child, when the horse slipped and fell, breaking a shaft and throwing Mr. and Mrs. Robson out on the road. The child's face was cut and badly bruised, Mr. and Mrs. Robson escaped with a bad shaking.

Mr. Osborne's farm at Yan Yean has been sold for £5,850 for 320 acres. The price, considering the times, is a fair one and it is rumored that part of the Williambrook estate has been sold for £10/10/ per acre. This being part of the late Dr. Ronald's estate.

FIRST AID CLASS FOR THORNBURY

It has been decided to establish a first aid class at Thornbury. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4, at the Presbyterian Sunday School hall, Rossmoyne street, Thornbury. The class will be under the direction of Mr. Ern. Milton, and anyone interested is particularly requested to communicate with him at 29 Milton street, South Preston, or at the hall on the formation night.

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DIVORCE DECREES NISI

Divorce Decrees Granted:—In the Banco court on July 17 the following divorce decrees nisi were granted—Olie Grace May Judd, 28 years, of James street, Northcote, petitioned for divorce from Louis Arthur Judd, 31 years, of parts unknown, electrician, on the grounds of desertion. The marriage took place on December 17, 1924, at Collingwood, and there is one child.

Alice Maud Trewarn, 44 years, of Nicholson street, Abbotsford, sought divorce from Stanley Gordon Trewarn, 41 years, of Elizabeth street, Northcote, laborer, on the ground of desertion and misconduct. The parties were married on January 12, 1910, at Rutherglen, and there are three children.

Misconduct and desertion were the grounds on which Esma Lilian Russell, 29 years, of Helen street, Northcote, petitioned for divorce from James George Russell, 35 years of Melbourne, wharf laborer. The marriage took place on March 2, 1923, at Collingwood.

PRESTON MAN KILLED AT BRIGHTON

Mr. Daniel J. Lazars, aged about 67 years, of King William street, Regent a former sergeant in the Victorian police force, was knocked down and fatally injured by a motor cycle at the corner of St. Kilda and Dudley Streets, Brighton, on Sunday evening. Mr. Lazars was admitted to the Alfred Hospital suffering from a fractured skull, but he died shortly after admittance.

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Dear Cobbers,— Wasn't Friday a great day Cobbers? We went hiking from Eltham to Hurstbridge and had such a jolly time. It was a bit wet and muddy, but otherwise the bush smelt so beautiful and fresh and all the bushes, trees and flowers seemed to be holding up their heads in thankfulness for the rain, although they've had so much already. The grass and paddocks look so well and green and even the cows were frolicking about quite happily. And it was hot, very hot at mid-day when we boiled the billy and ate our lunch. The Pets were in great spirits and enjoyed every moment of the walk, discovering something new under every stone and in every hollow log and once they found a centipede with heaps and heaps of legs, all curled up and it seemed fast asleep until Jacko poked it. It was a delightful day and we all enjoyed it, even Grandpa.

Four new Cobbers this week. Send in your Trias and Competition entries. The Pets send greetings and heaps of love and so does your

UNCLE PHIL.

NEW COMPETITION

WORD COMPLETING

The following is a story of a day which the Pets spent at the beach and the words with dots and beginning with a letter have to be filled in. The first one w . . . is "went," so that each dot represents a letter and the number of dots given completes the word. Send in your reply (making it sense) to Uncle Phil by August 7. Results on August 14. If more than one answer is correct, Jacko will pull the winner out of the "hat."—U.P.

Fluffy and Jacko w . . . to the o . . . . beach one day and there picnicked. They had a w . . . . time among the r . . . . and s . . . .) collecting s . . . . . . and s . . . . . . and building N . . . . . castles with m . . . . and b . . . . . . But a n . . . . . . little terrier came a . . . . and declared war on the Pet's b . . . . and soon they were in r . . . . The Pets gave c . . . . and soon in r . . . . with that frolicsome d . . . . forgot their c . . . . . and at length brought h . . back to l . . . . with them.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Happiest and Heartiest of Birthday Greetings to Eunice Johnston and Don Northmore (July 26); Mary Tierney and Verlun Wilkinson (July 27); Phyllis Kerr and Margaret Tierney (July 28); Doreen Kerr, Keith Harvey and Ronald Watson (July 29) and Billy Sparro and Keith Barber (July 30).

OUR MAIL BAG

212 Victoria road, Northcote

Dear Uncle Phil,—I have now decided to join the Cobber's Club. We have been getting the "Leader" for years now and I thought I would like to join. I will try for the Tria competition and some jokes. I am going to try hard for my 100 marks.

(GOOD) Gwen Holding.

Welcome Gwen to the Clubs and will you send us your photo please for our Album. The Pets send greetings and love —U.P.

Plateau road, Reservoir.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Please enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I am 8 years old and in the third grade at school. We get the "Leader" every weak and find your page interesting.

(GOOD) Eric Kent.

Welcome to the Clubs Eric, and we hope you'll like being a Cobber. Send us a snap of yourself for our Album please. Greetings from the Pets.—U.P.)

21 Waterloo road, Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—I would like to join the Cobbers' Club as my cousin and brother have both joined. I am sending in a joke.

(GOOD) Jean Morris.

Welcome to the Clubs Jean and will you please send us a snap of yourself for our Album. Heaps of love from the Pets and U.P.

6 Reid street, Northcote.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Would you kindly enrol me as a member of the Cobbers' Club. I am 8 years' old and am sending an entry and hope you will find me a place in your page. Love to Uncle Phil and the Pets.

(GOOD Joyce Wild.

Welcome to the Clubs Joyce and we hope you'll send along a snap of yourself for the Album. Pets send greetings.—U.P.

Beryl Cameron.—It's great to hear from you again Beryl and we too are interested in the football, but our teams can't always win. The Pets send best wishes and love —U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

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

TRIAS

THE MANX CAT.

The Manx cat oroginated in the Isle of Man. It has the head and body of a cat and the feet and stumpy tail of a rabbit. It is said that a shipload of cats was wrecked off the coast of the Isle. They became friendly with the rabbits and began to breed.

This particular breed of cat is very rare and the household need has so much increased that firms have been set up in Europe to try to breed them. without success; for two pure-bred short-tailed Manx cats have been mated and the result was long-tailed kittens. While occasionally long-tailed cats give a short-tailed breed. Is this not strange?

(TRIA) Olive White.

HIKING

One day our happy family set out with provisions for the day. We left from Northcote, got the bus from Darebin street, and went to Ivanhoe. We kept walking along the Templestowe road until it was about dinner time then prepared for dinner while the boys went off discovering different things Dinner was soon ready and the boys weren't back so we thought we would go and look for them. After a while we heard a squeal and we went to see what had happened, and it was a darling little rabbit, caught in a log. We got him out, and he was trembling like anything as if we were going to kill him. When we let him go he went for his life. So by the time we got back the others had had dinner and packed up and they were waiting to go back home.

(BETTER) Jean Moylan.

ON A SHORT JOURNEY

"Why didn't you tell her she was taking more than her share of room and encroaching on your rights?" some one asked a young girl who was merrily describing to her companions an old woman who had taken a seat beside her in a crowded railway carriage, and had crammed into the small space a bird-cage, a basket of apples, and bundles numerous and varied. "It wasn't worth while to trouble about it; we had such a little way to go together," was the reply. What a motto that would be for a life journey? The many little annoyances kindnesses even may be passed by silently. are not worth noticing, so many small unbecause we have only "such a little way to go together."

(BETTER) Alma Stephens.

GIFTS

The best thing to take a boy who is in hospital is some comics or boys' magazines. The big thick story books are too heavy for a sick boy to hold in bed. If you have a few pence to spare and the boy you are going to visit can write letters a nice present is some envelopes, a writing pad and a few stamps. Then your friend will be able to write letters to all his friends.

(BETTER) Graham Harris.

THE WOODEN CLOCK

A convict who had recently finished a term of 20 year's imprisonment at Sopran Syeged, Hungary, has constructed a clock which goes without human supervision and in which every part, to the minutest wheel is constructed of wood. The clock is built in a cupboard, contains over 30 different watches which show simultaneously the correct time in the 30 largest cities of the world. Besides these, a special watch shows the movement of the sun and the stars and the moon and a barometer predicts the weather. A calendar marks the passing of the days and months, unaided, successfully overcoming the irregularities of leap year. A weighing machine completes the mechanism.

(GOOD) Jack Lowery.

MISTLETOE

Almost everyone knows that this familiar decoration with its white berries and glossy evergreen leaves never takes root in the ground but is a parasite that grows on the trunks and branches of other trees. It appears as a bushy growth with many forking branches, often four feet in length. It has oval leaves and tiny yellow blossoms, followed by white berries. It grows on evergreen and deciduous trees, rarely being found on the oak. The birds eat the pulpy berries, and flying from tree to tree carry seeds that lodge in the bark and so grow. The miseltoe was said to bring happiness, safety and good fortune as long as it did not touch the ground, perhaps that is why we always hang up our miseltoe today.

(GOOD) Cyril Maes.

COTTON

Cotton is obtained from the fluff of cotton bole or seed covering. More than half of the world's cotton crop comes from America and large amounts come from India and a little from Egypt. Great Britain imports raw cotton for manufacture in the greatest quantity and France, Germany and Italy also import cotton. There are five times as much cotton as wool produced in the world, therefore cotton is cheaper.

(GOOD) Dorthy Harris.

THE GAMEKEEPER

The gamekeeper is a man who is employed to protect game, which is hares, pheasants and partridges. They are mostly employed in England but rarely in Australia. The work of a gamekeeper is not to be envied. He has to walk around all day setting traps for the numerous pests such as weasles, stoats, rats and hedghogs and he also has to be out a great deal at night time on the lookout for poachers. Gamekeepers are employed by gentlemen known as squires, who own estates.

A MOTOR TRIP

It was fine and the sun was shining brightly when we started off. As we neared the country everything smelt fresh and we got out and picked some nice wild flowers. Then we drove on for a while watching the trees and flowers flying past us, until we came to a nice shady spot where we had lunch. Here we rested for a while and played games till it was time to go home. We started off very quickly and were soon home We were tired and were glad to get to bed after our exciting day.

(GOOD) Alice Clarke.

DEVON AIR

"When I was a lad," continued the millionaire, who was telling his fellow club members some of his troubles in early life, "I was walking to Devonshire, I found a job and after five years hard work managed to save enough to buy a bicycle. There was a gasp of astonishment. "Not long after this," began the other afresh, "I got a letter from home, Mother was very ill, so I jumped on the bicycle and rode to London. Just in time to hear the doctor say that "Devon air was the only thing to keep her alive." His audience gasped. "You didn't bring her back with you," they said. "No," replied the millionaire, "I dragged the old bike into the room, let the wind out of the tyres and Mother is alive to-day."

(GOOD) Fred Gordon.

MENTAL ARITHMETIC

A Scotchman and an Englishman went into an English restaurant and ordered a meal which they consumed. When they had finished the waiter brought the bill for 6/8 and then the Scotchman said to the waiter "Six plus 8 are 14, 14 pence are 1/2. 1 and 2 are 3, three pence, so saying he gave the waiter 3d, they they left the place.

(GOOD) Keith McIntosh.

PROVERBS

Time and tide wait for no man.
Look before you leap.
As you sow so shall you reap.

(GOOD) Keith Barker.

QUESTIONS

How are you is a common question. Some likely replies are:—
"Corking," said the bottle.
"Rotten," said the apple.
"Fine," said the judge.
"Ripping," said the scissors.
"Well," said the water.
"Grand," said the piano.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

HAVE YOU SEEN?

A tap run? A bell push? A boat trip? A letter box? A kitchen sink? An umbrella stand? A penny stamp? A garden fence?

(GOOD) Joyce Lawrence.

THE WORLD'S NEED

So many gods, so many creeds,
So many paths that wind and wind;
While just the art of being kind,
Is all this sad world needs.

(GOOD) F. Power.

THE CAMEL

The camel is a useful animal, especially in the desert and he is often called the "Ship of the desert." He can travel about 75 miles a day with a good load strapped on his back as well as the rider and he does not need much food or drink. Before starting a journey he takes his fill of water and food then he just nibbles at the hard thorny plants he finds growing in the desert and with a few dates or dried beans he will go for days and days. His stomach is made so that he can hold four or five quarts of water, which he has a way of drawing up through his system. A camel can smell water a long way off and will take his rider right to the spot where it is and these places are called oases where are found a cool spring of water, a few palm trees and some green grass.

(GOOD) Dorothy Harris.

STORYETTES

Mistress: "I don't like to have to keep complaining, Mary, but I do wish you would realise that when master leaves his shoes outside the beedroom door it means that he wants them cleaned." Mary: "Oh, does it? And what does it mean when he leaves them outsidee the front door?"

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen.

Mrs. Fish's School.—
When Mrs. Fish began her school.
Below the deep blue sea;
The little fishes all around
Were sad as sad could be!
I really feel, said Eric Eel,
"That schools weren't meant for me."

(GOOD) E. Southam.

Quite Safe.—Uncle: "Mind you don't hurt your fingers when you're chopping that wood, Billy." Billy: "That's all right, uncle Betty is holding the wood."

(GOOD) Clyde Birmingham.

Grammar was the lesson in progress "I have went," said the teacher. "Now Johnny, is that correct." "No, teacher," replied Johnny. "You haven't went yet."

(GOOD) Andrew Anthonsen.

Giles: "They have very high winds in Chicago." Brown: "Yes, they do." Giles: "There's a bit in the paper I read this morning about a safe being blown open there."

(GOOD) Lily Scrimes.

Teacher: "Who was the first man to make up a joke and drive it home?" Pupil: "Please sir, Henry Ford."

(GOOD) Duncan Matheson.

Right Up To Date.—Johnny. "What's all these women here for?" Elsie: "Why to seen the baby." Johnny: "Oh, I've seen heaps of babies." Elsie: "Oh, but this is a new one and the very latest fashion!"

(GOOD) George Joyce.

Teacher: "Harry, describe a hill." Harry: "A paddock with its back up, teacher."

(GOOD) Olive Waixel.

"What makes you thing you would make a good nurse, Dolly?" asked her auntie, "what do you know about babies?" "Oh, a lot, auntie," said Dolly. I was a baby myself once."

(GOOD) Jean Angus.

He: "What have you done to Fido?, he is all corners." She: "I asked the maid to wash him, and she starched him as well."

(GOOD) B. Muter.

Little Boy: "Please, ma'am, may I have my arrow?" Lady: "Why certainly, my little boy, where is it?" Little Boy: "I—I th— think it is sticking in your dog."

(GOOD) Jack Morris.

A negro, beeing asked what he was in gaol for, said it was for borrowing money. "But," said the questioner, "they don't put peoplee in goal for borrowing money." "Oh yes," said the darkey, "but I had to knock the man down three or four times before he would lend it to me."

(GOOD) Lily Southam.

No Need.—Daughter: "Father, we are learning how to spend money at science." Father: "He ought to teach ducks how to swim."

(GOOD) Eileen Mahony.

Harry: "I say, George do you know the name for people who ride on the 'pirate' buses?" George: "No." "Harry: "Why, passengers, of course!"

(GOOD) Vera Marshall.

Tom: "Have you ever backed a horse?" Jim: "Yes." Tom: "Well, how did you get on?" Jim: "It cost me £10." Tom: "How was that?" Jim: "I backed him into a glass window."

(GOOD) Brian Mahony.

Aunt: "You are an untidy girl, the last time I was here you had a hole in your stocking, and you have one to-day." Child: "But, auntie, this is the same one."

(GOOD) Vera P. Keele.

"Nell is making a bare living in New York." "What does she do?" She's an artist's model."

(GOOD) George Joyce.

Got Cought.—Stan: "If your licorice clock went down the drain I bet you it isnt there now." Alan: "I never bet." Stan: "You're a fibber, you do." Alan: "I bet you sixpence I don't."

(GOOD) Kathleen Lutchford.

Firm's Representative: "I sold 3,000 musical instruments, sir." Boss (beaming): "Pianos?" F.R.: "No, sir. Gramophone needles!"

(GOOD) Kevin Mackay.

When is a hen not a hen?—when it is a rooster.

She was one of those suicide blondes—Dyed.

(GOOD) Ivy Callaway.

One day a boy was whistling outside a butcher's shop, the butcher came out and said to the boy "Be off, what are your whistling for?" The boy replied, "I have lost my dog and every time I whistle those sausages in your window move."

(GOOD) Mavis Comerin.

RIDDLES

Why is a stick of candy like a racehorse?—Because the more you lick it the faster it goes.

Why is a sculptor's death the most terrible?—Because he makes faces and busts.

(GOOD) Marjorie Wood.

What is the most irritating thing you can do to a farmer?—Tread on his corn.

Why is a coachman like the clouds?—Because he holds the reins (rains).

Why are troubles like babies?—Because they grow bigger by nursing.

(GOOD) Enid Love.

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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1. Contest open to all boys between 5 and 12 years of age.
2. All judging to be done by photo only.
3. Send all photographs or snapshots to "Skippy," Box 4040 VV, G.P.O. Sydney.
4. All entries must be mailed before midnight—August 12, 1931.
5. Decision of the judges is final.
6. Name, address and age of entrant to be written on the back of each photograph.

Every entrant will be made a member of the "Skippy" Club, each boy receiving a certificate of membership and a "Skippy" badge.

Send in your photos Cobbers to the address given and see if you can win the prize.

POINTED PROVERBS

FOR YOUR NEXT SOCIAL

Have you ever tried the game of musical proverbs? The company sit in a circle, one having previously left the room. Then a proverb is chosen and each one in the circle takes one of the words, not necessarily in consecutive order. The absentee then comes in and all start singing their selected word to any well-known tune. The M.C. slowly counts 20, while the one in the centre walks around. He is then asked to say what the proverb is. If successful he sits in the circle while another guest retires. If unsuccessful he is given two more periods of 20 for guesses, and if not successful then he either retires again of pays forfeit. A fresh proverb is used for each candidate and each proverb, should, of course, be a fairly familiar one. Here are some that could be used:—

Faint heart never won fair lady.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Half a loaf is better than none.

There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip.

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SEYMOUR RE-APPEARS WITH 12 GOALS

(By "Aequus")

After a lapse of several weeks Northcote showed a decided reversal of form by completely outplaying Brighton. Though the visitors are a weak combination, it was the workmanlike methods of the locals which were responsible for leaving the seasides helpless.

From the bounce Northcote, in their best style, gave a great display, sweeping through the crushes with tremendous force and speed, and marking and passing beautifully. It was an exhilarating tonic for the local supporters, who have had to swallow many a bitter pill of late.

For the first time for many weeks the conditions were in favor of good football last Saturday, when Northcote met Brighton at the Northcote Park. The arena had dried considerably, and despite a few bad patches was in good order. There was an absence of wind.

Changes Made

Northcote made some sweeping changes in the team. Hill, Honig, Briggs, Simmonds and D'Helin were omitted, and Byrne, Woods, Corrigan, Seymour and Gray reappeared. Brighton were strongly represented.

THE TEAMS

NORTHCOTE.—Backs: Humphries, Cockram, Dea. Half-backs: Woods, McSwain, Byrne. Centres: Garrett, Corrigan, Nicholls. Half-forwards: Williams, Poulter, Cole. Forwards: Pruser, Seymour, Gray. Followers: Rowe, Goullet. Rover: Ross.

BRIGHTON.—Backs: Hill, Irwin, Joynson. Half-backs: Stewart, Campbell, Rosenbrock. Centres: Barnes, Burnes, Goldsworthy. Half-forwards: Storey, Hunt, McNiff. Forwards: McGurgen, Harrison, O'Connor. Followers: Lilburne, Dore. Rover: Tucker.

Umpires.—Field: Gregory. Boundaries: Martin, Ashmore. Goal: McPherson, Bryce.

THE PLAY

Rowe won the toss for the first time for several matches. It was a happy omen. He selected the stand goal. Within a twinkling Northcote surged ahead and Cole marked Seymour's intial goal-kicking effort. He piloted first sixer.

Rowe Dominates Ruck

Rowe was in great form and marked, hit out from the packs, and passed neatly. He helped Ross to a single before he combined with Garrett and Cole for a major from the latter. Northcote continued to excel and sterling play by Cole and Poulter was rewarded by Seymour marking well for his first goal.

Brighton Alarmed

The visitors were bewildered with Northcote's onslaughts and literally flung themselves into the battle. Several fierce sorties followed. The defence of Humphries was the rock on which the seasiders' attacks broke. A long try for the uprights by Harrison was marked by Cockram. Stewart and Rosenbrock were defending well for Brighton. Burnes gave Harrison another chance, and he scored his side's first point.

Good Marking

It was pleasant to see the best phases of football attempted. During the past few weeks high marking, drop kicking, and running with the ball have been impossible, but all these features were present in this struggle. Poulter, Rowe, Cockram and Seymour were brilliant in the air.

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Northcote Take Charge

A serious assault on Northcote's citadel was repulsed by McSwain, who played to Gray. His accurate pass went straight to Seymour, who goaled. Poulter and Seymour helped Cole to another before Gray and Cole each snapped minors. A thrilling dash by Garrett and Goullet resulted in a sixer by the latter.

Good Goals

Brighton seldom worried the local backs, but a mistake by Cockram in playing across goals to Byrne allowed McNiff to nip in and he with a splendid kick, gained full point—the visitors' first big score. By way of reply Gray dashed round the wing and from a long way out had the satisfaction of seeing the ball sail over the full back's head for the maximum.

Continued Onslaught

By means of clever play by Poulter and Rowe Cole was equal to a goal, and Pruser, before snapping a single, helped Seymour to the ninth major. Northcote had a tremendous lead at the first change. Quarter-time scores:

Northcote: 9 goals 4 behinds (58 pts)
Brighton: 1 goal 1 behinds (7 pts)

A More Even Term

Lilburne replaced his team at the change, Dore taking the centre half-back position. The term opened brightly. After some central play Ross and Rowe smartly passed to Pruser for tenth goal. The same player followed with a single.

Good Defence

Northcote, by means of Garrett and Corrigan, were winning across the centre and kept up a constant barrage. The sterling work of Rosenbrock (who was beating Williams), Stewart, Campbell and Lilburne kept the scoring down. A great dash by Hunt was followed by a goal to McGurgan.

Seymour's Mark

Northcote's reply was quick. Seymour goaled twice, one from a magnificent mark. Cole, Ross and Gray were very active round the packs.

Visitors' Rally

For the remainder of the term the red and whites held sway, but it was only lack of dash by Goullet that let Lilburne in for a goal. Hunt was unlucky to hit the post, and Lilburne also scored a minor. Northcote led by 56 points, having added 19 points to 14 points. Half-time scores:—

Northcote: 12 goals 5 behinds (77 pts)
Brighton: 3 goals 3 behinds (21 pts)

A Player Replaced

Towards the end of the second term Irwin was injured, and he was carried off. Milne appeared after the interval. Dea, who had done little, went half-back in place of Byrne, who followed.

A Systematic Display

From the bounce Northcote overwhelmed the opposition. Scarcely did the ball cross the centre into Northcote's territory. Byrne, now following, was in dashing form, and was everywhere. In quick style Cole, Byrne and Ross each scored goals, and then Seymour piloted another after cool passing by Gray and Cole.

Northcote's Immense Total

Playing in fine fettle, Nicholls and Williams added Seymour to two more sixers. Byrne scored a single. Cockram stopped any chance of Brighton's score with beautiful marks.

Northcote's form was amazing. The visitors were right out of the picture. Seymour missed the easiest of chances, but Corrigan and Byrne gave Pruser a try, which did not fail.

Brighton At Last

After some desperate efforts Brighton at last prevailed, and Tucker and McGurgan managed singles. A free to O'Connor scored fourth goal for the visitors.

Barnes in Form

Nicholls was not doing well, and found Barnes too big and strong. The latter was playing splendidly, and it was no fault of his that the scores were not more even.

More Goals for Northcote

Towards the close of the term the green and golds again took charge. Poulter to Seymour to Kemp and back to Seymour won great applause as two flags waved, and Rowe helped Byrne to another major.

Northcote had increased the lead to 104 points at the last change, when the scores were:—

Northcote: 21 goals 7 behinds (133 pts)
Brighton: 4 goals 5 behinds (29 pts)

Ross Injured

Receiving a cut on the head Ross was replaced by Kemp. The only interest remaining in the match was how many points Northcote would score. The accuracy of the forwards had given 21 goals from 28 scoring shots. Corrigan was smart in the centre. He had a hand in each of the goals by Kemp and Seymour. Pruser hit the post before Kemp notched a single. Garrett was still doing great work.

Seymour the Pivot

Northcote directed all its play towards Seymour, who was in marvellous form. The snappy pass of Gray found him in front for another easy goal, and lightning exchanges between Gray, Rowe and Seymour resulted in another sixer.

Twelve Goals

Seymour had scored twelve goals. There was a laugh when the goalkicker was mauled in front, and he was lucky to remain covered round the loins. The incident must have unnerved him, as he was equal to a single only.

Barnes' Great Effort

Barnes continued to do great damage on the wing. The absence of Nicholls, who was roving, gave him a freer hand. Kemp was opposed to him. Barnes gave Harrison a try, but Humphries saved. Cockram, with several beautiful marks, turned the opposition back. However, O'Connor gained a single and Lilburne a goal. Nicholls closed the scoring with a minor, though it was only the excellent marking of Hunt that prevented the final try by Seymour from being successful. Northcote won by 125 points. Final scores:—

Northcote: 25 goals 11 behinds (161 pts)
Brighton: 5 goals 6 behinds (36 pts)

Season's Highest Score

Northcote registered the highest total of points for the season. It was a highly commendable performance, and was a revelation after past failures.

A 'Heart to Heart Talk"

Apparently the meeting of players, at which there was some plain talking, bore fruit. There was a different style of play. There was little hesitation to go through, and as the skill is there it was just a matter of using it. The dry ground also had the effect of smartening up the movements of the big men.

Best on the Ground

For the winners no one did more than Tom Garrett, who from start to finish went great guns and played magnificently. He dashed, marked, bumped and kicked determinedly and was unbeatable. Corrigan, in the centre, played a splendid game. He kept his position better than usual, with obvious results. Nicholls was not quite himself, but did a few good things.

Return to Form

Seymour's return to form should mean much to Northcote. He closely followed Garrett for the honors of the day. He marked and kicked beautifully and was more dashing than usual. He gained many goals by keeping close to the goals. A centre forward can go too far afield. Cole, with five goals and a hand in many others, was another star performer. With Gray, Ross and Pruser he formed a mosquito fleet that the visitors could not cope with. Gray's return to the side was welcome, as his co-operation with Seymour is invaluable.

Clever Newcomer

A player of great promise is Williams. He was often beaten, but what he did was accomplished in the best style. His foot passing is excellent.

The Big Men

All the big men welcomed the drier ground. Poulter showed a tremendous improvement. Rowe was in his best form, and Byrne, especially when on the ball was good. Goullet was not so prominent and needs more life.

Good Defenders

Woods, McSwain, Humphries and Cockram gave the best display of defensive tactics seen for a long time. All came through with terrific force. Dea was not up to the standand. There is not enough "devil" in his play. Kemp did fairly well for the short time he was afield.

Visitors' Best

Barnes was easily Brighton's best. If he were a better kick he would be a champion. Rosenbrock, Stewart and Campbell defended well, and McNiff, Lilburne and McGurgan were the best of the others.

The Umpire

Gregory had an easy task, and he did it well.

NORTHCOTE v OAKLEIGH

Next Saturday Northcote visit Oakleigh to meet their keen rivals. If Northcote can reproduce Saturday's form—and there is no reason why it cannot be done—the green and golds should score another victory. As Oakleigh was defeated last Saturday there is still a chance for the minor premiership. The position is most interesting.

CLUB NOTES

Stockdale and Brown should both be available in a few weeks. These two players will be handy in the final games. Greg has still to look on for two matches. Brown will commence training in three weeks' time. He has made good progress.

There is still a weakness on the Northcote back line. There is no one to cover up Cockram when he leaves goals as Ernie Wilson used to do.

The goal-kickers last week were:—Seymour (12), Cole (5), Pruser (2), Byrne (2), Goullet, Kemp, Gray, Ross.

Ross may be a spectator next week as he had several stitches put in his head. It was a nasty cut. Briggs, who was injured against Williamstown, may be included.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

Clubs	P	W	L	P.C.	Pts
Oakleigh	13	10	3	65.30	40
Yarraville	13	9	3	90.24	38
Port Melb	12	9	3	73.30	36
Northcote	13	9	4	72.48	36
Preston	13	7	5	100.52	30
Coburg	12	7	5	104.88	28
Brunswick	13	7	6	87.34	28
Sand'ham	13	7	6	97.61	28
Will'town	13	4	9	115.30	16
Prahran	13	4	9	132.55	16
Cam'well	13	2	11	146.75	8
Brighton	13	1	12	141.97	4

Coburg and Port Melbourne match to be replayed. Yarraville and Preston have each played one drawn game.

ATTENDANCES AND TAKINGS

Preston v Prahran, attendance 2,500 (£30); Northcote v Brighton, 2,000 (£18). Total attendances at all Association matches, 17,000; total takings, £199

GOAL-KICKERS

F. Seymour (Northcote) has now moved up to third place with 43 goals. Simmonds (Northcote) has scored 29, and Warr and Davie (both of Preston), 24 each.

METROPOLITAN JUNIOR LEAGUE

West Sunshine v Thornbury District

Thornbury met West Sunshine at Sunshine last Saturday in the return match. When the teams met previously Thornbury had little difficulty in winning by 14 goals, but on this occasion West Sunshine fielded a much stronger combination and were unlucky to lose after playing the better game all day. The defence work of both sides was a feature. West Sunshine had the best of the first quarter, scoring 1 goal to 2 points. The second quarter was more evenly contested. Hart was outstanding for defence work for Thornbury, while Stevens played well at full back for Sunshine. Beveridge added two goals for Thornbury, while Chapman replied for Sunshine, making the scores at half-time one point in Sunshine's favor. Sunshine had the better of the play in the third quarter, their tall men overshadowing the visitors' forwards. There were some good wing duels, Hirst (Thornbury) having a shade the better of his man. The scores at the last change were: West Sunshine, 4-5; Thornbury, 3-8. Sunshine added 2 behinds on the resumption, making the difference five points. Thornbury rushed a behind, then a goal by Sharpe gave them the lead. Beveridge and Thompson put the issue beyond doubt when they goaled towards the end, making the final scores: Thornbury District, 6-9; West Sunshine, 4-7. Best players.—Thornbury: B. Hart (who played his best game), Beveridge, V. Hemming, Climas, R. Hirst, G. Thompson and Jacy Cleary. West Sunshine: Stevens, E. Willey, L. Willey, J. Fox, T. McIntyre, Wilson. Goal-kickers.—Thornbury: Beveridge (3), Harper, Sharpe, Thompson. West Sunshine: Chapman, Buttimer, Fox, Evens.

A house party will be held at the residence of Mrs. Jenkins, 80 Clarendon street, to-morrow night. The euchre party and dance held in Preston Palais last Saturday will not be continued in future owing to the unsatisfactory attendance.

I.O.R. JUNIOR COMPETITION

Semi-Final—Dennis v Clifton Hill

The above match was played at Merri Park on Saturday, the ground being in a bad state. Great interest was taken in the match, and there was a good muster of keen supporters of both teams. The game was played at a great pace, and despite the adverse conditions, good football was shown by both teams. At half-time the scores were: Dennis, 7-3; Clifton Hill, 3-1. From then on Dennis, playing the open game, were superior in all departments and ran out easy winners, the final scores being: Dennis, 14-10; Clifton Hill, 5-4.

Best players for Dennis were Turner Bros., Smith, Green, Malley, Gunser Bros., Morgan, Bishop, Omant and Bowtell. For Clifton Hill, the pick of an uneven side were Paul, Sanders, Emmerson, Flynn and Crisp. Goal-kickers.—Dennis: Malley (3), E. Turner (3), Omant (3), C. Gunser (3), Ireland, Bowtell. Clifton Hill: Edwards, Smith, Healey, Paul, Henry.

The final match will be played on Saturday between Dennis and John Vale (who defeated Northcote by 2 points in the other semi-final), and a great game is expected. The winners of this match will meet Clifton Hill (minor premiers) on the following Saturday to decide the premiership.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND BOYS' SOCIETY

Last Saturday St. Mark's, Regent, journeyed to Ascot Vale, where they played the home team. With the wind Ascot Vale got going, but could only manage 2-4 to Regent's 1-2. Regent then swept all before them and carried the score to: Regent, 5-6; Ascot Vale, 3-6. After a greulling third quarter the scores were: Regent, 5-7; Ascot Vale, 4-8. The last quarter was also very even, the final scores being: Ascot Vale, 6-11; Regent, 6-10. Best players for Regent were Gilbert, O. Ash, Merrett, Hargreaves and Billadown. Goal-kickers.—Regent: Lovell (2), Hargreaves, Krieger, Merrett, McInnes. Ascot Vale: Lawson (2), Nugent, Uren, Jones, McKenzie.

RAMBLERS' MATCH

P.W.P. Methodist v Manton and Paul

At McDonald Park on Saturday the above teams met in a friendly match. The ground was in a shocking condition, and as the mud became churned up and the ball slippery good football was out of the question. Despite this the more or less accurate kicking of the forwards was a feature. In the first half play was very even, and at the interval Manton's had a slender lead of two points, the scores being 6-3 to 5-7. In the second half the more seasoned Park boys, standing up better to the trying conditions than their rivals, gradually gained the ascendancy and, using soccer tactics to advantage, ran out winners by 30 points. Final scores: P.W.P., 9-12; Manton and Paul, 7-1. Goal-kickers.—P.W.P.: N. Henning (3), Cornish (3), Oates, Dowsett, L. Jordan. Manton and Paul: Buck (3), Watts (2), Biggs, Reid.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES

Last Saturday South Preston Methodists easily accounted for St. Mark's Presbyterians (Fitzroy) on the former's ground. The home side were better able to adapt themselves to the wet state of Haxby Park and never looked to be in difficulties. South Preston tried a couple of new men to fill the vacancies of W. and N. Davies, who were "having a spell." The final scores were:—South Preston, 10 goals 7 behinds (67 points); St. Mark's, 5 goals, 4 behinds (34 points).

The game to-morrow is against Moreland, who are a vastly improved side, and feel confident of fully testing the leaders. Buses leave the corner of Bell street and Plenty road at 2 o'clock.

UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

Matches played last Monday resulted:—

Northcote, 13-22, d Collingwood, 4-9. Best Players.—Northcote: G. Gray and A. Naylor. Collingwood: W. Lee and A. Naylor. Goal-kickers.—Northcote: P. Gray (8), G. Gray (4), H. Gray (4), Blockley (2), Polter. Collingwood: W. Lee (2), Apsey, A. Ryan.

Richmond, 8-7, d Prahran, 6-12.

Preston, 10-10, w South Melbourne, 7-9.

On Monday Northcote meet South Melbourne at Northcote Park, game to start at 2 p.m.

OTHER MATCHES

League Sub-Districts

First Grade.—Fairfield, 14-13, d South Melbourne District, 9-19; Alphington, 15-13, d East Brunswick, 12-15.

Second Grade.—Fairfield District, 10-11, d Box Hill, 5-8.

Association Sub-Districts

First Grade.—South Yarra, 17-11, d Alphington, 7-16.

Second Grade.—Hampton, 12-3, d Northcote, 5-7; North Ports, 20-20, d Croxton, 9-5.

Third Grade.—Albert Park, 11-3, d Fairfield, 7-8; South Melbourne, 23-13, d Heidelberg, 2-5.

Metropolitan Junior League

Second Grade.—Alphington Juniors, 12-14, d Fawkner, 2-4.

Protestant Churches

St. George's Road Methodists, 11-6, (H. Power 9 goals), lost to Hyde street Methodists, 15-15.

Collingwood Methodists, 4-4, lost to Oakover Road Methodists, 7-7.

Regent Church of England, 7-4, d Napier Street Presbyterians, 5-5.

Croxton Methodists, 3-3, lost to Moreland Church of Christ, 5-14.

Melbourne Boys' Club

Westgarth Rovers, 9-19, d Fitzroy Comrades, 5-11.

C.Y.M.S.

Cathedral, 12-13 (Dymond 6 goals), d Northcote, 6-9.

Fairfield, 6-19, d Clifton Hill, 4-12.

Bourke-Evelyn Association

Whittlesea, 5-11, d Dennyroo, 4-3.

Epping, 8-16, d Mernda, 3-11.

HOCKEY

Fairfield, 3, d Elsternwick, 1. Fairfield showed its true form on a good ground, and attacked for most of the time. For Fairfield Kirwan and McGuinness did best, and Elsternwick was best served by Fraser and Van Asche.

Ivanhoe, 5, d Elwood, 3. The ground was in a shocking condition, but the game was kept open.

B Grade.—Fairfield, 1, d University, 0.

C Grade.—East Malvern, 3, d Ivanhoe, 0.

The Northcote Football Club invites you to visit the training rooms every Sunday morning to meet the players, see their training methods and preparation.

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PRESTON WADE THROUGH MUD TO VICTORY

RED AND WHTES IN FORM. ONCE AGAIN

BITTERNESS DISPLAYED IN UNINTERESTING GAME

(By "Follower")

Preston increased its chance of inclusion in the four by wading through mud to victory against Prahran last Saturday. The state of the ground, together with poor umpiring, were the chief factors which gave rise to occasional bitterness. Two players were reported. It was more like a mud bath than a football match, but still the result counted, and Preston won by adapting their tactics to suit the conditions.

The meeting of Preston and Prahran in the Cramer Street Park last Saturday, provided one of the most spiteful contests yet seen in the Preston Park. The shocking state of the centre of the ground combined with too much umpiring latitude were conducive to the bitter style of play that was noticeable after P. Spargo became a stretcher case, suffering from a broken nose. There were several spiteful incidents and it was fortunate for those concerned that their actions passed unnoticed. No doubt the trying conditions had some thing to do with it. For the first three quarters the field umpire never penalised a player for holding the ball, and was most consistent in his decisions. However, he altered his method in the last quarter, and there were several instances when players got out of control "time off" being called to give players an opportunity to "cool off."

Now Fifth

Preston now occupy fifth position and if the team is to gain fourth position it can scarcely afford to lose another contest. The team is playing well.

THE TEAMS

PRESTON.—Backs: P. Spargo, Smith, Seebeck; half backs: McEachern, Monohan, Reichman; centres: Dowling, F. Spargo, Gall; half forwards: Cameron, Piper, Jellins; forwards: Summers, Hughson, Davie; followers: Taylor, Cazaly; rover: Warr.

PRAHRAN.—Backs: Darwall, Koop Banks; half backs: Hincks, Thompson, Bruce; centres: Foster, Maloney, Neck; half forwards: Smedley, Hamilton, Smith; forwards: Harvey, Hawking, Trim; followers: Lord, Lucas; rover: Salter.

Preston made one change, Monohan, (down with 'flu) was replaced by Davie, who has recovered from his recent injury.

Prahran have also adopted the policy of including young players and for this reason they included Hincks, a young player who had been showing fine form at Highett.

THE PLAY

When play opened, Preston moved forward. A high mark by Piper was passed to Hughson who missed a very easy chance.

A free to Lord enabled Hamilton to break away when Harvey scored a minor.

First Blood

Reichman booted the ball to Spargo who forwarded, when Piper marking snappily, notched a sixer.

Prahran's Reply

By a systematic move forward, Prahran outplayed their opponents. Salter smartly snapped a sixer.

Heavy Going

The style of play resorted to was "picking off the ground" on account of the heavy going, and frequently by good luck rather than good management, the ball went to a player. Preston worked the play into a favorable position, when Summers, hand passing, enabled Cameron to gain full points.

The ground around the stand wing was quite alright, though the ball was constantly booted towards the glue pot in the centre.

Wading through the mire Dowling forwarded when Warr secured the coveted number.

Prahran relieved determinedly but Smith cleared the goal front.

Hamilton returned to Hawkins who secured a goal with what appeared an impossible shot.

Both sides made many mistakes during the term which ended as follows:—

Preston.—3 goals 1 behind, (19 points).
Prahran.—2 goals 5 points, (17 points.)

Preston Secure Good Lead

Resuming, Preston attacked immediately when Davie paved the way for Cazaly, who failed to score though a moment later he made amends by registering full points.

Prahran attacked vigorously though their kicking lacked direction. Frequently they worked the ball to within scoring distance then foiled their own effort by bad marksmanship.

Another advance for which Taylor (following) was mostly responsible, ended in Davie steering the ball clear.

Prahran's Efforts

Prahran made repeated efforts to relieve but lacked cohesion, no doubt due to the recruits in their ranks. Individually they gave promise of success.

A capital mark by Hincks, followed in a similar capacity by Foster, landed the ball towards their objective, but again they failed to clinch the opportunity as Campbell relieved.

Eventually Prahran registered a single.

Spectators were treated to a pleasing systematic chain of marks by Smith, Taylor, Summers and Piper was frustrated as the latter's effort was nullified by Thompson.

Cameron passed to Hughson who could only manage a single.

Summers Hits the Post

With a flying shot, Summers hit the post, which was followed soon afterwards by a goal from Davie.

Piper was playing splendidly, frequently making good opportunities for the forwards.

Smedley scored the second single for the quarter, which was all the Prahranites could manage.

Preston.—6 goals 7 behinds, (43 points).
Prahran.—2 goals, 7 behinds, (19 points.)

An Even Term

A new ball was obtained for the third quarter which was evenly and stubbornly contested throughout.

Spargo Carried Off

A few minutes after resumption P. Spargo (following) who was a stalwart in defence, was carried off with his nose broken.

From this incident the game became strenuous. Weight was freely used and there were many spiteful incidents, it being found necessary by the field umpire to call time off to enable the players to "cool off."

Cazaly and Lord were having many hardly contested duels whilst following. Several Preston players were inclined to give too much attention to men, by which method the game was gradually slipping out of their grasp.

Prahran Goal

A considerable amount of the quarter had elapsed before either side scored, and then Piper and Davie added singles, for Preston, whilst Prahran managed to score the only goal for the term, when Lord, after marking high, piloted the leather clear.

The scores at the last change were:—

Preston.—6 goals 9 behinds, (45 poinst.)
Prahran.—3 goals 7 behinds (25 points.)

Scrambling Play

The final term continued to be vigorous. Davie was transferred from Preston forward line to endeavour to hold the fort.

The locals attacked but were repulsed. Play continued to be of a scrambling nature and players were liberally besmattered from head to foot in the mud.

F. Spargo sent the leather well up when Marr scored a single.

Smith Clears

In a dogged rush forward Prahran had the Preston defenders in trouble until Smith effectively cleared the goal.

Smedley brought the ball back when a free to Harvey went in to Hawkins, who goaled.

Lord was following untiringly. From a free he punted well up and Smedley snapped a minor.

Koop Formidable

Preston struggled forward periodically only to be foiled by Koop.

Playing consistently round the Mary street wing Neck put Smedley in possession, but McEachern intervened.

Systematic passes between Summers, Warr and Cameron, outplayed their opponents, until Koop again proved formidable.

Receiving a short pass from Cazaly, Warr scored a single.

A fine kick in by Koop initiated an attack which was supported by Darwall. Piper, who was frequently the turning point of the opposition advances, forwarded when Seebeck drove the ball to Hughson. Smedley returned when Summers intercepted the pass.

Preston Goal

Preston continued in the offensive and despite strong opposition notched a major.

Prahran attacked, Lord forwarded Hincks drove the ball on to Hawkins, who, running into an open goal, easily scored full points. Final scores were:—

PRESTON.—7 goals 12 behinds, (54 points.)
PRAHRAN.—5 goals 9 behinds, (39 points).

Goal-kickers for Preston were.—Warr (2), Davie (2), Piper, Cameron and Cazaly.

Prahran's goals were kicked by Hawkins (3), Salter, and Lord.

Preston had useful players in Piper (steadily improving), Cameron, Summers, Davie, Taylor, Warr, McEachern and F. Spargo.

Prahran were well represented by Lord (following), Hawkins, Hincks, Salter, Neck, Darwall, Koop Smedley and Salter.

PRESTON GOSSIP

P. Spargo was discharged from the Eye and Ear Hospital last Wednesday. Although he is progressing favorably, it will be three or four weeks before he will be able to resume his place in the field.

Hughson, Dowling and F. Spargo are suffering from severe colds, but expect to be fit for play in to-morrow's important engagement.

Preston will have the services of Monohan, who was out last Saturday with influenza.

ANOTHER VITAL MATCH TO-MORROW

PRESTON TO VISIT SANDRINGHAM

Preston will visit Hampton to-morrow afternoon to try conclusions with Sandringham. The game is of vital importance as a defeat by either side will practically settle their prospects for inclusion in the first four.

When Preston met Sandringham in the Cramer Street Park a few weeks ago the red and whites won by a fair margin. Preston will go to the seaside full of confidence despite the "hoodoo" on the Hampton oval, which seems to give Preston trouble. Sandringham's victory over Port Melbourne last Saturday will naturally give them every confidence.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

The round of contests for to-morrow afternoon should provide some interesting meetings as several of the games are of vital importance. Northcote will visit Oakleigh and cannot afford to lose. Sandringham and Preston at Hampton is also an important fixture for in order to rise to fourth position they must win every match, a difficult proposition, but within the bounds of possibility, and then Northcote must lose two. It looks as though Preston is the only team to have a chance to displace Northcote. Should Preston win to-morrow and Northcote lose, the position will become most interesting as on the following Saturday these two teams will meet in the Cramer Street Park. The results of to-morrow's matches will be eagerly awaited.

The fixtures are as follows:—

Oakleigh v Northcote, at Oakleigh
Port Melbourne v Williamstown, at North Port.
Brunswick v Coburg, at Brunswick.
Brighton v Yarraville, at Elsternwick.
Sandringham v Preston, at Hampton.
Prahran v Camberwell, at Toorak Park.

V.J.F.A.

Premiership List

The following are the positions of clubs on the premiership list and the points scored:—Preston 44, Brunswick 44, Coburg 36, Northcote 36, Port Melbourne 30, Yarraville 28, Sandringham 24, Prahran 22, Camberwell 20, Oakleigh 12, Williamstown 12, Brighton 0. Port Melbourne v Preston game to be replayed.

NORTHCOTE v BRIGHTON

Northcote consolidated their position in the four by easily defeating Brighton at Brighton Beach ground. Brighton have yet to win a game and are generally recognised as the Cinderella team of the association. Being compelled to practise on an open paddock, and receiving little or no assistance from their parent club, they lack the comforts and conveniences which are the happy lot of most other second eighteens. They are to be commended on their sportsmanship and enthusiasm in placing a team in the field week after week with little hope of success.

Northcote took the opportunity to spell two of their regular players in Houldcroft and Burns, whilst the Gray brothers and Woolfe, through a motor cycle mishap, arrived too late to take part in the game. The team was as follows:—Davies, Skilton (c.), Tracey, James, Smith, Winter, Salvado, Laxon, O'Neill, Docking, Askland, Russ (v.c.), Bresnahan, Emmins, Boyle, Carey, Newton, Randle.

Playing away from the centre for the first time this season, Bob Skilton took a well-earned rest in the full back position.

The game, which was well below the standard of a practice match, needs little description. Although Brighton possess several individual players of a high standard, as a team they were all at sea. The first quarter, which ended with Northcote 4-6 to Brighton's 1 point, was brightened by the fine high marking of Len Smith. The second quarter evolved itself into a goal-kicking contest, in which the forward work of Emmins and Ackland was a feature. Scores at half-time were:—Northcote, 11-14; Brighton, 0-4. In the third term Len Smith proved his versatility by playing well in the ruck. "Bush" Tracey playing with accustomed dash, had the misfortune to have his nose broken, but after receiving attention, he continued playing. Scores:—Northcote, 18-22; Brighton, 0-4. As is often the case in an easy match, several players sustained injuries. As a result of a collision earlier in the game Jack Russ was limping badly in the final quarter, and Barney Newton left the field with a severe ankle injury. Brighton scored their only goal just prior to the finish of the game. The final scores were:—Northcote, 21-27; Brighton, 1-6.

Emmins, with 8 goals, was the principal goal-getter. Ackland, after a successful season as full back, proved equally at home on the forward line, kicking six goals. Others to find the big sticks were Docking (2), Boyle (2), Smith, Russ and Laxon. Boyle, playing his first game, performed creditably. Smith, Ackland, Tracey and Emmins were the pick of a well-balanced side.

A keen fight for a place in the four is expected, at least six clubs all having chances. Northcote is fortunate in playing four out of the five remaining games at home. A great game is expected on August 1, when the locals will be at home to Preston, who are at the top of the list

Club Notes

The ladies' committee, under the joint leadership of Mesdames Morrison and Russ, have finalised arrangements for Saturday next, when the Oakleigh Club will be entertained at tea, followed by a social and dance in the pavilion, Northcote Park. An enjoyable night is assured.

The social secretary (Mr. Geo. Bennie) reports that tickets for the smoke night on August 6 are selling well. A fine musical programme is being arranged.

A hamper picnic, including a sports programme, has been suggested to take place before the end of the season. Arrangements will probably be made by the ladies' and general committees at an early date.

It is expected that the ex-full back and popular life member of the club, Mr. Alf Edsall, will be seen in action as a boundary umpire in the Northcote-Oakleigh fixture next Saturday. Mr. Edsall, in his first season as a V.J.F.A. umpire, is highly regarded by the officials of the Association.

PRESTON v PRAHRAN

This match was played at Prahran. The ground was in a very muddy condition. The last time these teams met Prahran won by 15 points. It proved to be a very hard game. Lee (ill) was replaced by Kelleher. The team was as follows:—Backs: Mooney, Ellis, Hooper. Half-backs: Ryan, Kupsch, H. Underhill (v.c.). Centres: Dineen, Smith (c.), R. Underhill. Half-forwards: Baxter, Grierson, Haddrick. Forwards: Jones, Fennell, Kelleher. Followers: Roseman, Morgan. Rover: Marshall.

Prahran started off with two strong attacks, which Roseman and Kupsch turned back. A free to Baxter looked good, but Prahran saved. Soon returning, Jones got full points. Hooper was next to save for Preston, seat on and Grierson failed with a long kick, and was cleared. Kupsch, marking well, saved, but, not to be beaten, Prahran rallied forward and scored a sixer from a free. The play was very even, with Prahran attacking at the bell. Quarter-time scores:—Preston, 1-3; Prahran, 1-1. Morgan received from Dineen and made no mistake. Prahran, forcing forward, soon followed suit. Fennell, receiving a free in a scramble, raised both flags. Jones, with a snap, got another goal. Preston were now gaining the upper hand. Kupsch and Ellis stalled off two advances by Prahran. A free to Haddrick went well down, but Prahran's backs were in the way. Fennell, receiving a nice pass from R. Underhill, found the sticks. Prahran were now fighting hard to score, but were turned away by Hooper, who drove right down the centre. Fennell obtained and again scored. Prahran made another attempt and this time goaled. Grierson had a shot, which was stopped in front. This was easily Preston's quarter. scores being:—Preston, 7-7; Prahran, 3-3. Grierson was not long in finding an opening and got full points. Prahran, working forward, found Kupsch and Mooney in the way. Haddrick started an attack, but Prahran saved well. Coming again, Roseman passed to Baxter, who snapped a goal. Fennell soon followed. Mooney turned away a strong attack and sent well forward, where the Prahran backs were having a bad time. Smith made the next move, and Fennell from the pack snapped 11th goal. Prahran had failed to score this quarter, the scores at the last change being:—Preston, 11-10; Prahran, 3-3. Prahran's chances of winning were not very bright, but it was hopeless when Fennell scored a sixer from a snap. Prahran tried hard, and playing down the centre scored full points. They attacked incessantly, but the Preston backs stalled them off. Coming again Prahran scored their fifth goal. Grierson received from Roseman and added 13th goal, which made Preston safe. With only time off to play Prahran got a free and goaled on the bell. Final scores:—Preston, 13-17; Prahran, 6-3.

Goal-kickers.—Fennell (5), Grierson (3), Jones (2), Baxter, Marshall, Morgan. Preston's best were R. and H. Underhill, Kupsch, Haddrick, Roseman and Marshall.

Club Notes

In the last four games Preston has scored 92-85 to 19-10. Much praise is due to the captain and coach, Harry Smith, for the way he had the team working together, and also the trainers (A. Eaton, H. Ludlow, F. Sparks) for the way they have kept the boys in condition.

The match next Saturday against Sandringham at Preston should be well contested, as Preston only won by three points in the first match.

Players enjoy the soup which is supplied at the ground on training nights and is very welcome. Ralph Underhill and Dave Baxter seem to be the outstanding two on it up to date, but when others get in form they will have to look out.

The Queen of Supporters (Miss L. Rose) will hold a house party at Gahan's hall, Bell street, on Saturday.

ASSOCIATION SUB-DISTRICTS

Preston United v Victoria Park

Played at Royal Park, this match was the last of the first round of 13 games and had an important bearing on the position of both teams. Preston to date have won nine outright, with one in dispute, but Victoria Park are lower down the list with seven wins, and needed this win to give them a chance for the four.

Umpire Strain had charge of the game and had a very strenuous task, but gave general satisfaction. There were no "beg pardons" about the game. From the bounce both sides favored the open game, and the first fast, vigorous quarter was reproduced at every change. Preston's tall back line in Donath, Elms and Elder, was the turning point of many a dangerous attack, Hickson's rushes, too, being irresistible. The first quarter scores were a correct reflex of the play—Preston, 2-2; Victoria Park, 2-1. The pace was on again at the change, with Preston on the aggressive. Park's small men were doing great work in the heavy going, and wide out wing play was in direct contrast to Preston's "straight ahead" thrusts. Park had a little the better of this session, but bad kicking undoubtedly cost them the game. The scores at half-time were:—Victoria Park, 3-6; Preston, 3-2. Don Aitken, Preston's captain, who was out on account of injuries, gave his colts a "rap up" during the interval, with very marked results. Kicking down hill this term, Preston put the pressure on and their long men down the centre made every use of the slight advantage. Harding and Tuenon, in the ruck, were unbeatable, whilst the wing men in Merritt, Munro, Rogers and Harris were upsetting the opposition's methods, which had hitherto proved successful. Preston's forwards, possibly through injuries, were missing chances, but the term was certainly in favor of the visitors. Scores at the last change were:—Preston, 6-5; Victoria Park, 5-7. The last term was a "clinker." Both sides were "flat out," and the ball just flew from end to end of the ground. The Park team tired a little, but were now more than 8 points behind, drawing to within two points with about three minutes to go. Not to be denied, Preston came with an irresistible rush and right on the bell increased their lead to three points. It was a ding-dong game right through. Final scores:—Preston, 7-11; Victoria Park, 7-8. Goal-kickers.—Preston: Tuenon (2), Frame (2), Ford, Harris, McGlynn. Victoria Park: Hill (2), Miller (2), Scriven, Hammond, Neeson. Best players—Preston: Harding, Tuenon, Harris, Munro. Victoria Park: Rowan, Hammond, Gay and Hill.

C.Y.M.S.

Preston v North Melbourne

Last Saturday Preston journeyed to North Melbourne and scored another decisive victory. The ground was in a good condition and an excellent display of fast football was witnessed. The first quarter opened with North Melbourne attacking strongly and they had three goals on the board before Preston could break through, when White, with a beautiful drop kick, registered first goal for Preston. Scores at first change:—North Melbourne, 3-4; Preston, 1-2. The second quarter was more even, with both sides attacking strongly, and only by more accurate kicking were Preston enabled to get within seven points at half-time. North Melbourne tired badly in the third term and Preston took the lead. Time after time North Melbourne attacks were stopped by Grogan, whose marking and kicking on the Preston back line was a feature of the game. Preston were three goals in the lead at the last change. In the final term North Melbourne faded away altogether, and the fast systematic play by Preston had them badly rattled. Final scores:—Preston, 14-11; North Melbourne, 6-8. Preston's best were T. Grogan (best on ground), Slattery, Dando, Pitts, Lockwood, White, Carlon. Goal-kickers: White (2), Carlon (3), Slattery (2), Morgan (2), Wilson (2), Pitts, Lockwood.

BOY SCOUTS

1st Northcote v 3rd Fairfield

Last Saturday a match between the above teams resulted:—Northcote, 12-17; Fairfield, 1-5. Goal-kickers.—Northcote: Keech (4), Nelson (3), F. Stabb (2), Ewin (2), Meredith. Fairfield: Percival. Best players.—Northcote, F. Stabb, Nelson and Gordon: Fairfield: Hamilton, Michaels, Percival.

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Northcote Council

MONDAY, JULY 20

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

Correspondence

Police Protection.—The Chief Secretary, per Mr. J. Cain, M.L.A., advised that until financial conditions permitted of a resumption of recruiting no further police could be allotted to Northcote.

Infantile Paralysis.—The period to which Northcote council decided to contribute expired on June 30 last, and during the previous 18 months nine cases occurred in the municipality.—Finance committee to give consideration.

Interest Rebate. — The Commonwealth Bank advised of a reduction of 1 per cent. on all loans granted by the bank, provided that the interest rate was not below 4 per cent., the reduction to date from July 1. Interest on overdraft will be 5 per cent. in future.

The town clerk informed Cr. Hayes that so far no other bodies from whom the council had loans had reduced their interest rates.

The matter was referred to the finance committee.

West Ward Progress Association.—This body wrote (1) re condition of roadway, Beaconsfield parade, between St. George's road and Spencer street.—P.W. committee. (2) Re drainage from Pitt's tannery into lane at rear of Emmaline street.—P.W. committee. (3) Re state of roadway, Gadd street, for a distance of about 200 yards east of St. George's road.—Authorised. (4) Re asphalt path, Murray street, near school fence.—Already authorised.

Committee Reports

Public Works Committee.—General accounts £2915/6/6, and street construction accounts £35/18/8 were paid.

Tenders are to be invited for sanitary service for unsewered areas for a period of three years.

Construction of Easement. — The council approved of plans for the construction of a drain along easement between Rennie and Room streets, from Taylor street to Bracken avenue.

Crossings Over Channels. — The council decided to serve notices on a number of property owners to construct crossings across their channels and footpaths in order to give entry to their properties.

Notices will be served on owners in other wards at intervals.

In two cases where notices had been served but not complied with, the council decided to construct the crossings and charge the cost to the owners.

Electric light committee accounts £2268/19/ were paid.

It was decided to inform the West Ward Progress Association that a request for an extra lamp in St George's reserve, between Miller and Watt streets, was not justified.

A similar reply is to be sent to the Arthurton Road Progress Association concerning the lighting of the west end of Hawthorn road.

Parks committee accounts £195 18/5 were paid.

It was decided not to accede to the request of the Thornbury Estate Association to prevent the playing of cricket on Henderson Park.

Finance committee accounts £891 5/7 were paid.

A recommendation of the committee of the council for registration of a soap factory in Charles street was agreed to.

Ordinary Business

Cr. Oldis presented a petition from a number of residents of Andrew street complaining of flooding from the convent ground, which they said was damaging their properties.—Referred to P.W. committee.

Cr. Oldis said the Heidelberg council had widened the lower end of Clarke street and eliminated a bottle-neck.—Letter of thanks to be sent, and a request to be made to eliminate the channel in a similar way in Bastings street.

Cr. Oldis moved that the construction of a drainage easement between Hillside avenue and Main street be referred to P.W. committee, channel and roadway in Brooke street needed attention.—P.W. committee; roadway at corner of Wardrop grove and Mitchell street needed attention.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Dennis said repairs were needed to Westgarth street, in the Heidelberg municipality.—Request to be made to Heidelberg council.

Cr. Dennis moved that state of roadway in Charles street, east of the line, be referred to P.W. committee.

Cr. Bird was told that the electric light committee had not yet considered the question of lighting Henderson Park, after an inspection made by the council.

Cr. Bird said additional lighting was needed at Henderson Park. There had been several women molested in the vicinity, and the need for lighting was very great.

Cr. Oldis said that if the council lit this park it would be the first time the council illuminated a recreation reserve.

Cr. Hayes said the streets on both sides were well lighted.

Cr. Pinkney said that if anything was done a light should be put in the middle of the park.

The matter was referred to the E.L. committee.

Cr. Bird said at Normanby avenue, on the east side of the gates, flooding occurred during rains.—Engineer to report: footpath in High street, between Arthurton road and Elm street, needed attention.—P.W. committee; footpath in Woolton avenue, south side, between High and Stott streets.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Cornish spoke of footpath in St. George's road, west side, between Eunson avenue and Clarke street, needed attention.—P.W. committee; pot holes in Park street, between Gordon grove and Clarke street.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Hayes asked what was being done re Christmas street drainage.

Cr. Jones said that this channel had been boxed out similar to Kellett street.

Cr. Hayes spoke of Armadale street and asked when it would be given attention. Cr. Jones said there was a shortage of metal. The street certainly needed attention.—Referred to P.W. committee again.

Cr. Jones said a guard on a drainage easement between Christmas and Kellett streets had been removed and needed replacing.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Hayes asked if the surveyor had inspected the claybole abutting on Dennis street.

Mr. Bradley stated that he considered there was no cause for immediate alarm. The matter had been referred to the Mines Department, who controlled claybole.

Cr. Johnson spoke of bad ruts in Garden street, which had a big cross fall.

Cr. Dennis: We've got the plans ready to make the street.

Matter referred to P.W. committee.

The mayor spoke of the state of Union street, east of High street, and between Hall and Plant streets, where there were a lot of pot holes.—P.W. committee; macadam rights-of-way in the South-ward were giving a lot of concern owing to the wearing out of the metal.—P.W. committee; surveyor to report to see what temporary relief can be given.

Cr. Dennis said these rights-of-way were in what was Plant's paddock. The Government macadamised these rights-of-way.

The mayor spoke of the practice of people grazing stock at night at McDonell Park.—Officers to report.

Cr. Sutch: I saw a cow lying there one night in the gardens. (Laughter.)

A Voice: They lie in Henderson Park all night. (Laughter.)

Cr. Johnson: If residents would only report to our inspector by telephone he will act at once.

Orders of the Day

Construction of Lawry street, westerly from eastern boundary, a distance of approximately 121 feet.

There were no objectors.

Cr. Oldis said the people desired the street made. The convent authorities did not need the street constructed, but would no stand in the way of progress, and offered no objection to the work. Outside the convent wall the footpath would be eliminated on the northern side to lighten the cost.

Cr. Dennis said the council's attitude was reasonable, and it was not wise to lay down footpaths where they were not needed.

Cr. Hayes: When this path is constructed who will pay for it?

Cr. Dennis: It will be "half and half."

Cr. Glanfield: The council will put down some gravel or something to make the unconstructed path passable.

The plans were adopted.

PLENTY ROAD SHOP-BREAKING

YOUNG MAN IMPRISONED

William Lewis James, aged 23 years, gardener, of Thornbury, was charged before Judge Macindoe, in General Sessions on Tuesday, with having, on June 15, at Preston, broken into the shop of George Laurie Hatfield, and stolen a number of jackets, shirts, and ties. James was alternatively charged with having at Alphington, received two jackets, two shirts, and two ties the property of Hatfield, knowing them to have been stolen.

James, in a statement from the dock, denied both charges.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty of shopbreaking. James admitted two previous convictions.

Judge Macindoe said that in view of James' record, it was impossible to deal leniently with him. He would be sentenced to imprisonment for 12 months, and at the expiration of his sentence he would be detained in a reformatory prison during the Governor's pleasure.

Law.

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A. E. O'CONNOR, Barrister and Solicitor, 839 High St., Thornbury. Hours of attendance: Daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fridays, until 9 p.m. Phone, JW1947.

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PRESTON DAIRYMEN FINED

For having, on May 28, failed to cool milk for sale to a temperature of not more than 40deg. Fahr., Victor G. Duncan, Wattletree street, Reservoir, was fined £2 at the Preston court on July 16.

John McNamara, Chaleyer street, West Preston, was fined £1, with 10/ costs, for having, between May 1 and May 27, sold milk without having had a license.

Preston District Band

THE above band are progressing very satisfactorily. A very good muster of players assembled at Cramer Park on Saturday last when the selections rendered were of the best quality, being enjoyed by all present. The Saturday night socials at the Bradford Hall each week are showing larger attendances. The Preston District Band orchestra supplied the music which was greatly appreciated.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

NORTHCOTE

East Ward

Cr. A. H. Oldis announces that he is seeking re-election in the East Ward, and convenes a meeting of friends and supporters at his home, corner of Clarke street and Vauxhall road, Northcote, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28.

Central Ward

Cr. A. J. Cornish, thanks the ratepayers for their confidence in the past three years, and requests a continuance of support. A meeting of friends and supporters will be held at an early date.

North Ward

Cr. M. C. Jones, whose present term is expiring is seeking re-election and thanks the ratepayers for their confidence in the past three years. A meeting of friends and supporters will be held at his home Green street, Thornbury, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 30.

PRESTON

East Ward

At an enthusiastic meeting of Cr. Adam's campaign committee on Wednesday, twelve new members were enrolled. Reports were considered very satisfactory, and even if opposition does eventuate the committee feel certain of victory.

Committee meetings are held at Cr. Adam's house every Wednesday evening.

West Ward

Cr. Llewellyn Jones, J.P., who is seeking re-election for the West Ward, held a meeting of friends and supporters, at the home of Cr. Hemburrow, on Tuesday evening last. There was a very large attendance of ladies and gentlemen and a committee was formed, consisting of over 40 residents who are working enthusiastically to secure his return Cr. W. J. Hemburrow was appointed chairman and Mr. Geo. Stevens secretary. Apart from the main body, a strong committee has been formed at Reservoir, also a special committee of over 20 ladies. The use of 16 cars was offered by supporters at the meeting.

There is some doubt as to whether Cr. Jones will have any opposition, but it was decided by the committee to go right along with their organisation and have everything ready for the election should an opponent enter the field at a later date.

A plan of campaign was mapped out and a personal canvass of the whole ward carried out.

A number of public meetings will be held in various parts of the ward the first of which will be at Reservoir on Wednesday next.

Cr. Jones, in his usual systematic way, is leaving nothing to chance.

Mr. Royston Cahir Not a Candidate

After mature consideration of the many requests made to him by citizens of Preston that he should contest the seat in the West Ward, Mr. Royston T. Cahir, well-known barrister and solicitor, has reluctantly come to the decision that he is unable to devote the time necessary to fight an election, or to carry out the duties and responsibilities of a councillor should he be elected.

At the same time, Mr. Cahir expresses thanks to his many friends and supporters for their splendid offers of assistance, and for the confidence imposed in him.

An announcement by the Preston Ratepayers' Protection League notifies that the following candidates have been endorsed by that body for the forthcoming municipal elections —West Ward, Cr. Llewellyn Jones, J.P., Central Ward, Mr. Ewart Norris; and East Ward, Cr. J. W. Adams, J.P.

WHITTLESEA COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Morang Riding

Canvassing is keen there being two candidates for the seat, for which Cr. Leslie Clarke, J.P., has decided not to seed re-election. They are Mr. E. Gardiner and Mr. Hughes, the latter being endorsed by the Meranda Progress League.

Cr. Clarke has been a councillor for nearly 30 years, and his departure will be regretted by his council colleagues. He is a man of unusual judgement, and has been Shire President on a number of occasions. When he announced some 12 months ago after he had been elected President, that at the conclusion of his term he would not seek re-election, general regret was expressed, as it is felt that the electors of the Morang Riding will have a difficult task to find one who will give them such splendid service.

Epping

Cr. B. McCormack is to be opposed (so rumor says) by Mr. Laff.

PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, JULY 23
Before Messrs. O. A. Walker and Llewellyn Jones, J's.P.

No Lights.

John King, Park Grove, Middle Park, was fined 10/ for having ridden a bicycle without a light in Plenty road, on June 29. Others fined for similar offences were Jack Jones, Gower street, Preston, (no appearance) 15/, and Henry Pook, Mutimer street, Preston, 10/.

Railways Case

Ernest Bullock, Southernhay street, Preston, who on the morning of June 11 climbed up the end of the plat form at the Regent railway station, instead of passing through the barrier, was fined 10/ with 7/6 costs.

Maintenance Arrears

Ethel Haley sued her husband, Eric Haley, Westgarth street, Northcote, for £31/5/ arrears of maintenance.

The court made an order that the amount be paid at the rate of 7/6 weekly, in default imprisonment.

Council By Laws Contravened

Inspector J. O. Iles prosecuted a number of persons for breaches of the Preston City council's by-laws. R. Slack, Smith street, Thornbury who rode a bicycle on the footpath in Oakover road, on June 24, was fined £1 with 2/6 costs. On a second charge in respect to another street, he was also fined £1 with 2/6 costs.

G. Eagles, Bradford street, Preston, who led a horse attached to a vehicle across an asphalt footpath in Tyler street, was fined £5 with 2/6 costs.

V. Duncan, Wattlebrae street, Reservoir, who drove a vehicle across a footpath in Austral avenue, was fined £2, with 2/6 costs.

Ownership of Stockings

Constable Rosewarne asked the court to decide the ownership of several pairs of stockings which were the subject of a larceny charge in January. No owner having come forward, the court ordered that the goods be sold by public auction.

UNEMPLOYMENT

PRESTON

Several more trucks of wood have arrived at Bell and Reservoir stations and has been distributed by trucks belonging to the council and Messrs. H. P. Zwar Pty. Ltd. Mr. D. Grogan has also given assistance in carting wood from the stations to the council depot.

More clothing and boots are urgently needed, and residents are asked to do all they can to help the committee in this direction. Parcels may be left at the town hall, or will be called for if the town hall is advised.

Messrs. Broadhurst Pty. Ltd. have made a most generous donation of 24 pairs of new boots for youths and boys.

There is no decrease in the number of unemployed, and the number receiving sustenance is as large as ever.

Renovations are in progress at the South Preston Market, where preference is given to local unemployed in the work available.

NORTHCOTE

There were large attendances at the Friday and Monday meetings. The social on Saturday was largely attended, and gave a good deal of pleasure. Mr. Cook has resigned as secretary, and Mr. Eastaway has been appointed in his stead. Next meeting is on Friday, July 24, at 8 p.m. at corner of Gladstone avenue and High street. Social on Friday, July 24, at 7.30 p.m.

After a long illness, the death occurred on July 7 of Mr. Arthur Batson C.E., at his residence McKean street, North Fitzroy, formerly town clerk and city engineer to the City of Fitzroy for many years. The late Mr. Batson was widely known, and was for many years secretary of the Northern Group of the Weights' and Measures' Union, with which the municipalities of Northcote, Preston and Heidelberg are affiliated. Mr. Batson had been ill for some considerable time. He was 85 years of age, and was a colonist of 82 years. His wife predeceased him and members of the family are Muriel, Arthur and Allan.

If the contest does eventuate it will be keen.

Cr. McCormack has represented the Epping Riding for many years, proving himself one of the ablest men in the council. As president he always kept a close eye on the finances, and there is no doubt that the flourishing condition of the Epping Riding's finances, is in no small measure due to his efforts. He also has had several terms as President. Here again the ratepayers will find it difficult to find a man who will give them such splendid service.

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This progressive firm now has branches at 327-329 High street, Preston, 723-725-727 High street, Thornbury, 98-100 Station street, Fairfield, and 76 High street, South Northcote, with its central establishment at 319-329 High street, Northcote.

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At stated periods sales are held to clear seasonable lines, and these have proved most popular. Despite the depression, by giving the ultimate value for money spent, Messrs. Smith Pty. Ltd. have been able to maintain their turnover, though the individual purchases have in the average been smaller than usual. The half-yearly winter sale is now on at all branches, and the prices have been made very attractive to prospective purchasers in order to effect an entire clearance of winter stocks and thereby make room for new season's goods.

Preston Municipal Elections

WEST WARD

CR.
LLEWELLYN JONES
J.P.

THE RETIRING COUNCILLOR Will address the Ratepayers at the METHODIST HALL, GEORGE ST., RESERVOIR, on
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At 8 p.m.
Take this opportunity of hearing your representative and asking him questions.
CR. W. HEMBURROW, Chairman
GEO. STEVENS, Hon. Sec.

Preston Municipal Elections

The following Candidates, having been nominated by the
PRESTON RATEPAYERS' PROTECTION LEAGUE
will contest the following wards:—

WEST WARD
CR. LLEWELLYN
JONES
J.P.
Chairman: Cr. W. HEMBURROW
Secretary: GEO. STEVENS, Esq.

CENTRAL WARD
MR. EWART
NORRIS
Chairman: Cr. H. P. ZWAR, J.P.
Secretaries: Geo. HENDERSON, Esq., and HUGH NISBETT, Esq.

EAST WARD
CR. JAMES
ADAMS
J.P.
Chairman: CLARENCE JENNER, Esq
Secretary: FRED PATON, Esq.

For the Ratepayers' Protection League
STANLEY T. GREY,
Hon. Secretary.
Campaign Committee, 335 High St., Preston.

Northcote Municipal Elections

CENTRAL WARD

CR. A. J. CORNISH

Desires to THANK the Ratepayers of the CENTRAL WARD for the confidence reposed in him during the past three years.

He has endeavored to carry out his duties in the interests of the ratepayers and for their benefit, and trusts to have a RENEWAL of their CONFIDENCE on THURSDAY, AUGUST 27.

Cr. Cornish will take an early opportunity of meeting his friends and supporters. The date of this meeting will be announced in the next issue of the "Leader."

Northcote Municipal Elections

NORTH WARD

CR. M. C. JONES

Who is due for re-election on THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, DESIRES to ANNOUNCE his intention of again SEEKING the CONFIDENCE of the RATEPAYERS.

He sincerely trusts that his service in the Council has met with the approval of the Ratepayers, and NOTIFIES that a MEETING of FRIENDS and SUPPORTERS will be held at his home, GOOCH STREET, THORNBURY, at 8 o'clock on THURSDAY NEXT, JULY 30.

A CORDIAL INVITATION is EXTENDED to those interested in his return to ATTEND this meeting.

City of Northcote

EAST WARD

LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

As the term for which I was elected expires next month, I desire to intimate that I AM AGAIN A CANDIDATE.

I trust my efforts, as one of your representatives in the Council, have met wour your approval, and if again returned I will, as in the past, strive to still further improve the City, and the East Ward in particular.

Yours faithfully,

A. H. OLDIS

A MEETING or RATEPAYERS to form a Committee will be held at my residence, corner Vauxhall road and Clarke street, on TUESDAY NEXT, JULY 28, at 8 p.m.

MR.
ROYSTON T. CAHIR
BARRISTER & SOLICITOR

DESIRES to ANNOUNCE that after mature consideration of the many requests of Citizens of Preston, to CONTEST the ELECTION in the West Ward of the City of Preston, he has reluctantly decided that HE IS UNABLE to devote the necessary time, either to fight an election or to carry out the duties and responsibilities of a councillor if elected.

Mr. Cahir desires to express warm appreciation for the confidence imposed in him, and his gratitude for the support and assistance offered to him.

Do you believe that yesterday
The skies were beaming, laughter blue,
That all the world was summer gay
And all the world was me and you?
To-day the drenching downpour drips
Coughs, colds and 'flu, oh, why endure,
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PRESTON MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

EAST WARD

Cr. J. W. ADAMS

Your sitting representative for ten years, has again consented, at the request of a representative gathering of East Ward ratepayers, to seek a continuation of the confidence imposed in him at the forthcoming elections in August.

The Campaign Committee meets EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING at Cr. Adams' residence, Hurlstone Avenue, East Preston, and the attendance of any ratepayer wishing to give support will be welcomed.

Support your tried representative, who has safeguarded your interests so well in the past.

F. A. PATON, Campaign Secretary.
C. W. JENNER, Chairman.

Westgarth Talkies

THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 24 & 25

And at Saturday Matinee.

Howard Hughes' Thrilling Air Spectacle.

HELL'S ANGELS

RUTH ROLAND in

RENO

Children under 16 not admitted.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 28, 29

ANN HARDING and CLIVE BROOK in

EAST LYNNE

ADOLPHE MENJOU in

MEN CALL IT LOVE

Children under 16 not admitted.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, JULY 30, 31, AUG. 1

JEANETTE MacDONALD and EDMUND LOWE in

DON'T BET ON WOMEN

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LOWELL SHERMAN in

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WESTGARTH TALKIES.

"East Lynne"

This week-end, "Hell's Angels," Howard Hughes' air sensation which took three years to make, abounds in amazing scenes from the opening shots showing the jazz-mad capers of the pleasure rich right to the final sequences. In the dead of night a Zeppelin noses its way through denseclouds on a mission of death and destruction. There is an alarm, and immediately London is plunged into darkness as a squadron of English planes set off into thee skies to fight the invader. Thus begins one of the amazing air battles ever brought to the screen. Jean Harlow, Ben Lyon and James Hall head a cast of several thousand people including many of the world's greatest aviators. "Hell's Angels" is the most discussed talking picture ever made and one you will not forget.

In the dead of night she stole back to East Lynne to sing a lullaby to her baby boy. And then came the dawn but not to her, for her eyes .... Here is but one of the many heart-tugging scenes from Frank Lloyd's "East Lynne" which was suggested by the renowned novel, the story that has been read round the world, which comes to this theatre on Monday next. And with it comes Ann Harding, in the role of Isabel. There is also Clive Brook as her lover, Conrad Nagel as her husband, and Beryl Mercer and is one of those pictures that come but in a life-time.

The popular Adolpe Menjou returns to the screen in "Men Call It Love" and Leila Hyams appears opposite him.

On Thursday next in "Don't Bet On Women," Edmund Lowe's love-making technique pitted against the wiles of charming and fascinating Jeanette MacDonald will be the cause of much hilarity. When Lowe, as the debonnair and sauve man-about-town, made a wageer with his attorney that he could kiss the first woman who crossed his path he was gambling with dynamite, a fact which he realised as soon as that woman proved to be Miss MacDonald in the role of the attorney's wife. Other members of the cast include Roland Young J. M. Kerrigan and Una Merkel.

"The Royal Bed," is a sparkling comedy featuring Lowell Sherman and Mary Astor.

LACROSSE

Ivanhoe Club, who were just beaten by Caulfield on Saturday with a score of 12 to 11, lost the match in the first quarter, when the Caulfield men were 4—1. Clancy played splendidly, and Bryning, Ladner and Price, all with 3 goals apiece, helped Ivanhoe. Eiseman did good work, and his speed as Victorian 440 yards champion is handy on the lacrosse field.

BASEBALL

North Melbourne, 6, d Northcote, 5. Northcote tallied three runs in its opening innings, but North Melbourne took the lead by scoring five in the second. Both sides broke through and added a run in the fourth innings, but could not score again. For the winners Eddy, Williams, Tregear, Davies and Hocking were conspicuous, while Northcote had hard triers in Roxborough, Heron, Gibaud, Ashwell and Colthrop.

B Grade.—Ivanhoe and Caulfield, a tie, with 3 runs each; Camberwell, 8, d Fairfield, 1.

C Grade.—Northcote, 8, d North Melbourne, 5.

D Grade.—No. 1 Section.—Preston, 8, d Port Melbourne, 5. No. 2 Section—Ivanhoe, 7, d Sandringham, 4; Murrumbeena, 16, d Preston, 3.

E Grade.—No. 2 Section.—Old Gold, 11, d Ivanhoe I.O.R., 6; Northcote 11, d Y.M.C.A., 3.

Northcote and Preston Protestant Churches

At Merri Park on Saturday St. Georges' Road Methodists suffered their first defeat of the season by Northcote Presbyterians, who gained the decision by 2 runs after a very exciting game. St. George's Road Methodists opened up the game, but could not score in their first two innings owing to the good pitching of R. Ford. Northcote Presbyterians started well with scores of 3 and 6, although after this they found it difficult to hit the pitching of L. Tulk. St. Georges' Road Methodists, although a little disappointed, took their defeat in a sporting way and wish to congratulate Norhcote Presbyterians on their excellent play. Northcote Presbyterians' best were W. Beecher, J. Thomson, R. Ford and R. Craig. For the losers D. Wood scored a home run in the sixth innings, while E. Williams, L. Tulk and B. Gough all played well. B. Bernstein and C. Owen umpired. Scores: Northcote Presbyterians, 3 6 0 1 2 0 1 2—15; St. George's Road Methodists, 0 0 2 1 5 1 1 3 0—13.

Preston Club

Teams for Saturday:—

A Team.—Patterson, O'Brien, Butler, Duffield, Newbegin, Fothergill, Wescott, Spoor, Goller.

B Team.—W. Goller, Jeans, Brockley, Nankervis, Souter, Nekder, Hills, Ford, Crawley, Thornycroft, Burr.

C Team.—Smith, Allen, Jackson, Goller, Channon, Naunton, Dahl, Burrell, Murray, Dearing, Jackson.

ATHLETICS

PRESTON-NORTHCOTE A.A.C.

The five mile championship of the Preston and Northcote club was held on Saturday. The field was a small one, only 14 members competing. At the start the pace was made by D. McEachen, closely followed by C. Thorne and J. Hogben. The first mile was done at a fast rate, as the going was firm. From then on to the turn at the Maroondah aqueduct was very sloppy. Hogben was first round the turn, followed closely by Kirkland, Bates, McEachen, Thorne and Butcher, with the rest of the field about a quarter of a mile in the rear. Hogben increased his lead with every stride, and, running with great style romped home an easy winner. The battle for second place was a thriller, and McEachen got his nose in front from Thorne and Bates about 60 yards from Hogben. Butcher was no more than 80 yards behind Bates to fill fifth place. A new boy, K. Brennan, having his first run, was sixth. Hogben's time was 33min. 12sec. The sealed handicap was won by C. Thorne, whose handicap was 3.55, from F. Bates (3.20) and R. Butcher (3.25). Thorne's time was 16 seconds slower than Hogben's. It is unique that Hogben should become the first holder of the Hogben Cup. This cup has to be won twice before being kept by the winner. Clarrie Thorne probably ran his best race since the club was formed, and surprised them all. He was at home in the mud and was difficult to distinguish at the finish.

Next Saturday the 10,000 metres Frank Ferguson open handicap will be held at Maribyrnong. For members of the club not competing a pack run will be held from St. Mary's. The club's handicap over this distance will be held on the following Saturday.

Several "dark horses" have been seen training over the course this week and are getting used to the mud.

The picture night on Tuesday was a huge success. Several members who have put on weight during the cross-country season laughed some of it off.

BASKETBALL NIGHTS

Basketball games, post relay and ball games at the Preston Scout Hall by the P. and N. Women's Athletic Club continue to bring out new talent. Kath Hogben, S. Jones, W. Spicer, Mrs. Butcher, L. Haggerty and P. Lowery played well in the usual triangular matches. P. Lower's team had an easy win against Sheila Jones' team, and L. Haggerty's team had a narrow victory against P. Lowery's team. The hike on Sunday leaves at 9 a.m. from Preston town hall, by bus to Panton Hill, hiking through the fine country and rejoining the bus after disposing of the hampers at the prospecting camp.

Turf . . . . . . Notes

(By "Lateplayer.")

Jumping Form

The Godfrey Watson Steeplechase at Caulfield last Saturday proved a disastrous race. Injuries sustained in a fall resulted in Indicate being destroyed and Rakwool was so severely injured in a fall, that he is unlikely to race again this year. This mishap to the National winner robs the Australian Steeple of a good deal of interest and it seems that a field of moderates will race for the rich stake on August 8. The form in Saturday's race threw little light on the bigger event. Bang Bang is back to his best form and is an honest galloper when in trim; he ran a good race in the big event last year, but found the three and a half miles beyond him. His stamina may be improved, but it that respect he has to be taken on trust. Hopes were entertained for Cellist in the Australian Steeple, but his fall in Saturday's race was not encouraging. Welcome Stranger, second on Saturday, is a sound plodder, but he is one of the oldest jumpers racing, which is against him. Congoola finished in third place, but he performed in a similar manner before the National only to run poorly in the last-named event. It seems that we will have to look for something that did not race on Saturday and at this stage the most likely pair appear to be Kentle and Bestman.

Form of Solo King

When Solo King won at his first start over hurdles he shaped like a potential champion. He subsequently ran in two other races and gave good displays. Given a brief letup, he resumed racing just before the nationals, and thus far has failed to fulfil his earlier promise. He finished a poor fourth in the Hurdle last Saturday. His rider was hampered by losing a stirrup iron, and this was contributory to, but does not fully excuse the failure, when the rider lost the iron Solo King was not shaping like a winner. It frequently happens that a horse after a let up takes time to recover his form and no doubt this is what is wrong with Solo King. He is a splendid jumper and has plenty of pace and is bound to strike form before long.

Spang Likes Firm Going

Although in splendid condition and pleasing in his track work, Spang this winter failed to reproduce his brilliant form of a few months ago and it was suggested, by way of explanation, that he dislikes soft tracks. His form in the Murrumbeena Handicap at Caulfield last Saturday goes a long way to confirming this. For the first time in weeks racing was conducted on a track that was anything like firm and Spang showed his appreciation by staging one of his brilliant efforts and with a little luck would have won. He was one of the leaders from the start but lost his position near the half-mile. Although he recovered quickly. In the straight, when making his effort he had to change his course; he got to the front inside the distance, but was unable to withstand a challenge from Pendennis. Had Spang not lost his position near the half-mile, he probably would have won. He has shown, however, that he retains his brilliance, and is likely to make amends next time he sports silk, provided, of course, the track is reasonably firm.

Kidaides' Good Form.

In these columns last week attention was directed to the good finishing effort of Kidaides in the July Handicap at Flemington, and it was suggested that he be kept in mind for a longer race. In the Murrumbeena Handicap at Caulfield last Saturday he showed that there was something in the suggestion by finishing a close third. It was a good performance too. As usual, he made a slow beginning, and when the time came for him to go after the leaders he had to be taken on the outside of the field and was fairly wide out at the turn into the straight, therefore he did well, after covering so much extra ground, to finish less than a length behind the winner.

Santorb Ran Well

Last week I pointed out that Santorb was working well at Caulfield and said that he was likely to show his true worth in a race any day. His form in the Malvina Welter last Saturday indicates that he will fulfill the prophecy. He was not fancied—his starting price being 33/1—but he gave great "sight," leading his field from the barrier rise to the straight entrance and then battling on well in fourth place. He should be considerably improved by the race.

Met With Interference

Sent out favorite for the Lillimur Two-year-old last Saturday Horatius finished in the middle of the field but there is excuse for his failure. The Heroic youngster was a bit slow to begin and after the field had setetled down Duncan began to drive him along, but had not proceeded far when he ran into trouble and was knocked to the rear. The youngster failed to recover from the mishap. He will probably show in the near future that it was not for nothing that he was made favorite for Saturday's race.

Likely Improvers

The Guide had shaped moderately in recent races but evidently he had pleased his connections in private for he was backed from 20/1 to 8/1 for the Welter last Saturday and lost only by half a head and it was W. Duncan's vigor that won the race. The Guide should pay to follow. La Jacoude ran a creditable race to finish fourth in the Two-year-old last Saturday and should be all the better for the outing. Viol D' Amour in the same race, was putting in some good work at the finish, when fifth and that showing is worth considering for a future event. Full Hand showed considerable improvement on his Valley form to finish second to Isocrates in the Hurdle last Saturday. He never at any stage looked likely to defeat the winner but his showing was promising. Binna showed that there is something reliable in his track work by finishing second in Epsom Plate on Tuesday. He will benefit considerably from the race.

Cockcrow Schools

Since he won the Grand National Hurdle, Cockcrow has had a fairly quiet time, but at Caulfield on Tuesday he was put over three hurdles in dashing style. He looks in great heart for his Australian Hurdle task.

SELECTIONS FOR MOONEE VALLEY (SATURDAY)

Hurdle Race

Full Hand	1
Cenlight	2
Caramelo	3

Derrimut Handicap

Green Moth	1
Broz Boy	2
Khangong	3

Steeplechase

Romeo	1
Patriotic	2
Bang Bang	3

Glenorla Handicap

Hazelwood	1
All Crimson	2
Kidaides	3

Jumpers' Flat

Firmeroi	1
Trilacre	2
Marene	3

Welter

Artillery	1
Salzac	2
Nepean	3

CENTRAL PRESTON.

Great daring was shown by a man in stopping a bolting horse in front of the Preston Town Hall on Wednesday morning. The runaway started from near Bell street, and the man with great presence of mind, clambered into the milk cart, to which the animal was harnessed, and stopped it before any damage was done.

East Preston State School Mothers' Club is providing hot cocoa to scholars every morning. Children of unemployed parents are supplied free of cost, whilst to other pupils a small charge is made.

Much communistic propoganda has been disseminated in Preston lately. It was noticeable that the largest proportion of those who attended a public meeting where communistic principles were explained, were mainly unemployed.

Many shopkeepers are "on the move," possibly with the object of obtaining cheaper rents.

Preston United Football Club won a vital game last Saturday, defeating Victoria Park by 3 points. The club's protest against the match with Kingsville was considered by the tribunal on Tuesday night, and it was announced the match would be awarded to Preston.

The newly formed North Method ist K.S.P. Club initiated five new members on Wednesday night. Several members from visiting clubs assisted.

Preston Church of Christ K.S.P. Club began its basket ball competition on Monday night. Kangaroos lead with two points. The P.B.P. Club were beaten on Saturday, the scores being Thornbury 25, Preston 5.

A lantern lecture was given under the auspices of Thornbury Church of Christ on Monday, the lecturer being Rev. Gilder.

After trying for two years, Mr. May, the well-known Preston newsagent won the tradespeople's football competition last week.

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For the support Leila Hyams, M-G-M's popular young blonde leading lady, has again been well cast in "Men Call It Love." Miss Hyams has the part of a young wife enmeshed in the modern pitfalls of marriage, including the early stages of divorce, and the splendid story, modern dialogue and absorbing situations throw her performance into sharp relief. Adolphe Mejou and Mary Duncan also have roles in this production.

"Don't Bet On Women," and Finn and Hattie" are Thursday's attractions. In the former imagine a man betting Edmund Lowe ten thousand dollars that he, Lowe could not kiss the first woman that steps on a certain porch, without disclosing that the aforesaid woman is the man's wife. Inasmuch as the beautiful Jeanette MacDonald happens to be the objective of the kiss wager, one can readily understand the subsequent interest. "Finn and Hattie," pictures the amazing adventures of three funny people, on their first trip to Europe, and is a new departure in talking picture comedy. The Haddocks are given a royal send-off as they leave their little home town, a send-off cut short by the sudden and unexpected departure of the train, under the control of little Mitzi Green. From then on, things happen, in New York, where the family is joined by Jackie Searl (the kid brother in "Tom Sawyer") aboard the boat where Lilyan Tashman, the blonde siren, appears as a princess to vamp Finn; in Paris, where Finn's fun making, and Mitzi's mischief-making get all the family into trouble with the police and hotel managements. Leon Errol, and Zasu Pitts are cast as Mr and Mrs. Haddock.

UNKNOWN MAN FOUND DEAD ON ROAD

With a deep scalp wound, an unknown man was found lying dead alogside a motor cycle on the table drain on Plenty road, near Mont Park, on Wednesday morning. The man was about 22 years of age and the police were not able to ascertain his identity from the motor cycle, both numbers of which were obliterated. It is thought his skull was fractured as he fell from the machine, and there were skid marks about 12 feet long on the roadway.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

NORTHCOTE WEST WARD

...he fortnightly meeting was presided over by the president (Mr. ...mas). The interest taken by ...payers in the recent activities ...the association manifested itself ...he unusually large gathering pre... As a result of the great ...nt of dissatisfaction existing ...g the ratepayers regarding ...s and valuations the association ...organised a petition protesting ...st the retention of the present ...of 2/6 in the pound and asking ...at least a 20 per cent. re...tion be made. Petition forms ...e been circulated in various parts ...the city and from the number of ...atures obtained to date it is ...ious that the association's action ...meeting with approval. Crs. ...ner and Bird, who were present ...the meeting, were both of the ...ion that the rates should be re...ed, and it is the intention of the ...ciation at a later date to ask ...of its Ward members to move ...council that a percentage re...tion be made in the valuations ...g the lines recently adopted by the Camberwell and Coburg councils. The committee recently received a deputation from the Thornbury Cricket Club, the delegates being president, (Mr. Tullock) vice-president, (Mr. R. Lack) and secretary (Mr. Tibbert). These gentlemen put forth proposals for the taking over of the club by the Progress association believing that such action would be of material benefit to both bodies. The committee, after considering the proposition, could not see eye to eye with the deputation and therefore recommended to the general meeting that the proposal be not entertained. After much discussion at the general meeting the committee's recommendation was adopted by a very narrow majority, but the association pledged itself to assist the club during the coming season if the present executive decided to carry on the affairs of the club.

Several complaints were forwarded to the Ward members to attend to.

Intense indignation was expressed at the meeting by parents of children attending Thornbury School at the presence in St. George's Road of a man whose actions are alleged to have been of a most repulsive nature towards the little ones on their way to school. Although it was recognised that a repetition of the affair in the same locality is most unlikely in the near future, it was decided to notify the police and the secretary was instructed to obtain if possible a description of the person and forward same with complaint to the officer in charge of the Thornbury depot.

The next meeting of the association will be held in school room, Hutton street, on Thursday, July 30.

SKATING

How to keep warm these winter nights is a problem which does not trouble skating devotees. A few minutes on the flying wheels, and then it's "how to keep cool." Hoyts Skating Rink at the Thornbury tram terminus provides all the essentials for a pleasant evening, races and competitions are taking place nightly. Monday and Tuesday are "hockey nights," and on Monday there will be a "night of nights" carnival, at which the chief events will be a chariot race, a hurdle race, and a four a side hockey match. Several Monte Carlos are on the programme, and the carnival will conclude with a confetti battle. If you want a new thrill try skating on Monday night.

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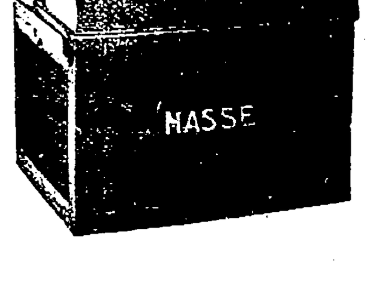

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Watch this column every week, take an active interest in the competition, and support the girls who have so generously consented to act their part.

The votes recorded this week show Miss L. George still in the lead. Miss E. Weate has advanced to second, whilst Miss G. Olver has dropped back to third.

The White Girl	7148 votes
The Blue Girl	4194 votes
The Blue Girl	3662 votes

THE WHITE GIRL

Miss Lilian George, unfortunately, has been confined to her home for the past few days owing to a heavy cold. She is actively engaged forming plans for a vigorous campaign in the next few weeks. As soon as Lilian is able, she intends to visit her many friends in various suburbs in an effort to create further interest and gain more outside support. An enthusiastic committee meeting was held at her parents' home on Monday night. Several new committee members were present. Numerous offers of goods and novelties were made, and these will help considerably to swell the funds. The committee decided to concentrate their efforts on the next three functions—on August 1, August 8, and a big surprise on a date yet to be fixed. The function at the Masonic Hall, Bastings street, on August 8 is already assured of success. The whole of Miss George's committee is working enthusiastically. Next week more details of functions will be announced, and an invitation is extended to all who can come.

THE BLUE GIRL

Miss Eva Weate held a successful euchre party at her home on July 18. After an exciting contest Mrs. Collins and Mr. Whiting were the winners, whilst the cards went all against Mrs. Wigney and Mr. Coulton. Mr. Gamble won a tea cosy. Mr. Claude Weate will hold a house party on Saturday at his residence, 4 Morgan street, Preston. To facilitate travelling Mr. Weate will run free buses from Northcote town hall at 8 p.m. and 8.15 p.m., along High street, stopping at Separation street, tram sheds, Dundas street, Bell street, then on to Morgan street. He extends a hearty invitation to all who can come. The next big night that Eva intends to hold is on Thursday, August 13—a novelty dance at the Merri Palais. There will be an exhibition dance by the Australian gold cup winners, Mr. James McCubbin and Miss Inez Conroy.

THE RED GIRL

A successful social evening was held on behalf of Miss Gwen Olver at the Masonic Hall on Saturday. The guests were entertained with modern and old-time dancing and various surprises. Charlie McSwain, after his great effort in the match during the afternoon, won a box of chocolates. Mr. Barnett won a box of cigarettes, whilst Mr. F. Cornish became the proud possessor of a large cake. The success of this effort was due to the organisation of Mrs. G. Bradley and the ladies' committee of the City of Northcote Lodge. Cr. W. Olver, on behalf of his daughter, thanked those present and those responsible for organising the function.

Among those present were Cr. and Mrs. Pinkney, Cr. and Miss Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Horsley, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Dowling, Mr. and Mrs. Majlar, Mr. and Mrs. Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. F. Cornish, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cornish, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, Miss Shiels, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. and Mrs. E. Robertson, Mr. R. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Swinton, Miss I. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, Mr. G. Heron, Mr. T. Garrett, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Anderson, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Hennessy, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. D. Morgan, Miss Winterton, and numerous other friends and supporters.

Miss Olver and her committee are now organising several functions—bridge afternoons, house parties, dances, and a picture night at the Regent Theatre in Collins street. Next week more details and definite dates will be announced.

SOCCER

Grade 2.—Preston, 4 (McIver 2, Gray, Howie through own goal); Caulfield, 2 (McGirr, Thompson).

Grade 3.—Heidelberg, 5 (Wilson 3, Milburn 2); Malvern United, 3 (Hadley, Benson, Aiken).

Reserves.—Grade 2.—Preston, 3 (Booth, Dryden, Fairweather); Caulfield, 1.

Junior Association.—Heidelberg, 4 (Anstey 2, Snell, Chesters); Boys' Brigade, 0.

CYCLING

PRESTON AMATEURS

50 MILE EVENT

Time Records Broken

Last Saturday the club held a 50 mile handicap race for the Dunlop Rubber Company's trophy over an out and home course, with sprint prizes at Whittlesea on the outward run and at South Morang on the homeward run. There were 40 starters. The limit bunch, off 17 mins., were the first through Whittlesea, H. Henderson winning the sprint, followed by Pook and Evans. Meanwhile the 4 min. bunch, led by L. Neumann, Hodges and Dickens, were riding strongly, and at Yan Yean overtook the 6.30 bunch, who were being led by H. Neumann and A. Hocking. These two bunches, working together, set a merry pace. On the run from Whittlesea to Wallan the road was rough and slippery, and in places the riders were forced to ride through water a foot deep. In dodging a rut G. Wells collided with A. Hocking and both riders fell. Wells retired from the race. Hocking continued and was soon up with the bunch again. At the turn the order was Evans, Pook, Henderson, White and several others. Soon after a big bunch arrived, and in turning the order was Dickens, H. Neumann, N. Duckworth, L. Neumann, Gascoyne, Hodges, Mooney and Allan and others. At this point the scratch bunch were riding well. This nippy bunch comprised G. Harris, W. Addison and G. Stevens. H. Creighton was shaken off at Whittlesea. Just before reaching Whittlesea Duckworth, who had been riding well, dropped off the second bunch. H. Neumann also dropped off to adjust his foot and strap, which came out of the pedal when he hit a bad rut in the road. Riding strongly he was soon up with the bunch again. A few miles further on the bunch overtook the leaders. Then three riders fell. The leading bunch now consisted of 25 riders, and on nearing South Morang Tuttle and Pook made a break and increased their lead to three-quarters of a mile. Tuttle winning the sprint through South Morang. Soon after the main bunch passed through, led by the Neumann brothers. The scratch bunch followed later, but were losing ground. On reaching Bundoora Hill the two leaders were overtaken by a bunch consisting of Dickens, Evans, Gascoyne, Hughes and the Neumann brothers. A car load of retired riders cheered on the bunch and soon after that H. Neumann made a break away and increased his lead to win by 300 yards from Hughes. Dickens, Tuttle, Gascoyne, Hocking and L. Neumann. W. Hughes, off the 4min. mark, gained the fastest time. W. Addison won the scratch bunch sprint. Last year H. Neumann won the 50 mile race over the same course and won the Standard cup donated by Joe Roberts, of Standard cycles. W. Hughes, a junior rider, gained the absolute fastest time, 2hrs. 26mins. 10secs. This time breaks the club's junior record for the course, which was held by W. Carey with 2.31.23. Other juniors to beat Carey's time were Dickens and Gascoyne, 2hrs. 26 min. 10 2/5 secs. Results:—H. Neumann (6.30), 2.28.19 1/6, 1; W. Hughes (4.0), 2.26.10, 12; F. Dickens (4.0), 2.26.10 2/5, 3; R. Tuttle (4.0), fastest time unplaced, 2.26.10 3/5; W. Addison (scr), fastest scratch man, 2.26.38. After the race Mrs. Harris supplied hot soup to the competitors, which was much appreciated.

Preston Professionals

The Preston Professionals conducted a 32 mile handicap last Saturday, starting at Plenty road and extending out through Hurstbridge and Doreen. The limit man, J. Jones, rode a plucky race and was not caught till seven miles from the finish, where H. Bird, who had dropped all the middle and front markers, passed Jones to win comfortably by a quarter of a mile from A. Walkley, who had ridden from the scratch mark with S. Whiteoak. Several of the riders punctured on the rough roads, and one of the boys, T. Johnstone, had great difficulty in mending his tube, causing him to finish in the dark. This rider seems to be getting more than his share of bad luck. Details of the racing:—H. Bird (6½min.), 1; A. Walkley (scr.), 2; F. McLeod (9min.) 3. Winner's time, 1hr. 33min. Fastest time unplaced, J. Kean (4min.), 1hr. 30min. 59secs.

EAST PRESTON CLUB

There was a good muster of riders on Sunday who inspected the Harley trial course. Leaving the clubrooms at 9.30 a.m. good progress was made to Queenstown, where riders were entertained at morning tea by a fellow member, Mr. Theize, whose hospitality was great appreciated. Then the rest of the course was viewed. The following syllabus has been drawn up:—Aug. 2, Belgrave; Aug. 16, hill climb; Aug. 30, Sylvan Dam; Sept. 13, winter trial. Members are asked to send in entries for the hill climb and trial to the secretary as soon as possible. There will be an unofficial run to Kinglake on Sunday to meet club team in Harley trial.

False Alarms

On Sunday evening Preston firemen were called out to the corner of High and Collins streets by a false alarm. There was a similar experience on Monday night on the corner of Oakover road and Davis street.

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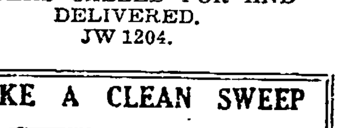

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STATE SAVINGS BANK INTEREST

The Executive Council, on the recommendation of the Treasurer (Mr. Hogan), approved on Tuesday of the decision of the commissioners of the State Savings Bank to reduce the interest rate on current accounts to 3½ per cent., and the interest rate on deposit stock (deposits requiring special notice) to 4 per cent.

Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE
11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
3 p.m.—Men's Service.
7 p.m.—Pictorial Service.
Preacher: Rev. C. H. Nash, M.A.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
Bayview Street
July 26: Trinity VIII.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Matins, 11 a.m.
Evensong, 7 p.m.
"John Wesley and the Methodist Revival."
Preacher: The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
(Shaftesbury Parade)
Sunday, July 26: Eighth Sunday after Trinity.
11 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon.
4.15 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar. (Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain)
Watch next issue for details of a special course of winter sermons.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.
East Preston Tram Terminus
Sunday, July 26
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Juvenile Church.
11 a.m.—Matins.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Vicar: Rev. F. Parsons.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Usual Services.
Rev. A. T. Jones

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.
Foreign Missions Sunday
Northcote
11 a.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
7 p.m.—Rev. Guy.
Prince of Wale Park
11 a.m.—Rev. Guy.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
St. George's Road
11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings (S.).
Croxton
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
7 p.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.

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Nominations for Office-bearers for Season 1931-1932 will close with the Hon. Secretary at his residence, 36 Victoria Road, Northcote, on TUESDAY, 4th AUGUST, at 7 o'clock, or at the Town Hall, Northcote, at 9 o'clock the same evening.
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FRIDAY NIGHT SHOPPING

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL TO CLOSE SHOPS

"Would Mean More Unemployment" Say Traders

At the fortnightly meeting of the Central Northcote Traders' Association the matter of early closing on Friday nights was fully considered and it was agreed that the present was not an opportune time to try the innovation.

After a careful canvass of the street it was found that in some instances further unemployment would result; as a number of shop assistants are only employed to cope with the extra business on Friday nights and Saturday mornings.

If the early closing operated these people would lose their employment as it would be unprofitable to employ them on Saturday mornings only. The fact was also expressed that trade would be withdrawn from the suburbs to the city and shop values would slump accordingly with a consequent fall in municipal revenue.

A petition of protest against the Friday night closing was forwarded to the Minister a short time ago.

To Let

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Lost

LOST.—Monday evening, about 11 o'clock, between Pender St. and Thornbury station, small green-covered book on "Maeterlinck and Symbolism," by Henry Rose (name inside).—X3308.

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CITY OF NORTHCOTE

TENDERS

TENDERS are invited and will be received up till 12 noon on MONDAY, 3rd AUGUST, for the CONSTRUCTION of LAWRY STREET (east end).

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A preliminary deposit of 2½ per cent. must accompany each tender.

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By Order.
J. A. THOMSON,
Town Clerk.
Municipal Offices,
Northcote.
22/7/31.

CITY OF PRESTON

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ORDER

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Council of the City of Preston held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Preston, on Monday, 13th July, 1931, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following resolution was agreed to:—

"That this Council do, by Special Order, subject to the provisions contained in Act cited as the Preston Loan Act 1931, declare that all or any specified portion of the money borrowed under Loan No. 15, for £37,000 in regard to item of expenditure of £1040 which was to be applied under Preston Loan Act 1930 for 'the purchase of machines for making roads,' shall be applied as follows:—

"The amount of one thousand and forty pounds to be expended on the work of the construction of High street in Preston, northwards from Murray road."

and that this resolution do come up for confirmation at a Meeting of this Council to be held on Monday, 5th October, 1931.

NOTICE is hereby further given that a Meeting of the said Council will be held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Preston, on MONDAY, 5th OCTOBER, 1931, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the resolution as set out above will be submitted for confirmation.

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The blowing of the starting and finishing whistles of the Northcote Brick Company and the Glen Iris Brick Company is music to the ears of workmen, tradespeople and residents of Northcote and Preston generally.

At half-past seven on the morning of July 15 the Glen Iris Brick and Terra Company's whistle blew for the first time since December last, and on July 22 the Northcote Brick Company blew the starting whistle.

Mr. J. W. Adams, manager of the Glen Iris Brick Company, says that his company intends stocking up, and to do this 100 men have been given employment, some on full time and others on part time. About £200 weekly is being paid in wages. The company decided it was better to spread the employment as much as possible, and thus assist a number of different workmen. Opening the works at this time is a public-spirited movement, as the overhead expenses are equal to those of normal times, while the output, on account of not working at full capacity, is considerably restriced. "To put it in Mr. Adams' own words, "We are prepared to carry on without profit, or even show a small loss."

It is hoped to keep the works open and gradually increase the number of men employed, but it is a matter of disposing of the output. When at full pressure 200 men are employed at Glen Iris, and £650 weekly would be paid in wages at Thornbury at present award rates. The output reaches 25 million bricks per annum at full pressure.

The Northcote Brick Company has been closed down for eleven months, but when working at full pressure employs 300 men. To-day about 60 men are employed, in addition to which 20 carters are working. Mr. J. H. Smith, who is in charge of the Northcote office and department, in conjunction with Mr. Holinger (engineer in charge of works) says that if building activities increase the company will be able to put into use its two huge complete plants. "It is, however, a matter of disposing of the manufactured bricks," said Mr. Smith.

The capital of the Northcote Brick Company Ltd. is £100,000, and when working at full capacity £1000 weekly is paid in wages, and £1,300 fortnightly in cartage. The managing director, Mr. C. C. Osborne, was for many years a Northcote resident, and his sympathies are naturally with the unemployed brick workmen.

The welcome music of the whistles and the familiar sight of loaded brick lorries is cheerful sign in these suburbs. If building activities show signs of resuming in the spring the suburbs of Northcote and Preston should be gladdened by the knowledge that their workmen are again finding employment, and the "big money" is getting into circulation.

SEQUEL TO ACCIDENT

MOTORIST FINED

At the Preston court on Thursday Joseph Ludeman, Newcastle street, Preston, was fined £5 for having failed to stop and render assistance in an accident on June 4, in which the car of which he was the driver was involved.

The evidence showed that when a cart driven by Frank George Moulin, Barry street, Reservoir, was travelling along High St., Preston North, between the reservoirs, the vehicle was struck by a motor car and the driver was thrown out.

Constable J. R. Coulter said he interviewed Ludeman later, and he was surprised to learn that there had been an accident.

Ludeman admitted driving along High street about the time mentioned, and said he did not see a cart there that night. He certainly felt a bump but as the road was very rough he did not take any notice of it. Later the police saw him and he was surprised to find his car damaged.

Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for defendant.

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YOUTHS GIVEN A CHANCE

DISAPPEARANCE OF FERRETS

Subsequent to the disappearance of two ferrets from the home of Bramley Lockland, fitter, of Stone street, Preston, on April 24, three youths pleaded guilty at the Preston court on Thursday to charges of stealing the animals. They were Frank Charles Parsons, 19, High street, Preston; Daniel Oliver Lavery, 18, West street, Preston, and Richard Parsons, 17, High street, Preston.

After hearing the evidence the bench decided to adjourn the cases to a date to be fixed.

SOCCER

Preston Club

Preston Reserves, 4, lost to Caledonian Reserves, 8. Goal scorers: Booth, Dryden, McDonald, Brown. Best players: Frazer, Muzzell, Dryden.

To-morrow's Match—Preston v Sunshine, at Sunshine.

McIver, the centre-forward of Preston, has been awarded the highest possible honor in Australian soccer. He has been selected for the Australian Soccer XI. to tour Java next month. Only five Victorians were chosen, and all soccer enthusiasts in the district will wish him every success on the trip. This is the first occasion on which a Preston player has been chosen to tour with an Australian XI.

Preston Boys' Band

ON July 20, at the residence of Mrs. A. Clarke, a most successful afternoon was held. The ladies are keen on this work and it makes these afternoons so enjoyable. The prize winners were.—Mesdames Palmer, Hannaford, Barker and Foreman. Afternoon tea was provided by the hostess, Mrs. Clarke.

MAN "BORROWS" HANDLE AND HOSE

Faces Four Charges at Preston

FINES TOTAL £20

Four offences were alleged against Stanley John Mills Hughes, engineer, 31 years, of Gore street, Fitzroy, at the Preston court on Thursday.

Hughes was charged with having on July 5 driven an unregistered car, fraudulently used a number plate; and there were charges of larceny of a petrol pump handle and hose valued at £1/15/-, and attempted larceny of petrol valued at 7/- from Plenty Motors Pty Ltd.

The evidence showed that about 2.20 a.m. on July 5 Constable Ballard saw Hughes behaving suspiciously near a petrol pump in front of Plenty Motors' garage, High street, Preston. When spoken to he said his car had run out of petrol, and drove away. Later the constable again saw him near the pump, and Hughes ran away. There was petrol spilled on the road, and the pump showed signs that it had been operated. Later the pump hose and handle were missed from Stewart's Service Station at the corner of Bell and High streets.

In a statement to the police Hughes admitted that his car had not been registered for three eyars, and he had altered the number plates to avoid detection.

Mr. R. T. Cahir said Hughes was stranded, and although he had visited several garages was unable to obtain any petrol. He found that if he had a handle and hose he could operate the pump at Plenty Motors, and he had "borrowed" these from the Stewart Service Station after having seen Stewart, who would not serve any petrol owing to the lateness of the hour.

Continuing, Mr. Cahir said that defendant had no criminal intent, and he had in fact paid Plenty Motors 8/- for the petrol taken from the pump.

The P.M. (Mr. A. Hauser) said the bench would convict on all four charges. For driving an unregistered car Hughes would be fined £10; £2 for the fraudulent use of a number, and £4 on each of the other two charges.

PRESTON COURT.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Before Mr. A. Hauser, P.M., and Mr. O. A. Walker, J.P.

Failure to lodge Income Tax Returns

Frederick Charles Hardenack, tanner, Miller street, Preston, was charged that he failed to furnish income tax returns for 1928 and 1929 within the prescribed period, was fined £4 on each charge.

Hardenack said he had left the matter to a friend to attend to.

No Lights

William Ernest Froebel, David street, Preston, who rode a bicycle without a light in High street, was fined 10/. Others fined were Norman Spicer, High street, Preston, and George Dunscombe, Shakespeare street, East Preston.

Unlicensed Dairyman

Alfred W. Cardinal, dairyman, Southernhay street, Regent, charged that on May 5 he sold milk without being the holder of a license was fined £2. It was stated that Cardinal had previously been warned in April about selling milk without holding a license. Defendant had taken the dairy over from another man, but a transfer of the license was refused until certain alterations were made to the dairy.

WHILE THE CITY SLEEPS

MELBOURNE BY NIGHT.—A flashlight study of employees of the Board of Works excavating by the light of a naptha flare and acetylene lamp, at the corner of Flinders lane and Elizabeth street, looking towards Collins street.
Picture by courtesy of the "Argus," Melbourne.

Help the Tradespeople who are out to Help You !

Activities at Preston

By The Rouseabout.

Preston City Band

ON Sunday afternoon last by special invitation the members of the city band visited Essendon to take part in a massed band display arranged by the Mayor of Essendon (Cr. Fenton), for the unemployed fund. With the city band were associated Brunswick City, South Melbourne City, Northcote City, Essendon City and Heidelberg bands as well as the Ascot Vale Boys' band. This popular group of bands gave a splendid programme, and at the conclusion were thanked by the Mayor.

On Saturday at the junior football match in Preston Park the Preston Boys' band again enlivened proceedings with a first class programme, many flattering remarks as to the excellence of the band were made by citizens present.

Reaper and Binder

A WELL-KNOWN resident of Preston who is interested in rural industries, mentions that he paid a visit recently to a Gippsland agricultural centre, where he saw a reaper and binder in full work, and the machine, purchased from an English firm of repute. The reaper and binder had been working for 40 years.

The Parish Ball

ALL the girls and boys of Preston are making preparations for the great parish ball to be held on the evening of September 8. The Sacred Heart Church will benefit as a result of the effort.

Gramophone and Records Stolen

ANN Ordly had a Coniol gramophone, with 50 records, and other articles valued at £9 stolen from 5 Highview road, Preston, during the night of July 27.

Who Steals the Papers?

NEWSAGENTS at Preston are asking about the disappearance from various doorways, and residents are asking a similar question. It may solve the problem to a certain extent that a dog was seen careering along Bruce street with a copy of the "Leader" in his mouth, and it was only after an exciting chase that the "Leader" subscriber recovered the paper. It is also on record that a woman, well fur-coated, is in the habit of removing papers in the early hours of the morning. The police are watching the movements of the fur-coated lady.

Bicycle Stolen

NORMAN Tulk, caretaker of Strathallan Cemetery, had a Preston Star blue-framed bicycle, valued at £12 10/, stolen from his residence at the address given on July 21.

Tyler Street State School

TYLER Street State School Mothers' Club is doing good work in forwarding the interests of parents and children. Mrs. Pittard occupies the position of president of the club, and Miss Isabella Gore that of secretary.

Up in the Air

AS a rule Sergt. Lang stands solidly on the ground, but one day early in the present week he took to the air and viewed Melbourne therefrom. He was the host of ex-Sergeant Canavan, Somerset street, Richmond.

Another Telephone Box Rifled

THE public telephone box coin container and a number of pennies were stolen from the corner of Tyler street and Plenty road during the night of July 25.

Newsboys at Football

BELL and Thornbury newsboys tried conclusions again last Saturday with the following result. Bell, 7 goals 6 behinds; Thornbury, 5 goals 4 behinds. F. Hughson captained the boys from Bell, and C. King did a similar duty for the Thornbury lads.

Another Telephone Box Interfered With

THE public telephone at the corner of Murray road and Gilbert road was rifled on the night of July 25 and a number of pennies stolen.

Recovering from Illness

THE friends of Mr. Harold Allchin, son of the late Cr. E. Allchin and Mrs. Allchin, will be pleased to learn that he has passed through a successful operation, and is now well on the way to recovery.

Fire

ON Monday, July 27, Preston firemen responded to a fire alarm at Bourke street, West Preston. The house, a five-roomed dwelling, was occupied by L. Douglas, laborer, and owner by J. Turner, Milroy street, North Brighton. Damage was done to a washhouse and contents. The latter was not insured. A considerable amount of damage was done to the house.

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

THE inter-branch snooker tournament match between Preston and Coburg resulted in a win for the latter by three games to one. Individual scores:—H. Nisbett (47) lost to Smedley (141); W. McDonald (73) lost to Edwards (119); G. Ferguson (97) defeated Brearley (84); L. Cunningham (60), lost to Weaver (122).

Stolen from Drawer

MARY F. Maguire, Bell street, Preston had £2/10/-, consisting of three 10/- notes and a £1 note, stolen from a drawer in a wardrobe in the room behind her shop about 8 o'clock on the evening of July 25.

Blood Mare Disappears

THOMAS W. Bransgrove had a dark brown blood mare, 16½ hands high, branded M under mane on off side, stolen from his residence in Gordon grove, Preston, on the night of July 21.

Popular Boy Competition

BERT Webber is meeting his friends in the Preston town hall on Wednesday evening, August 5, in connection with the local football club's popular boy competition.

Man's Misconduct

THE police have received complaints regarding the undesirable conduct on the part of a man in various parts of the district. The police are keeping an eye open and hope to make an early arrest.

Bandsman's Success

AT the Brunswick competitions on Monday evening last Mr. Harry Sincock, solo tenor player of the Preston Citizens' Band, won the instrumental solo contest against all comers.

Rationing at Preston

THE Preston council will receive a deputation from the Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employes' Union on Monday, August 3. The deputation will ask that the present rationing system be discontinued.

Australian Women's National League

THE Preston branch held a successful quarterly meeting in the town hall (supper hall) on July 20, the hall being well filled. The president (Mrs. E. Turner) was in the chair. The speaker for the afternoon was Cr. Hemborrow, who gave a most inspiring address on Communism, beginning from its inception to the present day evils. He particularly stressed the happy conditions enjoyed under the Union Jack. A fine programme was provided by Madam Ida Osborne, assisted by Miss Ivy Callaway. Afternoon tea was served by the committee ladies, which brought a successful meeting to a close. Anyone desirous of joining this branch should apply to the hon. secretary, Mrs. T. Callaway, 58 Leicester street, West Preston N18.

Preston U.A.O.D.

A LARGE muster of members attended the regular meeting of the lodge last Monday night. Bro. P. Barton presided. Bro. W. Carter reported on his negotiations re piano and in accepting his report, it was unanimously decided that a piano be purchased. Bro. Smith also presented his report re the activities of the social committee, who had decided to hold a ladies' night on Monday preparations are well in hand to make it most successful and enjoyable. At a meeting of the cricket culb it was also agreed to enter a team in the Druids Association.

At a later date a complimentary social is to be tendered to Bro. Chris Gilbert D.P. and also to Bro. A. Bigmore, P.A. Another member was initiated, and despite the unfavorable times, the lodge continues to progress steadily. Any member who is unable to meet his lodge obligations through unemployment should interview the secretary.

Preston Footballers' Dance

NOTHING succeeds like success, following the club's great win at Hampton last Saturday. There was an excellent attendance at the fortnightly dance held in the Town Hall in the evening. The seventh heat of the fox trot competition took place, when some very fine dancing was witnessed.

Roof Lifted off Building

DURING the gale last week-end the iron roof of the Eclipse Fibrous building in Plenty road was blown off.

BOY SCOUTS.

Frist Preston Troop

Last Saturday our troop played a match against Hampton and won scores being 12—28 to 1—4. Our best players were.—E. Goujon, R. Cordell, A. Rackham and E. Robinson. Next Saturday a team representing Victorian scouts will play against the visiting N.S.W. scout's team. Last year this game was staged on the Sydney Cricket Ground, Victoria winning by 3 goals The players from our troop taking part this year are E. Robinson (captain), H. Dineen, A. Rackham and B. Kilpatrick.

The items for to-night's competition are Kim's Game and Scout's Pace. Next Friday they are night alarm and knots. Cubs will meet on Thursday. The Court of Honor will meet Sunday, all leaders to attend.

Second Thornbury Troop

The troop has now a library for use of members, there being about 90 books. The troop will hold a picture night at Regent, Thornbury, on Wednesday, August 26. A St. Johns Ambulance class is being organised for males over 16 years and all particulars may be obtained from S.M. Frank, "Portland," Smith street, Thornbury. It is hoped to start a rover crew at an earl date under Mr. T. Gardiner. Any persons interested should communicate with S.M. Frank. During September it is hoped to organise a "Good Turn Week," the main items of which will be the collection of medicine bottles for the Womens' Hospital and camp fire night in aid of the local unemployed. Many new recruits are joining and it is possible that at a later date the troop will have a band for ceremonial parades. The bugle band under, Mr. Griffith, is improving wonderfully.

First Croxton Cubs

On Tuesday 72 cubs attended and went through the usual routine. The cubs are holding a picture night at the Regent theatre on August 12 in aid of Miss Alma Smith, Queen of Cubs. On Saturday 30 cubs turned out for the football match. Croxton's best were.—G. Dennis (best on ground), R. Hedger, R. Rea, K. McLeod; while for Thornbury.—H. Hanson, L. Harvey, M. Kingston, and R. Kingston did well. Final scores. —Croxton: 3—2; Thornbury: 1—8. Goal-kickers — Croxton: G. Dennis, Goal-Kickers.—Croxton— G. Dennis (2). R. Hedger; Thornbury: H. Hansen.

1st Northcote Wilkins' Rover Crew

Last Thursday a question box was held. One of the coming attractions is a week-end at Rover Williams' house at Borenia. Last week-end a general hike over Mount Donna Buang at Warburton was conducted, at which rovers from all parts of Victoria attended.

1st Croxton Troop

Last Saturday troop members visited the city baths, the swim being thoroughly enjoyed. Next Saturday our team will play a return football match against Camberwell troop and hope for better success than at the last meeting. Combining with the 3rd Northcote Guide Company, 1st Croxton troop is organising a queen carnival to raise funds to carry on the work of scouting and guiding more satisfactorily in the district. Friends wishing to help in any way will find their co-operation greatly appreciated. The troop's official membership is now 62 scouts and 75 cubs.

Preston Popular Boy

TO further the support of Bert Webber, as Preston's popular boy, a euchre party and dance was held in the West Preston Progress Hall last night. The competition is being held to aid the finances of the football club, whose bank book has suffered due to the vast amount of unemployment in the district.

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ANNUAL COMMUNAL BREAKFAST

There was a large congregation of ... at the communion breakfast at ... Sacred Heart school last Sunday ... Visitors included Hon. ... Brennan, M.H.R., Cr. W. Robeson, J.P., and Messrs. F. P. Mount, H. ... C. Brown, T. Shortal. The breakfast, which was organised by the C.Y.M.S., to celebrate the dedication of the Sacred Heart Church, ... preceded by a most successful re... conducted by the spiritual director of the society (Rev. Father ...ry).

The president (Mr. J. P. Casey) ... ably supported by the joint secretaries (Messrs. J. O'Meara and ...er).

After the Papal and Royal toast ... been honored, Mr. J. O'Meara ... posed "The Hierarchy and Clergy." ... said he did so with a full realisation of the debt of gratitude and love ... to the hierarchy and clergy of ... church. People generally did ... realise the full responsibility of ... debt, and this was a suitable opportunity for showing appreciation of ... clergy's good work. They had ... come to Australia as a result of ... agitation of early Irish pioneers, ... celebrating mass in bush huts and ... ties, and this indeed was reminiscent of the life of Christ. From ... modest beginnings had sprung ... long line of prelates and priests, ... which had culminated in their illustrious Archbishop Dr. Mannix. (Applause.) The history of the hierarchy ... the history of the church. They ... established magnificent churches, ... colleges and schools, the pinnacle of ... which was Corpus Christi College. To ... college they had sent a distinguished student (Father Cahir), and ... it had received in return Rev. ... Father Cleary, their spiritual director. (Applause.) He could not but ... praise to the splendid work of ... Father O'Grady, who was responsible ... the Sacred Heart Church—an edifice which was an architectural feature of Preston. He advocated co-operation between clergy and laity. Catholic action was essential in relation to the education question. During these days, when so-called Communism, with its Godless background, ... rampant, it behoved all who could ... te, think or speak to do so vigorously.

Father O'Grady, who indicated that ... Father Cleary would respond to the ... toast, said it was gratifying for him ... to see so many at Holy Communion. ... Though heaven and earth should pass ... away, Catholicity in Preston would ... on for ever. (Applause.)

Father Cleary said the triduum was ... the training, and, as with the ... football team, the test of its efficacy ... would be proved in the game of life: ... loyalty and service of the priest ... would meet with co-operation. There ... were two oars to the Barque of St. Peter, and if only one were pulled ... the boat would move in a circle. ... When the laity were loyal they proved it by keeping away from the seamy side of life, and by setting a good example. It was the duty of all to ... know the opinion of the church in relation to Labour questions, as revealed in encyclicals and literature. ... He congratulated the young men on ... the success of their function.

Mr. T. Cahir extended a cordial welcome to visitors, including distinguished laity in the persons of Mr. Brennan, Cr. Robeson and Mr. Mount, of the board of management. He considered co-operation between the various societies as essential.

Mr. Brennan, who described himself as an honorary life member of the C.Y.M.S., said it was an inspiration to have a place in such a gathering. Whatever were the advantages of an academic course, there was no education similar to active association with one's compeers. The inspiration was different from the after-dinner convivial feeling, for this represented sacrifice and example. He then outlined a number of the places he had visited during his sojourn abroad, including Rome, the Vatican, St. Peter's and his audience with His Holiness. When the Pope entered the room, his first greeting was "Welcome, Australia." He had also visited Ireland, seeing the Christian Brothers' Home there, and found it a complete county in itself. From there had migrated many of the distinguished teachers in Australia. His message to the gathering was that of co-operation, their mission being to uphold the best traditions of their church and country.

Mr. H. Jones, president of the Sacred Heart Sodality, said it was a pleasure to see so many approach the altar rails that morning. He thanked the three priests for their assistance, service and co-operation.

Mr. C. Brown, on behalf of the A.C.B.S., congratulated the C.Y.M.S.

Mr. F. Shortal (I.N.F.) said the edifying demonstration spoke well for the future of the parish.

Cr. Robeson said the speeches of the morning proved the efficiency of the C.Y.M.S. The assistance they gave the clergy was invaluable. The society aimed at religious, social and intellectual welfare. In all branches they were competent. The organisation could claim three distinguished members in the Prime Minister, Mr. Brennan and Mr. Parker Moloney. These had gained distinction through merit. He would ask the young men to apply Catholic principles in their various walks of life.

Mr. Mount (C.Y.M.S. board of management) congratulated the society, particularly Mr. O'Meara, on the success of the function. The organisation had been first established by a priest 70 years ago in Cork. It was flourishing in Australia, particularly in Victoria. It was essential that the young men should maintain its traditions. Their debating teams had won three shields during 1930, and he believed their debating standard was improving.

The president (Mr. Casey) outlined the activities of the Preston branch, which he said was developing by leaps and bounds since the advent of Father Cleary. He thanked all who had contributed to the success of the function.

Mr. Monagle proposed the toast of the ladies. He said it was difficult to get along without the ladies, either in single or married life.

At the conclusion a photograph of the gathering was taken.

The catering for the breakfast was carried out by Mrs. A. Turner, of Reservoir and Glenferrie, who was assisted by members of the Children of Mary Sodality.

PRESTON DORCAS SOCIETY

A meeting of ladies was held at the residence of Mrs. F. Yann, 98 High street, Preston, in the afternoon of July 23 to form a Dorcas Society in Preston. Those present included the mayoress (Mrs G. E. Robinson), Mesdames A. K. Allchin, L. W. Williams, F. Yann, F. Sheppard, J. E. Moore, E. Bedson, J. McIntosh, H. Chapman, H. McGregor Jones, H. L. Todd, M. Hopkins, H. Eastaway, W. Ludeman, E. G. Green and Catmull. Apologies were received from Mesdames L. Jones, Netherton, Cheese and Shaw.

All present formed themselves into a committee, with power to add, and the following office-bearers were elected:—President, the mayoress (Mrs. G. E. Robinson); treasurer, Mrs. A. K. Allchin; hon. secretary, Mrs. F. Sheppard; supervisor, Mrs. F. Yann; cutters out, Mesdames J. E. Moore and Todd; buyers, the president and Mrs. F. Yann.

Donations of clothing and material for same were given by the ladies present, and additional parcels were sent by Mesdames Inglis, Hocking, A. Ludeman, H. Kent and others. Work completed during the afternoon included nine boys' flannel shirts, 12 pairs children's bloomers, three flannel petticoats, three pairs of socks, one child's pull-over, and two pairs of small women's bloomers. Eight parcels were given out for distribution amongst the needy. Wool to knit socks and several garments to make were taken home to make up by the ladies present.

During the afternoon Mrs. Yann entertained those present with a dainty afternoon tea and offered her home for future meetings, which offer was gratefully accepted. The cutting out room and a sewing machine were also placed at the society's disposal.

The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Yann's home on Thursday afternoon, August 6, at 2 o'clock. All ladies interested are invited to be present.

F. Evers, of 85 Bruce street, West Preston, desires to intimate that he has a special range of blue twills, worsteds, briar-proof tweeds, on hand which he is prepared to suit or costume to measure from £4/4/. Mr. Evers was cutter for Foy and Gibson's and will guarantee perfect cut and finish. City address: 101 Swanston street. Cash orders accepted.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

EAST PRESTON

(Contributed)

At a meeting of the above on July 20 Mr. Houghton was in the chair. Correspondence was received from the council relative to several requests sent on by the association. To the request that seven days notice in writing be given before disconnecting any consumer a reply was received that the committee are now dealing with this matter. Some pointed comments were made at the practice of the electric light department placing arrears on accounts when these accounts have been paid. A strong protest is to be made to the council in connection with this matter. It was suggested that the staff must be undermanned to allow this complaint to be cropping up every month. It is to be hoped that the council will look into this matter and stop this annoyance to consumers. A report was presented dealing with the sale of metal screenings and dust, from the municipal quarry. It was pointed out that several ratepayers desirous of making footpaths and drives inside their property were absolutely refused screenings by the engineer and were thus compelled to make their purchases outside the municipality, although the men now working at the quarry are rationed and so are working short time. Members expressed the opinion that it seemed that the council or their officers were more concerned in keeping outside quarries, run by private enterprise working whilst letting local workmen walk about doing nothing. This also effects the business people. It seems a most extraordinary procedure, although a private carrier says he can deliver screenings to anywhere in Preston for 9/ a load from an outside quarry. The council makes a charge to ratepayers if the material is available, of 4/ for dust; 12/ for screenings; and 12/ for toppings per yard at the quarry; the ratepayer to provide his own carter which means another 5/ to 6/ per yard. The opinion was expressed that the council should revise these charges as the total cost of putting this material in the bins, which includes overhead and office expenses is only 5/11 per yard with the exception of dust which the council considers of no value whatever. As wages have fallen since these figures were procured from the engineer the cost should be still less.

The matter of the Domestic Arts school in Cooma street, was also reported on. It was shown that although the land upon which this school was built was presented by the ratepayers of Preston, in the belief that having a school of this class in Preston would be a benefit to the business people, the contrary is now a fast. The school as it is now conducted, is a competitor. It was shown that the pupils are supposed to buy materials for their dresses, practically all school requisites, confectionery, cakes and pastry, soft drinks etc., from the tuck shop, although shops that stock this class of goods are adjacent to the school the pupils spend their money in the school grounds. It was decided to make a decided protest to the Minister of Education in conjunction with other organisations of Preston, who are also making representations about this anomaly.

The secretary was requested to write to the council—(1) Asking for attention to O'Keeffe street, alcular traffic; (2) that the footpath it is practically impassable for vehicles though this street is a public street, in Newcastle street, west side near Walto avenue, to be attended to; (3) that Rene street, below McColl street, be given attention to allow the water congregated there to flow away.

Thursday, July 30, was decided upon as the night to meet the three East Ward councillors to discuss the affaris of the ward.

Three new members were proposed and admitted.

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THE MODERN SPHINX—UNEMPLOYMENT

Analyse the world-wide unemployment, and two facts emerge—(1) Unemployment is rooted in western methods of industry and commerce. (2) The more modern the nation the greater its proportion of unemployment.

The United States of America, the most mechanised of nations, has 47 per cent. of its productive capacity idle. Great Britain has 20 per cent idle. Scientists and inventors have laboured for the past century with untiring energy inventing and improving all types of machines and labour-saving devices. What for? To displace the worker, to displace hand labour. Whether building a Sydney Harbour bridge or ruthlessly destroying cities and murdering millions of helpless individuals in modren warfare, the machine is supreme.

Further, the machine is the greatest wealth producer the world has known. In U.S.A., where mass production prevails, no less than 504 individual incomes exceed £200,000 per annum. Henry Ford rose from a farmer to be the wealthiest man in the world by machine industry. The machine is the "golden calf" of modern times. There is not a single trade or industry where one man with the aid of the machine cannot do as much as 10 or 20 or 50 did a century ag . The machine has created a new division of wealth. The earnings that one time circulated to the mass of workers no longer reach the unemployed. the machine has taken their place, their share of money goes to the machine owner: hence the few intensely wealthy industrialists. But why has this problem suddenly thrust itself upon the world? Because every possible market has been exploited, and there is no new outlet: hence production has exceeded demand, industry has to slow down, which creates unemployment, and unemployment brings poverty. Thus we move in a vicious circle—overproduction on the one hand and under-supply on the other: incredible wealth of the few, untold poverty and misery for masses of helpless people. Mankind is the victim of the machine, and the solution of the problem lies in making the machine the true servant of mankind and not the monopoly of the few.

The economic movement began generations ago. Its culmination is inevitable and the prevailing problems are but stages on the way. Its handmaid, Socialism, proclaimed that "the wealth of the nation is the nation's wealth," and that dominating principle leads inevitably to reconstruction. The same principle applied to industry means that the power and wealth of the machine should be the power and the wealth of the nation, controlled and administered for the benefit of all. What the world needs is not more work, but a more humane distribution of work. If 25 per cent of the workers are unable to find employment, why not reduce the working hours of the employed by 25 per cent., and automatically work would be found for all. The fact we must face is that we live in a labour saving machine age, and we need to discard the outgrown customs and traditions of the past.

Resolve this problem to the individual and we find the machine age is the prdouct of man's concrete mind the development of which has entirely outpaced his moral and spiritual growth. The consequence is that the harmony of man's being has been lost in the race for material progress. The need of to-day, therefore, is more leisure to enable the individual to pursue his intellectual, cultural and spiritual unfoldment and thereby regain the harmony of his being.

Preston council has decided to take no action about installing a net at the spillway at Edwardes Lake, as no funds are available. This action was suggested to prevent fish escaping.

£10 is to be spent by Preston council in loam to fill low places in Cramer Street Park.

Mr. H. Porter, jeweller, watchmaker and optician (late of Dumbrell's, jewellers, Melbourne), announces elsewhere he has taken over the business of Mr. Heinze at 836 High street, Thornbury. Repairs are executed with skill and speed; and workmanship and satisfaction are guaranteed to old clients and new patrons. Small wristlet watches are a specialty and prices are in keeping with the times. Let us help you out of your "time" troubles.

Michael Mulqueen and Sons, undertakers notify they have taken over the business lately conducted by Mr. Chas Frilay at 28 Blyth street, Brunswick, Lonsdale street, Melbourne and Glenferrie road, Hawthorn.

Messrs. Frilay Allison and Company notify they have commenced as undertakers at 172 High street, Preston. See advertisement.

Turner's Catering Service, elsewhere notify they are prepared to undertake the catering for weddings, balls, garden parties, socials etc. The local address is 187 Edwardes street, Reservoir. Telephone Hawthorn 5057.

Mr. Joe Moylan notifies that he has taken over the butchery business of Moylan Bros. in Tyler street, East Preston. Mr. Moylan, in an announcement in another column, notifies that the premises have been remodelled, and that strict and personal attention is given individual customers' needs.

WHITTLESEA

The Rev. R. J. Rowal, of Cranbourne, has been appointed as vicar of Christ Church, Whittlesea. The induction service is being held on July 31, Archbishop Hancock officiating.

The second performance of "Halloa Whittlesea" Revue was greeted with another crowded house on Saturday, July 25, and was pronounced an even greater success than the previous performance by those who attended on both occasions. The takings amounted to over £20. A few changes were made in the programme, the most important being the inclusion of Mrs. Turley, of Mernda, in place of Miss Wyatt, who had a previous engagement. Mrs. Turley's singing was well received and her items included "Here comes the sun," and "Say a Little Prayer for Me." Miss Noreen Johnston took the part of the Spanish Dancer in place of Miss Wyatt and did it excellently.

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Ratepayers' League are:—President, Mr. W. B. Campbell; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. Funston and J. Downie; secretary, Mr. S. H. Crawford; treasurer, Mr. N. Gillespie; committee, Messrs. A. Gale, J. MacKenzie, H. Scott, R. J. Batten, J. Gibbs and J. Beney; auditors, D. Funston and J. Gibbs.

The general meeting of the Ratepayers' League was held following the annual meeting and a fair number attended. Notification was received from Whittlesea Shire Council that the secretary could be interviewed daily during office hours. Representatives of the Epping and Mernda Progress Associations were present to urge the appointment of delegates to attend a joint delegation to the Whittlesea Shire Council with a request for either a reduction in rates or a reduction in the valuation of properties, also to recommend a reduction of expenditure In the opinion of those present, land values and rentals of properties had decreased from 25 to 50 per cent. Therefore it is felt that some measure of relief should be afforded the ratepayers.

At the recent revision court the voters' list was found to be one of the smallest on record. This goes to show how ratepayers are feeling the position.

Messrs. J. Beney and D. Funston were appointed delegates from Whittlesea Ratepayers' League to attend the delegation.

During the early hours of Saturday morning the weatherboard dwelling owned and occupied by Mr. M. A. Fergusson and known at "Toorourrong Park" was totally destroyed by fire.

By the time Mr. and Mrs. Fergusson were awakened by the roar of the fire it had a tremendous hold of the building and they only managed to rescue the children and escape in their night attire. Mr. Fergusson was unable to reach the sleepout to call the exchange but a message was received from another subscriber who saw the flare. Help was at once summoned by phone but by the time helpers reached the scene the building had been reduced to ashes. The buildings are covered by insurance in the Insurance Office of Australia. As the contents are not insured, Mr. Fergusson will be a heavy loser.

Football

Bourke-Evelyn Association—Semi Final—Whittlesea and Mernda met at Doreen in the semi-final. Whittlesea played short and just managed to win, the final scores being —Whittlesea: 6—4; Mernda: 4—10.

Epping and Whittlesea meet in the final at Donnybrook on Saturday next.

Hitching Post at Reservoir

AFTER having been authorised for something like four months, a hitching post outside the Reservoir post office has at last been erected.

PERSONAL

Mr. N. S. Osbourne, a member of the Preston R.S.S.I.L.A. has been elected senior vice president of the Returned Soldiers' League of Victoria.

The engagement is announced of Elsie C., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lang, of Charles street, West Preston to Stanley B., only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Frecker, Beauchamp street, Preston.

Mrs. Lionel Fahey (nee Elsie Alexander), of 18 Hall street, Fairfield, has a daughter, Lillian Mary, born on July 23 at Nurse Alexander's Private Hospital, 124 Heidelberg, road Fairfield.

Mr. A. McCasker, accompanied by his wife and friends, enjoyed a motor tour to Sydney and returned last Sunday. The party went via the Pince's Highway and on return passed through the flood areas, which necessitated many detours to avoid broken bridges.

A party of Northcote residents, arranged by Mr. W. Neelands (formerly of Euroa), visited Euroa during last week and spent an enjoyable couple of days in shooting, golfing, etc. Included in the party was Mr. Andrew Hodge, a King's Empire Veteran, who saw service in the Maori war 68 years ago. Mr. Hodge, who is 87 years of age, is a humorist of the first water, and a most interesting raconteur, having had a most varied career, and these who were privileged to hear some of his "reminiscences" vastly enjoyed them. Mr. Hodge still personally conducts a printing office at Northcote.—Euroa "Advertiser."

Last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Ragg gave a party to celebrate the coming of age of their daughter Alma, at their residence, Tower House, Park street, which was tastefully decorated, and in the supper room were festoons of colored ribbons, a step-ladder, and key of goodluck. The beautiful cake was duly cut by Miss Ragg. About 40 guests sat down to supper, where the health of Miss Ragg was proposed by Mr. D. Hughes. Dancing, music, and games were indulged in and a right merry time was spent. Miss Ragg was the recipient of many valuable gifts from friends and well-wishers.

The death occurred on Sunday of Mr. J. W. Coote, of 20 South street, Preston after a brief illness. He was well known in Preston, having been treasurer of the "Back to Preston" carnival recently organised by the East Preston Social Club and held a similar position with the club. He was a member of the South Preston School Committee and took a very active part in the formation and planting of the Bundoora and South Preston Pine Forrestry at Bundoora. Mr. Coote was at one time a member of H.M. Regular Forces and served in the recent war, and on account of his tropical experience transferred to New Guinea. He was also a member of the Northcote Homing Club and a fine worker in all charitable causes. He leaves a widow and four young children. The interment took place at the Strathallan Cemetery. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Ern Jensen, of High street, Preston and was largely attended. Cabinet bearers were Messrs. F. Luscombe, J. Bruce, E. Franklyn, J. Allway and L. Bushell. Pall-bearers were Messrs. W. Caird, A. Pittz, R. Heather, W. Hinton, F. Paton and H. Webb. The Rev. Wilkinson officiated at service at the home and the grave. A large number of members of the East Preston Social Club walked at the head of the cortege for a considerable distance from Mr. Coote's home, and among those present were representatives from the Preston City Council, also the South Preston School Committee, Mothers' Club, Preston City Band, Shop Traders' Association, and East Preston Cricket Club. Mr. C. Jenner, president of the East Preston Social Club assisted the family in their bereavement. On Monday evening the Preston council sent a letter of condolence to the relatives.

Loudspeakers in Omnibuses

A new technical feature at the International Motor Show in Berlin is an omnibus, the inside of which is fitted with loudspeakers. By means of a microphone placed in a convenient position, the driver can announce the stopping places to the passengers, his voice being clearly heard through the loudspeakers. On sightseeing cars this installation can render very good service for describing objects of interest during the tours.

Similar installations have for years been in use on the underground railways in New York. The train conductor can call out the names of the stations from the car in which he is located, and can give warning when the doors are to be automatically closed or opened.

Couched on the floor of night Dawn sleeps;
Bill snoozes, too, upon his gumleaf bed,
But wakes and feels all over with the creeps
His old nose blue, a dreadful aching head.
Dawn breaks. There's hope! The grocers' car on tour
Brings Bill a bottle—Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.—Advt.

CHURCH NEWS

Preston Methodist Churches

In spite of the present conditions, the financial statement presented by the Stewards to the Circuit Quarterly Meeting at Preston Church on July 15 showed a credit balance for the quarter of £3/7/8; income being £169/1/8 and expenditure £165/14/. Rev. F. C. Bremer, Superintendant of the circuit, was chairman and there was a large attendance of members.

Anniversaries.—At West Prseton on August 9; Preston, September 13; and Thomastown September 20; are the special events for the coming quarter. Mr. Pearce, Sunday School Visitor, gave a full and interesting report. All schools visited and carrying on well. Reservoir had won the circuit shield for the ensuing six months. The half yearly rally is to be held at West Preston on Saturday evening, August 29, when the shield will be presented. Mr. Pearce commented on the gap between the attendance of young people at Sunday school and church. There are over 700 on the Sunday school rolls of the circuit, only about 200 being recorded as attending church regularly. A small committee was appointed to go into this matter with one or two suggestions to consider including a childrens' church at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

It was decided to join with the simultaneous Evangelistical Campaign to be held in all Metropolitan Churches from August 15 to 24. Authority was given for purchase of land for future extensions at Thomastown. Messrs R. Tivey and J. S. Grey, were re-appointed as secretaries for Home and Foreign Missions respectively.

Discussion took place regarding East Preston, stress being laid on the need for the church owning its own building in this locality. After long and interesting discussion, a combined committe consisting of the finance and sites committees, was appointed to go into the matter of costs etc., and with power to act immediately. Next meeting to be held at Reservoir.

Croxton Methodist M.M.I.S.

Last Sunday the Men's Mutual Improvement Society and the Young Ladies' Class held a combined meeting, presided over by Mr. E. A. Freeman. Mr. T. George (leader of the Young Ladies' Class) gave the second section of an interesting travel talk on "Churches and Men We Have Met." He described the City of Jerusalem, and churches and cathedrals he had visited. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. George by Mr. A. Broadbent, seconded by Mr. A. Birchdolt.

Presbyterian Church

For the past four weeks Rev. S. C. Hadley has been so unwell that supplies had to be obtained for his pulpit. Mr. Hadley has been ordered a rest and change, and it at present recuperating away from his home in Preston.

Holy Trinity, Thornbury

Services on Sunday last were attended by representative congregations. At the evening service the choir rendered the anthem "Ye that stand in the House of the Lord," in characteristic fashion; while the Reverend Wilfred H. Chamberlain officiated throughout the day.

This Sunday, ninth Sunday after Trinity, services commence at 8 a.m. with Holy Communion, at 11 a.m. matins and intercessions will follow when the preacher will be the vicar. At evensong at 7 p.m. the special course of winter sermons will begin with the sub-titles "Religion and social righteousness" to be delivered by the Reverend E. Wade, Principal of Ridley College. The Rev. Geo. Gilder delivered an interesting address to the confirmees on Tuesday evening last to a combined class.

The dance this Saturday evening under the auspices of the Girls' Friendly Society, is expected to attract many dancers. The celebrated Nutcrackers band will provide the music while the proceeds are to augment the funds of the Girls' Friendly Society.

All Saints' Northcote

The theme of the last week of the Campaign for Spiritual Uplift is the Church's responsibility to the world. On Sunday last Rev. C. H. Nash preached at the morning service on "These Debts" and in the evening told of the work of the C.M.S. at Roper River, Northern Territory. A successful men's service was held in the afternoon, and the vicar proposes to hold a similar service each month.

On Monday evening a missionary meeting was held in the church.

On Tuesday Rev. V. Mitchell, of the Bush Church Aid Society, spoke of the work in the outback parts of Australia, and he showed a large number of unique pictures of inland Australia.

Wednesday was observed as a day of prayer for the C.M.S. The day was divided into eight sessions, each period being taken by a different leader. Fellowship luncheon and tea were features of the day's meetings.

On Thursday the Campaign closed when Rev. Rex Long, secretary of the C.M.S., gave an illustrated lecture on the world-wide activities of the society.

Northcote Church of Christ

On Sunday evening a well-attended service was conducted by the Girls' Club. Special features were a quartette by the young ladies and a solo by Miss E. Hoskings. The pastor is at present preaching a series of sermons on the Life of Christ, and the topic last Sunday was "The World Preparation for His Coming."

High Street Methodist Church

A happy gathering took place in the Sunday school last Sunday afternoon, when a large number of members of the congregation assembled with the children to do honor to two past officers of the Sunday school—Mr. W. E. Weeks, the retiring secretary, and Mr. A. Kellam, the retiring treasurer. Speeches were made by Cr. S. Dennis, a former secretary, Hon. J. G. Membrey and Mr. W. H. Gray, J.P., former superintendents. Mr. Laity spoke of the fine work of the retiring officers, Mr. Weeks having been connected with the Sunday school for nearly 40 years, and Mr. Kellam as teacher for 20 years and as treasurer for 11 years. Rev. F. J. Jennings, the minister, who was stationed at the church many years ago, then made the presentations as slight expressions of the good wishes of officers and teachers of the school. Mr. Weeks received a fine bookcase and jardinere, and suitably responded. Mr. Kellam, who was unable to be present, on account of ill-health, was presented with an inscribed wristlet watch. His son responded on his behalf.

Last Sunday the Foreign Mission anniversary was celebrated, the Foreign Mission Deputationist being Rev. A. W. Gray, a returned missionary from Papua. On Tuesday evening Rev. Guy gave an excellent lecture in the Sunday school on Papua.

St. George's Road Methodist Church

Rev. A. W. Guy, a returned missionary from Papua addressed the Sunday School on Sunday, on the work being done by the Mission Board. On Monday night he delivered an entertaining lecture on missionary work in Papua, illustrated by photographic slides.

St. Aidan's Church, Victoria Road

An American Tea was held on July 25 and was opened by the mayoress of Northcote (Mrs. J. H. Green) who was presented with a handsome bouquet by Miss Lesley Tollitt. About £12 was raised.

Prince of Wales Park Methodist Church

Two important services were held last Sunday in the interests of Foreign Missions. Rev. A. W. Guy, who has spent fifteen years of most useful service in Papua, conducted the morning service. At the musical evening service, Rev. J. T. Dugglebу preached. Mrs. G. Smith was the visiting soloist. The Prince of Wales Park Male Quartette party rendered fine service. Mr. Edward Langfield and his choir are to be congratulated upon a fine programme of sacred songs.

St. Mary's Preston

On Tuesday evening last the Ladies' Guild of St. Mary's Church of England, Preston, held a successful Australian Tea. About 60 were present, and dancing was indulged in. Songs were rendered during the evening by Mesdames Moulden and G. Steele jun. and Mr. McRae. The stalls were well stocked with useful articles, sales being brisk, over £5 was realised from the effort.

"THOUGHTS"

(By "Meranda")

Mr. Editor.—For some time I have been very much upset at the position this fair State of Victoria, and Australia as a whole, has drifted into, and as to the best means to enable this fair land of ours to resume its proved position among the nations of the earth. As a starting point I would say to my many dear friends among the toilers of the earth, that I hope that they will reconsider their present tactics of fighting the remedial measures proposed by the Premiers' conference. I am certain that it is only by all round sacrifices we can regain our stability, and for the high state of wages to be maintained that is impossible. We all have to suffer. I am certain my personal income will be less this year just ended by at least from 30 to 40 per cent, and in face of the present high rate of wages it is impossible to compete with the products that we export, as the production costs would kill any chance of that. I claim to have more than a passing acquaintance with products from the land, and at present I question if many men on the land are making ends meet, let alone a profit from their work. I certainly do admire Mr. Hogan and his Government for the stand they have made against being dominated by most unreasonable demands against reduction of wages. We have, I think, been living in a fool's paradise, with the excessive wages, etc. It was an unreasonable state of things to be expected to last for ever, and as a result when things are coming down to their level we take it badly, but feel that when there is a bad disease we require a drastic remedy, and although it hits me as hard as most people I am willing to submit to it, and hope that better times will come. I say to my Labor friends, accept the inevitable and thank God that you are only reduced, and not added to the unemployment register. One thing I hope the Government will do, and that is to deal with the combines and profiteers. It has been scandalous the way the consumer has been robbed by artificial prices maintained not to help the man on the land but the middleman, who quietly gathers in his gains and says very little about it, so long as he gets it.

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RECIPES

SOME TASTY SOUPS

Watercress Soup

Boil 1lb haricot beans, after soaking until soft. Then rub through a sieve and add a pint of water. Chop finely a bunch of watercress, and with it some spring onions, a little parsley and other green herbs. Put the green stuff into a frying pan, and let it stew gently with butter, then stir in sufficient flour to absorb the butter, add all to the boiling puree, season well, and, just before serving, pour in a cupful of boiling milk.

Fish Soup

Take half a pound schnapper, or any other white fish. Wash well and cut the fish and bones into small pieces without removing the skin. Put into a stewpan, add a pint of cold water and afew pieces of prepared carrots and onions. Season with salt, and simmer slowly for about half-an-hour, and then strain. Put ½oz of butter into a clean saucepan, stir in ½oz flour and a good quarter-pint of milk and the fish stock, and bring to the boil, stirring constantly. Simmer for a minute or so, then put aside to cool; Strain in two beaten yolks of eggs, and stir over a gentle heat for a few minutes, but do not boil, or the eggs will curdle. Add a little chopped parsley and serve.

Spinach Soup

One pound spinach, 1½ pints light stock, 1oz butter, ½ pint milk, 1 teaspoon cornflour, and pepper and salt. Pick and wash the spinach, put into saucepan with stock and salt. Cook until tender, and rub through a sieve. Thicken with the cornflour and add the butter. Pour in milk and stir until boiling. Add seasoning to taste and cook for a few minutes.

Spring and Summer Styles from Hollywood.

Tricky styles for the spring and summer season puzzle the modishly minded, according to Carole Lombard, Paramount's blonde beauty.

Sports clothes are slightly more feminine, the backless tennis frock giving way to a tub silk affair with cap sleeves and a hemline several inches below the knee. The stockingless mode remains, however.

Some styles are suits and jackets with three-quarter length sleeves bordered with fur; the tricorn hat; scarfs of hat fur; white jackets and black skirts; and the tunic frock, showing a light top and dark skirt.

Prints. Frocks in crepe and chiffon with gay patterns traced in bold designs, and jackets or three-quarter length coats in the darker shades.

Gloves play an important part. The popularity of the short and just-below-the-elbow sleeves have made the long suede glove favorite for street occasions; brown suede gloves with costumes of beige, white rose and green; black gloves still remain important, for black and white ensembles. For formal wear, the black glove has given way to the shoulder-length flesh suede gloves, which are worn with almost every shade of frock, including black.

Miss Lombard favors grey and bright green as the colors for the flower-blooming months.

Accessories include tiny feathers for hats; jewelled clips for various ornamental uses; extreme sandal effects in shoes with much openwork design. Heavy rope-like necklaces and bracelets feature the jewellery mode.

Pyjamas continue in evidence for every hour of the day and evening. The newest whim is the formal pyjama costume, created along the lines of the modern formal gown with the full skirt slit into astonishingly popular trousers. Miss Lombard recently designed dinner pyjamas for herself in black lace and velvet—the velvet jacket displaying large elbow-length sleeves, bordered with platinum fox fur; the trousers of cire lace, worn over flesh satin, being extremely full, forming trains at the back. Beach pyjamas will be less elaborate than last season, and large hats will persist since the not-too-tan mode will continue during the summer months of 1931.

Hatpins are back to hold the jaunty little "buckwheat" hats perkily over one of milady's eyebrows. Hats will be small, revealing great masses of the hair. Lower heels on shoes are one of the modish paradoxes of the season, the stilt-like French heel being osbolete for street wear, and even passe on evening slippers. Which seems to indicate that the flare for "tallness" is on the wane, and diminutive effects are once more chic.

NEW POWDER PUFF

Lilian Bond, M-G-M player, demonstrates the refillable powder puff. In this picture she is shown opening one side of the puff and inserting the powder. By closing a special fastening device the puff is ready for use. The powder filters through the porous material when applied to the face

ROMANTIC CIRCLE.

NELSON—ROBERTSON

On July 4 at the Thornbury Presbyterian Church Rev. S. C. Hadley officiated at the wedding of Mr. Ralph Walter Nelson and Miss Dorothy S. Robertson. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. R. H. Nelson and the bride is the second youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Robinson, of Northcote. Floral decorations in the church were the work of Misses Culiss and A. Nelson and they made a charming setting for the bride who was given away by her eldest brother. Ivory satin gowned the bride and over it hung a billowy pale silk tulle train which was surmounted by a beautifully embossed veil lent by the bride's sister. A sheaf of arum lilies, and white heath were her flowers. The bride's attendant was Miss A. Nelson, who was daintily frocked in powder blue crepe satin and she carried pink carnations and autumn leaves. Mr. H. Nelson acted as best man. The reception and breakfast were held at Normanby Hall, Thornbury, where Mrs. Olorenshaw catered to the entire satisfaction of all present. Later the couple left for Marysville, where the honeymoon was spent.

COMING OF AGE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reid, of "Bonnie Doon" Benjamin street, Northcote, gave an enjoyable party at the Dispensary Hall, Gooch street in honor of the coming of age of their only daughter, Jean. The evening passed all too quickly with dancing and music, songs being contributed by Messrs. J. Inglis, Adiel Harris and Miss Sutherland, which were much enjoyed.

About 120 people sat down to a daintily prepared supper which included a two-tiered birthday cake surmounted by 21 candles and which was presented by very old friends of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Inglis. The Rev. Harris proposed the health of the guest and the Rev. Chesew, in a bantering speech, presented Jean a key, which was made by her brother, Bennie, and at the same time impressed on her that while possession of the key had certain privileges it carried with it tremendous responsibilities, for no longer would the State regard her as a minor or infant, but as an adult with the privilege of exercising her rights, at the ballot box. Mr. Inglis, in supporting the toast, referred to the long existing friendship between his and the Read family and trusted that it would continue long. Mrs. Read responded on behalf of his daughter and thanked all present for contributing to such a happy evening. Miss J. White and partner won the Monte-Carlo and Miss McDonald and partner the spot dance. The Alberts were enjoyed by the older folk, and Messrs. G. Hart and A. Shaw demonstrated how this old favorite was danced 60 years ago.

Mrs. Read wore a black crepe-de chene frock and velvet bridge coat and Miss Jean Read looked charming in white tulle and georgette, under which was worn a pale pink slip; white kid gloves and floral head-band being dainty accessories. Cr. M. C. Jones acted as master of ceremonies. The catering was in the capable hands of Mr. J. Ferrie, of Rossmoyne street.

HOCKEY

A2 Grade. — Herald-Sun, 0, drew with Fairfield, 0, in a hard game.

East Malvern, 1, d Ivanhoe, 0

B Grade.—Fairfield, 4, d East Melvern, 2.

C Grade.—Ivanhoe, 3, d Old Melburnians, 1.

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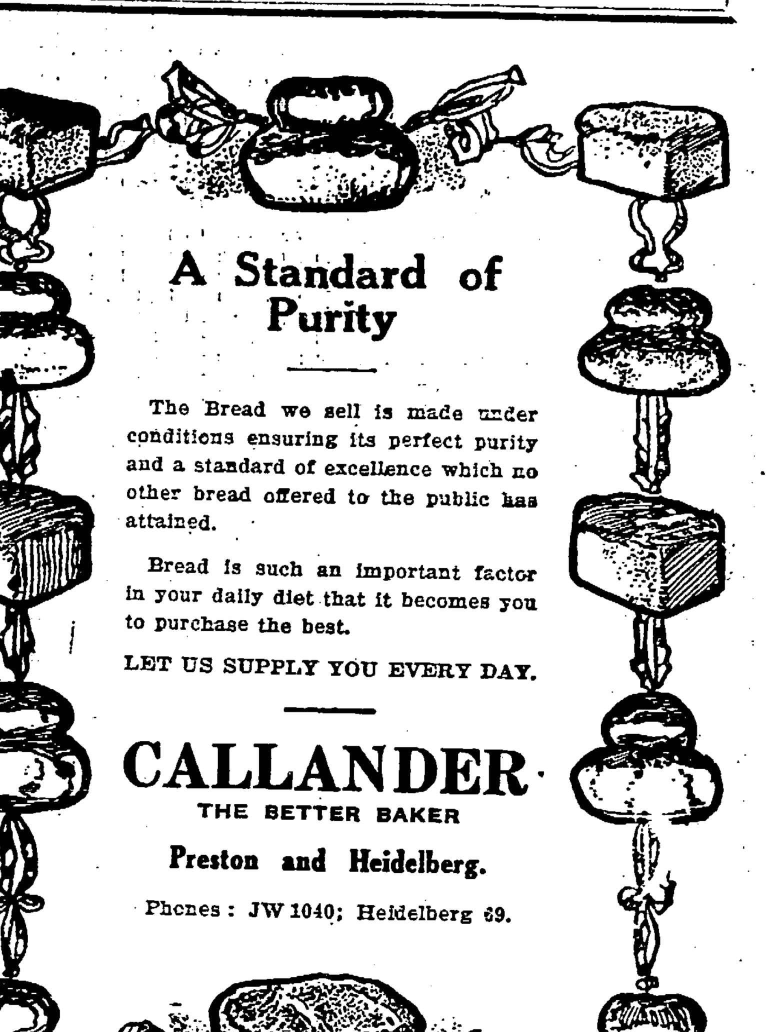

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NORTHCOTE COURT.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Before Mr. G. Brown, P.M., and Messrs. H. Evans, P. Kean, E. J. Jones, W. Jones and Mrs. Woods J's.P.

Young Man Given Chance

Robert Howe, Lawry street ,Northcote, was charged .that on July 26 he behaved in an offensive menner in Westbourne grove.

Constable H. A. McGuinness said he saw Howe at the corner of Westbourne grove and Eastment street. I asked him why he went into Downie's yard and he said: "I wanted to tell him his black horse would win a race. I have seen it winning for three weeks." I told him to go home, but he kept circling round me and would not go home.

Sergeant McEniff said that people were frightened when Howe went on to their premises at all hours of the day and night and there were many complaints.

The young man's mother undertook to send him to the country if released.

The bench discharged Howe on an undertaking that he would be taken to the country by one, John Robert Hogarth, of Wonga Park, who undertook to take care of him.

No Lights

Norman Pames, Comas grove, Thornbury, charged that on July 9 he rode a bicycle without a light in Leinster street, Thornbury was fined £1.

Others fined for similar offences wert.—John James Wall, Gladstone avenue, Northcote; Jack Moore, Carlisle street, Preston; William R. Marshall, Hartington street ,Northcote.

The P.M. said that the court was continually issuing warnings about this class of offence. Unlighted bicycles were the greatest menace on the road, and it was in the interets of cyclists who had no lights, that action should be taken against them. Unlighted cycles could not be seen, and it was very easy for a car to run them down.

Motorist's Two Offences

John Sumpter, High street, Preston, charged that on June 26 he drove an unregistered car, was fined £2. He was also fined £1 for driving without a licence.

Sumpter pleaded guilty to both charges. He said: "The car was given to me for a debt. I had an offer of some work at Collingwood and as my wife was in ill health, I took the car so as to get down and back again quickly. I have endeavoured to sell the car for £5.

The P.M.: What is the amount of the registration fee?

The Sergeant: £5/14.

The P.M.: The amount of registration is more than the car is worth.

Defendant: Yes.

Maintenance Arrears

Ada Josephine Hamilton v James Patrick Hamilton, a claim for £28 arrears of maintenance.

Mrs. Hamilton said that the order was £2 a week, and her husband had only been paying at the rate of 10/ a week.

Hamilton said in the past fortnight he had earned £3/15/. Outside that work was scarce.

Mrs. Hamilton: They told me I could not send him to gaol.

The P.M.: The authorities do not want to keep men of this kind in gaol. This man has not committed any offence, but has simply neglected a duty. We recognise that times are hard.

By majority decision an order was made that Hamilton be imprisoned unless he pay the £28 arrears.

Debt

George W. Tonkin v Chas. J. Mc Rea, claim for £23/18/5. Order for amount with £1/16/6 costs.

CRICKET

Bell Club

The annual meeting of the Bell Cricket Club was held on July 15, when the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing season: —Prsident, H. Hollis; vice-president, H. Milton; assistant secretary, E. Cuthbert; treasurer, E. Elms; committee, F. Maher, K. Haddrick, M. Jamieson, R. Kendall; delegates, H. Milton, H. Hollis; hon secretary, F. Cuthbert, 2 Devon street, Preston.

Last season's president (Mr. Webber) presented trophies to R. Smith (batting), G. Smith (bowling), K. Haddrick (fielding), C. Bassett (most improved player) and W. Burns (most catches). Mr. Webber won the recent ugly man competition and was presented with a trophy.

Considering the present financial depression the prospects for the season look bright, and the committee are hopeful that last year's supporters will rally round again this year to support the social functions to raise funds for the season.

Boy Cyclist Injured

Lindsay Bear, aged 11 years, of Hall street Alphington, was riding along Bastings street, Northcote last Saturday morning when his bicycle collided with a motor car. He suffered cereberal irritation and a lacerated scalp. He was admitted to the Children's Hospital.

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IN THE GARDEN

GLADIOLUS CULTURE

HELPFUL HINTS FOR PRESENT PLANTING

Soil, Situation, Planting

There are good reasons for the rapid rise of the gladiolus into wonderful popularity. The flowers are delightful in gardens and for home decoration: cultivation is easy. The average and even inexperienced amateur gardener can get good results with ordinary care and attention. Then again the flowering season is so long. Blooms are obtainable for nine months of the year. The corms can be planted in succession to keep up continuity of bloom.

In giving the benefit of their experience in gladiolus culture, Messrs. Errey Bros., tender the following general advice:—

The Soil

A soil naturally rich and deep for preference, but the gladiolus is not over-particular. It can be grown successfully in soils varying from light sandy to heavy clay. Owing to the vast difference in soils and in materials available, the question of manuring must be settled by each grower for himself, preferably by experiment. With the help of an abundant supply of rich natural manures (animal droppings, etc.,) in the soil and on the surface, together with plenty of water as required, giant flowers and spikes may be obtained, generally however, with the result that the corms are more susceptible to disease.

The best modern practice, however, tends more and more towards the avoidance of rich maunres or decayed vegetable matter where the gladoili will succeed without their aid. Certainly a rich virgin soil, or a bed which has been well manured for a previous crop, will need no manuring. Whenever manure is used it should be well decayed, and with a handful or two of sand, when planting, to prevent contact with the manure. The only artificial manure we use is superphosphate (1oz to the square yard). Partly decayed turf from good land is a valuable ingredient in any soil.

Situation

Under most climatic conditions the gladiolus shows a dislike to shade, and in southern Victoria, at least, it is found that a position fully exposed to sunshine gives best results. Owing to the possibility of injury to buds and flowers through excessive heat at flowering time, there is a temptation to plant in shady places those corms which are expected to bloom in summer. Our experience goes to show that it is better to give full sunshine, and provide, if necessary, a light movable shade, such as hessian, to be placed on the north side and overhead, only when danger threatens. This for those who have both time and inclination.

Planting

The soil, and especially the subsoil, should be moist at planting time but not sudden. For dry weather planting it is preferable to give the soil a thorough soaking a day or two before planting, rather than to water heavily immediately after; that is, where there is any danger of the soil setting hard around the corms. Plant flowering-size corms 3 to 4 inches deep, deepest in light, hot soils, shallowest in moist, heavy soils; smaller corms not so deep. Plant in any desired formation, singly, in clumps of three or more, or in rows, the corms at least 6 inches apart, 15 to 24 inches between the rows. Some successful growers advise planting 12 inches apart. Certainly the more space given, within reason, the better, but the amount of space must be governed to some extent by the space available. Planting in masses is effective, but in renders the maintaining of thorough soil tillage rather a difficult proposition.

Time of Planting

Obviously this will vary greatly according to climate and circumstances. In southern Victoria the corms may be planted, at intervals, from July to the first week in February, a succession of blooms being obtained from the end of November to June. Where the winter months are cold and wet, the gladiolus, being a native of South Africa, does not appreciate having to complete its period of growth during that season. We therefore seldom plant after the first week in February, nor before August. This, however, does not apply where conditions are very dissimilar.

The length of time between planting and blooming will vary greatly with the climate, the weather, the time of planting, and the varieties planted. Local knowledge is necessary, but the following may be a rough guide. In this district, August-September plantings begin to bloom about mid-December; October November ditto, end of January; December-January ditto, middle of March.

In Victoria, the greater part of the flowering-size corms are planted from mid-December (in the coolest districts) to mid-Jaunary, or a little later (in the warmest districts), so as to flower in March, April and May, after the summer heat has passed. Nothing is gained (rather the reverse) by keeping smaller corms unplanted until this late date, and some of the larger corms will refuse to abide their owner's time. However, a growth of two or three inches before planting will not injure the corm if it is carefully planted. These shoots are liable to be attacked by aphis (green fly) during storage, and should be examined occasionally. The husk (dry skin) may be re moved before planting, if desired. When planting late it is well to do so. After planting cover with fine soil (no clods) to required depth.

—"Garden Lover."

HAWKER AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORISED

Cr. Hemburrow Criticises Engineer

At the meeting of the Preston council on Monday evening the engineer (Mr. W. H. Scott) was instructed to proceed with the work of completing Hawker avenue, Preston, in accordance with the original plans.

This street was made under private street construction, and when the work there was finished, the owners concerned contended that the original plan had been departed from. An investigation showed that such was the case, and the council, in order to be in a position to collect payments from the owners concerned, has decided that the original plans must be carried out.

Cr. Hemburrow asked what would be the cost of reconstruction.

The Mayor (Cr. Robinson) said water and gas mains would have to be shifted and estimates for these were now being obtained.

Cr. Hemburrow said he wished to voice his disapproval and condemnation at the deviation from the original plans, which had been foisted on the municipality. The council must lay the blame on the engineer, Mr. Scote, either for inefficiency or carelessness. He hoped such a thing would never happen again.

POINTED PROVERBS

A STRANGE EVOLUTION

No. 1—The Modern Application

I recently received a clipping giving an incident and application based upon a proverbial statement. This clipping is so suggestive and interesting that we give it here, slightly condensed. It is based, however, upon a peculiar misconception. Next week we shall give the correction and the origin of the statement. Here is the clipping:—

"He'll never set the river on fire" is a popular saying, implying that the person to whom reference is made will never make much of a success in the world. An incident that occurred in Gloversville, N.Y. shows that there is a kind of setting the river on fire that is not to be imitated by ne'er-do-wells or anyone else.

A man was walking over a bridge in the north end of Gleversville. He lighted his pipe and threw the match into the water. That ordinarily safe place proved to be anything but safe for the water was covered with a film of naptha. The creek became a river of fire. Buildings were set on fire and four were burned to the ground. Large piles of lumber were destroyed. The electric power wires were burned, and the city was left in darkness while traffic was interrupted. All from a heedlessly thrown match that literally set the river on fire.

That is the only way some people know how to set rivers on fire, and they think they are doing a great thing when they do it. Their matches are always ready for a possible blaze. If characters burn up in the resulting conflagration, if happiness is destroyed, if lives are ruined, what care they? Have they not set the river on fire? Ah, there are many kinds of successes, some honorable and some dastardly, but of all successes that is the most contemptible which is at the expense of the misery and loss of others.

ANGLING.

PRESTON CLUB

On Sunday twelve members journeyed to Mordialloc. After recent reports of big catches of flathead they expected to do likewise, but were sadly disappointed, although several spots between Carrum and Beaumaris were tried.

The new trout hatchery erected by the Preston City Council at Edwardes Park is now ready to proceed with hatching, and a start will probably be made next week. The hatching process will be supervised by Mr. A. F. Deacon and Mr. W. McCausland. Anyone wishing to inspect the hatchery in operation should get in touch with these gentlemen.

Trophies won by members during last season will be presented at the club smoke night on Thursday, August 6.

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PRESTON COUNCIL

MONDAY, JULY 27

Present.—The Mayor (Cr. G. E. Robinson, J.P.), and Councillors H. P. Zwar, W. J. Hemburrow, W. Spratling, L. Jones, W. T. Robeson, R. H. E. Maynard, J. W. Adams and A. E. Newton.

Correspondence

Maintenance Allocations.—Country Roads Board maintenance allocations, Epping road, £1,500; Whittlesea road, £900.

Baby Health Centre Subsidy.—The Government reduced subsidy from £125 to £100.

Bus Route.—Motor Bus Advisory Board sought approval for route from Preston railway station via Murray road, Plenty road, Sylvester grove, Murphy grove and Wood street, to Highview road.—No objection.

Motor Cab Route Abolished.—The Melbourne City Council Licensed Vehicles Committee has decided to abolish the motor cab route Coburg-Preston-Heidelberg, in competition with omnibuses.

No Funds for Drainage.—Board of Works advised no funds were available in the near future for drainage of area including Bell street, East Ward.

Cr. Adams regretted that this work could not be done.

Cr. Jones said the Board had no funds, and it was worse off than the council as far as finance was concerned. The Board was now employing 500 men outside as against 3,000 a couple of years ago.

Infantile Paralysis Campaign.—The committee controlling this campaign asked the council to contribute for another year.—Decided to contribute.

Town Planning.—A deputation arranged by the Brighton council will wait on the Minister for Public Works on August 5 re the Metropolitan Town Planning Association's report.—Cr. Robeson will attend.

Edwardes Park Progress Association.—(1) re state of footpath at Oliver's dairy; (2) re drainage of water over footpaths opposite "Gilbert's"; (3) attention to footbridge opposite Gilbank road; (4) that vehicular traffic on footpaths be stopped; (5) re light for corner of Stanley street and Gilbert road.—Items referred to committees.

Regent Central Progress Association.—(1) asking if this council is prepared to make footpaths only and not construct roadway in private streets.—Committee of the council; (2) that footpath be raised at corner of Tyler and Ellison streets and post be erected.—P.W. committee.

In reference to item (1) Cr. Jones said that if the paths were made without going through the private street construction the council would have to pay half the cost.

Cr. Hemburrow said he realised there were difficulties but further consideration would do no harm.

West Preston Progress Association —(1) asking that a deputation interview the Metropolitan Tramways Board to ask for a reduction in fares; (2) that the Board be asked to place a time table at shelter shed at Regent street; (3) re footpaths in Gilbert road, west side, between Murray road and Regent street; (4) attention to paths McNamara street; (5) re state of r-o-w between Lemon street and Spring street into Cooper street; (6) re path in Gilbert road, east side between Collins street.—Items (1) and (2)—Committee of council and 3—6 to P.W. committee.

West Reservoir Progress Association.—(1) attention to horse trough in Gilbert road; (2) re state roads south from Edwardes street, particularly at end of road near Edwardes street—that holes be filled with metal; (3) re paths Kelsby street; (4) re path Epping road—that screenings be replaced; (5) that post be erected in path Daventry street.—(1) Referred to engineer; 2—4 to P.W. committee: (5) engineer to attend.

East Preston Progress Association —(1) that material from quarry be sold to ratepayers at 1/ per yard in excess of cost of production at quarry; (2) that arrears be not shown in electric light accounts when payment has been made; (3) attention to O'Keeffe street; (4) attention to Newcastle street, west side, near Walton avenue; (5) attention to Rene street below McColl street.—Item (1) referred to committee of council; (2) to E.L. committee; (3), (4) and (5) to P.W. committee.

General

A. E. Hodgson sought a street light in David street east.—E.L. committee.

W. A. Cull sought support in having a tram stop located at Plenty Road Market.

Cr. Jones said the present stop was a most satisfactory one especially at night it being a well-lit stop and a verandah there. The council had gone into the matter thoroughly once before, and should not make itself look foolish.

Cr. Maynard said he understood that the market was to be extended, and the council should assist if it could.

It was decided to take no action, Cr. Maynard dissenting.

Alice M. Fryer, who has organised an athletic class amongst the unemployed girls sought use of old Town Hall free of charge on Monday nights for a gymnastic class.—Hall committee.

R. Stenhouse and H. Standish re concrete footpath construction, urging that a third gang be started to carry out this work.—Engineer to report.

City of Northcote sought attention to roadway along Dundas street between Archibold street and Victoria road.

Preston Ladies Rowing Club asked that electric light be connected to rowing shed.

Nu-Murray Tennis Club, Regent, sought the use of one of the Town Hall courts for summer club competitions of the Preston Tennis Association and offered £2 for hire for 12 Saturday afternoons.—Parks committee.

One councillor said it would cost many pounds to put the courts in order.

The following maters were referred to P.W. committee:—Drainage Davies street; culvert under Bell street near No. 124; drainage near 272 Murray road; state of Rathgown road; r-o-w rear 3 Kendall street; footpaths, Bayliss street; holes Bayliss street; state of George street, Reservoir; state of top end of Southernhay street; state of Powell street and west end of Spring street; r-o-w read 27 Spring street; track through Crispe Park; Brown street; paths Cramer street, and state of road west of Gilbert road; Symon street; M. McSmith and 9 others, re rear of Frank street; footpaths Jacka street; drainage Daventry street; attention to channels Dundas street.

J. S. P. Young re roadmaking, Reservoir estate, stating that the council had promised to take levels, and urged that the work be expedited.

The Mayor said that Mr. Young had promised to pay a certain proportion of the cost of Cuthbert road and other streets. A survey would have to be made first, and the engineer had been instructed to go abead with this.

Lighting of Symon street, c/r of Olive and Henty streets were referred to E.L. committee.

J. W. Seabrook and 29 others wrote asking that three lights be erected in Spring street, between Berwick and Clive streets.

Preston Soccer Club asked that showers and other conveniences be provided at Haxby Park.—Deputation to be received.

Committee Reports

Finance committee accounts, £464/7/3 were paid.

Public Works committee accounts £2,652/0/3 were paid.

The following works were authorised:—Engineer to put old metal (when available) in r-o-w to Queen street from Kingwilliam street; engineer to blind metal in Tyler street east; pot holes Dundas street also in South street to be repaired; temporary relief to be given n Kingwilliam street (unmade part); pot holes Queen street to be filled; shops to be numbered c/r Tyler street and Plenty road; attention to path south side of Edgar street off High street; grid to be placed over culvert c/r Scotia street and Oakover road; temporary relief on Sheffield street; ashes and post to be placed in Kendall street and filling for corner Mt. Pleasant road and Kendall street left in engineer's hands (£5); channel to be defined Matlock street (£3); posts to be erected to protect footpath Bruce street, High street to Mary street (£3); r-o-w rear Butler and Collier streets (£2); Pot holes Raglan street, Hotham street to Newcastle street; lane rear 4 Olive street (£1/5); channel and ashes footpath Storey road (£2); r-o-w rear High street, Kingwilliam street to Southernhay street (£2); Frankston channel to be cleaned out (£1).

It was decided to take no action re footpath Breffna street or re path Bischoff street.

Electrict light committee accounts £2,169/4/1 were paid.

It was decided to erect a street light at corner Murray road and Sapphire street.

Officers' Reports

Finance.—Collected for fortnight £2,335/9/7; Dr. bank balance, £18,788/14/11; E.L. department, Dr., £1,577/1/11.

Health Inspector.—Infectious disease:—Diptheria, 7; scarlet fever, 3. Food samples had been taken for analysis; inspections made; prosecutions taken under by-laws; wandering stock seized etc.

Brandings.—1,674 pigs; 79 cattle; 1,933 sheep.

Quarry Output.—599 tons.

Ordinary Business

Cr. Newton said he was most dissatisfied with the quarry and some adjustments should be made for its better working.—Referred to committee of the council.

Cr. Newton said ashes authorised for Jackman street had not been spread. A post had also been erected in front of a man's double gate.—Engineer to investigate.

Cr. Newton spoke of old metal from High street and asked for a report as to the approximate amount available.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Hemburrow asked if the £2,200 had been received from the Government on the councils' £1,100 raised for unemployment relief.

In reply to Cr. Hemburrow the Mayor said £2,200 had already been spent, of which about £1,500 had been received from the Government.

Cr. Hemburrow spoke of a lane off Pleasant road near Bell street, which required attention.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Zwar said there was a waste in spending unemployment relief moneys. Work clearing land had cost £50 an acre and the land was not worth anything near that. If on the other hand the Government would lend the money to the councils at a low rate of interest it could be used for street construction, and the money could be repaid say in 15 years.

The Mayor said he had made similar suggestions to the Minister last year. Mr. Webber, M.L.A., had stated that something of the kind should be done, and so keep the money in circulation.

It was decided to bring the matter before the Municipal Association.

Cr. Adams said Victoria street was not satisfactory.—Referred to engineer; Chaleyer street, Balmoral estate was impassable.—P.W. committee.

Cr. Maynard moved that the question of road roller drivers be referred to the committee of the council.—Carried.

Cr. Spratling said from Oakhill avenue, a brick channel at the back of Walsall avenue and Ethel grove required clearing.—To be done; Walsall avenue channels were choked up.—P.W. committee; crossing corner Walsall aveune and Fryer street.—P.W. committee; r-o-w between Wilcox and Perle street from High street.—Referred to engineer; corner Plenty road and Boldrewood parade.—P.W. committee; need for slabs over channel in front of fire station, Roseberry avenue.—Engineer to report.

Cr. Zwar drew attention to vehicles being driven over path in Kingwilliam street.—Inspector to attend.

Cr. Hemburrow said holes in Robeson street needed attention.— Referred to engineer.

The Mayor spoke of the expenditure of the balance of the loan for Frank street. When the present work was finished £1,000 would be left, and the council might consider where this could be spent.—Committee of the council.

Cr. Maynard said he had received many complaints from people who visited the cemetery, and something should be done to make it possible to walk upon the paths there.

The Mayor: The council has spent £1,500 on the cemetery and we have also received a writ from the Crown solicitor for £600 for the cottage. The trust has also made application to the State Treasurer for a grant of £8,000 for improvements to the cemetery.

Continuing, he said, "That request, I am afraid, is not being well received.

It is known that funerals have been bogged on the way to the cemetery, but the council cannot spend any more of its funds on cemetery improvements, and until the treasurer gives us a loan we can do nothing."

Cr. Hemburrow asked when fresh notices would be served for Sharp and Crawley streets.

The Mayor: They are now being prepared.

Cr. Spratling said that the work was now getting ahead of the officers, and he would like the committee of the council consider strengthening the staff in order to catch up the arrears.—Committee of the council.

Cr. Hemburrow moved that the provision of a caretaker's residence adjacent to the Town Hall be referred to the next loan.

The Mayor: This was cut out of a previous loan by the Treasurer of Victoria.

Matter referred to the committee of the council.

The Mayor moved that the question of rounding the corner at Tyler street and Plenty road be referred to the committee of the council. —Carried.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BALL.

Arrangements are well in hand for the second annual ball of St. Joseph's parish, Northcote. The function will be held at the Northcote town hall on Tuesday, August 11, and promises to be most successful. The mayor and mayoress of Northcote (Cr. and Mrs. J. H. Green) and the Federal Attorney General (Hon. F. Brennan) and Mrs. F. Brennan, have accepted invitations to be present. A feature of the ball will be the debutante set (minuet). Sixteen debutantes will be presented by their chaperone (Mrs. J. F. Cooper). Applications for tickets (7/6 each) should be forwarded to the hon. ticket secretaries, Miss M. Carew, 120 Gladstone avenue (phone JW1808), and Mr. W. Green, 10 Brooke street, Northcote.

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CELEBRITY CONCERT AT PRESTON

DELIGHTFUL PROGRAMME PRESENTED AT TOWN HALL

The 300 patrons who forsook the fireside on July 22 to attend the celebrity concert at the Preston town hall were more than repaid by witnessing the most entertaining and delightful programme that residents had been privileged to hear for some considerable time. Proceeds will go to the Preston Football Club, whose finances are at a low ebb.

The programme opened with an overture brilliantly played by Mr. Cecil Fraser. Then followed a bass solo by Mr. Robert Gillard, and the duet "Onaway Awake Beloved" (Cowan) by Messrs. Herbert Sanderson and Tom Semple, was pleasingly sung and received an encore. The first number chosen by Miss Myra Hardenack, "Ring Bells Ring" (Day), gave the audience an opportunity of hearing a superb rendition, for which she was heartily recalled. Later this talented local contralto won admiration for her delightful presentation of Thompson's "O Night of Stars." This was probably Miss Hardenack's best number, and she again received an enthusiastic encore. The popular Sundowners' Quartette Party were great favorites, and their singing of "The Woman in the Shoe" was the signal for spontaneous applause, and they willingly returned again and again. A classical violin solo, "Souvenir de Moscow" (Wieniawski) was sympathetically played by Miss Gretchen Schieblick, and her encore was "My Rosary." For his alto solo, "To a Miniature," Mr. Robert Allen was recalled. Another local artist in Mr. Tom Semple received prolonged applause for his tenor solo, "O Mistress Mine." Humor was supplied by Mr. Ken Mountain, who had the audience from a simmer to shrieks of laughter with such mirthful items as "Sally Bring the Skipping Rope, Father's Full of Hops." His masterpiece was a descriptive rendering of "On Board the Nancy Lee." His impersonations of a life on the rolling sea, with his humorous sayings, simply brought the house down. All the artists appeared after the interval with equal success.

The programme was arranged by Mr. Tom Semple, and the applause which greeted each item was an outward acknowledgment that his efforts were greatly appreciated.

During the interval the football club's president (Cr. H. P. Zwar, J.P.) moved a vote of thanks to the artists and to Mr. Anderson, a staunch enthusiastic vice-president of the club, who generously paid all expenses. (Applause). Cr. Zwar also stated that he was very pleased to see so many players present.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

SYMPHONY NO. 5 IN C MINOR

Music lovers wended their way to the Northcote town hall on Tuesday, July 21, when the Northcote Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Basil S. Farrell, Mus. Dip., Melb. Univ., gave a recital well worthy of a better attendance.

The programme included the mighty work of Beethoven Symphony No. 5 in C Minor in four parts—(1) allegro con brio, (2) andante con moto, (3) allegro, (4) allegro—which portrays the conflict between humanity and the crushing hand of Fate. Often in the tranquility of life an individual is suddenly overtaken by some overwhelming and unexcepted disaster, the suddenness, the horror, the tragedy of it, momentarily stuns him, but soon comes the reaction: Fate has isued its challenge, the crisis is at hand. Thus we find our hero in this symphony. Each phase was depicted in awe-inspiring harmony—the thunder notes of Fate, the piquant theme of the hero, the sinister metre of evil, and at last the exultation of the everlasting peace of Valhalla. The conductor made the most of his orchestra, playing on the emotions superbly, but a strengthening of several instrumental parts would make for more balance. Both conductor and orchestra are to be complimented on attempting this intensely intricate work, which takes nearly 45 minutes to perform, and Northcote is justly proud of its Symphony Orchestra.

The overture, Rossini's "Barber of Seville," was excellent, as was the rendition of the tripping Hungarian Dances, Nos. 5 and 6, of Brahms. Praludium (Jarnifelt) gave an opportunity for cello work which was a revelation, and the Hungarian March by Berlioz made a stirring finish to the orchestral selections.

The artists were Mr. James Nabbs and Miss Myrtle Mills. Mr. Nabbs was recalled for his singing of "Paradise," and displayed his clear tenor voice to advantage. The possessor of a fine mezzo voice, Miss Mills sang "Softly Awakes My Heart," with encore, and violin obligatos were fittingly rendered by Mr. Albert Cook. The accompanistes were Miss Ida Park and Mrs. Emelie Davies. "Adagio," from the violin concerto by Max Bruch, was gracefully rendered as a violin solo by Mr. John Dodds. The accompaniment was orchestral.

The National Anthem brought to a close a most enjoyable and interesting recital.

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Stella's Conversion

By ANNIE O. TIBBITS

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Etella drew a quick harsh breath. "Somehow she failed to hook it to the parachute and it fell."

Stella covered her face with her hands, as though she could see it.

"Oh, good heavens!" she cried.

"I didn't know that till afterwards," Dr. Hurley went on. "I was passing the hall, going home, when someone ran out shouting for a doctor.

"It seems impossible, but actually there wasn't a single doctor in the audience that night, and it was only chance that I happened to be passing. I had been in attendance on a patient who had met with an accident, and had been taken to an hotel—close to the hall—at his own request. I had been up with him for two nights and all that day, and it had been no easy work. It was then half-past ten, and I was dead tired—so absolutely worn out that when I heard the commissionaire's voice I actually did not understand what he was saying.

"Mechanically I stood still. His word 'doctor' I suppose stuck in my brain. Anyhow he looked at me, and then, as I did not move, shouted, 'If you're a doctor, speak, man,' he cried, 'and for goodness' sake stir yourself. There's been an accident! If you're a doctor, come in.'

"A moment later I found myself inside—and at the back of the stage in a little draughty place somewhere just behind, in the wings. It was full of odds and ends. It had one gas flickering in a wire cage, and a couch. It had been an Empire couch once, and it was thick with tarnished gilt and soiled yellow brocade. It struck me as being more horrible than anything, I think—that past-and-gone finery with, against it the deathly white face of the child.

"They had taken him out of the basket and put him on the yellow plush. It was the most horrible sight I ever saw. Like a shadow, there started out at me a face, and a voice shouted at me to wake up and be quick. It was the first time I had seen Churchyard Cossy, and he looked ghastly.

"What I did I don't know. If ever God guided a man's hands he guided mine that night last summer. I worked like one in a dream; I can only guess even now at the bones I set and the examination I made. There were internal injuries that wanted watching, and I was in no condition to watch. I said so. I felt if I sat down with my hands idle nothing could keep me awake. I positively craved for bed. My head nodded as I looked into Churchyard Cossy's face.

"'For God's sake, keep awake!' he shouted. Then: 'Get coffee quick—anything to keep him awake. Doctor, you'll save my child—you'll keep awake for him—you won't let him go?' he cried.

"'I can't' I said; 'it's beyond human endurance. Look at me.'

"He caught my arm, and looked straight into my face.

"'How long will it be before you can do something more for him?' he asked.

"I told him two hours, perhaps more. It was impossible for me to do it; they must get another doctor.

"'You'll do it,' said Cossy. 'I want you—I'm going to rely on you. I'll keep you awake somehow.' Look here!'

"I looked, but for a moment I saw nothing but the room with the gaudy couch, with its hideous burden. Mrs. Cossy had disappeared. Everyone knows—except you perhaps, Stella—that she staggered out of tht hall, drunk, people thought. The street was full of summer traffic—it was the thick of the season—all the theatres were crowded and about to empty, and the roads were full of traffic of every description and almost immediately she fell under the wheels of a motor waggon. Everybody knows the end of her—last July!

"But I did not notice her absence. Almost crazy for want of sleep, that room to me was peopled only by Churchyard Cossy and the child that night. I forgot his wife; I knew nothing about anything except that in an hour or two—perhaps more, perhaps less—the child would want attention, and that a doctor must be there. And I knew that the moment I was left to myself I should be asleep.

"'You look at me,' said Churchyard Cossy. 'Ever heard my Giddy Goat Song?'

"I hadn't; didn't want to either. I only wanted to get away; but befor I could breathe he had started.

"You've never seen him in that, eh, Stella? My goodness!" Jack broke off to throw back his head and laugh. "Vulgar? It was irresistable. I can see him now, Stella, there's something in him that's superb. To tell you the truth, I had thought him vulgar until that night, but then I had ever seen him.... and perhaps that night prejudiced me in his favor......perhaps that night, when, body worn and mind weary himself, he exerted himself to save the life of his child, impressed him on me more than he otherwise would have done. Perhaps I have an excuse when I say that there isn't a finer fellow in the church itself than Churchyard Cossy! Sounds like a pun or something, eh?

"But imagine it, Stella! For close on two hours he acted and sang and buffoned—to keep me awake! He had a piano wheeled in. He played, he danced, he sang, he talked: He watched me like a cat a mouse. When he found I was dropping off he—well, I don't know what he did, but he kept me awake.

"I've heard of many a man called a hero who wasn't such a hero as he!"

Jack's voice stopped, and there was an abrupt silence.

"I had no idea that a man could be like that and look so shocking," said Stella.

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She hoped it would not be known in her own town, but she went to the performance that night; and, although it was a wildly improper thing to do, she went to a midnight supper with Churchyard Cossy and her sister and her husband after the performance.

She was surprised to find that Cossy's real name was Smith and there was nothing either vulgar or vicious about him. In fact, she was so interested that before she knew what she was doing, she found herself asking him to bring his boy to see her.

Afterwards she declared she did many things without knowing what she was doing. Churchyard Cossy had a "way" with him!

And although he followed her into the country after her visit to her sister, she was neither ashamed nor reluctant to introduce him to her vicar.

And, strange to say, although she is now the wife of the "vulgar comedian," and step-mother to the child who is beginning to outgrow the effects of his accident, she is proud of it. And Hilda says it is all through the story Jack told that summer night a year ago.

(The End

STAR OF NORTHCOTE, I.O.R.

The fortnightly meeting was held on July 23, Bro. E. Webb, C.R., presiding over a good attendance. One new member was welcomed and one clearance granted. An intimation was received from the District that Bro. H. J. Riall, P.D.C.R., would preside at the quarterly meeting on August 20. A donation of 10/6 was made to the Alfred Hospital appeal. The annual report of the tent cricket club was received, and also a notice of the annual meeting. Bro. Creighton reported on the progress of the officers' speaking class. The balance sheets of the Dennis and Croxton junior tents showed both to be in a flourishing condition. A proposal to re-open the gymnasium class for the juniors was referred to a meeting of superintendents. The A bowls team reported that since last meeting it had defeated Ivanhoe by 16 to 10, Clifton Hill by 15 to 9, and North Fitzroy by 14 to 9. These results practically assure the A team of winning the section.

After the meeting another of the tent's popular social evenings was held. A large number of members and friends enjoyed a couple of hours of dancing to fine music supplied by Miss Townsend. Bro. W. Walker was M.C. During an interval Bro. Webb, C.R., welcomed the visitors, and Bro. O. Neumann, secretary of the I.O.R. Indoor Bowls Association, made presentations to the members of the B team, which gained second place in last season's competition. Refreshments were dispensed by the social committee, after which dancing was resumed until Auld Lang Syne terminated a happy evening.

The next meeting will be held on August 6, when further games in the bowls competition will be played.

GOLF

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Miss Richmond's Trophy

Forth-four associates competed for Miss Richmond's trophy against bogey. A severe hailstorm prevented many of the competitors from finishing the round. Leading scores:—1 down, Mrs. G. Tayler (17); 2 down, Mrs. G. Youren (18); 3 down, Mrs. J. Cook (18); 4 down, Mrs. G. Balfour (18); 7 down, Miss N. Maggs (18); 8 down, Mrs. Gonzales (18).

Monthly Medal Competition

Sixty-six members competed for the monthly medal in a stroke round, which resulted in a tie between A. R. Wallis and C. Sinclair. In the play-off Wallis won: Scores:—69, C. Sinclair (27), A. R. Wallis (16); 70, L. H. Burton (27); 71, G. Balfour (16); 73, J. Boyd (23), J. S. Jenkins (27).

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THE COBBERS' CLUB

(CONDUCTED BY "UNCLE PHIL")

Dear Cobbers,—We have some friends who sailed for Queensland last week, so we took the Pets to the wharf to hee the boat off. Of course we had to have streamers and they were a pretty sight in their many colors with the sun shining on them. We were not allowed to go on board, but the Pets clambered up. Fluffy was nearly souvenired as a mascot for one of the crew. They were almost carried away when the boat pulled out and only a geat leap saved them from landing in the sea. They went all over the ship and peeped and poked into eveything and in their conversations now they sprinkle all sorts of nautical terms haphazardly.

Two new girl Cobbers this week, so Fluffy is very happy and also because both teams won on Saturday. Cheerio Cobbers and heaps of love from the Pets and

UNCLE PHIL

P.S.—Don't forget the Word Completing Competition —U.P.

NEW COMPETITION

WORD COMPLETING

The following is a story of a day which the Pets spent at the beach and the words with dots and beginning with a letter have to be filled in. The first one w . . . is "went," so that each dot represents a letter and the number of dots given completes the word. Send in your reply (making it sense) to Uncle Phil by August 7. Results on August 14. If more than one answer is correct, Jacko will pull the winner out of the "hat."—U.P.

Fluffy and Jacko w . . . to the c . . . . beach one day and there picnicked. They had a w . . . . time among the r . . . . and s . . .) collecting s . . . . . and s . . . . . and building N . . . . . castles with m . . . . and b . . . . . . But a n . . . . . . little terrier came a . . . . and declared war on the Pet's b . . . . and soon they were in r . . . . The Pets gave c . . . . and soon in r . . . . . . with that frolicsome d . . . . forgot their c . . . . . . and at length brought h . . back to l . . . . with them.

BIRTHDAYS

All the Cobbers, Uncle Phil and the Pets send the Heartiest and Happiest of Birthday Greetings to Beryl Cameron, Roy Hubble, Bert Congram and Jack Bilenry (July 1); Jack Moyes (August 2); Ivy Hauser and Willie Barker (August 4); Irene Wiley, Muriel Mitchell and Verdun Hazel (August 5); Jean Angus (August 6); and Rosa Smith, Noel Fraser, Jack Lowery and Stan Durrant (August 7).

OUR MAIL BAG

42 Crookston road, Reservoir.

Dear Uncle Phil,—Will you please enrol me as a member of your club. I am 11 years of age and am in the sixth grade at school. I read your page regularly and find it very interesting.

(GOOD) Dorothy Peters.

(Welcome to the Clubs Dorothy and we hope you'll like being a Cobber. The Pets ask for a snap of yourself for our Album. Heaps of love.—U.P.)

Dorothy Letchford.—Welcome to the Clubs Dot, and will you send us a snap of yourself please for our Cobbers' Album? The Pets send greetings and love.—U.P.

TRIA COMPETITION

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

TRIAS

KEEP BUSY

The clock had stopped. It being a noiseless clock no one was the wiser until someone in the room wanted to know the exact time. Then the "dead" timepiece told its story. "It's a good clock," the lady said and she reached in the back of it for the key, "but it has to be wound up every once in a while before it will go."

Men are like that. They have to be wound up before they will go. Few are self-starters. The springs of purpose in most of us are so weak that we run down more frequently than we should and come to a dead stop. The ticks we put on our job are sometimes like the ticks of a tired clock—somewhat feeble and uncertain until they stop altogether. It is the fellow whose hands are always on time that other men look to for guidance.

(TRIA) Frank Power.

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

The Statue of Liberty stands upon Bedloe's Island, New York. It was designed by August Bartholdi and presented by the French in 1844. It is 151 feet high, and stands upon 155 feet, and symbolises Liberty Enlightening the world. The statue weighs 450,000 lbs, or 225 tons. Forty persons can stand comfortably in the head, and the torch will hold 12 people. By moonlight the statue is more imposing than ever. The blazing torch can be seen many miles away.

(GOOD) B. Muter.

HIS RETURN

"I would like to purchase these two ties." "Yes, sir; and how do you like these socks?" "No socks thank you. Just the ties." "Perhaps some shirts would appeal to you?" "Nothing but the ties." "But I know you'll like that it's the very latest thing, sir." "No! I want nothing but the ties." "And you won't even care to look at this muffler. No?" "Let me out of here." "Well," laughed the salesman, "that's one I got back at my barber."

(GOOD) Joyce Wild.

WINTER

Jack Frost is nere again and he makes our fingers and toes cold in the mornings. A gardener told me that Jack Frost is very useful in the gardens in killing all the insects in the soil that is why they dig ground up in the winter but frost spoils a lot of flowers if we forget to cover them up at night.

(GOOD) Eileen Harris

HER TAIL

A woman arriving in England after a short visit to the Continent was asked the usual questions by the customs official at the landing port. "Anything to declare, madam?" "No," she replied sweetly, nothing." "Then, madam," said the official, "am I to take it that the fur tail I see hanging down under your coat it your own."

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen.

A SCOTCH ELEPHANT

A menagerie keeper was taking the elephants to drink, and noticed that one of them coughed. He gave it a bucket of water, in which there were two pints of whisky. Next day all the elephants coughed.

(GOOD) Walter Anthonsen.

A GAME TO PLAY

This is a game you can play with a hoop out of doors. All the players stand round holding the hoop. One player, acting as a leader, also holds it. He says: "When I say 'Hold fast,' let go., and when I say 'let go' hold fast! Then he either says, 'hold fast,' or 'let go,' whichever he likes, and players who fail to do the right thing drop out of the game. The winner is the one who stays in the longest.

(GOOD) Brian Mahony

CONTRIBUTIONS

PLAY AND STUDY

When you study, study hard,
Then to keep you stout and ruddy
When you play in street or yard
Play as hard as when you study;
Work or play every day
Work as if you meant it, buddy,
Play when you're supposed to play
And when supposed to study,
study.

(GOOD) Jack Power.

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A STORM

I like to look from my window
When a storm is raging by,
When the thunder cracks the heavens,
And the lightning splits the sky;
When rain sweeps from the sky above
And the trees sway to and fro,
As the thunder records its message
Like the warning of a foe.

(GOOD) Bessie Goldstein.

MY DOG

I had a little bog and they called him Buff,
I sent him to the shop for a bag of snuff;
But he lost the bag and spilt the snuff, —
And the poor little dog ran off in a huff.

(GOOD) K. Power.

BETTY'S RABBIT

Little Betty's pretty frock
Has received a very bad shock;
For her naughty pet rabbit,
Has developed the habit
Of chewing his mistress's frock.

(GOOD) Ivy Callaway.

TIME

When time who steals our years away
Will steal our pleasures too;
The memories of the past will stay,
And half our joy's renew.

(GOOD) R. Goldstein.

TOPSY TURVY TOM

A queer little boy with queer little ways,
Who was up to all sorts of tricks;
Discovered that 9, when upside down,
Would pass for the figure 6.

This queer little fellow was asked his age,
And this is the queer thing he said:
"I'm 9 when I stand on my feet, like this,
But 6 when I stand on my head!"

(GOOD) Vera Marshall.

STORYETTES

Starvation Diet.—American (sarcastically) looking at lions in Trafalgar Square: 'How often to they feed these lions?" Englishman: "Every time they roar."

(GOOD) Jack Lowery.

An old negro was receiving a lecture from the judge. "Now I don't expect to see you here again," ended the man of Law. "Why, Mr. Judge," queried the negro, "you's not agoing to resign, are you, sah?"

(GOOD) A. Anthonsen.

Visitor (in country hotel): "It's a wonder you dont change the name of the hotel to the Prince of Wales." Proprietor: "Why sir?" Visitor: "Well there were three feathers in my bed."

(GOOD) Ernie Anthonsen.

"What kind of a dog have you got there?" "Where, Oh that's a watch dog." "What makes him spin round in that fashion?" "Oh, he's merely winding himself up."

(GOOD) Kevin Mackay.

Mick: "I see they are going to have umbrellas made square." Jack: what for?" Mick: "Because they are not safe to leave round."

(GOOD) Olive White.

Pat: "After sending away the letter Ive forgotten to put that pound note in it, Mike." Mike: "Well why didn't you say so in the letter, then?"

(GOOD) Willie Birmingham

Sergeant: "Did you ever hear of marking time with your hands you idiot?" Recruit: "Well I understand that clocks do, sergeant!"

(GOOD) Frank Power.

Filling A Space.—First Boy: "when I stand on my head the blood rushes to it." Second Boy: "But it doesn't when I stand on my feet." Third boy: "Because your feet aren't empty, of course."

(GOOD) Coleen Mahony.

"Who gave you that black eye?" "Sure, no one gave it to me. I fought hard for it!"

(GOOD) Winnie Birmingham

Maid: "There's a man standing outside singing, and he wants to know if you can help him?" Mistress: "Don't be silly, I can't sing!"

(GOOD) Clyde Birmingham

Bill: "What would you say if I asked you to marry me?" Edith: "Nothing, I can't talk and laugh at the same time."

(GOOD) Vera P. Keele

A benevolent, absent-minded professor was walking in the country when he met his son. He blinked for a moment, then smiled kindly and said: "Hullo, my boy, how's your father"

(GOOD) Colin Hammand.

Boss (to youthful office-boy): "Can't you hear the telephone bell ringing? What are your ears for?' Office-boy: " Pen racks, sir."

(GOOD) Edna Mackay

Quite So.—Teacher: "Betty, name an animal please?" Betty: "An average." Teacher: "Why there is no such animal." Betty: "Oh, yes there is. My brother wrote to me saying that a friend of his rode over on an average three times a week."

(GOOD) Gladys Clements.

Tommy (on unpleasant errand for mother): "Twopen'orth of castor oil, please, and gimme short weight." Chemist (surprised): "Short weight? That's unusual. Why?" Tommy: "Cos it's for myself."

(GOOD) Allan Leonard.

"How did your wife like the diamond brooch you gave her for her birthday?" "Delighted! She was awfully nice for a couple of days. But she's herself again now."

(GOOD) B. Moylan.

Bobby: "Teacher said that beauty fades away mummy. Is that true." Bobby: "Then why doesn't nurse fade? Daddy often tells her she's a beauty." Mother: "She'll fade away to-morrow, dear."

(GOOD) Gwen Holding.

An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotchman were all having a drink of ale in an hotel when they all discovered a fly in each drink. Whereupon the Englishman promptly blew his out; the Irishman picked his out but the Scotchman squeezed his out.

(GOOD) Ruby Keele.

Customer: "I suppose the little fellow has—er—the usual list of progenitors?" Dog Dealer: "Bless yer, no gur'nor, we keep them too clean 'ere."

(GOOD) George Joyce.

A Feminine Touch.—A minister, in addressing his flock, began: "As I gaze about, I see before me a great many bright and shining faces." Immediately 37 powder puffs came out.

(GOOD) Irene Whipp.

Mother: "You were a naughty boy to eat up all those cakes at tea time, Bobby. I only put them on the table to fill up space." Bobby: "Well, that's just what I did with them, Mother."

(GOOD) Allan Love.

Squash: "Watermelon seems all cut up since he lost his other half." Pumpkin: "Yes, he looks quite seedy."

(GOOD) Lily Scrimes.

RIDDLES

Why is a book like a tree?—Because it has many leaves.

(GOOD) Bruce Kohn.

Why is a tight boot like an oak tree?—Because it produces a-corn.

Why is a beggar like a barrister?—Because he pleads for his daily bread.

(GOOD) Keith Barker.

What is it goes up white and comes down yellow—An egg.

(GOOD) Cyril Henderson.

What is the worst thing you can do to a farmer?—Tread on his corn.

(GOOD) Joyce Lawrence.

What drink it like a letter in the alphabet?—Tea (T).

(GOOD) Guila Kohn.

Why is a sailor mending stockings said to be deformed?—Because his hands are where his feet should be.

(GOOD) Lily Anthonsen.

Why are fish well educated?—Because they are often found in schools.

What is the difference between a 1926 sixpence and a 1929 shilling?—A sixpence of course.

(GOOD) Enid Love.

Why is a poet like a ropemaker?—Because he makes lines.

(GOOD) Wilma Price.

What is a publisher's favorite exercise?—A run on a book.

(GOOD) Duncan Mathieson.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

On Sunday last the anniversary of the Ivanhoe Baptist C.E. Societies was celebrated. At the morning service the preacher was the Rev. H. Palmer Phillips, who was assisted by members of the Junior Society. The evening service was conducted by a band of Kew Baptist Endeavourers. Members of the local society also took part in the service. The anniversary was continued on Tuesday evening, when the speaker was the Rev. H. F. Wright. Solos were contributed by members of the society. All the gatherings were well attended.

The West Preston Methodist Junior Society reports an average attendance of 45 at its Sunday morning meetings. Twenty-seven of the members have recently made their decisions.

The district Y.P. superintendent, Mr E. L. Brain, visited the meeting of the Croxton Methodist Society on Thursday last. About 20 were present, and an enjoyable meeting was held.

Acting on behalf of the district Y.P. superintendent, Mr. F. W. Meyer visited and spoke at the meeting of the West Preston Baptist Society on Tuesday last. About 35 members were present. The society is progressing rapidly.

The Northcote Methodist Societies held a song and praise meeting in the vestry of the church at the close of last Sunday evening's service. It is intended to start a Fishermen's Club—a body based on the promise of Jesus Christ that if we will follow Him, He will make us fishers of men.

At the meeting of the West Preston Y.P. Society last Tuesday evening an address was given by Miss M. Rogerson, of Brunswick Baptist C.E., who is leaving shortly for missionary service in India.

Under the auspices of the Northcote Methodist Societies, a farewell meeting to outgoing missionaries of the China Inland Mission will be held at the Northcote Methodist Church on Tuesday, August 11. Testimonies will be given by Miss Layfield and Messrs. Clarke and McIntyre, followed by an address by the Rev. C. N. Lack, assistant home director of the China Inland Mission. Mr. Lack was for 30 years a missionary in China, and was captured in the Boxer Rising.

COMPETITION CORNER

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

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NORTHCOTE OVERWHELMS OAKLEIGH

BRILLIANT EFFORT ON WIND SWEPT FIELD

SYSTEMATIC FORWARDS GAIN EARLY LEAD

Splendid Spectacle Thrills the Crowd

(By "Aequus")

To prove that the overwhelming defeat of Brighton was no fluke, Northcote, in a great display, outplayed the home team at Oakleigh last Saturday. A strong northwesterly wind, often a gale, blew diagonally across the field, causing the ball to cut peculiar capers, but the teams, using excellent judgment and dash, mastered the conditions well and gave a highly commendable performance. Northcote obtained a long break early in the game, and, despite the ferocious onslaughts of the home team, maintained the lead to the end, finishing with 23 points to the good.

There were 5,000 spectators at Oakleigh last Saturday to see Northcote meet last year's premiers. Earlier in the season Oakleigh defeated Northcote by scoring 9—12 to 4—15. The ground was in good order but a strong wind made conditions unpleasant. Oakleigh were without Beasley and McAlister and Northcote omitted Poulter (injured), Gray and Dea, and included Briggs, Towers and Kemp.

THE TEAMS

OAKLEIGH. — Backs: Watson, Withers, Hutchinson; half backs: Morris, Rudolph, Dolan; centres: Driver, Thomas, Oprey; half forwards: Wiltshire, Fleming, Chapman; forwards: Campbell, Frazer, Rodwell; followers: Spain, Yemm; rover: Crameri.

NORTHCOTE. — Backs: Kemp, Cockram, Humphries; half backs: Woods, McSwain, Garrett; centres: Towers, Corrigan, Nicholls; half forwards: Williams, Rowe Cole; forwards: Pruser, Seymour, Briggs; followers: Byrne, Goulett; rover: Ross.

Umpires.—Field; Mowlan; boundaries: Barlow, Stuart; goal: Kenny, Woolfe.

THE PLAY

Rowe won the toss from Thomas —a good omen—and Northcote had the initial use of the wind.

First Goal

Within a few seconds Northcote had their supporters cheering. Byrne dashed the ball from the pack to Ross who played to Seymour. The goal kicker made no mistake from well out.

Oakleigh's Reply

Oakleigh quickly went forward. Brilliant marking by Fleming and Yemm bore no fruit, but Frazer, receiving a hit out from the ruck by Yemm, hurriedly piloted the possible.

Oakleigh was playing well at that stage but Northcote soon took charge and Rowe, Byrne and Briggs each scored singles.

A Great Fight

Twice Randolph stopped Northcote with timely dashes. Oakleigh seemed faster than Northcote and were attacking vigorously without result. Garrett stopped Rodwell's penalty try before a further free to Frazer went out. A shot by Fleming fell short. Cockram was safe in front of goals and twice marked brilliantly in defence. Yemm snapped a minor.

Captain Injured

Falling in a crush, Rowe was injured and was taken off the field. It was a big blow to the green and golds. Dea replaced him. Humphries went half forward and Dea went on the back line.

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Pruser in Action

No one was more useful or conspicuous than Pruser. Twice he passed to Seymour. With one try Seymour hit the post and the second effort went behind. Not dismayed Pruser played to Briggs who could not do the distance. Then the little fellow went for the goals himself and within two minutes had snapped as many goals. It was a sterling performance as he had dominated the play.

More Goals

Northcote were beating the home team everywhere. A nice dash by Towers was carried on to Cole for six points and the latter passed to Byrne for a further major. Northcote continued to excel and Humphries managed a single before the bell.

Quarter time scores:—

Northcote.—5 goals 6 behinds (36 points).

Oakleigh.—1 goal 1 behind, (7 points).

Early Success

Not dismayed by the leeway of 29 points and aided by three successive free kicks, Oakleigh attacked but Spain missed badly. Thomas made amends with a goal.

Erratic Umpiring

Northcote supporters roared disapproval at some of Mowlan's decisions, especially at the mark which gave Thomas the goal. It was a shocking mistake as the ball had bounced from Corrigan's hands. A free to Crameri notched a single.

Deficit Reduced

Northcote were battling well. Briggs was playing splendidly in defence. Frazer failed to convert a chance but Yemm, from 50 yards, cut, saw the ball bounce through an open goal. Fleming added a further major. Northcote were 10 points in front.

Northcote's Attack

Play was fast and furious. Pruser had two further tries.

After snapping a point, Frazer added a goal and the visitors were only 3 points to the good.

Hit Post

Playing in their best style Northcote were again masters. Goullet punted a behind and Seymour, for the second time, hit the post. It was an easy shot.

Withers stopped Seymour's shot in the teeth of the goals. A great dash by Nicholls had Oakleigh on the defence. A free to Cole was followed by a well judged drop kick for six points.

Briggs in the Way

Oakleigh were unable to pass Briggs, who held mark after mark half back Rudolph doing well for the home team at his end.

System Tells

From a fierce sortie in the centre Corrigan emerged and a magnificent pass went straight to Seymour who in a twinkling had the ball to Cole for another big point. Northcote had fought the issue well and were leading by 17 points at the long interval.

Half time scores:—

Northcote.—7 goals 8 behinds, (50 points).

Oakleigh.—5 goals 3 behinds (33 points).

Even Play

Both teams commenced smartly. The game proved fast and dashing Each was powerful in defence and the play hung round the centre. Thomas was having much of the play but was often too far out. Corrigan, keeping to the centre, was effective.

Wasted Chance

Great dash by Garrett and Mc Swain put Oakleigh in the defensive. Seymour played to Cole who overdid the short passing and Watson dashed the ball away. Ross and Briggs each piloted singles. A penalty try by Seymour went out.

Briggs' Pass

The gem of the match was seen when Briggs marked well on the fence and drove the ball across the field and into the wind to Seymour, who marked cleverly. The latter capped the performance with a grand goal.

Play travelled up and down smartly. Several bad mistakes by Woods let Oakleigh in. A free to Campbell gained a point before a free against Kemp to the same player near the fence saw a clever major.

Within a minute Ross had the ball to Cole for an answering sixer.

A Splendid Mark

Northcote looked dangerous again when Humphries, Seymour and Pruser combined well but Withers marking saved on the goal line. An equally effective mark by Cockram at the other end checked Fleming.

Both teams were fighting desperately, the crowd voicing its approval, Dea defended well when Campbell tried from a free. He drove to Corrigan who strove for the uprights. Withers dashed the ball away but ran too far and Humphries receiving a free well out, punted a sixer.

Cockram's Defence

Oakleigh were in desperate straits They charged forward. Fleming twice had opportunities. Frazer also had a try. The marking and judgement of Cockram were wonderful and the ball sounded without any addition to the score.

Three quarter time scores:—

Northcote 10 goals 10 behinds, (70 points).

Oakleigh.—6 goals 4 behinds, (40 points).

Stern Battle

With a 30 point advantage Northcote looked safe but the wind was very powerful and blew more direct ly for the goals Oakleigh were to use.

Great Defence

Oakleigh charged forward but Northcote's defence was fine. Woods who had been very much off, was playing a different game and saved well. Kemp and Dea were thorns in the side of the attackers.

A bad mistake by the defenders in playing across goal let Wiltshire in for 6 points. Cockram and Briggs at one end and Rudolph and Thomas at the other made good saves. Several times Oakleigh's chances were spoilt by Northcote's bustling tactics. Fleming, from a free, failed to kick the distance. Northcote held the opposition.

Rain Threatens

Towards the end of the term heavy clouds banked across the sky and the crowd was dispersing. After several unsuccessful efforts Northcote fought through the gale and Goullet converted a shot by Seymour into a goal. Just before the close, Fleming, who received numerous free kicks, obtained a goal from a penalty. Northcote ran out comfortable victors by 23 points.

Final scores: —

NORTHCOTE.—11 goals 10 behinds, (76 points).

OAKLEIGH.—8 goals 5 behinds, (53 points).

Recovered Form

The winners were easily the better team. They were faster and stronger in the packs and showed excellent understanding forward. After a few weeks of disappointing form they have come back to their best. Oakleigh, on the other hand, are having a bad time as they have been beaten three times in succession.

Best on the Ground

For the winners three players could be bracketed together for sterling work. They were Pruser, Cockram and Briggs. Pruser was a brilliant, clever performer through out, and, whether forward or roving, did a tremendous amount. Cockram, full back, scarcely did a thing wrong and marked and kicked beautifully. Briggs played the best game of his career for Northcote. He had much to do with the victory. His marking and kicking were unequalled.

Sterling Forwards

Coles, with four goals, was always dashing and sure. Williams did little of note but Byrne played well especially as he was opposed to Rudolph. Though Seymour gained only two goals, he played a splendid game as he made numerous openings for others. Ross, whether forward or roving, was useful.

Goullet's Form

Goullet gave his best game for many years. He fought the issue to the better end, and despite the absence of Rowe, obtained the hit out frequently. Garrett was the best half back. Woods and Mc Swain did best at the end. Dea, who replaced Rowe, and Kemp played with greater vigor than formerly.

Promising Performance

Humphries, in various places, was one of Northcote's best. He used great dash and marked well. Corrigan was an effective centre and Towers, though short of a match or two, and Nicholls, occasionally, were prominent. Nicholls showed signs of staleness.

Oakleigh's Best

Rudolph proved his worth by playing well half back. Thomas, in many places, was a great battler and played position ably. Fleming was conspicuous throughout and Yemm and Spain were solid followers. Withers and Driver, Chapman and Campbell were the best of the others.

The Umpire

Mowlan made some bad mistakes but did fairly well.

CLUB NOTES

Northcote have still to fight for a position in the four. Next Saturday's match is very important, as defeat will make the position precarious.

Rowe is particularly unfortunate. His injury is at present, doubtful, but it is thought that the shoulder blade is fractured. His absence from the side is serious. Corrigan will be a spectator next Saturday as his knee is very swollen. Byrne, Ross and Pruser have minor injuries.

Peter Brown was able to see the match on Saturday and was very pleased with the result. Stockdale remains a spectator for another match. Poulter should be available next Saturday.

GOAL-KICKERS

F. Seymour (Northcote), with 46, is now second on the list to Fraser (Oakleigh), who has scored 55. Davie (Preston) has kicked 33, Simmonds (Northcote) 29, and Warr (Preston) 26.

ATTENDANCES AND TAKINGS

Oakleigh-Northcote, 5000 (£76).

Sandringham v Preston, 3,000 (£35)

Total for all Association matches, 20,500 (£274).

ASSOCIATION SUB-DISTRICTS

Preston United v Pascoe Vale

Haxby Park was in a very waterlogged condition for this game, which, on account of the bad going and the high wind, was perhaps the least interesting match of the season from the spectators' viewpoint. Pascoe Vale won the toss and elected to kick with the "gale," and very soon had the Preston backs on the job. They stood up to it well, and, with the odds and numbers against them, they turned attack after attack. The small men of both teams revelled and rolled in the slush, and the first quarter ended with the scores:—Pascoe Vale, 3-2; Preston, 1-0. Preston were playing a man short, Frame, Ford and Aitken being out through injuries, and the reserves were not interested enough to attend the game. The second term was a reversal of the first, the home side having the wind. Goals by Harris, Harding (2) and Buzza came in quick succession, and the locals were supreme practically everywhere. Pascoe Vale forced one goal from a pack in front. Half-time scores:—Preston, 5-2; Pascoe Vale, 4-2. The change over gave Pascoe Vale the benefit of the still high wind, and incidentally their chance of winning. However, Preston's centre line was too nippy and their backs too solid for the opposition, and after a scrambling quarter the best Pascoe Vale could do was to add 1-1 to Preston's 0-3. The last quarter was the least inspiring of any. The visitors had "flopped," and the locals, with the breeze in their favor, did not over-exert themselves. Pascoe Vale's back men were kept unceasingly busy, and at the call of time the visitors were 2-8 behind. Final scores:—Preston, 7-11; Pascoe Vale, 5-3. Goal-kickers.—Preston: Harris (2), Harding (2), Chatley (2), Buzza. Pascoe Vale: Faulkhead (2), Peachey, Jones, McCumpston. Best Players.—Preston: Chatley, Rogers, Harris and Harding. Pascoe Vale: E. Jones, Peachey, Young, Hocking.

The president urges those members and players who wish to participate in the club's festivities at the season's end to display a little more interest and render a bit more support, and also to give more attention to training and not throw the premiership away.

The ton of wood was won by Oliver, 241 High street, Preston (508).

C.Y.M.S.

First Grade.—Ascotvale, 8-12, d Northcote, 0-4; Thornbury, 8-10 (Kiely 5 goals), d Flemington, 5-12.

Second Grade.—Fairfield, 17-17, d North Fitzroy, 5-3.

Thornbury (A grade) and Fairfield (B grade, north section) are the only undefeated teams.

Preston v Clifton Hill

Last Saturday Preston were at home to Clifton Hill, and after a fair game were again successful. A strong wind blew across the ground and accurate kicking was out of the question. The first quarter opened with Preston attacking strongly, and a handy lead was soon established. Kicking for goal was fairly good in spite of the wind, and at the first change Preston were 8-5 to nil. The second quarter was more even, but Clifton Hill took wild shots for goal and many opportunities were lost. Preston still had a lead of five goals at half-time. During the third quarter several players became excited, and the umpire had to stop the game several times to allow the players to cool off. The last quarter was fairly slow, neither side being able to break through and score. Final scores. — Preston, 11-13; Clifton Hill, 7-11. Preston's best were White (best and fairest), Lockwood, Carlon, Hanrahan, Ryan, Kilkenny. Goal-kickers: White (5), Carlon (3), Lockwood, Moran, Pitts.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES

South Preston Methodists First Defeat

South Preston Methodists went to Moreland when they suffered their first defeat at the hands of East Moreland, who, on the day, were the superior team. Final scores: East Moreland, 9-3; South Preston, 3-6.

To-morrow South Preston play at Haxby's Park, Bell street.

BAND OF HOPE

Bell Juniors, 22-26, d Hawthorn, 5-3. Goal-kickers for Bell: D. Murphy (1), Bassett (4), Stephens (3), Goater (2), Phillips. Best players were Stephens, Lovelace, Collins, Bassett, Dillon, Hayles and Goater. Goal-kickers for Hawthorn: J. Cox (3), Ford (2),

NORTHCOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

POPULAR GIRL CONTEST

With the contest now in full swing and the activities of the girls being supported by various bodies, the publicity gained is proving of great benefit to Northcote. Each function has an individual appeal, and the organisation is such that bright entertainment is provided at all of them. The football club committee wants citizens to know that the club is their representative, and all the club activities have one ultimate aim—to benefit the city.

The recorded votes this week show Miss L. George still in the lead, but Miss E. Weate and Miss G. Olver are catching up. Votes recorded to date are as follow:—

The White Girl	7,664 votes
The Blue Girl	6,114 votes
The Red Girl	5,241 votes

THE WHITE GIRL

Miss Lilian George

Miss Lilian George has practically recovered from the heavy cold which kept her confined to her home, and during the past few days has been actively engaged in securing the support and co-operation of her numerous friends in other districts. She is very pleased with her efforts, and, to use her own words, she is "bringing 'foreign' capital to the help of the club."

The committee supporting Miss George has made arrangements for a night at Northcote Masonic Hall. The programme will include games, novelties, musical items and dancing, every one being assured of a good entertainment.

Lilian requests all her friends and supporters to keep Tuesday, September 1, free. She will announce later a feature that will be novel for Northcote.

THE BLUE GIRL

Miss Eva Weate

A successful house party was held at the residence of Mr. Claude Weate, Morgan street, Preston, on behalf of his sister Eva. The guests included representatives of many sporting bodies, and they were entertained with dancing, musical items, and a euchre tournament. The euchre provided great excitement and a very close contest was won by Mrs. Bassett and Mr. Smith, whilst all the cards went against Mrs. Smythe and Mr. A. Weate. It was Mrs. Bassett's lucky night, for she also won another prize. Mrs. Les Walsh and Mr. Wass won other trophies. The last prize of the evening—a huge crayfish—was won by Mrs. Weate (Eva's mother), and the demands made on her to share it made her think it should have been 20 times bigger. The guests were enthusiastic that it was indeed a good night's entertainment.

Miss Weate will hold a novelty dance at Merri Palais on Thursday, August 13. An exhibition dance will be given by the Australian gold cup winners, Mr. James McCubbin and Miss Inez Conroy.

THE RED GIRL

Miss Gwen Olver

Miss Gwen Olver held an enthusiastic committee meeting at her home last Wednesday, and it was resolved to hasten functions being organised. Support is coming from many districts, and this will help considerably the entertainments to success.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Stick have arranged a house party at their residence, "Clyde," 12 Francis grove, Thornbury.

A picture night will be held at the Regent Theatre, Collins street, Melbourne. The plan and tickets may be obtained from Miss G. Olver, 46 Clarendon street, Thornbury, and Mr. W. M. Houston, 103 Beaver's road, Northcote. Early application is necessary.

Mrs. J. R. Goold is organising a bridge party in the Cottage Tea Rooms at George's Pty. Ltd., Collins street. Tickets obtainable from Mrs J. Goold, Miss Olver, and all committee members.

A social dance will be held at Normanby Hall on August 15, and also on the following Saturday.

RAMBLERS' MATCH

P.W.P. Methodists v Payne's

A match between the above teams was played at Hayes Park on Saturday. With the assistance of the strong wind the Park team rattled up a big lead in the first quarter, which they maintained to the end. Payne's made a determined effort in the second term to overtake their opponents, but inaccurate shooting for goal left them 14 points behind at half-time. In the third quarter the visitors displayed sound tactics and kept the Park's score down to a modest 1-2. Up to this stage only one point had been scored against the wind, but in the last quarter the Park boys, being in better condition, overcame this obstacle and outplayed Payne's to win an interesting match by 29 points. Final scores:—P.W.P.: 9-10; Payne's 4-11. Goalkickers.—P.W.P.: Veale (5), N. Henning (2), James, Lobb. Payne's: Owen (2), Riley, Ashmore.

The Northcote Football Club invites you to visit the training rooms every Sunday morning to meet the players, see their training methods and preparation.

SANDRINGHAM DEMORALISED BY PRESTON DEFENCE

WIND SWINGS ROUND FOR RED AND WHITES

Coastal Downpour Puts Seasiders in Hopeless Position

DASHING AND SPARKLING FOOTBALL

(By "Follower.")

By giving an excellent exhibition, Preston proved a superior side in all departments against Sandringham on Saturday. The north wind dropped during the last term. Veering round to the south, it was accompanied by heavy rain, which condition certainly favored Preston, although prior to this stage the red and whites had a lead of seven goals.

Realising that every effort would be required to defeat Sandringham, Preston had trained solidly and journeyed to the seaside full of confidence. The visitors included two more of the juniors in place of P. Spargo (injured) and Gall (stood down for six weeks). Both recruits performed very well. Marshall had plenty of opportunities and had the best of his opponent. Kupsch did not have the same opportunities, but in the second half showed his ability. It is most gratifying to recall that such success has rewarded the experiment of including local talent in the side.

THE TEAMS

SANDRINGHAM.—Backs: Challis, Yemm, O'Donnell. Half-backs: Young, Bourke, Parris. Centres: A. Anderson, Jamieson, Bush. Half-forwards: Dockendorff, Deluca, Bailes. Forwards: R. Kenna, Forbes, Boyd. Followers: Beckton, Hudd. Rover: Rayment.

PRESTON.—Backs: Kupsch, Smith, Hughson. Half-backs: McEachern, Monohan, Reichman. Centres: Dowling, F. Spargo, Marshall. Half-forwards: Collins, Piper, Cameron. Forwards: Summers, Cazaly, Davie. Followers: Taylor, Seebeck. Rover: Warr.

Umpire.—Lester.

Preston Win the Toss

Preston won the toss and had first use of a strong north wind. Within a few seconds the visitors opened when Davie registered full points.

"Lost Ball"

The ball was kicked out into the street and disappeared, and a new one had to be requisitioned.

A long kick from the centre by Taylor flew forward, and Warr, in a flash, snapped a sixer.

Sandringham managed to pierce the already solid defence, and a free to Beckton brought a single.

Wind Makes Play Difficult

It was almost impossible to kick against the wind, and Sandringham made the mistake of kicking the ball high.

Challis turned attack after attack by good aerial work. But for the seasiders' half-back line the visitors must have piled up a huge score.

Kupsch Inconvenienced

In repulsing an attack Kupsch had the misfortune to have his clothing torn, but continued to play.

Boyd, in defence, stemmed the continued attacks of the visitors.

The ball travelled towards Preston's objective, and Davie got possession and goaled.

Sandringham forced play to an advantageous position, the effort being nullified by attempting short passing.

Preston advanced directly down the centre with long kicks, meeting with success.

Another effort by the home side was praiseworthy, as it was almost impossible to play against the wind. Marking high, Forbes scored a single.

Both Hudd and Beckton were following well. Bourke and Challis returned advances before Summers and Cazaly scored for the visitors. Quarter time scores:—

Preston: 5 goals 5 behinds (35 pts)

Sandringham: 2 behinds (2 pts)

Sandringham Take a Hand

Sandringham were quickly away, and within a minute Bailes snapped a sixer—Sandringhams' first.

Preston advanced, but Challis again checked them.

Concentrating on the offensive it was the seasiders' turn to made full use of the wind.

A free to Forbes yielded a goal, and an immediate rush forward led to Boyd snapping another off the ground.

Despite the fine efforts of Monohan, Sandringham pressed forward.

Play continued at a great speed, some interesting duels taking place between Bush and Marshall on the wing.

Although Preston were within scoring range they were constantly beaten back, as their opponents' defence was particularly sound.

A long kick by Bourke had the ball to Jamieson, who goaled.

Preston advanced, but a shot by Piper proved fruitless.

Sandringham relieved to obtain further success, Bailes registering a sixer.

Gradually Sandringham made up the leeway until Rayment equalised the scores by registering a single.

Marking high, Smith was a thorn in the opponents' side.

Although Preston went forward repeatedly they were unable to score until Piper, with good anticipation, marked, and, beating two opponents, with a driving punt, put his side in the lead once more, which lead Preston held until the adjournment. Half-time scores:—

Preston: 6 goals 6 behinds (42 pts)

Sandringham: 5 goals 6 behinds (36 pts)

On resuming Preston continued to infuse plenty of vigor into their play, which had a telling effect.

Repulsing an advance with a beautiful mark, Bourke marred his effort with a poor kick. Davie scored the coveted number.

Sandringham strove fruitlessly to penetrate through the fine defence of McEachern.

Keen Defence

Preston's defence was now almost impregnable, while Challis and Bourke were in fine form, their marking holding Preston in bounds.

A free to Summers went on to Hughson, who, from a difficult angle, scored another six points.

Bush sent the leather to Beckson, who passed to Boyd, but his shot hit the post.

Reichman repulsed an attack and passed to Marshall, and before Sandringham could muster their forces Piper turned quickly and scored full points.

Cameron Leaves the Ground

Feeling the effects of a knock in the second quarter, Cameron retired from the game, his place being taken by Miller.

Sandringham, with a concerted move, were again in a favorable position, but rushing tactics marred a good opportunity.

Turning an advance, Monohan swept aside his assailants and with a powerful thrust had the home side in difficulties. Davie snapped the majority.

Preston Determined

Preston prevailed in the crushes and played with marked determination, adding 5 goals 3 behinds to 3 behinds during the quarter. Scores at the last change were:—

Preston: 11 goals 9 behinds (75 pts)

Sandringham: 5 goals 9 behinds (39 pts)

Sandringham's Disastrous Quarter

The last quarter proved disastrous for Sandringham. At the outset, facing a deficit of six goals, their position was not hopeless.

Preston, however, were playing for the fourth position in the four, and were grimly determined to win.

Attacking immediately, and before the home side could realise what had happened, with a delightful drop kick, Davie steered the leather clear.

Sandringham went forward and Boyd, with a shot "off the carpet," hit the man on his mark. Kupsch sent the ball out to Marshall, who was outpacing Bush.

The ball went on to Cazaly, who coolly passed to Davie, and another goal was signalled.

The Wind Subsides

The wind had subsided and the dashing, decisive movement of Preston's defenders disorganised the seasiders' forwards.

Wind Favors Preston

There was now little chance of victory for the seasiders, as the wind, veering to the south, again favored Preston.

With a snappy running shot Cazaly goaled.

Sandringham managed to create an opening, when Bailes scored a single, which was his side's only score for the quarter; whilst Preston, taking command, attacked continuously, the efforts of the followers being ably supported by the forwards, whose shooting for goal was deadly, seven shots producing six goals.

Rain now set in, but it did not dampen the ardour of Preston's players, goals being scored by Warr, Cazaly and Hughson. Final scores:—

Preston: 17 goals 10 behinds (112 pts)

Sandringham: 5 goals 10 behinds (40 pts)

Goal-kickers

Preston.—Davie (6), Cazaly (3), Warr (2), Summers (2), Hughson (2); Piper (2).

All Sandringham's goals were scored in the second term by Bailes (2), Forbes, Boyd and Jamieson.

For the winners Monohan gave a magnificent display, his marking and determined play repelling countless attacks. He was supported by McEachern and his colleague, Smith, closely guarding the sticks. Davie was accurate forward, whilst Seebeck, Taylor, Hughson, Warr, Piper, and Marshall were the most prominent of an even side.

Sandringham were well represented by Challis and Bourke, whose marking proved features of the game. Others to do well were Beckton, R. Kenna, Boyd, Yemm, Bush and Hudd.

Preston players stationed in the back pockets should realise that the onus of guarding the goals does not entirely rest on the shoulders of Smith. He often needs assistance and it should be there when required.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

Clubs	P	W	L	P.C.	Pts.
Yarraville	14	10	3	87.95	42
Oakleigh	14	10	4	68.89	40
Northcote	14	10	4	72.30	40
Port Melb.	14	10	4	95.41	40
Preston	14	8	5	93.75	34
Brunswick	14	8	6	85.09	32
Coburg	14	8	6	105.97	32
Sand'ham	14	7	7	104.42	28
Prahran	14	5	9	126.45	20
W'town	14	4	10	117.25	16
Cam'well	14	2	12	148.13	8
Brighton	14	1	13	143.49	4

TEAMS IN THE RUNNING

With only four more of the series of home and home matches to be played, Association teams have reached a most interesting stage. A perusal of the list published below will supply food for thought and for speculation. It looks as though Port Melbourne's position for inclusion in the first four is assured, whilst there are five other teams who have chances. Saturday's results will be eagerly awaited. The list also shows the games to be played by those teams who have a chance for the 1931 pennant.

Preston.—At Home: Northcote and Brighton. Away: Brunswick, Coburg.

Northcote.—At Home: Sandringham. Away: Preston, Coburg, Yarraville.

Yarraville.—At Home: Oakleigh, Northcote. Away: Williamstown, Prahran.

Oakleigh—At Home: Williamstown, Brunswick. Away: Camberwell, Yarraville.

Port Melbourne.—At Home: Brunswick, Prahran. Away: Camberwell, Brighton.

Brunswick.—At Home: Prahran, Preston. Away: Port Melbourne, Oakleigh.

Coburg.—At Home: Sandringham, Northcote, Preston. Away: Williamstown.

Supporters can look forward to keen struggles with the possibility of the unexpected happening at any moment.

THE MATCH OF THE DAY

PRESTON AT HOME TO NORTHCOTE

Thrilling Contest Expected

Should conditions be at all favorable a large crowd is expected at the Preston Park to-morrow afternoon to see the contest between Preston and Northcote.

Preston, to secure inclusion in the first four, must win.

Northcote, of course, will fight tenaciously to retain its present position.

At the opening match of the season these teams provided a thriller, Northcote won a magnificent game by three points after they appeared to be hopelessly beaten.

Those who attend the match can rest assured that they will see a thrilling game.

TO-MORROW'S CONTESTS

Another interesting round of matches is provided to-morrow, probably the most important engagement being that of Preston and Northcote. Should Preston sustain defeat it will have little hope of gaining fourth position.

Another important match will be that between Port Melbourne and Brunswick at Port Melbourne. If Brunswick are defeated it will also end their chances of inclusion in the first four, unless something extraordinary happens.

The following is the draw, games to be played on the ground of first-named club:—

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

V.J.F.A.

NORTHCOTE v OAKLEIGH

Northcote Park was well patronised on Saturday, when the second eighteen played a return match against Oakleigh. The latter club occupies a lowly position on the premiership list, while Northcote still has an excellent chance of gaining the minor premiership. Hart, a local junior, who has been playing well with the C.Y.M.S. and Unemployed Association, was included in the Northcote side, and fully justified his inclusion. Northcote's team was as follows:—Backs: Davies, T. Houldcroft, Carey. Half-backs: G. Gray, Hart, Winter. Centres: Laxon, Skilton, O'Neill. Half-forwards. Randle, Smith, Russ. Forwards: Bresnahan, Emmins, Allan Gray. Followers: Honig, Tracey. Rover: Alex. Gray. Honig and Alex Gray (from the seniors) and Hart displaced Ackland and Burns (injured) and Docking.

A strong wind blew across the ground and favored the Fairfield goal, and Oakleigh, winning the toss, chose that end. They were first to move, and in spite of strong defence soon posted first score. Northcote gradually settled down, and Emmins goaled with a beautiful angle shot. G. Gray repeatedly saved and sent the ball well down. Russ, from a free, passed to Emmins, who booted his second goal. Alex Gray, with characteristic dash, broke through and goaled, and a further goal by Bresnahan made the scores at quarter time:—Northcote, 4-1; Oakleigh, 1-4. Honig was freed in the centre and forwarded to Smith, whose marking was a feature of the play. He scored full points with a long kick. For a time Oakleigh had the best of the play, but only minor points resulted. Davies and Houldcroft defended well. A move by Skilton and a smart pass to Russ enabled Emmins to goal. Scores at half-time were:—Northcote, 12-9; Oakleigh, 1-7. Oakleigh, who had had difficulty in fielding a full team, were now being outclassed. Hart had settled down and was playing fine football. Northcote were showing great system, Randle, Laxon, Skilton and O'Neill being prominent. The bullocking work of Carey and Tracey was telling on Oakleigh, who were finding it difficult to get within scoring distance. Scores at three-quarter time were:—Northcote, 14-12; Oakleigh, 1-9: Oakleigh showed glimpses of form, but were obviously handicapped by the absence of several leading players. Northcote backs allowed nothing to pass, Winter and O'Neill being conspicuous in a fast move round the wing. Although minding a good man in Henry (the ex-Essendon player), Hart was always superior. Allan Gray, the heavyweight of Northcote, scored twice in quick succession. Northcote now had matters all their own way and the game ended with the scores:—Northcote, 18-18; Oakleigh, 2-11.

Best players for Northcote were Hart (umpire's vote), Gray (3), Skilton, Smith, Randle and Bresnahan. Goal-kickers: Emmins (6), Bresnahan (5), Alex Gray (4), G. Gray (2), and Smith.

Tea and Dance

At the conclusion of the match the Oakleigh Club were entertained at tea, followed by a social and dance. Approximately 130 guests sat down to an excellent tea.

The president of the Northcote second eighteen (Mr. Roy Morrison) opened the proceedings with the toast of the King.

Mr. Ern Watkins proposed the toast of the Oakleigh Football Club Second Eighteen, which was duly responded to by the president of that club.

Mr. S. Bolt proposed the Northcote Football Club, to which Mr. Les Walsh replied. Mr. Walsh spoke briefly of the victory gained over Oakleigh, and expressed the wish that both first and second eighteens would come out on top.

Mr. Walsh proposed the toast of the V.J.F.A., to which he was at one time a delegate. Mr. J. Waycott, vice-president of the V.J.F.A. and president of the umpire and permit committee, replied.

The toast of the Ladies' Committee was in the hands of Mr. Henry, of the Oakleigh Club, who paid a glowing tribute to their work. Mr. Dick Vernon was thanked by the president for the valuable help rendered by him.

At the conclusion of the meal the pavilion was quickly cleared and dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

A euchre tournament conducted by Messrs. Allender and Owen was won by Mr. McColl.

During the evening the president of the Northcote Football Club (Mr. Frank Trainer) visiter the pavilion and congratulated the president and committee of the club on the excellent arrangements.

The success of the function was undoubtedly due to the indefatigable work of the ladies' committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Roy Morrison and Mrs. Russ. This willing band of workers was responsible for the catering arrangements in their entirety, and the gigantic task of providing tea and supper for a large gathering was carried out without a hitch. It is now up to the committee of the club to show their appreciation of the work of the ladies by in some way returning their hospitality. Mr. Ern Watkins, as master of ceremonies, also contributed greatly to the success of the evening.

The thanks of the committee are extended to the following for donations:—Messrs. Quinn and Cahill, Langridge Bros., Bon Accord Dairy Produce Co., Power Bros., Mr. King, Mr. Frank Trainor. Thanks are also extended to Mr. Claude Weate for making his van available to the committee.

OTHER RESULTS

Association Seconds

Preston, 15-15, d Sandringham, 6-3. For Preston Smith, R. Underhill, Ellis, Roseman, Jones, and Fennell were the best players. For Sandringham Voigt, Dick, Smedley, Rowley, Ross and Hurst were the best players. Goal-kickers. — Sandringham: Hurst (2), McLeich, Rowley, Armstrong and Smith.

League Sub-Districts

Fairfield, 12-21, d Auburn, 12-17.

Kew, 15-15, d Alphington, 6-6.

Second Grade.—Fairfield, 15-23, d Box Hill, 10-10; Abbotsford, 10-9, d Ivanhoe, 6-5; Fairfield District, 14-5, d Balwyn, 2-5.

Association Sub-Districts

First Grade.—Spotswood, 9-15, d Alphington, 9-3.

Second Grade.—Croxton, 7-11, d Richmond, 0-3; Graham, 15-15, d Northcote, 6-5.

Third Grade.—Heidelberg, 8-14, d Williamstown, 8-12; Burnley C d Fairfield.

Metropolitan Juniors

Third Grade.—Thornbury District, 12-12, d South Melbourne, 4-12.

Melbourne Boys' Club

Fitzroy Imperials, 6-9, d Westgarth Rovers, 3-6.

Protestant Churches

St. George's Road Methodists, 9-14, d Young Street Presbyterians, 6-10.

St. Mark's Church of England, 7-3, lost to Pender's Grove Methodists, 11-11.

Croxton Methodists, 8-14, d Collingwood Methodists, 6-8.

News Agents' Association

Green (Bell), 7-6, d McCasker and Eaton (Thornbury), 5-4.

Churches of Christ

Prahran-Windsor, 20-17, d Thornbury, 4-0.

Boy Scouts

7st Preston, 12-28, d 1st Hampton, 1-4.

Bourke-Evelyn Association

In the semi-final Whittlesea, 6-4, d Mernda, 4-10. Epping and Whittlesea meet in the final at Donnybrook on Saturday.

BASEBALL.

Northcote and Preston Churches

Northcote Presbyterians played Thornbury Presbyterians at Hayes Park, and after keeping with Northcote for the first six innings, Thornbury allowed them to break away in the seventh and eighth innings with 4 and 8 runs, only adding 2 and 3 runs for themselves. Northcote made many safe hits, but excellent fielding by Thornbury kept the scores down. Northcote's fielding was rather weak at times, although the outfielders held some good catches. R. Ford encircled the diamond five times, while W. Beecher and J. Thomson crossed the plate four times. They were perhaps the best of an even side. In the field Thornbury were best served by C. Seddon, while G. Macdonald and T. Anderson both scored 4 runs. Scores: — Northcote: 6,3,0,1,2,2,4,8—26; Thornbury: 3,5,0,1,1,0,2,3—15.

At Merri Park St. George's Road Methodists defeated Thornbury Presbyterians B by 18 runs. Thornbury, on going in to bat, registered 1 run in their first innings, and in the following innings obtained 2 and 5 runs; while St. George's Road were brilliant in their first three innings with scores of 6, 6 and 9. The best for St. George's Road Methodists were W. Wood, who played well for his first game L. Tulk was always a tower of strength both batting and pitching B. Gough, R. Findlay, D. Wood and H. Mabbett all batted well, scoring 4 runs apiece. The best for the losers were A. Stark, J. Keil and J. Douglas, who all batted well, while J. Moyes was always prominent with his fielding at second base. Scores:—St. George's Road Methodists: 6,6,9,1,0, 5,1,1—29; Thornbury Presbyterians B: 1,2,5,0,0,1,1,1,0—11.

PRESTON CLUB

Teams for to-morrow are:—

A team v Fitzroy, at Preston.—Patterson, O.Brien, Butler, Duffield, Newbegin, Fothergill, Wescott, Spoor, Goller.

B team v Malvern, at Preston.—Jeans, Goller, Brockley, Nelder, Crawley, Hills, Burr, Thorncroft, Souter, Ford, Nankervis.

C team v Newport, at Newport.—Smith, Allen, Naunton, Bassier, Murray, Burrell, Jackson, Channon, Dahl, Goller, Dearing. Train for Newport leaves Flinders street at 12.25.

MOTOR CYCLING

Preston Club

A house party held at the residence of Mr. P. Dare last Saturday evening afforded a splendid variety of entertainment to a large attendance. Novelties were won by Mr. Frank Hart (lucky number), and Mr. Geo. Elwell (competition). Great credit is due to the lady members.

The sports meeting at Wattle Glen on Sunday offered plenty of excitement and amusement to onlookers. Only on half of the solo-bending race was run, several riders experiencing trouble. Results:—Solo Bending Race: R. Sullivan (Douglas). Sidecar Bending Race: A. Meadows (Rudge). Solo Slow Race: R. Sullivan. Sidecar Slow Race: A. Meadows. Musical Chairs: A. and Mrs. Meadows. Ladies' Foot Race: Mrs. Meadows. Men's Foot Race: C. Sproule.

The next general meeting is at 41 Robeson street, on Tuesday next at 8 p.m. Intending members are invited.

EAST PRESTON CLUB

The club's next outing will be on Sunday, leaving the clubrooms at 10 a.m. sharp for Belgrave. Many members have entered for the forthcoming safety and road courtesy demonstration on Saturday, August 15, an event for which all motor cyclists are invited to enter. Entry is free. The football match with Queenstown has been arranged for August 9.

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When detected riding a unlighted bicycle, Jack Moore explained to the constable that his lamp had run out of oil. "That reminds one of the story of the foolish virgins" said Mr. G. Brown, P.M., at Northcote court on Tuesday when imposing a fine of £1.

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HEIDELBERG COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

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

Cr. Jessop being in hospital, it was decided to forward a letter of sympathy, wishing him a speedy recovery.

Correspondence

Commonwealth Bank, intimating it had been decided by the board of the bank to make a reduction of one per cent. interest on overdraft accounts, and also on council loans with the bank.—Received.

City of Chelsea, re deputation to the Minister of Railways seeking reduction in fares, and stating that advice will be given of date.—Cr. Bryant to attend.

Public Works Department, re application for grant of £120 from the unemployment relief funds, stating same will be given consideration.

Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital, forwarding estimates for ensuing financial year. Council's quarterly allocation is £175/15/3.

A. B. Hodgens, acting secretary, Heidelberg Shire Baby Health Centres, asking council to again consider the building of a Baby Health Centre at Alphington.—Secretary to ascertain where bulk of visiting mothers come from.

Messrs. Provan and Brown, proprietors of Fairfield public tennis courts, regarding playing tennis on Sundays, and asking council's leniency in the matter.—To be advised of council's by-law and also that council is against the practice.

Fairfield Cricket Club, making application for use of Fairfield oval (two elevens) during forthcoming cricket season.—Preference given to clubs having use of same ground last year. Second eleven to play at National Park.

Fairfield Diggers' Cricket Club, seeking use of Fairfield oval for coming season.—Granted, in conjunction with Fairfield Cricket Club first XI.

Secretary, Fairfield C.Y.M.S. Football Club, asking that Fairfield riding members receive a deputation in relation to the North Alphington football ground.—Deputation received.

Health inspector, advising that the owner of 121 Gillies street, Fairfield, had neglected to comply with notices served to abate drainage nuisance, and asking council to take action.—Action to be taken.

Mrs. F. Shands, Riverview grove, asking council to supply ashes for footpath.—To be supplied on usual conditions.

James Rundell, asking council to assist in draining and planting in Tuckett street.—No action.

M. S. Lord asking permission to remove street tree in front of his premises, Fairfield.—Refused.

G. N. Abbott, Riverview grove, asking for ashes to be supplied for right-of-way at rear of his premises.—To be informed that ashes will be supplied at cost price.

John Munro, re right-of-way at rear of his shop property, Heidelberg road, Alphington.—Engineer to report.

L. Bloomfield, asking council to supply ashes for right-of-way at rear of premises, 10 Rathmines street, Fairfield.—No action.

Salvation Army, re roadway along railway line, between Fulham and Grange roads, Alphington.—Engineer to report.

T. H. Goudy, 13 Yarraford avenue, asking for ashes for footpath.—Referred to engineer.

Hon. secretary, Fairfield Football Club, asking council to fill up large quarry hole outside playing arena, Fairfield Park.—No funds available.

Shire secretary, submitting report on banking of money on hand after bank hours, and also stating arrangements had been made for burglary insurance to cover theft or highway robbery.—Received.

Heidelberg Municipal Brass Band, applying for immediate financial help.—Donation to be given.

T. J. Dalton, asking permission to establish a vegetable garden on council's land on Darebin Creek, at the rear of the depot.—No objection.

J. Draper and others complaining about language used by one of the council's employes.—No action.

Shire of Heidelberg Unemployed League, notifying their intention to attend the next council meeting re unemployment relief. — Referred to riding members.

Board of Works, asking for an explanation re the installation of an ejector at the Fairfield swimming pool.—Left to Commissioner Coate.

F. E. Nixon, asking council to allow him to erect shed within 14 feet of Park street, instead of 20 feet.—Agreed to.

General

Cr. Jessop was appointed as the Greensborough representative on the building by-law committee, vice Cr. Leach.

Genuine fruit barrows, which can be wheeled home and cleaned out, are to be allowed in side streets in shopping zones.

Building plans passed for the month were:—Fairfield, 2 dairies, 1 addition to public garage, 1 garage, 1 signboard; Ivanhoe, 2 garages, 1 outbuilding, 1 cantilever verandah; Heidelberg, 1 outbuilding; Greensborough, 1 w.b. house, 3 outbuildings; total, 14.

Ranger J. Linn reported impounding 23 head of stock and paying over £5/14/ to the treasurer. Ranger W. S. Laurie (Greensborough) impounded 14 head and paid over £3/17/.

Four tenders were received for tennis court fencing, Chelsworth Park, and that of Melbourne Wire Works for £139/12/8 was accepted.

Entrance gates are to be provided to Coates Park.

Fairfield police reported that they are unable to collect £2/2/6 fines and costs from Mr. Willoughby.—Further information to be obtained.

The electric light committee reported that there are 6025 consumers, total for the month 6; street lights, 767. Receipts for the month £4,272 11/5; disbursements £1,996/5/11. Street Lights: Mandall avenue, Ivanhoe. Extensions: Greensborough road, Watsonia, 400 yards.

The gasworks committee reported there are 4,560 consumers. Receipts for the month, £3,161/18/7; disbursements, £2,012/12/7. The average monthly decrease of gas made for the past six months is 9.6 per cent.—Cr. Bryant said owing to a lesser consumption of gas and a reduction in price there would be no credit balance at the end of the year. It was decided to put off three men, who are not ratepayers, and three stokers are to be rationed one week in three.

Hon. H. H. Olney wrote asking the council's views on the matter of reduction of fares on the Heidelberg line.—Councillors appreciated his action, and it was decided to support. Cr. Bryant said Mr. Olney would be invited to attend the Chelsea deputation.

Cr. Hannah said he was the only person who attended to inspect the proposed deviation of Heidelberg road traffic at Clifton Hill, called by the Collingwood council.—On the motion of Cr. Pitcher, it was decided that the Parliamentary representative arrange an appointment with the members of the Ministry controlling the unemployment fund.

It was decided to grant the Brass Band the sum of £25, it being pointed out that it does good service for unemployed and charity functions. An amendment that no grant be given in view of the financial position was lost.

It was decided to invite Mr. Jones, Minister for Public Works, to open the boulevard on a date to be fixed by him, and several persons who have taken a keen interest in it are to be invited. The president said he would entertain them.

On the motion of Crs. Daley and Phillips, White and Clive streets are to be made.

Cr. Ibbott said the secretary of the Heidelberg Shire Relief Organisation offered £50 a month, and asked the council to give £50 also, then apply to the Government for £2 for £1, the money to be spent in having the entrance to the shire beautified.—It was decided to accept the offer, and each of the lower ridings to consider how it can raise £50. Cr. Phillips said they should jump at those things.

On the motion of Cr. Daley, the inspector of Weights and measures is to be asked to visit the shire in view of bags of firewood being sold, and residents being taken down.

Cr. Daley drew attention to unemployed residents having the electric light cut off, and asked why some ratepayers were summoned and others not. — The secretary replied that in cases where people went to him and made arrangements exception was made, but where it was ignored the summons was issued.

A notice of motion by Cr. Ibbott that a month's notice of intention to erect a dairy be given and advertised was lost. Cr. Bryant said the precautions taken were equal to that covered by the motion.

Engineer's Report

The engineer reported:—

Fairfield.—In addition to the usual sweeping and cleansing, the following works have been carried out:—Road maintenance repairs and patching in Perry street, Gillies street, Grange road, north of Separation street, Railway place north, between Station and Arthur streets, Separation street, Arthur street, between Heidelberg road and railway, and north of railway to Duncan street, Fairfield road, Westgarth street; intersection of Wingrove street and Arthur street metalled, rolled, semi-penetrated and surfaced; minor C.R.B. repairs between Merri Creek and Darebin Creek; repairs to pitched crossings at Wingrove and Arthur streets. Footpath maintenance repairs in Wingrove street, from Fairfield road to Kelvin road, and on south side between Station street and Rathmines street. Repairs with ashes in Fulham place, between Fulham and Grange roads, Edwardes street, path through reserve at the corner of Wingrove and Arthur streets, corner of Darling street and Grange road (approaches to telephone and letter boxes respectively), path from Hamilton street to Perry street railway gate, and on path alongside railway at Grange road end. Side tables and channels cleared of weeds in Heidelberg road, Gillies street from Wingrove street to Duncan street, Lowther street, easement from Station street to Rathmines street, easement between Clive street and Miller street, and easement between Miller street and Harker street, Wingrove street, between Grange road and Yarra street, Yarana road, Toolangi road, Parklands road and Smith street; repairs to pitched r-o-w between St. Elmo road and Parkview road. Gas and sewer cuts repaired in various streets.

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Northcote Club

The Northcote Club held a shoot at Port Melbourne last Saturday, the competition being for a shield and the final stage of the West trophy. Results:—Hook, 46 (3), 49; Randall, 47 (2), 48; Appleby, 45 (2), 47; Shearer, 43 (3), 46; Parsons, 37 (8), 45; Tounge, 42 (3), 45. Trophy won by H. Hook.

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NORTHCOTE NOTES

Three outbreaks of fire occurred during the week. The first was on July 23 at about three o'clock at the rear of the Commercial Hotel, [illegible]2 High street, a building of 15 rooms, owned by Mrs. A. Coakley, of Elwood, and occupied by Mrs. Jones, the licensee. A quantity of clothing drying in front of a fire was ignited by a spark. The clothing was destroyed, and the mantelpiece was damaged. At 3.29 a.m. on July 24, a residence owned by Mr. W. J. White, corner of Banfield street and Southern road, Heidelberg, suffered slight damage through an enclosed verandah and bathroom becoming ignited. The contents, upon which there was not any insurance were destroyed. On the morning of the 25th, a fire started in a detached shed at the residence of Mr. J. W. Trescowthick, on Wamba road, near Lower Heidelberg road, supposedly from from a spark from ashes and a shed and its contents were destroyed. At the fourth fire in Park View road, Alphington, an eight-roomed house occupied by Mrs. L. Jones was endangered through curtains having come into contact with a naked light. The pantry and its contents were slightly damaged.

Winter Sermons at the Holy Trinity Church, Thornbury

At the first of this series on August 2 at evensong, Rev. E. V. Wade B.A., B.D., Principal of Ridley College will deliver an address under the sub-title of "Religion and Social Righteousness." On August 9 at evensong, Rev. C. H. Murray M.A., B. Litt., Thl., vicar of St. Paul's, Kingsville will preach on "Religion and Personal Character," while the concluding sub-title of the interesting series "Religion and International Relationships" will be delivered by the Rev. Roscoe Wilson B.A. Dip. Ed., vicar of St. John's, Camberwell. The subjects are indeed particularly interesting in the light of the "times."

Musical Service at Croxton

A musical service was given in the Croxton Methodist Church on Sunday evening for the Foreign Mission Appeal. The choir was under Mr. Atkinson, with Mr. Wyatt at the organ and Mr. Blackney, the pastor, conducted the service. One of the best numbers was the opening anthem "Raise a Hymn of Praise and Prayer." Mr. Lunn, of the United Soudan Mission sang several tenor solos, his best being "He Was Despised." Mr. Lunn also addressed the congregation on the work in the Soudan field. Mr. Blackney addressed the congregation on "The Love of God." The singing of the choir was exellent, each item being admirably rendered.

Community Singing

The alteration in the night to Friday resulted in a poorer attendance, but a good time was provided for patrons. The Northcote Unemployed Professional Orchestra opened by playing a medley, Miss A. Lavell contributed solos "Pale Moon" and "Flowers in My Garden." Mr. Matters was encored for "Friar of Orders Grey." Mr. Hemsworth, lightning sketch artist, showed trick sketching. Miss Lavell and Mr. Matters were encored for their duet "I went Roaming," and gave "The Keys of Heaven." Master Oscar Scott, delighted by singing "Sweet and Low." The Tradesmen's prize given by M. W. E. Ladner, jeweller, was won by Mrs. Ryan. Mr. Nicoll was the conductor of the community singing, while Mr. Win[illegible] led the orchestra.

Lecture on Wales

Rev. Penry Evans, of the Collins Street Congregational Church, on July 23 delivered a lecture in the Congregational Church, Northcote, under the auspices of the Young Men's Society, on "Wales and its Characteristics About Forty Years Ago." The chair was occupied by Rev. D. E. Reeves. Mr. Drew sang "Crossing the Bar." Miss Marie Drew rendered "My Dear Soul." Rev. Reeves moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer and artists, and Mr. Miller supported. Mr. Drew concluded the programme by singing "Ask Me No More."

Thornbury Red Cross Auxiliary

On July 23 twelve hostesses from the auxiliary held a dance and euchre party in the Dispensary Hall, and a splendid evening eventuated. As a result the funds will benefit by about £7. Euchre prizes were won by Mrs. [illegible] Brennan and Mrs. A. Lamb, while Miss Norris and Miss Kidd obtained "booby" prizes. Prizes for the Monte Carlo were won by Mr. and Mrs. B. Thomas. During May, June and July cheques and kind to the value of £123 [illegible]/ have been sent to the Queen Victoria Hospital as a result of many different efforts by members. A euchre party will be held on August 4 at 3 p.m. at 2 Hutton street, Thornbury, the home of Mrs. G. Willis. Another euchre party and dance has been arranged for August 18 in the Memorial Hall, Northcote.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

NORTHCOTE

Cr. A. J. Cornish intimates that a meeting of friends and supporters will be held at his home at the corner McCracken avenue and Hartington street, Northcote, on Wednesday, August 5, to further his candidature for the Central Ward. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested. See announcement.

EAST WARD

A large and successful meeting of friends and supporters of Cr. A. H. Oldis was held on Tuesday. After a brief outline of the work of the council, and the progress of the East Ward during the term of eleven years of which he has been one of the representatives, with much enthusiasm a vote of confidence in Cr. Oldis, moved by Messrs. J. Chidzey and W. S. Jackson, and supported by Messrs. C. Juliff, J. H. Burgess, G. Armstrong, J. A. Yeates, W. F. Thompson and A. J. Tanner, was carried. A strong campaign committee was formed, with Mr. E. Sutton (president of the East Ward Progress Association) as chairman, and Messrs. W. S. Jackson and J. A. Yeates, joint hon. secretaries.

PRESTON

East Ward

Cr. Adams' Candidature

The committee met on Wednesday July 19. A resolution was passed expressing sympathy with Mrs. Coote at her recent sad bereavement.

As there was no report of any opposition a general discussion took place.

The candidate outlined many important matters in connection with the council which were most interesting. Next meeting, Wednesday, August 5.

WEST WARD

Cr. Llewellyn Jones, who is seeking re-election for the West Ward, addressed a meeting of ratepayers at the Methodist Hall, George street, Reservoir, on Tuesday evening, and although the night was bitterly cold there was a fair attendance. Cr. W. J. Hemburrow (chairman) introduced the candidate, who spoke of the good work he had done for the municipality during his 13 years in the council. Cr. Jones addressed the meeting for nearly an hour and gave a general resume of the work of the council.

At the conclusion of Cr. Jones' address Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Smeaton seconded a vote of confidence and appreciation of Cr. Jones' 15 years' service as their representative, and that all present use every effort to secure his return to the council should he have any opposition. The motion was carried unanimously.

REGENT TALKIES

On Monday comes "Unfaithful" and the theme is one of love and conflict and pride; of a husband who reveals himself faithless on his honeymoon; of a good woman whose wounded pride whips her to reckless actions which make her the most slandered woman in Europe. She matches her husband's spurious good reputation with a bad reputation of her own. And to save her from her mad abandon, Paul Lukas, who performed so superbly with Ruth Chatterton, comes to love her. Paul Cavanagh, as the husband, is a believable and sincere actor handling a difficult role skilfully. Juliette Compton is the "other woman," a beautiful and accomplished actress.

"Beau Ideal," which stars the superb Ralph Forbes, is another of the "Beau Ideal" series and has its setting in Morocco amongst the desert and the famous Foreign Legion. An entertaining story runs through the picture and many interesting scenes are depicted with absolute sincerity. Altogether it is better than its predecessor and the climax is intense and gripping.

"Viennese Nights"

The midweek change brings "Viennese Nights," a creation of Sigmund Romberg and Oscar Hammerstein, 11, and is one of exquisite tenderness, the theme being the deathlessness of beauty. The settings are gorgeous, being all in natural colors and the glamor of old Vienna is caught with stirring vitality. Marching troups, gay ladies, street gamins, stout burghers, ample fraus, all seen in the flickering golden light of leaves blowing, horses bearing ancient vehices, crowded with gay roysterers, all are there. But this is but the beginning of the haunting story of love and renunciations built about the fate of a girl who falls in love with a poor musician but is forced to marry a rich officer, by her ambitious father. Through poverty and exile the poor man works desperately trying to finish the symphony which is to be dedicated to her and it is the grandchildren of the two who find the lost dream. Vivienne Sengal and Alexander Gray make the scenes live with their haunting medlies and exquisite harmony.

"Once a Sinner," features Dorothy Mackaill a beautiful girl who chose the primrose path to get the fine clothes and luxury then met a young fine, upstanding man and experienced her first real love. Before marriage she tells her husband-to-be of "the other man." (John Halliday). Whether a girl's past belongs to herself after marriage is the question asked and answered in this problem play.

CITIZENS' TRIBUTE TO NORTHCOTE'S MAYOR AND MAYORESS

FIVE HUNDRED ATTEND RETURN BALL

GAY SCENES IN SPRINGTIME SETTING

Worry and dull care were forgotten by 500 citizens who gathered at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening to do honor to the Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. J. H. Green) who have all but completed a most arduous but happy year in the highest civic position Northcote can bestow.

Although rain fell early in the evening spirits were not damped and the springtime appearance of the ballroom served to enhance the gaiety and levity of the scene.

The Mayoress made a charming figure in her flame-red georgette gown styled on graceful lines and her bouquet was arranged with red camellias, daphne, boronia and erica with long ties of crimson ribbon bearing an inscription in gold. Miss Olwyn Green was a picture in a flowing powder blue ninon frock with a red rose adorning her hair and Miss Lesley Green looked dainty in her pale sea-blue georgette frock.

THE DECORATIONS

Blush pink and tango were the tonings of the decorations in the ball room which was bathed in lighting of similar shades from myriads of small colored fairy lights, hidden by large flowers, through which the glow filtered. The centrepiece and two smaller pieces at either end were in pink with lighting and peach blossom decorations. Streamers of tango flowers and lights crossed and recrossed the ceiling meeting contrasting drapes of deep and pale pink. Below these the spring appearance was again introduced by shaded peach blossom and foliage on gold lattice. Banked with palms and ferns the stage was carpeted and furnished to form a lounge and wide carpeted steps led from the stage to the dancing floor.

THE ORCHESTRA

Seated on a dais to the right of the stage facing the hall, Aumont's Orchestra discoursed excellent music, both in rythm and air, many old favorites being included in the programme of modern and popular dance music. Barn Dances, Alberts, and the old time Merry Widow and Blue Danube waltzes delighted both old and young. Many who rarely dance joined in and enjoyed tripping to the light fantastic.

THE CATERING

Pink was again the main decorative shade in the supper rooms and tango tonings were introduced with striking effect. On the tables tall vases of exquisite Japanese flowering peach and plum blossom in pink and white overshadowed an efficiently selected and tastefully set supper and waitresses in snowy uniforms deftly satisfied every whim quietly and capably. Supper was set in two sittings and the able manner in which everything was carried out speaks volumes for the arrangement and management of the caterers, Mr. and Mrs. Olorenshaw, of Normanby Hall, Thornbury, who are to be congratulated on the success of their effort. The blossom, which decked the tables is in bloom very early and was obtained specially from Boronia for the occasion.

PRESENTATIONS

At an interval Cr. W. Hayes, on behalf of the citizens, made a presentation of a handsome fiddleback grandfather clock to the Mayor and Mayoress, as a token of esteem and appreciation for their services to the city during their term.

Cr. Hayes said the Mayoralty had this year been an office which involved a tremendous amount of untiring effort, and the Mayor and Mayoress had performed their part with credit to the city and distinction to themselves. Both had upheld the high dignity of the city. The presentation, he hoped, would serve to remind the recipients of the high affection and esteem in which they were held.

To the Mayoress, Cr. Hayes made a presentation of a magnificent diamond ring, as a token of esteem from the citizens; to Miss Green he also presented a ring, and Miss Lesley Green was made the recipient of a handsome wristlet watch. The presentations were made amid applause.

The Mayor, who received an ovation, thanked the citizens for their striking tribute (laughter). In a reminiscent mood he stated that to attain the high honor of the office of Mayor had been one of his boyhood ambitions. The year of office had at times been difficult, but there were many compensations in the way the citizens had rallied to the assistance of the Mayoress and himself. He had at first experienced some diffidence about accepting the office, knowing full well that the three previous mayors, all of whom had had many years' municipal experience, had set a very high standard, but with the able assistance of the Mayoress and his daughters, he had accepted, determined to do his best. Very able assistance had been given to him by the council, and citizens, and the ladies had been very loyal in their support of the Mayoress. If in carrying out the mayoral duties they had failed in any way it had not been for want of trying. It made him happy and proud to see such a fine assemblage, and to receive such tributes of esteem. (applause).

The Mayoress, who was received with overwhelming applause, returned thanks for the presentations, and said she desired to acknowledge the very hearty assistance given to her by the ladies, and especially Mrs Dennis.

Miss Green and Miss Lesley Green also responded.

Mr Max Dunn, on behalf of the debutantes and their partners, made a presentation of a magnificent crystal fruit stand to the Mayoress, and thanked her for her kindness to the young people of the city.

The Mayoress, replying, said that she took a great interest in the young people and on learning that there had been no debutante set at a Mayoral Ball for abotu 20 years, had decided to have one. She was gratified that it had given so much pleasure.

The Mayor made a presentation of a satin bronze vase to Mr. J. A. Thomson, town clerk, thanking him for his loyal co-operation and able assistance to both the Mayoress and himself during their term and thanked the officers of the council for their loyalty. The Mayor also thanked Mr. Les. Sharp for his assistance in the social sphere, and made him the recipient of a box of cigars.

Messrs. Thomson and Sharp suitably responded.

The executive committee were Cr. W. Hayes (chairman), Crs. S. Dennis, S. W. Pinkney, W. Olver (hon. treasurer), Messrs. J. S. Whalley, F. C. Cornish, A. E. Johnson, H. C. Dyte and the Hon. H. H. Olney, M.L.C., Messrs. E. L. Sharp and J. A. Thomson (hon. secs.) The joint secretaries are to be congratulated on the way in which the arrangements were carried out.

Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society

On July 27 the 43rd annual meeting of the Northcote Ladies' Benevolent Society and the 34th annual meeting of the Northcote Dorcas Society were held at the Town Hall Northcote. The attendance was good and the Mayor presided. A full report will appear in next issue.

The Aya Sophia

The Turkish Government intends to establish a broadcasting station in the famous mosque Aya Sophia, at Stamboul. The four minarets are to serve as aerial towers, whilst the nave of the church will probably be used as a studio.

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DEATH OF MRS. KUMMER

Mrs. Kate Kummer late of Whittlesea, formerly of Yea, died last Sunday at the residence of her daughter, Grace (Mrs. Parish Stephen St., Preston, at whose home she was spending a few days. She was aged 71 years and died very suddenly, being apparently in good spirits half an hour before. She was buried at Whittlesea cemetery on Tuesday last. Mrs. Kummer, who has been a widow for about 26 years was married to John Kummer of Yea, and leaves two sons and three daughters (one son was killed in the war and one daughter died about 7 years ago). She was the second daughter of the late Thomas Mitchell, who will be well known to many old residents of Northcote, having come there in 1852 and traded as a butcher where the present Northcote Picture Theatre stands. The late Mrs. Macnee (Polly) also of Northcote, is a sister, and Thomas of Preston, Charles, of Helen street, Northcote, and Harry, of Northcote are brothers. Mrs. Kummer about 43 years ago selected land at Glenburn, near Yea, (with her brother Harry) where she lived many years. Living on a selection at that time was no sinecure, nearest neighbours being about 5 miles away. Mrs. Kummer will be well known to the older residents of Northcote, having attended the present State School when it was moved from High street. Rev. Parsons, of St. Mary's, Preston, officiated at the interment and Mr. E. Jensen carried out the funeral arrangements.

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WESTGARTH TALKIES

This week-end in "Don't Bet On Women," Edmund Lowe's lovemaking technique pitted against the wiles of charming and fascinating Jeanette MacDonald will be the cause of much hilarity. When Lowe as the debonair and suave man-about-town made wager with his attorney that he could kiss the first woman who crossed his path he was gambling with dynamite, a fact which he realised as soon as that woman proved to be Miss MacDonald in the role of the attorney's wife. Other members of the cast include Roland Young, J. M. Kerrigan and Una Merkel. "Royal Bed" is a sparkling comedy featuring Lowell Sherman and Mary Astor.

"Beau Ideal," thrilling sequel to "Beau Geste," drama of the Moroccan desert, will be screened on Monday next. Ralph Forbes, who played the role of John Geste in "Beau Geste," plays to same character role in "Beau Ideal." Another discovery is seen in this sequel in the person of a newcomer whose screen success seems assured by the splendid performance he gives in his first film. Others in the excellent cast include Loretta Young, Irene Rich, and Don Alvarado.

"The Hot Heiress" features Ben Lyon and Ona Munson, as an apparently illassorted pair, who meet in the boudoir of the Park avenue heiress, when a hurtling rivet, missed by the riveter, flies through the window, setting fire to the rug.

No more poignant, human, dynamic drama has come to the screen than is embodied in "Once a Sinner" to be screened on Thursday next. Dorothy Mackaill is featured and the story revolves around a beautiful girl who has sinned before marriage, and insists on telling her husband-to-be of her past before she marries him.

Clever lines, downright funny situations and a peppy, sophisticated plot combine to make "Meet the Wife," a highly diverting piece of entertainmnt. The conventional climax, coming as a complete surprise, sends the audience home refreshed and amused. A strong cast includes Laura La Plante, Lew Cody, Joan Marsh, Harry Myers and Claud Allister.

Coming Very Soon.—"Viennese Nights."

Lecture on Child Life

Dr. Sir Truby King, the world's greatest authority on child life, will deliver a lecture in the Preston city hall, Gower street, at 3 p.m. on August 5. All interested are invited, and admission is free.

Meet your friends at the Northcote Football club's training rooms every Sunday morning and discuss the Club's activities.

CLAIM FOR RENT

FRIENDLY SOCIETY GETS ORDER FOR £16

Ownership of Grocery Stock Disputed

A case which attracted some attention was decided at Northcote court on Tuesday when James Liston Forrest Frew Laurie and Arthur George Fayle, trustees of the Grand Lodge of the United Ancient Order of Druids claimed £16 for rent of a shop at the corner of St. George's road and Hutton street, Thornbury, against T. W. Pattinson, of Bastings street, Northcote. The period of occupation was between May 11 and July 6.

Mr. Barry (for the complainants) said the complainants were owners of the premises by reason of a mortgage. The shop had been let to a Miss Grimwood, and later was taken over by Pattinson, who subsequently abandoned it, leaving at the shop a large quantity of groceries. A dispute had evidently arisen between Pattinson and Miss Grimwood, but the trustees as landlords were not concerned in the dispute and were entitled to their rent.

J. T. Whiteway, treasurer of the trustees of the G.U.A.O.D., said: "I collected the rent from this property for the trustees. On one Monday I was introduced by Miss Grimwood to Pattinson, who told me he had purchased the business. Pattinson paid me altogether three weeks' rent and did not at any time give me notice that he was ending the tenancy.

George Jones, Grand Secretary to the U.A.O.D., and also secretary to the trustees, said: "The complainants in this action are the trustees of the G.U.A.O.D. and are the mortgagees in possession of this property. A Miss Grimwood was formerly the tenant, and later Pattinson became the tenant.

In May Pattinson told me he had closed the shop as the business did not reach his expectations, and said he was acting under his solicitor's advice. He did not give me notice that he was vacating the premises.

In July when the shop was burgled, I visited the premises and there saw a quantity of groceries. Pattinson has never offered to remove the stock, and until the lodge solicitors took action I did not get the keys.

Cross-examined: You know that after May 11 Pattinson was not going to carry on the business?—Yes.

Did you expect him to pay the rent after that?—Yes. The premises could not be let again as they were encumbered with stock.

For the defence Mr. Little stated that actions were pending in the County Court and Supreme Court between Miss Grimwood and Pattinson about the business. Pattinson had abandoned the shop, leaving the stock there, and he denied ownership of the stock now there.

Pattinson said: "I left the premises on May 6, although I had paid rent up to May 11. I saw Mr. Jones, telling him that I had sent for Miss Grimwood in order to hand the keys to her, as the business had been misrepresented.

I told Mr. Jones I was not carrying on the business. I sent the keys to Miss Grimwood's solicitor, and they were returned. The keys were also sent to the solicitors for the lodge and were returned.

Cross-examined: Will you take the stock out of the premises and then send us the keys?—I do not know that the stock is mine.

The shop is stocked with groceries?—As far as I know.

There is a quarrel between you and Miss Grimwood as to the ownership of the stock?—Yes.

By majority decision an order was made for the £16 claimed with £3/8/ costs.

CENTRAL PRESTON.

Last Sunday afternoon West Preston State School Band took part in a band recital in front of the Shrine of Remembrance to assist unemployed soldiers.

Mrs. Newell, of High street, Preston, has returned from Healesville after a month's holiday.

The V.F.A. Sub-districts delegates have ordered a replay in the Preston United-Kingsville match, in which the scores are in dispute.

Preston Church of Christ is making arrangements for a musical Sunday evening on September 6. The Young Worshippers' League will hold a social on Saturday, August 8. A new record was created for Sunday school attendance last Sunday, 303 scholars and teachers being present. The K.S.P. club held a successful evening on Monday, every member contributing an item. The P.B.P. Club was again defeated at basketball on Saturday by 14 goals to 9

During the past few days several unemployed parents have been digging the gardens at West Preston State School. The work is now nearing completion.

Mr. Hornsby was successful last week in the tradespeople's football competition.

Community singing continues to be popular at Preston. Finalists of the girls' singing competition were Miss Edna Marlow and Miss Irene Rawlinson. A competition is being held for boys.

Turf . . . Notes

(By "Luteplayer")

Caramelo's Future Prospects

Caramelo jumped badly and beat only one runner home in the Goldbrand Hurdle at Moonee Valley last Saturday. Although he gained a place in the Trial Hurdle at the V.R.C. National meeting, Caramelo has not taken kindly to hurdling, but R. Came ron, who now has charge of him, is a patient trainer and a particularly good man, when it comes to educating a horse to the jumping business. He has gained results with less promising material than Caramelo, whom he will improve, if it is possible to do so. Also it is worth remembering that Caramelo is now eligible for jumpers' flat events, and, having more pace than the average hurdler, should be capable of winning one or two of these races.

Mutcha Met With Interference.

Mutcha, who gained third place in the Derrimut Handicap at Moonee Valley, was close up and going well when he struck trouble through Green Moth, who won the race, colliding with him. The interference cost him a good deal, but whether it lost him the race cannot be definitely decided. It is certain that had it not been for the incident, which earned W. Duncan a month's suspension, Mutcha would have finished a good deal closer than he did.

Form of Ancient Mariner.

Ancient Mariner enhanced his Australian Steeple prospects by his winning display in the Lindsay Gordon Steeple at the Valley. Putting plenty of dash and confidence into his jumping, the Trafalgar gelding was always within striking distance of the leader. He ran to the front after jumping the last fence and won by a big margin, with a lot in hand. In the Australian Steeplechase Ancient Mariner has 4lbs. less than he carried last Saturday, and he promises to give a week's big race.

Arcadius Over Fences

After a useful career over hurdles Arcadius is being tried at steeplechasing. His first race over the stiffer obstacles was in the Lindsay Gordon Steeplechase at the Valley, and although he was never a real danger, his display was promising. He will benefit from the outing and should develop into a profitable timber topper.

Overlook Kidsides' Failure

Kidsides, whose form at Caulfield a week earlier was decidedly good, beat only two horses home in the Glen Orla Handicap at Moonee Valley last Saturday. This failure, however, can be overlooked, for Kidsides is the type of gallopper who would be unsuited by the small circular Valley track, and he is sure to give a better account of himself in races of eleven furlongs and upwards, on more galloping courses like Caulfield and Flemington.

Some Likely Improvers

The following runners at Moonee Valley last Saturday and on Tuesday did well enough to suggest improved performances in the next few weeks: Ramone, a pony who was backed from 33 to 1 to 14 to 1 for the Derrimut Handicap, led the field from the start to the home turn, and, battling on gamely, just missed a place. The Guide followed up his good Welter performance at Caulfield by finishing third, less than a length behind the winner, in the Glen Orla Handicap; lacked dash in the last furlong, but showed improved stamina. Trilacre, who was a creditable third in the Jumpers' Flat, came from a long way back: rider appeared to wait too long. Marrapu never looked like running down Lord Pat, winner of the Welter, but ran a good race in second place; will be all the better for the outing. Nepean was a fast finishing third in the same race and is returning to best form: does best when ridden behind the field. Whitsome was another to finish strongly in the Welter and was in fourth place passing the post; as it was her first outing for four months, should be the better for the race. Royalson made fair showing to finish third in Tuesday's Hurdle; is a five-year-old gelding by that former good sprinter Emergo, and should win a hurdle or two. Diematic's second in the Dandenong Plate was his best effort for a few weeks; he finished fast. Although Jumna was a poor third in the Springvale Steeple, his effort was a fair one for a comparative novice; he is a five-year-old half-brother to the crack jumper, Mosstrooper, and looks like winning steeples for Mr. A. Powell. David Rizzio has been a consistent performer of late, and he put up a game fight to run Consuelo to half a length in the Dandenong Plate: he will win one of these events. Neretti, in the same race, also gave a good display and will improve; formerly raced by Mr. "S. A. Rawdon," but now carries the colors of Mr. A. O'Dea, who races Kilaides. Lucky Saint, who started favorite for a Trial at Caulfield recently, and finished in the rush, showed that the race improved him by finishing strongly in third place in the Clyde Handicap on Tuesday; he should go close to winning next start. Maggie Carilla just missed a place in the same event, and with a stronger rider in the saddle may have won; she is likely to do better in a Welter event.

Australian Hurdle

Only nine horses accepted for the Australian Hurdle, of three and quarter miles and 20 yards, to be decided at Caulfield to-morrow. The quality of the candidates, too, is below standard, although the appearance of the Grand National Hurdle Batalus and Gratify are hardly classenough. The placings may be:—

Cockrow 1
Polygonum 2
Drake 3

MINOR SELECTIONS FOR CAULFIELD

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Green Moth .....
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"LUTEPLAYER" SELECTS TWO WINNERS

In our last issue "Luteplayer" selected amongst others Green Moth for the Derrimut Handicap and Full Hand for the Hurdle Race. Both these came home. Other horses selected by him were placed.

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PRESTON. PROFESSIONALS

At the fortnightly meeting on Monday a report of the progress of the club was presented by the committee. During the past six months the club has nearly doubled its membership, now having over 50 members. During the current road racing season there are between 25 and 35 starters in each race, and it is claimed that the club in all ways is now the leading professional club in the State. There is no doubt that the average standard of racing in the club is at present higher than ever before. Much of its success is attributed to the number of netishuas.RuB2svd the number of enthusiastic officials, who, by running house parties to secure finances and spending much of their leisure time on club business, are bringing about a happy state of affairs. The sweepstakes prize money for each club race has a trophy added. These and various donations to the club, such as tyres, bikes, hats, racing shoes, etc. At the meeting it was decided to challenge Coburg Professional Cycling Club to a social evening's contest at billiards, quoits, cards (500). The club is looking forward to winning the road premiership this year, and has to date a number of open events successes on the road, having captured one open race and obtained third in another; while A. Walkley has obtained fastest time in all the open events except one.

Preston Return Ball

THE hon. secretary of the return ball committee, Preston, reminds citizens that entree cards for the return ball, which will be held on Tuesday, August 11, must be obtained before August 7. Admittance to the function will be by entree card only, and no tickets will be available at the door. The hon. secretary of the return ball committee is Mr. A. J. S. Wilson, 40 Regent street, Preston. An announcement appears elsewhere.

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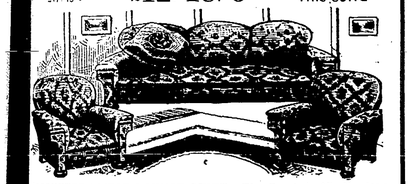

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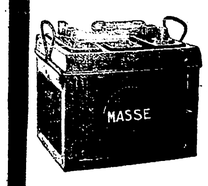

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Township and Little Eltham

Eltham is older than most people think, and the value of land has increased since an advertisement appeared in "The Argus" 80 years ago. The following notice was insorted in April 3, 1851:—"New township of Little Eltham, adjoining Government township of Eltham, on the River Yarra. Half acre allotments for sale in the above township at 35/ each." The boundaries of Little Eltham in those days were from Dalton street to the present hospital site.

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

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

PRESTON & NORTHCOTE CLUB

The club held a pack run, in which 12 members took part, over the 10,000 metres course on Saturday. A severe gale impeded progress on the outward journey and the field was well strung out before the turn was reached. W. Weightman and the five mile club champion, J. Hogben, were the leaders at this stage. The pack lined up for a run in from a point two miles from home, which resulted as follows:—Weightman, 1; Thorne, 2; Hogben, 3; Butcher, 4; Sterry, 5; Bates, 6. Weightman's spell in the country has apparently done him no harm. He won with about 100 yards to spare. Three enthusiastic junior members, E. Hogben, A. Tassie and R. Sterry, were out with the pack and kept up well in spite of the head wind.

10,000 Metres Handicap

The 10,000 metres (6 miles 376 yards) club handicap will be held on Saturday next. This race is the longest handicap race in which club members will take part this year, and it is also the last distance handicap event for the season. The winner last year was W. Coller, from T. Wise and R. Butcher. Neither Coller nor Wise will be starters this year. Weightman, off scratch, should put up remarkable time, and his pace should compare favorably with Colman's on Saturday at Marlbyrnong.

All track runners are requested by the track captain, H. Hankin, to be in attendance at St. Mary's on Saturday next. A short training run will be held, and as two teams are entered in this year's track events at the Motordrome it is imperative that all runners should strive to repeat last season's great effort. The season will start on October 27.

Several members took part in the walk with the ladies' club on Sunday, when about 15 miles of country in the Queenstown district was traversed. One of the boys tried his hand at prospecting and panned fully twopence worth of gold in an hour. The next walk will be held shortly, and a good "field" is expected. Some of the beauty spots in the Plenty Ranges will be visited, including the Mason Falls, the Cascades, and the Toorourong Reservoir.

IVANHOE HARRIERS

Ivanhoe Club held a five mile run, with a 13 mile run-in. D. Randle and G. Brenchley were the scratch men in the absence of Bolwell. Both ran through the field, with Randle putting in a fine run to gain first place. J. Read (40secs.) was second and Brenchley third.

10,000 METRES OPEN RACE

Cecil Willis upheld the prestige of Preston by winning third in the Frank Ferguson Memorial on Saturday. Although in Coburgs' colors, Willis is a Prestonite. He is practically assured of a place in the Victorian team for Brisbane. Harold Lang (Collingwood Club), who is also a resident of Preston, surprised by his forceful running, gaining 11th place in 37.54. "Jock" Bell, an ex-State cross-country champion, of Northcote, did well for a veteran, finishing in 23rd position in 38.52.

BASKETBALL

Club winter championship night was held at the Scouts' Hall, Preston, by the Preston and Northcote Women's A.A.C. Two teams were captained by the captain and vice-captain. The former, Miss Jones' team, were defeated by P. Lowery's side by 20 to 12. Mavis Keleher, the little champion goal thrower, played a big part in the success. The best were M. Butcher, S. Pritchum, P. Lowery, M. Mulligan and B. Newman. Post relay, side pass, captain, overhead and tunnel ball were closely contested. The club championship goalthrowing was won by Phyl Lowery, her first club title, with N. Cameron and S. Jones placed. Mrs. Dudgeon's trophy was won by M. Keleher, from P. Lowery and Bella Newman. The sack race was won by M. Green, from N. McWilliams and M. Keleher. Trophies will be presented to the winners, and the club title to P. Lowery. To-morrow the Women's Association will hold a run at Footscray, meeting at Footscray station at 2.30 p.m. Basketball challenges are pouring in, and the club has four teams to play.

WALKING TOUR

The Preston-Northcote Women's Club hiked to the wattle country on Sunday, going through Panton Hill, thence to Queenstown, returning to Panton Hill and to Hurstbridge. Some male visitors did some prospecting. Eileen Kruse being the luckiest participant in the results, bringing back some gold. Further trips will be arranged.

CONVICTION QUASHED

At the General Sessions on Wednesday, before Judge Wolnarski, William Roy Barry, of Claude street, Northcole, appealed against his conviction by the Northcote Court of Petty Sessions on a charge of having insufficient lawful means of support. A sentence of imprisonment for six months had been imposed in the lower court.

The appeal was allowed and the conviction quashed.

Preston and Northcote Amateur Athletic Club

BIG RACE PLANNED

MARATHON ROAD RACE OF 26 MILES 385 YARDS

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Primarily to ascertain whether there is an Australian of sufficient calibre to pit against the best marathon runners of the world at the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games, the Preston and Northcote Amateur Athletic Club, the "baby" affiliation of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association, is to stage a championship which will act as an Olympic trial. The club plans to organise the greatest marathon yet held in the history of amateur athletics in Victoria, and no effort is being spared by the committee controlling the event in this endeavor.

On October 3, 1931, commencing and finishing on the Preston cricket ground, Cramer street, the runners will travel a circuitous course by way of High street, Northcote, along Queens' parade, Clifton Hill, Princes street, Carlton, College crescent, Sydney road, Brunswick road, to St George's road, to Hutton street Thornbury, turning into High street again, proceeding to Epping school, and return to the Preston cricket ground to finish with one and a half laps on the Preston oval, embracing the full distance of 26 miles 385 yards. Since the location is practically devoid of hills or anything likely to impede progress, it is almost a certainty that a fresh Australian record will be established.

Indications point to a record entry, which at the same time will be distinctive by the presence of Harold Hayden (Botany, N.S.W.), winner of three like contests; Jack Lewis (East Melbourne), successful in 1911; and Rowley Bateman (South Sydney), a winner in 1928 over a course at Camden, where he created the present Australian figures of 2 hours 45 min. 51 2/5 sec.; and the possibility of a team from South Australia, Alleyn Gainsford, late of St. George, N.S.W., and now a resident of this State, who made such a bold showing in the 1927 Australian title race won by McMurdo (Queensland), and the 1928 Olympic representative, George Hyde (Melbourne Harriers) are also likely to enter.

Excluding three professional events held at Perth in 1908, this contest will mark the sixteenth of its kind to be held in the Commonwealth. Of this number seven have been decided in N.S.W., six in Victoria, one each in South Australia and Queensland. In individual wins N.S.W. win ten, in an easy first, with Victoria four and Queensland one; and the honor of the largest field goes to Victoria, with 51 in 1909.

History of the Famous Race

To many the word "marathon" merely signalises any feat of long endurance, but not all are aware that the foot race over this old distance commemorates an historic happening in Greece in 490 B.C. in that year, on the Plains of Marathon the Athenian Greek army, about 10,000 strong, met and inflicted an overwhelming defeat on the invading Persians, numbering 60,000.

Meanwhile the Athenian populace awaited with profound anxiety the result of the battle. But methods of communication in the Greece of that age were slow. Miltiades, the Grecian general, desiring to convey as quickly as possible the news of the victory to the people, commissioned a young Greek soldier, Pheidippides by name, to carry the message to the anxious city, some 26 miles away. Pheidippides, though worn by the fighting, ran up hill and down dale "like fire through a stubble." At the outskirts of Athens he was met by the elders, and, gasping out the words, "Rejoice, we conquer!" fell dead at their feet.

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The marathon race as we know it was instituted at the revival of the Olympic Games at Athens in 1896 to commemorate the epic endurance of Pheidippides. Year by year this picturesque race has increased in popularity until it has today become the "blue ribbon" event of the games. All the leading nations to-day recognise it as a regular championship event.

NORTHCOTE UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION

The meetings held on Friday and Monday were well attended, about 20 more members being admitted. Considering the state of the weather on Friday night the open air meeting was successful. The social was well patronised, everybody enjoying themselves. The football team has been victorious, defeating the three leading teams, and is now near the top. Open air meeting on Friday, July 31, at 8 p.m., at corner High street and Gladstone avenue; also social on the same night. Next meetings are on Friday at 9.15 a.m. and Monday, August 3, 9 a.m.

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Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE

11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
3 p.m.—Bible Classes and Sunday School.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
All Welcome.
Preacher: Rev. A. H. Constable.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
Bayview Street

August 2: Trinity IX.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion, 11 a.m.
Matins, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
(Shaftesbury Parade)
Sunday, August 2—Ninth Sunday after Trinity
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Corporate)
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar (Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain)
7 p.m.—Evensong.—Preacher: Rev. Eustace V. Wade, B.A., B.D., Principal of Ridley College. Subject: "Religion and Social Righteousness." The first of special sermon course entitled "The Church and National Life."

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.

Sunday, August 2.
East Preston Tram Terminus
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Juvenile Church.
11 a.m.—Matins.
7 p.m.—Evensong.
Vicar: Rev. F. Parsons.

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7 p.m.—Sister Gwen.
Prince of Wales Park
11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
7 p.m.—Bible Class League Service.
St. George's Road
11 a.m.—Mr. J. E. Blackney.
7 p.m.—Rev. J. T. Duggleby, M.M.
Croxton
11 a.m.—Mr. T. J. George.
7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings (S.).

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Entertainments

City of Preston

A COMPLIMENTARY

RETURN BALL

will be tendered to
THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS
(Cr. and Mrs. G. E. Robinson)
By the Citizens on

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1931

At 8.30 o'clock

Citizens who have received invitations are advised that admittance is strictly by entree card, which must be obtained from the secretary by Friday, August 7, on payment of 10/6 each. Those desirous of attending who have not received invitations may obtain entree cards from the undersigned.

No Tickets Available At Door.

A. J. S. WILSON,
Hon. Sec., Return Ball Committee.
40 Regent St., Preston N18

St. Joseph's, Northcote

PARISH BALL

Northcote Town Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1931

8.30 P.M. TO 2 A.M.
TICKETS: 7/6 SINGLE

Miss M. CAREW, 120 Gladstone Ave., Northcote, phone JW1808; Mr. W. GREEN, 10 Brooke St., Northcote, hon. ticket secretaries.

R. H. HAMILTON, 74 Bastings St., Northcote, Hon. Sec.

RESERVOIR PALAIS
EPPING ROAD

Old Time Dance
EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8 till 11.30.
First Class Music. Floor Supreme.
Admission 1/1.

Modern Dance
EVERY SATURDAY, 8 till 11.15.
Hayes' Band. Admission 1/1.

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Big Novelty Night
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12, 8 till 2.
For 1/1, including Supper and Good Prizes.
Streamers and Confetti.

CITY OF PRESTON

LECTURE

A LECTURE by DR. SIR TRUBY KING (the world's greatest authority on child life) will be delivered at the CITY HALL, Gower Street, Preston, on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1931, at 3 p.m.

Mothers and all citizens interested are invited. Lecture free.

L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk.

PRESTON DISTRICT BAND

THE Annual Meeting will be held in the Supper Room, rear Town Hall, Preston, on THURSDAY, AUGUST 6.
Nominations for office-bearers for the coming year must be in the secretary's hands not later than Wednesday, August 5.

J. BRUCE, Secretary.
10 Etval Ave., Preston

NORTHCOTE CRCKET CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Northcote Cricket Club will be held in the NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL (Small Hall) on WEDNESDAY, 12th AUGUST, 1931.
Nominations for Office-bearers for Season 1931-1932 will close with the Hon. Secretary at his residence, 36 Victoria Road, Northcote, on TUESDAY, 4th AUGUST, at 7 o'clock, or at the Town Hall, Northcote, at 9 o'clock the same evening.

A. E. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

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IN
ANGLERS' HALL, MURRAY ROAD, PRESTON,
EVERY SATURDAY at 8.30 p.m.
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Notices

NATIONAL FEDERATION
(Preston Branch

A MEETING of members and intending members will be held in the Preston Town Hall NEXT WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, at 8 p.m., to arrange future policy.

CR. H. P. ZWAR, J.P.,
President.

City of Northcote

EAST WARD

LADIES & GENTLEMEN.

As the term for which I was elected expires next month, I desire to intimate that I AM AGAIN A CANDIDATE.

I trust my efforts, as one of your representatives in the Council, have met wour your approval, and if again returned I will, as in the past, strive to still further improve the City, and the East Ward in particular.

Yours faithfully,

A. H. OLDIS

City of Preston

EAST WARD

CR. J. W. ADAMS, J.P

Desires to intimate that COMMITTEE MEETINGS to further his candidature are held EACH WEDNESDAY at his residence, HURLSTONE AVENUE, EAST PRESTON.

All desirous of assisting Cr. Adams' candidature are cordially invited to attend and help secure his return.

F. A. PATON, Campaign Sec.
C. W. JENNER, Chairman.

Northcote Municipal Elections

CENTRAL WARD

CR. A. J. CORNISH

Desires to inmiate that a MEETING of FRIENDS and SUPPORTERS will be held AT HIS HOME, corner of McCracken Ave. and Hartington St., on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, at 8 o'clock.

A cordial invitation is extended to all interested to be present on that evening.

Notice to Preston Residents

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

I DESIRE to notify that I HAVE TAKEN OVER the BUTCHERY BUSINESS in TYLER STREET, PRESTON, lately conducted by

MOYLAN BROS.

The premises have been renovated and remodelled on hygienic lines to facilitate the rapid handling of this growing business.

The residents are thanked for their loyal support in the past, and a cordial invitation is extended to newcomers to give us a trial. By courtesy, punctuality and particular care to each customer's needs I hope to receive continued patronage.

JOE MOYLAN
TYLER ST., EAST PRESTON

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I DESIRE to NOTIFY the RESIDENTS of THORNBURY & PRESTON that I have taken over the BUTCHERY BUSINESS lately conducted by MR. H. V. SAYNOR, at 81 DUNDAS STREET, PRESTON.

By careful attention to detail and retailing quality meat at a cheap rate I trust to receive a continuance of patronage.

See our windows for opening sale prices.

G. MOYLAN
81 Dundas Street, Preston N18

WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER

H. PORTER
(Late of Dumbrell's, Jewellers)
Has taken over the business of Mr. Heinze at
336 HIGH ST., THORNBURY
Repairs at Keen Prices.

MOTHERS!

WOULD YOU LIKE £4/4

Of course every mother would like £4/4/, especially at the present time. With a growing family no one knows more than mother how £4/4/ could be best spent.

The Cyril Stevens Studios and the Regent Theatre are going one better than offering you £4/4/, they are offering as well as cash photographs done by skilled tradesmen to an equal value. The lucky mother can thus win £8/8/ if her bonny babe happens to be under 12 months. For other mothers a section for girls from 12 months to 3 years is open, in section three, boys of the same age may enter.

Here's what you do. When purchasing your ticket for Thornbury's Regent ask for an entry form (there is no obligation, it's free), take this to the Cyril Stevens Studios and a photograph of your child will be taken in any position you desire and this will be projected on to the Regent picture screen. The nominal charge of 3/ is made to help cover the cost of the slide. The rest is free. Voting coupons are given away each night at the Regent when tickets are purchased and the child receiving the highest number of votes in each section wins the prize. This sounds too good to be true, a chance of £8/8/ or £6/6/ for a nominal outlay of 3/. Make inquiries at the Regent Theatre or Cyril Stevens Studios. But make haste, the competition has started and many entries are being received each week, and the number will have to be limited. Don't miss the bus.

The Cyril Stevens Studios specialise in portraits of children and juveniles and the proprietor Mr. Cyril Stevens takes a pride in interesting the little ones and getting them into just that particular position which is adapted to a particular child. A visit to the studio will repay you handsomely and in after life pleasant memories will be brought back by your treasured Cyril Stevens' Photo.

Do not, however think the studios cater for children only, adults, wedding groups, flashlights, and all classes of commercial photographs are undertaken by this elaborately equipped studio. Take your problems to an artist and one competent to give you the utmost service and satisfaction. The address is 758 High street, Thornbury, opposite the Regent Theatre, Phone JW 1623.*

CINDERELLA DANCE

Nearly 300 dancers thronged the Northcote Town Hall on July 23 when a dance, arranged by the Northcote Debutantes and their partners under the patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress, was held in aid of the Central Unemployed Relief Fund. The Mayor and Mayoress (Cr. and Mrs. Green) were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent in dancing to the rythmic music of the B.B. orchestra. Supper was catered for by Mrs. Olorenshaw, of Normanby Hall, and was carried out in her efficient manner. Miss Katie Brewer and Mr. Max Dunn, the joint secretaries, and Mr. C. Warlimont, the hon. treasurer, with the Mayoress were responsible for the excellent arrangements which terminated in such a pleasant function. In congratulating the Debutantes and partners on their effort, Cr. Green said that the Northcote Debutantes would go far in civic life in the city and he hoped that this effort would be followed by others. About £27 will be handed to the Relief Committee from this effort.

CITY OF PRESTON

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ORDER

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Council of the City of Preston held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Preston, on Monday, 13th July, 1931, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the following resolution was agreed to:—

"That this Council do, by Special Order, subject to the provisions contained in Act cited as the Preston Loan Act 1931, declare that all or any specified portion of the money borrowed under Loan No. 15, for £37,000 in regard to item of expenditure of £1040 which was to be applied under Preston Loan Act 1930 for the purchase of machines for making roads, shall be applied as follows:—

"The amount of one thousand and forty pounds to be expended on the work of the construction of High street in Preston, northwards from Murray road."

and that this resolution do come up for confirmation at a Meeting of this Council to be held on Monday, 5th October, 1931.

NOTICE is hereby further given that a Meeting of the said Council will be held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Preston, on MONDAY, 5th OCTOBER, 1931, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the resolution as set out above will be submitted for confirmation.

L. W. WILLIAMS,
Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices,
Preston.

A.N.A.—Northcote branch re... in new lodge room, We... bourne Grove, adjoining Town Ha...

FOR Second-hand Timber, Gal. Iro... Window sashes, Doors, etc., ... R. W. Williams, cnr. Elm and Hi... Sts., Northcote.

ONGARELLO'S—The best of Wi... always stocked. Why not ha... the best? Ongarello's, cnr. High St... and Arthurton Rd.

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STERLING SOAP COMPANY P... Ltd., South Preston, Buyers o... Household Fat in any quantity. Hig... est price given. Ask your grocer f... STERLING SOAP.

BOTTLES, Bones, Rags, Zinc, Lead... Brass and copper. Highest pri... given. Cash on delivery Letters re... ceive prompt attention.—H. Bish... Darebin Rd., N'cote. Phone: JW38...

NOTICES

CARPENTER, Joiner, will do an... carpentering, alterations, additio... and repairs. Prices reasonable. Let... ters attended to.—E. A. Sadler, 4... Woolhouse St., Northcote.

CHIMNEY Sweep.—G. Stafford, 1... Gower St., East Preston. Letter... promptly attended to.

DRESS CUTTING, perfect method... no fitting; Patterns Cut to Mea... sure. Mrs. White, 39 High St., Pres... ton. Phone JW 3919. Free Demon... strations Friday Evenings. Dresses Cut and Tacked.

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PAINTING, Carpentering, and All... House Repairs. Estimates fr... garages, sleep-outs, etc. Wire door... and window screens made and fitted... Step-laddtrs, etc., made to order by... THE HANDYMAN
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Anything—Anywhere.

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OUTSTANDING Tailoring Offer.—... to 9 guinea Suitings, tailored to... your order, in latest cut and style... with good workmanship. While the... last £3/19/6. Terms arranged.—E. J... GATES, 473-5 High St., Northcote... Phone, JW1842.

Professional Services

INCOME Tax returns made up.—... Tribe, 11 Southernhay St., Prestn... N19. Late of Income Tax Office.

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LOST.—Cockatoo, white, with pink... plumage. Reward.—230 Clarke St... Northcote, JW1286.

To Let

TO Let.—B.S. room, furnished or un... furnished, reasonable. Suit mar... ried couple. Convs.—17 Vauxhall St... South Northcote.

TO Let.—Furn. or unfurn. double... room, convs., suit elderly couple... very moderate.—Apply A.H., c/o Pres... ton "Leader."

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WOMAN, refined, domesticated, mu... sing exp., will give assistance fo... room or part board.—"Active," c/... Mr. Kiefel, High St., Croxton N16.

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NORTHCOTE'S CHEAPEST GROCER

Flaked Oatmeal	2lbs. 4d
Bushell's Blue Label Tea	2/4
Robur No. 2	2/4
Large Weeties or Kornies	10d
Best Australian Rice	2lbs. 5d
Coconut Biscuits	9d
New Laid Eggs	1/1
Choicest Western District Butter	1/
Best U.S.A. Kerosene	6/- Tin
Best Prunes	4d. Lb
Globe or Kream Cornflour	6d
Kraft Cheese	10d
Nugget on Kiwi	5d. Tin
Jam	4d
Kream Cornflour	
Assorted Biscuits	

M. NISSEN
275 High Street, Northcote