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"Burned Down House to Break up Home"

AMAZING STORY OF RESERVOIR FIRE

BIOGRAPH OPERATOR'S STATEMENT TO POLICE

Committed for Trial on Arson Charge

An amazing story was unfolded at the Preston court on Thursday, August 27, when a man named Boucher was committed for trial on a charge of arson following a fire at Reservoir, when a house and contents in St. Vidgeon's road were totally destroyed.

In a statement made to the police Boucher is alleged to have admitted that he became sick of the whole place and made up his mind to burn it, together with the contents, in order to get rid of the place and his wife.

THE CHARGES

James Wilfred Boucher, of Chatham, biograph operator, formerly of St. Vidgeon's road, Reservoir, was charged with having on July 31 unlawfully and maliciously set fire to a dwelling and contents with intent to injure and defraud.

Senior Detective McGuire prosecuted, and Mr. R. T. Cahir appeared for Boucher.

Insurance Effected

Roy Blaine, employed by the Atlas Insurance Company, said:—On March 8, 1930, a policy was issued to James Wilfred Boucher, of St. Vidgeon's road, Reservoir, and the Grand United Order of Free Gardeners, to cover a risk on the building of £470 and £300 on the contents.

Brigade Officer Tate of Fire William James Eaton, fire station officer at Northcote, said:—At 6.30 p.m. on July 31 a call was received to a fire at St. Vidgeon's road, Reservoir.

House Practically Destroyed
On the arrival of the brigade the house was practically burnt out and it was totally destroyed. There was nothing to indicate the cause of the outbreak.

Declarations of Loss Signed
Arthur Alfred Thomas, flour miller, Queen street, Melbourne, said:—On August 11 Boucher signed a declaration before me as a justice of the peace. He also signed schedules as to the contents of a house.

Loss Adjuster Inquires
Robert Morrison Evans said:—I am a loss adjuster, and on August 1st I went to Reservoir for the Atlas Insurance Company to inquire into the circumstances of the fire at Boucher's house.

I handed Boucher three typewritten sheets and asked him to compile a list of the contents of the house. I also asked him as to the probable cause of the fire, and he said there was a small fire burning in the kitchen stove, but it was nearly out when he left the house.

"Might Have Been Burglars"
He could not account for the fire at all, although he said, "I had some fowls stolen, and possibly burglars may have done it."

Mr. Cahir (for Boucher): You asked him to compile a list of the contents of the house?

Witness: Yes.
Did he say, "I can't possibly do that, I can't remember half the things?"

He did say something like that. I told him to go home and see what he could do over the week-end.

Insurance Value Not Excessive.
In answer to further questions the witness said he did not consider that the value placed on the house and contents when they were insured was excessive.

Detective Senger's Evidence
Detective S. B. Senger said:—On August 14 with Detective McGuire I interviewed Boucher at the detective office, telling him we were inquiring into the fire which had destroyed his house at St. Vidgeon's road. He denied that he knew anything about the cause of the fire. He said that he had signed a declaration and claim for the value of the house and contents.

Those Declarations
I said, "We are in a position to prove the declaration is false in many particulars." He said, "No. It is correct."

I said, "We have traced a vacuum cleaner, and are in a position to prove that other articles for which you have claimed were not in the house at the time of the fire." He said then that he remembered that his wife had lent the vacuum cleaner.

Financial Position and Relationship with his wife.

"Wanted to Get Away from Wife"

A little later he said, "I will tell you everything. I am sick of the whole business. I wanted to get away from my wife, and I am sorry I claimed for the insurance."

AN AMAZING STATEMENT

Boucher made the following statement:—About eight years ago I purchased land at St. Vidgeon's road, Reservoir for £37/10/-, on which I built a one-roomed house. From time to time I added to it until it was a four-roomed house. I have been married for eight years and have three children.

I had only been married a year when my wife left me.

Wife Left Eight Times

She returned a few days later, but has since left me eight times, and we have been apart for as much as three months at a time. The whole of our married life has been unhappy.

About two months ago I took my wife and children to Sydney on account of my uncle's illness. On arrival there my wife told me she would not return to me for six months. I returned home and found about 45 of my fowls and a quantity of timber had been stolen.

"Sick of the Whole Place"

I had been back a month when I became sick of the whole place and made up my mind to burn the house and contents, and get rid of the place and my wife.

A neighbor, Mrs. Barker, used to come to my house, and on one occasion I gave her permission to take away anything she wanted. She took some lamp shades.

I wrote to my wife, telling her I was going to break up the home, and if she wanted any clothes belonging to her and the children I would send them to her.

"Wife Did Not Want Home Broken Up"

On Thursday, July 30, I received a letter from my wife saying she did not want the home broken up, and as I had made up my mind not to live with her any more I decided to burn the house.

Tells How Fire Was Started

The following day (July 31) I had a fire burning in the kitchen. About 5.30 p.m. I put the ends of two pieces of 3 x 2" wooden timber about 4 feet long into the stove, where there was a big fire. The ends of the timber projected about 2ft. 6ins. out of the stove, and there was a lot of kindling on the floor which was set on fire.

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WOMEN ALLEGE ASSAULTS

TWO CASES DISMISSED

At the Preston court on Thursday two women, Marie Eveline Miller, domestic, of Garnet street, Preston, and Bertha Louisa Green, married, of Down street, Regent, alleged assaults by Edgar George Rabey, furniture warehouseman, of High street, Preston. Both cases were dismissed, the one brought by Mrs. Green without any evidence being called by the defence.

In the first case Miller stated that about 5.50 p.m. on August 24 she was at Mrs. Green's house, where she was employed, when she heard Mrs. Green call out. She ran to the back door, at which she saw Rabey, and as she got near the door flew open and struck her on the nose. Rabey walked into the house and pushed her aside.

Cross-examined: You don't suggest Rabey struck you deliberately?

Complainant: No.

Who is responsible for this prosecution on your part? Mrs. Green? I suppose so.

Rabey said:—I went to the house to re-possess some furniture. Mrs. Green was out and I waited for her to come home. As I was talking to her she cried out to Miller, "Look the door." The door was slammed in my face. I opened it and walked into the house, and Miller said, "I'm sorry." I walked along the passage, but I did not at any time touch Miller. She was two yards from the door when I opened it.

Mr. Cahir (for complainant): You expected opposition?

Rabey: No. Mrs. Green had told me I could take the things.

You opened the door gently?—Yes.

Was the girl's nose bleeding?—No.

You got into the house all right?—Yes. I was glad to get out, too, when Mrs. Green started to make a fuss.

You had a chance to get out before you got in? (Laughter.)

The case was dismissed by a unanimous decision of the bench, with £1/1/- costs against the complainant.

SECOND CASE

Mrs. Green said:—I have made several purchases of goods from Rabey. On August 24 he told me he had come to re-possess certain articles. I told him to see my husband, but he said, "I'm here now," and he ran towards the back door. At the corner of the house I drew up with him when he hesitated. He pushed me aside, bumping my arm.

THEFT OF BICYCLE ALLEGED

A Charge Dismissed

Ernest Bransgrove, Jones street, Thornbury was charged at Preston on Thursday with the theft of a bicycle, valued at £8, the property of John Henry Keogh.

The evidence showed that the machine disappeared from outside Hillman's gymnasium on the night of June 16, and later parts of it were found at the home of Bransgrove.

Bransgrove said the machine had been brought to his home by a youth named Barrett, who left it when he went away.

Mr. H. H. Gray submitted that there was no evidence of larceny and the case was dismissed.

On August 28 the Epiphany Girl Guides (1st Northcote) held their annual birthday party.

Cross-examined: You agreed to pay for the goods by instalments?

Mrs. Green: Yes.

Did you tell him to come and get the goods?—I told him he could get them if he could produce any agreement I signed about them.

You are inclined to be belligerent?—I'm not too sure about that.

Is it not your practice to abuse people to whom you owe money?—No.

Were you not out to get some cheap furniture?—Anyone is out to get a bargain.

Are you not trying to get a conviction so as to bolster up a case for damages?—No. I am thinking of my character.

The bench dismissed the case without any evidence being called for the defence. Mrs. Green was ordered to pay £1/1/- costs.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By Stott and Son, 203 High street, Northcote, on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 3 p.m. on property, 89 Regent St., Preston West, modern D.F. timber villa, on land 50 x 125. For particulars see advertisement.

By A. F. Deacon (H. Matters, auctioneer), on Wednesday next at 3.30 p.m. on the property, 11 Edgar St., Preston, mortgages, realising sale of W.B. villa, 6 rooms, recently renovated, on land 50 x 130. See advertisement.

By A. F. Deacon (H. Matters, auctioneer) on Wednesday next at 3 p.m. on the property, 520 Gilbert Rd., mortgages, realising sale of modern W.B. villa, 5 rooms, on land, 50 x 175. See advertisement.

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Give us a good write-up, says the secretary. Advertise your show, says the editor.

The Mygeia Being Towed to its fate



JUST BEFORE THE TOWLINE PARTED.—Under tow by the tug Eagle, and intended to be sunk outside the Heads, the hull of the old bay paddle-steamer Mygeia was driven across the Bay before a northerly gale on Tuesday and went ashore about midnight on a sandbank at Rosebud. This photograph shows the hull wallowing in the heavy seas just before the line parted. "Argus" photo.

Help the Tradespeople who are out to Help You

Northcote Notes

St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary
The monthly meeting will be held at Northcote Town Hall on Thursday September 10, at 2.30 p.m. The annual ball is to be held on September 15, and promises to be an outstanding success.

Northcote Council Returning Officers
The following returning officers have been appointed by the Northcote City Council for the coming year: South Ward, Cr. Green; East, Cr. O'Neil; West, Cr. Turner; Central, Cr. Cornish and North, Cr. Jones.

Recently Elected Councillors Welcomed
At the meeting of the Northcote Council on Monday a welcome was extended to Cr. Green (South); Cr. O'Neil (East); Cr. W. H. Turner (West) and Cr. M. C. Jones (North) who were all returned to the council unopposed at the elections last week. Complimentary references were made to the many good qualities of these men, who thanked their fellow councillors for their expressions of goodwill.

Sanitary Service Tender
Northcote Council has accepted the tender of R. J. Adair for £11.8 per annum for a sanitary service in unsewered areas, the tender being for 100 ewers. The present tender is 17.4 per annum below the previous tender.

Northcote Vocational Guidance Bureau
The above bureau at the Northcote Town Hall is open every Wednesday afternoon between 2 and 4 p.m. Parents seeking advice should first consult the principal of the school which their children attend, to obtain the child's vocational guidance record card before attending at the bureau. It is desirable that the child should accompany the parent. The officer in charge of the bureau is Mr. G. E. Tiley.

Construction of a Drain
Out of 34 owners concerned in the construction of a drain in an easement between Kenon and Rennie streets, from Taylor street to Bracken avenue 21 objected to the construction by the Northcote council of an open drain. Eight owners attended the council meeting on Monday night protesting against the work on the grounds that an open drain was most undesirable, that the time was inopportune on account of the present economic depression through which many of the owners were totally unemployed and others had reduced incomes; and that the drain was not required, as most of the owners had made provision to drain their properties.

After a lot of discussion the plans were adopted and it was decided to proceed with the work. The estimated cost of the work, according to Cr. Sutch was between £4 and £6 per allotment, according to frontage.

Northcote A.W.A.
A large gathering assembled at the quarterly meeting of the A.W.A. on Monday. Conference questions were again discussed, and a report given on the damage held by the A.W.A. at Metropolitan Social. Several members arranged to visit West Brunswick's At Home next Tuesday. Pleasers was expressed by members at the help given by the A.N.A. in regard to arranging the new lodge room and to members who attended to help the A.W.A. members with the parlor boxes. The next meeting on September 14 will start at 7.30 to allow for a combined At Home arranged between the A.N.A. and A.W.A.

Aid for Children's Hospital
The Church for All, Thornbury, held a euchre party and dance in aid of the Children's Hospital, at which £12 was raised.

Women's Christian Temperance Union
The monthly meeting of the Northcote branch was held in the Church of Christ, High street, on September 1. The president (Mrs. Johnson) occupied the chair. The speaker was Mrs. Athorp, superintendent of the Moral Welfare Department. The members were enrolled. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Johnson and Miss Gray. The Westgarth Fairchild and Alington branches were represented by Mesdames Swain, Bascombe and Meyer respectively. Arrangements were made for the lecture shortly by Miss McCorduland. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Bascombe and Mrs. Hanson.

Feasting Mare Stolen
Mr. Michael Capicichiano, retired fruiterer, of McCracken avenue, Northcote, has reported to the police the loss of Lady Broom, a registered trotting mare, valued at £100. The mare was stolen from Messrs. Broom's paddock at Kellor on the afternoon of August 27. The wire of the fence was cut.

Debate
On Wednesday evening the Wardrop House team debated with the Merlystone Debating Society, the question being "Has the time payment system proved beneficial or injurious to the country?" Wardrop House (Messrs. Spencer, Peaton and Fraser) took the negative side against Merlystone (Messrs. Crisp, Cash and Davy). Mr. McGladd, the adjudicator, awarded honors to Merlystone, 207, to Wardrop House, 195.

To celebrate the termination of his term as president of the West Ward Progress Association Mr. Thomas tendered a most enjoyable evening at home, to members of the committee on Wednesday, August 25. Games and community singing were indulged in. Mrs. Ballantyne officiating at the piano. Vocal items were rendered by several of those present. During the course of the evening Mr. and Mrs. Thomas displayed their customary generosity in making Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. J. Lack the recipients of a most enjoyable gift. Cr. A. Bird, who made the presentation on behalf of Mr. Thomas, congratulated the services rendered to the association by Mrs. Thomas, and spoke of the keen interest displayed by every other member of the committee. He concluded by moving a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas for their sterling services during the past 12 months and for the hospitality exhibited during the evening. This resolution was carried with musical honors. At midnight all were unanimous that a most enjoyable evening had been spent.

BRITISH MIGRANTS' ASSOCIATION
The next meeting of the British Migrants' Association (Northcote Branch) will be held at the Rensselaire Hall, Westbourne grove, Northcote, on Wednesday, September 9, at 7.45 p.m.

Among the many migrants in this country there are many out of work, and it is their desire that they should be re-estimated. These men are greatly embittered, claiming that they were induced to come to Australia by means of glowing pamphlets and stories that this was a country flowing with milk and honey, that under the scheme under which they were induced to come they would be found work, and certain other promises were made. Since their arrival the Government which had fostered the scheme has claim, left them to shift for themselves. Those who did get work, found it by their own efforts, and the promised assistance never eventuated. In their efforts to force recognition of their claims, many of these men have now given up all hope of the promises ever being kept. They are strangers in a strange land, and in times of adversity are away from their kinsfolk, from many of whom they could get assistance. The association's object is now to endeavour to induce the Government to fund them passages back to the Homeland. This would achieve a twofold object in that it would relieve the Government of the expense of keeping those out of work, and it would mean that any work that was available would be left to the Australian who required it. All British migrants are invited to attend the meeting. Mr. T. G. Rogers is hon. secretary of the branch.

BOY SCOUTS.
1st Croston Cubs
On Saturday, August 25 65 cubs were on parade. It being parents' night there were a good number of adults present also. Musical items were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Shugg, Miss E. Skinner, Miss J. Wheeler and songs by Mr. Wheeler and Miss D. E. Henderson. Some of the boys received proficiency badges and others 1st and 2nd stars. The District Cubmaster (Mr. Higham) paid a visit and gave a short talk on cubbing. He promised another visit shortly. This was the most successful parents' night yet held. Parents desirous of helping the Queen of Cubs (Miss Alma Smith) should communicate with C. M. Wadding, 25 Kellett street, Northcote N16.

43/3 SLOGAN COMPETITION
The slogan competition run by Mr. H. Porter, 836 High street, in connection with "Father Time" was won by Miss Edith Oliver, 897 High street, Thornbury. The slogan being: "Save your money, save your time, Send Porter all the time."
The following were adjudged second and third respectively: "Time proveth which is best, Porter's watches stand the test."
"Expert watchmaker Porter, guarantees repairs give him a trial he will give you the best."
About 250 entries were received and so successful has the competition been that Mr. Porter has decided to give consolation prizes to anyone who entered the competition and makes application for same at 836 High street, Thornbury.

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REGENT TALKIES

Monday brings two good features. In "A Tailor-Made Man" William Haines is a pants presser in a tailor's shop. He has real ideas, so he borrows a dress-suit (left to be pressed) invades a social function to meet a merchant prince, and manages to impress the financial nabob with his ideas. He lands a big executive position and proceeds to revolutionize business. When he gets fired he tells the truth but meantime they've found out that his ideas are right—and he gets the job back, also the girl. Dorothy Jordan plays opposite the star. "Body and Soul" tells the gripping story of an American flying ace in the Royal Flying Corps who meets and falls in love with a charming young girl, only to find himself facing a court martial when the ace is accused of being a spy. The picture takes a surprising twist at the finish and its climax is both amusing and thrilling. It is shown in the Regent Palace, Myrna Loy are the featured players. Thursday's attractions are "Mother's Millions" and "Dude Ranch."

"Mother's Millions" tells the story of Harriet Breen, who seems an unscrupulous and unfeeling woman, but on feeling for anything except the dollar. The theme is the clash between the old-fashioned morality of this fabulously wealthy woman and the personalities of her children who misunderstand. May Robson who plays the part of the mother, is a real character. The picture is something quite new. Lawrence Gray is Harriet's son, and James Hall and Frances Dale have excellent roles. The setting of "Dude Ranch" is the familiar "wide open spaces"—services are men and women hair-raising schemes until a gang of rail outlaws arrives at the hotel, after robbing a bank in the neighborhood. The outcome of the blame on to the trouper and there is then some real shooting on the scene. Jack Oakie and Mizzi Green are starred.

FOX-HOYS RADIO CLUB
Thornbury Branch
The above club meets every Monday night in the Normandy Hall, Thornbury. The club has been run to Frankston with the city club, where an enjoyable day was spent in the sports. Thornbury won all events, with the exception of one in which the ladies left the club down.
On Sunday a hike will be held from South Morang to Eltham. Any member wishing to attend is asked to purchase a ticket at the theatre office before Sunday. The fare is 1/10. Sunday, September 13, has been set aside for a car run. On Sunday, September 20 the club will hold a picnic to Hurstbridge.

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BOWLS.

PRESTON CLUB
A pleasant evening was spent by 50 members and visitors on Saturday on the occasion of the club's annual smoke night and presentation of medals.
Mr. Carthew (president) said he was pleased to see so many visitors, and of whom not a few were new to the club. He expressed the hope that the "smoke" would be a bumper one for the club, and that the presentation of medals would be a link in the club's activities in sporting and social matters.
Mr. O'Brien, vice-president of the club, referred to his many associations with the Preston Club, and said that he was proud to see the club's success in the V.B.A. matches, and the "smoke" was a link in the club's activities in sporting and social matters.

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PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

EAST PRESTON
At the forthcoming meeting at St. Mary's Hall on Monday Mr. Houghton (president) was in the chair.
The correspondence was received on several matters from the city council, and also from the Secretary for Education, Mr. J. O'Connell, and the Mayor, Mr. J. O'Connell. It was decided that the committee meet and go thoroughly into the matter, as the association considered the matter of the city department a quite contrary to fact, and that the several matters dealt with in the correspondence should be given the matter for consideration by an independent tribunal.

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Why, if the confession was obtained after 3 p.m., was he not charged until 5 p.m.?—I wanted to get the new charges declared from Mr. Evans, and I connected with private residence, 57 James St., Northchote.

Did you suggest that if he signed a statement admitting burning down the house he would get off higher than if he were convicted on the various false declarations?—No. Did you tell him that if he confessed he burnt down the house he might get out with a fine?—No. Did you say that if he confessed, you would drop all the other charges, and also a charge against Mr. Barker?—No.

Was anything said to the effect that Mr. Barker would be charged as accessories?—No. Did it not strike you as extraordinary for a man to burn down his house to get away from his wife?—You ought to know as a married man?—If I had been in his place, and what he said about his wife was true, I might have felt like burning down the town. (Laughter.)

Boucher's Debts His debts of £164 included £150 on mortgage. Yes. The mortgage was not due for some two years?—I did not question him about that.

Did you know Mr. McGuffin in Box?—Detective McGuffin gave similar evidence. Mr. Chair: Was it suggested to Boucher that if he confessed to burning down the house the other charges would be dropped?—He said, "I will say I burnt it down, but I didn't." "We only want the truth. If you did not burn the house down we do not want you to say so."

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Girl's Wrist Almost Severed When she was working at a small goods shop in Nicholson street, Footscray, last Saturday afternoon, Miss Smith, aged 17 years, of Smith street, Thornbury, had her wrist almost severed by a meat chopper. She was admitted to the hospital, and the doctor said that she was stooping to pick an article off the floor, and the chopper fell from the counter on to her wrist. The wound is a very weak condition from loss of blood.

Some 70 years ago an enactment was passed by the legislature of the day requiring that every person who drove a vehicle for a licensed carrier should be licensed, and a fee was fixed at 5/- per license.

A move is now being made for the abolition of these fees, or, to obtain their reduction by something like 75 per cent. in order to remove a burden from employers. It was pointed out by Mr. Turner at the meeting of the Northchote Council on Monday that there was a very large number of the members of the Carters' and Drivers' Union out of employment, and great hardship was imposed on them in having to meet this license fee.

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Offensive Behaviour. Victor Daniel Nash, 21 years, was fined £1 for offensive behaviour in Gower street.

Debt. Plenty Motors Pty. Ltd. obtained orders against the following: L. Ludeman, £2/14/-, and 15/8 costs; (less £2/17/- already paid); J. Walsh, £15/10/-, and £1/6 costs; W. H. Edmond, £16/14/11 and £1/6 costs; Alfred Ernest Healy, £28/10/- and costs.

No Light. Alex Ahern was fined 10/- for having ridden an unlighted bicycle on the High street on August 2. Leslie Darby, Redmond street, Kew, whose motor cycle made a offensive noise in High street on August 2, was fined £2 and his licence was suspended for two months.

Three Offences Alleged. Charles Bransgrove, Jones street, Thornbury, was fined £1 for having ridden a motor cycle, a motor cycle on August 9, and 10/- for not having a licence. Another charge against him was dismissed.

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Jurf Notes

(By "LUTEPLAYER")

Will Win A Hurdle Race

Lammeret, who finished second to Royalism in the Trial Hurdle at Monday's meeting, is a splendid runner like a coming winner over the batons.

He is a five-year-old gelding by Drake, and he ran in a splendid race to get within a neck of the winner. It seemed as if his jockey left his effort a bit late. The failure of Tommy Prince to finish near the placed horses in the same race should be overlooked, as he made a bad blunder near the mile and it took all the steam out of him.

Heroic Staked Again

Heroic gained another advertisement at the Valley when St. Valour won the first and second divisions respectively of the Three-year-old Handicap on Monday. His victory was due to his short period of stud duty that there is sure to be a keen demand for stock by the Valois horse at the next yearling sales. St. Valour was not considered quite ready by his connections, but he gained his victory well, even allowing that he got the best of a very poor start. The race should improve him, and although he does not promise to be anything brilliant, he should prove a profitable performer. Heroic, who previously was successful at Geelong, when his division was well covered, is sure to have further successes in store for him.

May Come Good

Two runners at the Valley to attract attention were Midway Watch and Stephen, who filled second place in the first and second divisions respectively of the Three-year-old Handicap on Monday. Both colts were something of a boom last season. The Night Patrol colt, Middle Watch, won at his first start, a division of the colts' Maribyrnong Trial, and then went on to finish second, after a bad run, in the St. Albans Stakes at Caulfield. This form caused him to be regarded as something above the ordinary, but his subsequent form proved disappointing. Stephen, who is by Gallant, was the medium of a betting plunge for the Flemington Stakes on the final day of the Melbourne Cup meeting. Starting favorite at 2 to 1 he won with ease from Hunt the Slipper, who two days earlier had won the Byron Moore Stakes. Stephen was then marked down as a potential champion—an opinion that was upset by his poor showing in the subsequent races. On Saturday both colts came home well and they are bound to be improved by the race. Maybe their earlier form was a bit over-rated, but Saturday's showings suggest that earlier hopes to some extent will be fulfilled.

Met With Interference

Princess Betty was backed to favor in the Compensation Handicap, but failed to finish nearer than sixth. There her failure, however, for she met with interference at the start of the race. The inside portion of the barrier failed to rise sharply and Princess Betty, who was in the ropes, caused the interference to Princess Betty. The scramble also resulted in the Guide and Bernosca getting away badly.

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PUGILISTIC FRUITERS

There are two fruiterers in Northcote who are being "beaten" by the other waltzes his prices with "self glasses." Besides being "beaten" he is also being "beaten" between them, as if it was not all let at a couple of exchanges, the fruiterers, which were vented at Northcote Court on Tuesday.

Percy Johnson, High street, Northcote, fruiterer, charged Albert Archer, fruiterer, High street, Northcote, with assault on August 22 and 24. There was a cross summons Archer v. Johnson in respect to August 22.

Johnson said: On August 22 I was at the Market at 3.30 a.m. purchasing supplies when Archer came along and said "What are you talking about me for?" I denied the allegation and was lifting a case of lettuce when he said "Take that" and punched me on the jaw. I returned the blow and he kicked me on the hand. I got away. Later he said to me "What do you mean by saying I've got stale beans?" He also said "You watch my prices with field glasses. You say you ought to get a bigger price." On August 24 when I locked up my shop and was going home, Archer came along and said "You mean by telling Roycroft that I hit you when you had a case of lettuce in your hand he 'donged' me." (Laughter.) I rang up the police.

Cross examined: Did you not on August 25 rush after a man with a carving knife and threaten him?

No.

Well what happened? A man named Gullivan came into my shop alleging I had called him names. He wanted me to come outside and fight with him. I declined to do so, as I was frightened.

Did you hit Archer at the market?—I pushed him away.

How is it that he got his mouth cut?—I don't know.

When Archer asked you to bring your tales direct to him did you not send him to the market?—Yes.

John Henry Paton, carrier, Ballantyne street, Northcote said: I saw Archer's double-breasted coat when Archer struck Johnson, and then there was a scuffle.

The P.M.: Did the blow connect?—I think so.

Henry O'Connell, carrier, Brunswick, said he saw the blow at the market.

Cross examined: Was is a decent sort of a blow?—I would not have cared about getting it. (Laughter.)

Dr. J. Daley said he treated Johnson's hand, which was badly bruised.

Kenneth Irving, employed by Johnson said: On August 24 as I was leaving the shop Archer struck Johnson on the jaw. Johnson had parcels under both arms and could not retaliate.

Const. McDonald of Thornbury said: On August 24 I interviewed Archer who admitted hitting Johnson on the jaw.

Archer said: On August 22 at the market I asked Johnson why he was spreading tales about me. He was examining a case of lettuce and swung it as if to strike me. I pushed him away, and he punched me on the nose, making it bleed and cutting my lip.

"Only Your Age Saves You" I said, "It is only your age that saves you, or I'd thrash you within an inch of your life." (Laughter.)

On August 24 after I had shut my shop I saw Johnson and asked him why he had been telling lies about me. After some words I said to him "You are a liar" and punched him on the shoulder.

A witness named Cooper said Westgarth.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS

PRESTON-NORTHCOTE CLUB

The club's hike on Sunday was a success. Some members went to Janelfield by bus, but the rest used "Shank's pony," walking both ways from Preston. Lunch and tea were partaken of at the scouts' hut, the scouts supplying hot water. The hike of the East Preston Motor Cycle Club was watched with interest. After tea a big camp fire was made, which the hikers had to reluctantly leave. These club hikes continue to be extremely popular.

INTERSTATE WALKING

South Australian walkers met the Victorian on Saturday at the show grounds. The victors provided the individual winner and took both junior titles, but lost the senior Glover shield to Victoria. Hongkong (5) won from Mulcahy (V) and Cummins (V.). Cummins, of Thornbury, was lowered by J. D. Bost, some fat being beaten by a few seconds only. Osborne, a veteran, who was unable to strike form, is a resident of Northcote. Herb Gardner, of Preston, winner in 1925, was a non-starter. He, with Osborne, has competed in all but one of these interstate contests.

IVANHOE HARRIERS

Ivanhoe Harriers have practically completed their cross-country programme. The club is eager to again win the A Grade premiership of the Victorian track athletic world, and is wisely making plans for the coming season, which opens next month.

PRESTON ATHLETES

Although E. Collingwood club by name, this club is regarded as partly a local one, as many of the members from Preston district. Harold Lang, the club champion, had his colors loaned by J. D. Kingsley in the 5 miles club mile race at Preston. Lang de Bois, the veteran champion and founder of the club, was runner-up.

Fire in Northcote

At 3.57 a.m. on August 27 the Northcote Fire Brigade was called to 24 Clarke street, a seven-roomed house owned by Mr. S. Rosen and occupied by Mr. L. J. Bost. Some fat being treated on the gas stove took fire and extended to the wall. Little damage was done but the building is insured.

Running Notes

Members should attend on Monday at 6.15 p.m. at Preston Park for training. The track season is approaching, and a strong team will be selected for the inter-club contests. Steve Kieker, the club's basketball

When I was working my husband had been very sick with me, but when I was not working his blood changed," said Mrs. Nellie Ivy Guppy, Westgarth street, Northcote, who was again defended in assault charges, which were vented at Northcote Court on Tuesday.

Mrs. Guppy said:—We were married in 1921. I had been in hospital and when I came out he did not turn to me. Prior to that I had been employed all those years, but often unemployed. I kept him going.

"Other Beautiful Women"

He told the lady where he had room that whilst I was in hospital and come in touch with other beautiful women, and he had "no time" for me.

Cross-examined: When did you work last?

Mrs. Guppy: In March last.

During your whole married life your husband has been kind?—Yes. When I lived at Brunswick, had the house to him. (Laughter.)

You have broken up five homes?—No. He sent the furniture back.

When did your husband leave last Saturday week?

On the Monday afternoon following you took out a summons for maintenance?—Yes. I did that because he told me he would not give me any money unless I issued a summons.

You still had money in hand when you took the summons out?—Yes.

The P.M.: (Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan) said the wife had acted too quickly, and she was not without means of support when she issued the summons. The action must fail.

The case was dismissed.

that at the market he saw Archer push Johnson away, and later saw Archer with a bleeding mouth.

William Dugan, West Preston, said that Johnson hit Archer with a warning. Archer did not retaliate.

Cross examined: Would you have retaliated?—Yes. I would have had a "lass."

Mr. Sonenberg: Perhaps it is well you didn't. We might have been at the morgue to-day instead of being here. (Laughter.)

Archer then delivered a homily to Johnson about respecting one's age?—Yes. "Blow up nose?" (Laughter.)

You said to Archer "You are a mug" to take this?—Yes.

Mr. Sonenberg: I thought someone would be sure to say that.

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Community Singing

At the community singing of the Northcote Organized Professional Orchestra on August 27 Miss Tipping sang and danced. Mr. Jackson sang "Percy O'Neil," which was given by Mrs. Tennant. Mrs. Meakin sang "Silly Things Among the Girls," which was given by Mrs. New. Mrs. W. Jones was the conductor. The prize for the evening was given to Mrs. Tipping.

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TROUBLE AFTER THIRTEENTH DANCE

YOUNG WIFE ALLEGES ASSAULT

Dance Hall Incident

The incident which occurred after the thirteenth dance at Northcote Palais was unfortunate for a young couple. The wife, Miss N. Guppy, returned on Tuesday, alleged that her husband struck her in the face, and later on, knocked her down and laid her lying on the footpath whilst he walked away with another girl.

The case was one in which Miss Nellie Guppy, of St. George's road, charged her husband, Albert John Turnbull, Auburn avenue, Northcote, with assault.

Mr. G. M. (for the wife) said that the parties were married in January of last year, parted from time to time, but reunited, but only to part again. Before and after the marriage, both parties were in the habit of visiting the Austral dance halls, and it was on one of these occasions that the assault took place. The wife had gone to the Palais with her friend, and the defendant had with him a young woman. Husband and wife were not speaking terms.

The P.M. (Mr. P. O'Callaghan) asked the ages of the parties, and was told that the wife was 19 and the husband 27.

Mrs. Turnbull said: "At about 11.30 p.m. on August 24 I left the Austral Palais and was standing on the footpath with my husband and I got into a sidecar belonging to a man named Johnson, who was a friend of my husband and my husband, and who had promised to take me home."

"Come Along Bull Darling"

My husband came over and struck me a heavy blow on the face, and then he walked away with his companion.

Friend's Evidence

Eric Andrew Johnson, Arthurton road, Northcote, said: On August 24 Miss Turnbull called me to take her home saying that she was being pestered by a man at the dance.

Whilst Mrs. Turnbull was in my sidecar some remarks were made between her and her husband, and then she began to cry. She ran after her husband and he was seen to get into a sidecar. I did not see a blow struck. I ran over and picked her up, and took her home.

Face Scratched and Bloodstained

Mrs. Mary Hancock, mother of Mrs. Turnbull, said when her daughter came home she had a swollen face with mud, and her face scratched and bloodstained.

Husband's Version

Turnbull said: Near the end of the dance I heard Johnson say "I have a 'swell line' to take home."

After the Thirteenth Dance

I came out with my wife standing on the footpath laughing and joking with Johnson. I went back to the Palais and found my wife (since, after which I walked out with a girl).

Abuse from Wife

When I got outside my wife began to abuse me, and I gave my wife a push and walked away.

"Attacked from Behind"

My wife ran after me and attacked me from behind. I pushed her and she rushed at me again, and she scratched my face.

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HASTENING AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY

In dealing with Australia's economic problems there are several factors we have to recognize. First, Australia is bound in international ties with the whole world, in economic relations with Germany, France, and the U.S.A., and principally with the British Kingdom...

But man does not live by bread alone. Here we are in the midst of two conflicting systems, the first, a socialistic, individual versus collectivist. Are they going to be based on property or on men? Which shall it be? We have yet to see...

FAIRFIELD C.Y.M.S.

Football Team Wins Semi-Final

The football team played Preston in the semi-final at Ascot Vale last Saturday, an evenly contested match ending in a win for Fairfield by 10-11. A loudspeaker installed in the stadium broadcast a report of the match appears elsewhere.

Social

The annual branch picnic will be held on Sunday, November 8. Arrangements for the annual combined Cuddeulla dance at Collingwood town hall on show night (September 24) are well in hand, and entries for the C.Y.M.S. dancing championship are already reaching the secretary.

APPROACHING AUCTIONS

By J. and H. Burgess, 899 High St., Thornbury (A. McL. Paterson, auctioneer) on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 2.30 p.m. on property, Mill Ave., Preston, no. 5-roomed W.B. house on land 62 x 150, close to school and tram.

RELIEF CONCERT PERSONAL

TYLER STREET STATE SCHOOL EFFORT

To raise funds for relief work a concert has been arranged by the pupils of the Tyler Street State School. The concert will take place on Wednesday, September 16, at 7.45 p.m. in the Preston Town Hall.

CANOING FAIRFIELD CLUB

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Fairfield Canoe Club on Monday evening at the club's boathouse, The Esplanade, Fairfield.

RESERVOIR GOLF CLUB OPENING DAY

The newly-formed Reservoir Golf Club was officially opened on Saturday, September 5, by the presence of Mr. Hugh Marland, J.L.B., of Collingwood, who presided at the opening ceremony.

RADIO NOTES

Damping Enthusiasm!

The Prague police have put a new motor car into service, equipped with an installation by which the water can be spouted at a great distance. This installation will be used to disperse the demonstrators to disperse the demonstrators, the crowd being warned before hand by means of a loudspeaker installed in the car.

Radio and Herring Fishery

In Norway a new scheme has been laid down to promote herring fishery. Last year successful experiments were made in ascertaining whether aeroplanes could be helpful for detecting shoals of fish. It was found that fishes could be very well observed from the air, and the fishermen were informed in what direction the fish were moving, so that they could be certain of a big haul. The only difficulty was that it always took some time to inform the fishermen of the observations made from the aeroplane. In future there will be a wireless operator in the aeroplane who will immediately transmit his reports to broadcasting stations, which will further distribute them.

Thornbury Presbyterian Church

Towards the end of this month, the above church will commence its 21st birthday, when special prayers, soloists and an argument choir will take part in the service. The pastor, including Rev. W. J. Harris, A. J. Porter and J. J. Hewitt, M.A., B.D., will give addresses. The Moderator, General (Rev. D. Cameron, M.A.), and Rev. S. C. Hadley. The church was begun by Rev. George Canon as part of the Presbyterian mission in 1810 and purchased in Rossmore street and a weatherboard building was erected. In 1814 a brick congregation was added and in 1824 the present church, was erected with furnishings costing £2,500. The Sun Day attention is given to the new dress of their city office, which is now at Temple Court, 422 Collins St., Melbourne effects. See advertisement.

Tenders are elsewhere invited

By the Department of Lands, Melbourne, up to September 23 for right to graze 15 acres at Epping.

UNEMPLOYMENT

PRESTON

By appointment to his special mode, Mrs. Fred Sheppard, Mr. E. J. Madigan, grocer, Plenty road, has given a mattress for a deserving case. Another article of a similar nature is urgently required, and Mrs. Sheppard is still hopeful of procuring another to light. It is now too late to come.

Fishing Permits

A denial is given to the statement that fishing permits at Lake Edward have been granted to a number of unemployed.

Distribution of Boats

A fair supply of boats for youths has been made over and comfortable as a result of welcome contributions.

Northcote Association

The usual weekly meetings were held at the Northcote Association on Friday, September 11, at 7.30 p.m. The following resolution was passed by the association: "That the Northcote Unemployed Association, emphatically protests against the inability of the State and Home Government to provide shelter for the unemployed and their dependants to tender their resignations, as they no longer hold the confidence of the unemployed electors of Northcote."

Coming-of-Age Party

There was an abundance of hospitality and cheeriness at the coming-of-age party held at the Northcote Association on Saturday, September 12, at 7.30 p.m. The guests were highly successful, there being an attendance of about 500 guests.

Orange Blossoms for Brides

The brides of 1931 must go to the altar without benefit of orange blossoms, according to ultimatum oracles in Parisian fashion circles. Travis Barton, Paramount stylist, is in the discarding of floral ornament, the opening of a delightful ceremonial simplicity in the costumes. Even the enormous flower bouquet, dear to the hearts of the brides of the past, is now regarded as a thing of the past, and a tiny hand corsage or a narrow rope of gardenias, asserts the designer.

RECIPES

Cream Fonnant

One tin condensed milk, 1/2 cup sugar essence - Stir 2 cups of cream sugar, add 1/2 cup of sugar, and mix thoroughly. It is formed that can be handled. Work this with the hands until creamy. Flavor with any essence.

Gooey Candy

Roll out small pieces of the cream in cocoon and stand on wax paper to dry. When you have managed with 1 cup milk and 1 heaped tablespoon corn-flower, and when cold add 1 cup icing sugar or caster sugar creamed with 1 tablespoon butter, and beat smooth. It takes some time. Add vanilla to taste, and leave plain, or add mashed banana, chopped dates, or preserved ginger, or chopped walnuts.

DEMARET'S PATTERNS

All One Price—10/4.

LOCAL AGENTS:

- Miss Baird, 55 Spensley street, Melbourne. Mrs. B. Graham, 68 High street, Northcote. Mrs. A. Neale, 205 High street, Northcote. Mrs. S. M. Cohen, 387 High street, Northcote. Mrs. M. W. Dale, 239 St. George's road, Northcote. Mrs. E. Dixon, 679 High street, Northcote. Mrs. B. Anthony, 811 High street, Northcote. Mrs. McClellan & Eaton, 493 High street, Northcote. Mrs. M. Davis, 297 St. George's road, Northcote. Mrs. J. Milne, 110 Dundas street, Northcote. Mrs. Haddad, 123 Plenty road, Northcote. Mrs. Newbath & Smith, Plenty road, Northcote. Mrs. L. G. Edwards, 211 High street, Northcote. Mrs. L. May, 161 High street, Northcote. Mrs. L. G. Murray, 211 High street, Northcote. Mrs. Stratford, 544 Murray road, Northcote. Mrs. J. M. Kelly, 387 High & Mason streets, Northcote. Mrs. J. M. Kelly, 387 High & Mason streets, Northcote. Mrs. J. M. Kelly, 387 High & Mason streets, Northcote. Mrs. J. M. Kelly, 387 High & Mason streets, Northcote.

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FOOTBALL BRAWL

BROTHERS IN COURT
Each Fined \$5 for Assaulting
The scenes after this match, which itself was cleanly played, were disgraceful," said Senior Constable Kennedy, when prosecuting in four cases at Heidelberg court on September 4.

DEPRESSION AND SINGING

SUGGESTIONS AT PRESTON
A number of tradespeople in Preston have expressed the opinion that the holding of community singing on Friday evenings has a detrimental effect on trading and the transaction of business generally.

NORTHCOTE COURT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Before Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan, P.M.
Moses, H. Evans, P. J. Ryan, P. Carney and Mrs. Wood, J. E.
No Light
Gregory Kelly, Beaver's road, Northcote, who on August 18, rode a bicycle without a light in St. George's road was fined 10s.

WHO OWNS IT?

TWO CLAIM BICYCLE
Plainsclothes Constable Veness requested the Northcote court Tuesday to decide the ownership of a bicycle taken in the hands of the police.

BOY SCOUTS

2nd Thornbury
The largest church parade the troop has yet had was held at the Wesleyan Church, Thornbury, on Sunday, there being about a hundred present.

MERNDIA

The Whittlesea Tennis Association held its annual meeting here on Thursday evening, when Mr. H. H. Hurrey was elected president.

ACQUITTED

"BLAMED FOR EVERYTHING"

ROY BARRY ON PERJURY CHARGE
Before Judge Wainwright at General Sessions last Friday, William Roy Barry, 33 years, Charles street, Northcote, appeared on a charge of perjury. He had been committed for trial at the Northcote Court of Petty Sessions on July 21.

MIGRANTS

BRITISH ASSOCIATION
A delegate (Mrs. Betty) will pay for Glasgow on September 15 by the "Ormonde" in order to place a petition before the House of Commons regarding the position of British migrants in Australia.

TWO NORTHCOTE GIRLS INJURED

ONE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL
Struck by Motor Car
After having attended a friendly match between the Northcote Rovers and a Praban team, two Northcote girls and a youth from Brunswick were knocked down and injured by a motor car last Saturday afternoon.

CAR FALLS 100 FEET

PRESTON MAN KILLED
When a motor car which he was driving fell 100 feet over an embankment on the Tallangatta-Dunrobin road early on Saturday morning, Mr. B. J. Duffin, of Gilbert road, Preston, was killed.

CYCLING

Preston Amateurs

Last Saturday the second annual (sixth) road race from Bendigo to Melbourne (32 miles) was contested, and the 125 entrants of 458 riders started a crowd of 5000 witnesses at the start of the race.

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GIRL GUIDES' SPORTS

Metropolitan Rangers had a successful first meeting at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday. The Heidelberg girls were prominent and led Northcote were second in their heat in the foot relay.

Have you seen the "Shands" New Spring Suits?

No man should miss seeing and ordering from the newest season's suitings now opened up to choose from for Spring or Summer Suits. They are the very latest in design, smart, new, serviceable, and At Remarkably Low Prices.

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VERSE AND CHORUS FOR DEPRESSION

"We Must All Fall Together."
(Written by K. P. Weston and Bert Lee; composed by Harry Weston)
"Everywhere you go, you hear a tale of woe.

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ACTIVITIES OF NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL

The Advisory Council of the Northcote District High School held its ordinary meeting at the school on Tuesday last. Those present being Mr. O'Brien (chairman) and Messrs. Thompson, Messrs. Henning, Neelds, Thompson and Talbot (secretary).

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Delphinium seedlings planted now should yield welcome bloom during January. Plant the seeds in a sunny situation 2ft 6in to 3ft apart. After flowering, the plants should be cut back, and they will yield a second crop of bloom.

Try It For Three Days

Make a three-day test and compare McAlpin's Bread with any other. Try the different kinds, and you'll know what it is to have real bread.

McAlpin's Bread advertisement featuring a loaf of bread and the text '62 PER LARGE LOAF DELIVERED' and 'SPECIAL MALT PROCESS'.

IN THE GARDEN

VEGETABLE CULTURE
Improve the Yield of Vegetables.
Crown parsnips are now recommended as deep fertile sandy loam soils these crops best, although they can be successfully grown in most soils with fair cultivation.

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PRESTON COUNCIL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

The Preston Council held its first meeting after the election on Monday. Present: Mr. J. G. Robson, J. L. Jones, J. L. Adams, W. T. Robinson, E. G. Sutton, W. T. Robinson, E. G. Sutton, and R. H. E. McKennie.

Mr. J. G. Robson, Mayor, presided. He opened the meeting by welcoming the members and congratulating them on their election.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, September 14, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, September 21, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, September 28, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, October 5, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, October 12, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, October 19, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, October 26, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, November 2, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, November 9, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, November 16, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, November 23, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, November 30, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, January 4, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, January 11, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, January 18, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, January 25, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mr. J. G. Robson moved that the Council should meet on Monday, February 1, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

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Mr. Adams sought attention to Wood street footpath, north side Gordon road to Mr. Bransgrove's, also path from Murphy gove to Gordon gove, south side—P.W. committee; that better lighting in High street, between Bell street and the junction be referred to E.L. committee; lighting at Gower and Paterson streets referred to E.L. committee; Mr. Maynard moved that notice be given against vandalism be erected in central council parks there had been trouble, shrubs trampled down and flower torn down—Parks committee.

Mr. Zwar moved that pot hole Bell street between High street and Pleary street be filled—P.W. committee; Mr. Zwar moved that pot hole Bell street referred to P.W. committee; engineer to report on crossing: King William street at first lane from Pleary road, fourth west side of Pleary road, Murray road to David street—P.W. committee; Mr. Robson moved that the street Dundas street from High street to the railway be referred to P.W. committee.—Carried.

RIFLE SHOOTING Club Competitions

Northcote.—First stage for Randall trophy.—Trophy, 47 (3), 50; Hoyle, 45 (7); 50; Waters, 42 (8); 50; Hoyle, 44 (7); 50; Randall, 44 (4), 49.

Preston.—Final stage for Wigan trophy.—Trophy, 85 (4), 70; Bell, 65 (6); 70; Featherstone, 64 (7); 70; Percott, 61 (11); 70; French, 61 (15); 47; 50; Chynoweth, 59 (8); 67; Sullivan, 56 (11), 67. Trophy won by Percott.

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Northcote Notes

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The Official Entry. The Mayor, (Cr. J. Jones, J.P.), and Miss Jones led the official entry accompanied by the Rev. Fathers P. Power and Cleary and Cahir, Cr. and Mrs. Robson, Cr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams and Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Horgan.

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 602 Main St., Mordialloc. Phone: Mord. 65.

RATE REDUCTION SOUGHT AT NORTHCOTE

PETITION WITH 1773 SIGNATURES DEPUTATION WAITS ON COUNCIL

With the object of securing a reduction in the Northcote council rate of 2/9 in the £ a deputation from the Northcote Ward Progress Association waited on the council on Monday night. A petition bearing 1773 signatures was presented by the deputation.

PUT HIM IN THE "COOLER" MAN'S BEHAVIOUR AT PRESTON COURT

A litigant at Preston court on Thursday aroused the ire of the bench by his conduct, and though warned, continued to offend by casting aspersions on the integrity of the justices sitting. Eventually he was committed to the cells for six hours, to teach him better manners.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

On Saturday, September 26, scenes of unprecedented enthusiasm should be witnessed at Northcote in connection with the big Evangelistic drive to be conducted by the Northcote and Preston Christian Endeavour Union with headquarters at the Methodist Church, High Street, Northcote. A feature of the drive will be the great street march of 1,000 Evangelists and friends commencing at 6.45 p.m., led by the Northcote Salvation Army band; in the evening at 7.30 p.m., two big simultaneous meetings will be conducted by the Rev. W. F. Betts, and Mr. C. H. Dyer in the church and the Rev. Cyril Coad, M.A., and Mr. W. Pike in the school hall. It has been found necessary in view of the attendance anticipated, to arrange overflow meetings in nearby churches.

Turner introduced a deputation from the West Ward Progress Association. Mr. DeLander, president, Northcote Ward Progress Association, presented a petition signed by 1773 persons asking for a reduction of the rate of 2/9 in the £. The petitioners prayed for a reduction of 20 per cent. in the rate. Mr. DeLander said that the petition was signed by the West Ward Progress Association, and it was impossible to get the whole of the city's ratepayers to sign the petition.

The case was one in which Alfred W. Harley proceeded against W. J. Gray, of South street, Preston, claiming an order for £2/2/6 for medical services. Justices on the bench were Messrs. O. A. Walker, T. J. McMahon and C. W. Hooper, J.P.s. When the case was called Gray said: "I want an adjournment so that I can have the case heard before a police magistrate."

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE
15th Sunday after Trinity.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—"The Surrendered Life."
7 p.m.—"Our Inheritance in Christ."
Teacher: Rev. A. H. Constable.
All Welcome.

EPHRAIM CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
Bayview Street.
September 12: 10th Sun. after Trinity (Bible Sunday).
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Matins.
7 p.m.—Evening. Subject: "The Bible in Our Everyday Life."
Preacher: Rev. T. Coad.

HOLY TRINITY THORNBURY
(Shaftesbury Parade).
September 12: 15th Sunday after Trinity.
11 a.m.—Holy Communion and Sermon.
7 p.m.—Sunday School.
8 p.m.—Evening and Sermon.
Celebrant and Preacher: The Vicar (Rev. Wilfred H. Chamberlain).

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON
Sept. 13: 15th Sunday after Trinity.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Evangelistic Service.
11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
4 p.m.—Holy Baptism.
7 p.m.—Evening.
Rev. P. Parsons, Vicar.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET.
7 p.m.—Worship and Communion.
Rev. A. T. Jones.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES
11 a.m.—Worship and Communion.
7 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Rev. J. T. Dugglesby, M.M.
St. George's.
11 a.m.—Worship and Communion.
7 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Rev. J. T. Dugglesby, M.M.
St. James's.

DEPION CHURCH OF CHRIST
21st Hill St., near Bell St.
SUNDAY SERVICES
11 a.m.—Worship and Communion.
7 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
The Romance of the Bible.
A. J. Phillips, Minister.
Everybody welcome.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL
11 a.m.—Worship and Communion.
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Independent Order of Rechabites
11 a.m.—Worship and Communion.
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STAR OF NORTHCOTE
TENT NO. 217.
Meet on Alternate Thursdays at Parkside Hall, Westbourne Grove.
Next Meeting: SEPT. 2.
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Entertainments and Meetings

CITY OF PRESTON
CHARITY DANCE
A CHARITY DANCE will be given by the Mayor and Mayoress of Preston (Mr. and Mrs. Jewell) at the CITY HALL, PRESTON, on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1931.
Grass proceeds to be devoted to local charities (in lieu of Mayoral Reception).
Single Tickets 5s. each.
All are welcome.
L. W. WILLIAMS, Town Clerk.

FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!
Second Semi-Final

PRESTON
v.
OAKLEIGH
COBURG FOOTBALL GROUND
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
At 2.45 p.m.
Reserve 2.2. Ground "A".
Admission: 2s. 6d. (incl. 1d. for Semifinal).

WEEKLY DANCE
in the
PRESTON TOWN HALL
here the popular Fox Trot Competition has reached an interesting stage.
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ANOTHER STARTLER
AT
RESERVOIR PALAIS
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Reservoir Junior Football Club will hold a football.
Old Time and Modern Dance on
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
From 8 till 2 a.m.
Admission 1/1 (including supper).
Sid Smith, M.C.
A REAL GOOD NIGHT ASSURED

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TUESDAY, 15th, 8 p.m. Supper.
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Speaker from Headquarters, Urgent Business.
H. P. ZWAR, President.

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NIGHT STREET, PRESTON,
near N. & H. BURGESS
through their auctioneer, A. McI. PATERSON, will submit at public auction
Newly & Solidly Built W.B. House
on land 52 x 100, 5 rooms, modern convs., sewer, well built, handy to school and tram. Certificate of Title Vol. 5046, Folio 10934. Part of Crown Portion 123 at South Preston. Lot 62. Plan of Subdivision 8867. Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke. Easy terms. For further particulars, J. & H. BURGESS, Estate Agents, 509 High St., Northcote, J.W.1947.
Also at same time and date—
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS
including piano and sewing machine, etc.

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will be held in the Supper Room, PRESTON TOWN HALL, on TUESDAY, SEPT. 15, at 2.30 p.m. Admission Free.
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WHITTLESEA COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16. The Whittlesea council met on Wednesday, President was Mr. G. Ogilby, N. A. Smith, C. F. Gardiner, J. M. Brown, C. McCormack, R. Murphy, T. Moore, M. A. Ferguson and J. Dawson.

STATUTORY MEETING.

Presidential Allowance Reduced. Mr. Ferguson moved that the president's allowance be £30. Mr. Murphy seconded. Carried. This represents a reduction of £10.

Election of President. Mr. Scott nominated Mr. Downie, stating that the chair had not been occupied by a Whittlesea member for some years. Mr. Reid extended the nomination.

ORDINARY MEETING.

At the conclusion of the statutory meeting the ordinary meeting was held. Home Van Road.—The Health Department advised that this was a factory.

Overdraft Interest Reduced.—Commercial Bank, Thornbury, advised of a reduction of interest on overdrafts to 10 per cent. as from October 1 next.

Public Holiday.—Finnon Harriers' Hunt Club, advising of its postponed meeting on Wednesday, September 23, a public holiday to be made for a public holiday, this being an annual fixture for the schools.

Request for Grant.—D. Ferguson, on behalf of the Recreation Committee, asking the council to make a grant of £20 for work on the Epping district, this being an annual fixture for the schools.

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LIFE SAVING AND SWIMMING NORTHCOLE CLUB.

Annual Meeting. The third annual meeting of the Northcole Life Saving and Swimming Club was held in the Northcole Hotel on Tuesday evening, September 15.

Mr. Scott, the president, presided over the meeting. In welcoming the visitors, amongst whom was Mr. A. A. Meyer, chairman of the Victorian Life Saving Society, Mr. Scott referred to Northcole as the "hot bed" of life saving.

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PRESTON MOTOR CYCLIST'S SKULL FRACTURED. Edward Pedersen, aged 19 years, of 111, Northcote, was riding a motor cycle on Wednesday, September 16, when he was struck by a motor truck. His skull was fractured, and he was admitted to the Melbourne Hospital. The condition is serious.

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OPENING DAY PRESTON BOWLING CLUB.

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IN THE GARDEN.

NORTHCOLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. The monthly meeting was held at the Northcote Town Hall on September 9. A visit was also paid to Northcote by members of the Colong Horticultural Society.

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Monthly Competition. The monthly competitions were continued and resulted in a basket of flowers. Mrs. Firth, 111, Northcote, was the winner.

Spring Flower Show. The annual spring flower show conducted by the Northcote Horticultural Society has been fixed for October 31, for which an attractive price list has been prepared.

Northcote Horticulturalists Secure Prizes. Competing at the Canterbury and district Spring Flower Show, Mrs. Firth secured three first and three second prizes as follows:—First with decorated birthday basket; 2nd with home basket; 2nd with decorated dinner table.

Electric Light Committee. The Electric Light Committee recommended to the council that no further action be taken in connection with the improvement of Henderson Park.

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PRESTON RED CROSS AUXILIARY ANNUAL MEETING

The seventh annual meeting of the Preston Red Cross Auxiliary was held in the old Preston town hall on Wednesday afternoon.

The balance sheet disclosed that the year commenced with a credit of £29/19/2. Among the receipts donations totalled £31/17/7. Red Cross a year £31/15/7, card afternoon £14/4/4, cakes £2.

Throughout the afternoon musical items were rendered by Mrs. O. McGregor and Mrs. E. Turner. The balance sheet was read by Mr. Pike. Mrs. O. McGregor moving and Mrs. Welch seconding its adoption. A daily afternoon service was read by Mr. Pike, who was adopted on the motion of Mrs. E. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Robinson.

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TENDERS.—Alternate tenders close with the secretary at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1931, (1) for the erection of a new building, and (2) for the lighting of the church; or (3) the same duties, together with the right to occupy the barber's room to conduct hairdressing. No tender necessarily accepted.—J. C. Gibbs, Hon. Sec., Parish Hall Committee, Whiteley.

The Final Clash On the morning of December 5 he came home after midnight. Furniture smashed. He smashed the table against the wall, threw a vase of flowers into the air, and threatened to cut throat. He also smashed a window and threw pepper in my face. He threatened that if I went there when he got up he would cut my throat as granted access.

Drinking Heavily Up to November last year he was drinking heavily, at times being almost mad with drink. Revolver. It was his habit to come home at 2 a.m. One morning he stood over me with a revolver and threatened to shoot me. I have threatened my life several times saying he would cut my throat and he also menaced me with a bottle. Called in Police I called in the police on one occasion and subsequently he was fined for his conduct. I returned to live with him after the case. That was three weeks before I finally left. I was terrified and did not

PRESTON COUNCIL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

The usual meeting was held on Monday. Present the Mayor (Cr. Jewell Jones, J.P. and Crs. A. F. Newton, J. W. Adams, E. Norris, H. P. Zwar, W. T. Robeson, and E. Robinson and R. H. E. Maynard.

Police Protection.—The Chief Commissioner advised that Preston's protection was being afforded the maximum at the disposal of the commissioner.

Band Matters.—Preston Citizens' and Boys Bands advised that they intended to give weekly recitals from September to April next.

Excelsior Boys' Band sought use of Preston Park on Sunday, November 2, and each following Sunday until March, for sacred concerts.—Parks Committee.

West Preston Progress Association.—This body sought (1) condition of road and footpaths in Murray road, particularly south side footpath; (2) state of road Bruce street, west of Gilbert road; (3) drainage of Newby street; (4) removal of weeds from channels in Newby street and drainage of stag tank water.—Items referred to P.W. Committee.

East Preston Progress Association.—This body asked (1) cost of installation of electric light charges; (2) cleaning out of drains in Inverloch street; (3) attention to Rent street eastward from McColl street; (4) attention to footpath and gutters in Plenty road, east side, near residence of Mr. Fryer.—(1) the council has no power to grant reductions; items 2, 3, and 4 referred to P. W. committee.

General.—J. Hall sought permission to erect a dunnage shed at 19 Marchant avenue, Northcote.—Contrary to by-law. W. Jeffcoat sought permission to extend existing footpath at 88 Hackney road, Northcote.—P.W. Committee.

Preston Bowling Club sought a rate to electricity charges and also an exemption from rating.—To be advised that the council has no power to reduce electricity charges; and matter of rating referred to the committee of the council.

Finance.—A refund of £15/3/5 was made to the Preston Football Club out of the council's portion of the ground receipts.

C. Cook, Unemployed Relief Depot, requesting use of Town Hall for unemployed on week days.—Parks Committee.

A. M. Bremner asking that screenings be placed in footpath at corner of Collis and Hardy streets.

G. W. Pickering (1) asking that a brick drain be put down through private property to the main drain; (2) state of gutters in Hill Grove, East Preston.—P.W. Committee.

Finance Committee accounts to £2388/19/2 were paid. Public Works Committee accounts to £229/4/3 were paid.

It was decided to take no action in regard to the following:—Cleaning of drains, reduce attention to path Home street; attention to McColl street, between Ashton and McColl streets; attention to east side of Oakhill avenue, between McLeor street and Xavier grove; unmade portion of Kingwilliam street; road between Kingwilliam and Queen streets, near 33 Kingwilliam street; re-addressing Bell street from Fern road to Darbin creek; lane at first r-o-w from High street; drain west side of Martin street.

Cr. Robeson said that if this committee kept on recommending "no action" it would earn the sobriquet of the "no action committee."

THE AFFAIRS OF THE KENNEDYS

HUSBAND SAYS WIFE TOOK HIM TO "GET OUT"

Amelia Kennedy, Dennis street, Northcote, proceeded against her husband, William Kennedy, of Northcote, on Tuesday seeking a maintenance order for herself and one child.

Mrs. Kennedy said she was married in 1909. Continuing, she said: "We parted about six years ago and three years later I took him back, but he left after a further year. He was also back with me for another period of six weeks."

The P.M. (Mr. O'Callaghan): You issued a warrant for his arrest? I've had no money. My son's earning £1 weekly and I'm getting 11/6 sustenance weekly.

Kennedy: How much have I given you out of the two days' work a week?—About £5 in the past three months.

When I left last time was it not because you said that if I didn't "get out" you'd get a policeman to put me out?—No. You went of your own accord.

—What happened when I enlisted?—I was going to get a separation order against you.

—You didn't get one?—No. I suggest you are telling lies.

—A daughter of the parties said that Kennedy was cruel to his wife. Kennedy said: I am doing the best I can. My wife has left me several times. When I enlisted I told my wife to buy a house. She did so in her own name.

She came back she "had me up" for trespass. Several times she has charged me with assault and the cases have been dismissed.

I am earning 35 weekly, of which I have given her £1 weekly for the past three weeks.

The P.M.: You say you were obliged to leave the home on account of her attitudes? Kennedy: Yes. She said that if I didn't go she'd have me put out. So I went.

An order was made that Kennedy pay his wife 7/6 weekly for herself and 7/6 weekly for the child.

have been made, food samples taken for analysis and wandering stock impounded etc.

Brandings.—1,454 pigs, 66 cattle, 1,018 sheep.—740 tons. Quarry Output.—740 tons. Buildings.—6 permits issued, approximate value £520.

Ordinary Business.—Mr. Newton moved that houses in Hardy Park be referred to the inspector. Cricket pitches there were destroyed by the animals.—Inspector to attend to report on grazing in other parts owned by the council.

APPRENTICESHIP INDENTURES

CANCELLATION REFUSED BY COURT

At Northcote court on Tuesday, before Mr. T. D. O'Callaghan, P.M., Frederick Walter Lincoln of Arthurton road, for the cancellation of the apprenticeship indentures of Roy Norris, aged 18, of Arthurton road, Northcote.

Bert Lincoln said: "The apprentice Norris has completed three years and three months of his apprenticeship with me. He is continually late in arriving at the shop before eight and an hour late, even though I have spoken to him from time to time. I spoke to the boy's mother, who is also his guardian on two or three occasions."

The apprentice is rough in his conduct, and I have had numerous complaints struck by his rudeness to customers. I have told him that customers had left me owing to his conduct.

After the summons was served on me, Norris, in my hearing, recited off a list of people whom he said were likely to give evidence against him.

Mr. Ridgway (for Norris): When the boy got out £22 weekly he is getting costly.—He wouldn't be costly if he had not driven customers away.

Did you apply to the Factories Department to permit the boy to work for me?—No. I said his mother came to me about it.

Did you say anything to a Factories Inspector about this boy being a good worker?—No. What else did the inspector say?—That the boy and his mother were in a fight, and the boy was kept between the half-back lines, but within a few minutes of time, Fairfield raised two flags. This was quickly followed by a goal to Port Melbourne and another to Fairfield.

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MELBOURNE'S WATER SUPPLY

CR. DENNIS GIVES ADDRESS TO CLUB

On Wednesday, September 16, Cr. Dennis, Northcote City Council representative on the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, gave an address on Melbourne's water supply at a good attendance at the Wimble Workingmen's Club, at the clubroom, Wimble Hall, Northcote.

The lecture was most interesting and instructive, and gave some idea of the vast amount of forethought and the tremendous capital expenditure necessary in order to ensure a plentiful supply of crystal clear water for a city the size of Melbourne.

Mr. Langridge (president) welcomed and introduced Cr. Dennis. The speaker said that Melbourne's water supply was such that it was adequate at all times to meet the demand of the vast city, even though the consumption ranged up to 100 gallons per head of population in hot weather.

The first supply for the village was obtained in 1855, when the settlement was made on the creek. The first supply was from the Yarra when a large dam was built at the site where the Eye and Ear Hospital now stands near the Falls Bridge.

The dam is still doing service at the park in its original form. It has a capacity of 150,000 gallons. As the settlement began to develop the dam had to be further extended in order to secure an adequate supply, and the dam was built in 1865. The dam was fixed in 1870, and the reservoir was completed. When that reservoir was fixed a stand pipe was erected in the park, and the Peacock Hotel, Northcote, was built on it.

As time went on it was found necessary to add to the dam, and water was drawn from the Peacock Reservoir, and the Touroung Reservoir was built, and was fed from the Wallaby and Silvery creeks, which got the water from the creeks to the Touroung Reservoir. The water was carried by a fall of only five feet to the mills, but this is sufficient to bring the water to the mills. It is only the only place in the world where a creek bed again, after runs into the Touroung Reservoir. This reservoir is linked to the Yarra Reservoir.

Still later it was found that even this comprehensive scheme was not sufficient to meet all the needs of the city, more so as it was found to introduce a sewerage system. The Watts river scheme was adopted, and a contract was also let for the Maromahlin Dam near Healesville.

Contrasting the Maromahlin and the Yarra reservoirs, Cr. Dennis said that the former was approximately 1350 deep, and the latter 25ft., and about 500 of water was lost annually from the Yarra by evaporation, it would be realised that depth in a reservoir was advantageous.

The time passed all too quickly, and when the hour began to get on, Cr. Dennis said that he would give another lecture on the same subject at a later date.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the speaker at the instance of Cr. A. Bird and Mr. Mundy.

A TRAIN TRAVELLER'S REVERIE (By V.C.) Ten years ago, to leave home a little early and travel to work by the "Whittlesea" had about it a spice of adventure. In those "country-train" carriages, with their "downward" and other perquisites, was a journey of length, one was wont to conjure up memories of holiday trips of the past. The company one found also, often a "shopping but" in the city, waiting that air of having made an early morning start, the sound of rattling milk-cans when the train made one of its extended stands; the whole a scene of busy, bustling, quiet, but not uninteresting, waiting to distract the traveller's mind from office toil and the cares of the day.

These were the thoughts of a passenger, at least, on that business train of the past. Yet the romance has not gone yet, though the train is now motor driven with its horn sounding inconspicuous and the motorist with his foot on the gas who sits calmly in front of the engine driver and in the stoker of old, who leaned out regularly from the "cab" at each station, just displaying the tops of his blue overalls and a grimy look of a ship's navigating room, peering about the front carriage now, because of the curved ceiling of immaculate white boards, with

"THE LEADER," FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1931.

IN THE GARDEN

PEAT FOR PROPAGATORS IN THE GLASSHOUSE

IN Australia very little use is made of peat in glasshouse work. Perhaps this is because we have so few peat deposits, and thus our best peat has to be imported. But it is quite reasonable in price, and so available to all.

So many propagators have used "peat" hops for raising delicate plants from cuttings, and with good success; but this material is not readily available.

At Michigan (U.S.A.) extensive experiments have been carried out with peat as a propagating and a growing medium, and the results were just been published in a bulletin of information. The term "peat" must not be confused with a sandy soil. This latter is usually very old, and has been preserved from decay by submergence and by the absence of air. It is very soft, and contains a fair amount of water, and often hard to induce an absorption of water.

In the extensive experiments referred to above, the results were obtained, in growing certain flowering plants such as petunia, verbena, marigold and zinnia, the results of those grown in peat were very remarkable, the growth often being 25 per cent. more than those grown in ordinary soil. The zinnia plants in some instances produced a growth often twice as much as the plants grown in ordinary soil.

For propagation purposes, peat was also made the basis of many experiments, and being used for comparison. The report shows that with such plants (cuttings) as heliotrope, clove, cotton, cotton, Celostus and Viburnum rooted quite readily and in good percentage. Several conifers, too, rooted very freely.

Of course, there were failures; there were some grasses which were used as a medium gave much better results. But the general opinion is that peat has its definite place in green house management, not only for propagation, but also for cultural work as well.

How I do envy them the days they have together, meeting old friends, discussing stock, crops and the seasons—perhaps some of them even talking over new cars. Cars or no cars, they are men of the old brigade these, though they don't come from Gunn's Gully but are almost neighbours to us.

Long may the Whittlesea bring them down to remind us of the good clean countryside on show week mornings of the future.

But these mornings, it is the romance of the past itself that has come back again—and why? Simply because a half-dozen or so tall, friendly-looking countrymen are there amongst us business-folk, and go bending their honest heads under the low doorway to alight onto Flemington, Bykerk or Spencer Street, thence to make their comradesly way to the show grounds.

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HEIDELBERG COUNCIL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

Present.—Crs. Coate, Phillips, Westfield, Bryant, Hannah, Mrs. Ibbott, Service, Pitcher, Clifton, Jessop, Stanton, J. Ryan.

STATUTORY MEETING

On the motion of Crs. Jessop and Ryan the president's allowance was fixed at £150, a reduction of £50 on last year's figure.

Cr. W. A. Santon (Greenborough) was elected president on the motion of Crs. Jessop and Ryan.

The president, in returning thanks, said with the assistance of the councillors and the staff he had hoped to discharge the duties of the council in the best traditions of the council.

Cr. Coate, in a modest reply, said he had done his best for the council and ratayers, and was grateful for the kind remarks.

ORDINARY MEETING

The president extended a welcome to Cr. J. L. Ryan (Greenborough riding) and Cr. Westfield (Fairfield).

Cr. Ryan and Westfield briefly responded. Correspondence. Health Association, sanitary Health Week will be from October 1 to 10.

Cr. Pitcher proposed it be on the grounds of economy. Municipal Association, requesting council to protest against alienation of motor registration fees to consolidated revenue.

Federate Carriers and Drivers' Industrial Union of Australia, (a) asking the assistance of the council in closing the licensing system of carriers; (b) asking council not to accept ridiculously low tenders for carrying the licensing system of carriers.

City of Northcote, (a) asking council to make a reserved water main and channel at east end of Hastings road. No funds available at present.

St. Mary's Private Hospital, 47 Regent Street, Regent. Asking for installation of street light at south-west corner of Regent and Rathmines streets.

Alphington Progress Association, calling attention to danger at corner of Vauxhall street and Heidelberg road. Traffic button to be installed.

Metropolitan Board of Works, stating that the ejector at Fairfield swimming pool cannot be permitted to drain into the river.

General Garbage Collection (Heidelberg riding). Five tenders. Recommended, A. Sangs (20/6).

General Garbage Collection (Fairfield riding). Five tenders. Recommended, D. Paisley (£158).

General Garbage Collection (Vancouver). Nine tenders. Recommended, M. Shannan (12/6 per day).

Lease of Gt. George Reserve. Recommended, M. Vanhousen (£12).

Lease of Ruckbarr Park. Two tenders. Recommended, Ombor Diven (£12).

Supply of Petrol and Kerosene. Eight tenders. Recommended, W. Bennett (schedule rates).

Ranger J. Linn (Fairfield, Ivanhoe and Heidelberg ridings) reported income of £1,000, stock and payables £1,750 to the treasurer.

W. C. Laurie (Greenborough) introduced two tenders for the rental value of land to the community and using it for public services in lieu of taxation.

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MISS LILLIAN GEORGE (The White Girl) 20,808 Votes

The Northcote Football Club's popular girl contest was brought to a climax on Tuesday night with a Cinderella ball in the town hall. The function was a huge success, socially and financially, and the interest aroused in the contest kept the large gathering simmering with excitement until 10 p.m.

The club's president (Mr. Frank George), in introducing the mayor of the town, introduced the fact that each girl was given a chocolate by the committee and supporters had assisted her. The girls also had their task in a capable manner, each organising their own several committees, obtaining support from various districts in South Australia and Tasmania.

Mr. George, who was received with applause, and as he introduced each girl in the assembly they were heartily applauded. Mr. George said that the wonderful effort of the three girls in raising nearly £300 during their contest of depression had relieved the club and the committee of a great financial strain.

At the beginning of the season the club faced the financial position with grave misgivings, and the committee was very grateful for the practical assistance of the girls. The girls' efforts had increased the club's membership and support, to create one large happy family, so that it may function still more effectively in seasons to come.

The committee also thank the promoters of the "Leader," who have so generously assisted the club in its activities and during this contest by prominently publishing the matter submitted to them. Without this publicity it would have been much more difficult to successfully conduct its many functions.

Miss George, who was received with a warm applause, thanked the club members for their generous support and for her splendid effort. Miss George also received a beautiful bouquet from her grandmother, and one from her committee.

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Northcote Red Cross Auxiliary

ANNUAL MEETING

Over a meeting of about 80 the Mayor of Northcote (Cr. W. Oliver) presided on Wednesday afternoon at Northcote Town Hall. The occasion was the ninth annual meeting of the Northcote Red Cross

Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH NORTHCOTE

11 a.m. H.C. Subject: "Christ Dwelling in the Heart."
 3 p.m. Men's Service.
 7 p.m. Pictorial Service.
 Preacher: Rev. A. H. Constable. All Welcome.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, NORTHCOTE
 Bayview Street

Sept. 27: Trinity XVII.
 Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
 Matins, 11 a.m.
 Evensong, 7 p.m.
 Preacher: The Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY
 (Shaftesbury Parade)

Sept. 27: Sunday School Festival 8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Corporate Sunday School Teachers).
 11 a.m.—Matins & Sermon. Preacher: Ven. Wm. Hancock, M.A., Archbishop of Melbourne.
 3 p.m.—Children's Service. Preacher: Rev. W. A. Shaw, Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, East Brunswick.
 7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon. Preacher: Rev. Dr. A. Law, vicar of St. John's, Toorak.

ST. MARY'S, PRESTON.

Sept. 27: 17th Sunday after Trinity.
 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 10 a.m. Juvenile Church.
 12 a.m. Matins.
 4 p.m. Holy Baptism.
 7 p.m. Evensong.
 Rev. F. Parsons, Vicar.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMES STREET.

10 a.m. H.C. Subject: "The Christian's Duty." Preacher: Rev. J. H. Cameron, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.
 7 p.m. Men's Service.
 Former members and adherents cordially welcomed. Social hour at close of evening service.
 A. J. FISHER, Minister.

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

Quarterly Meetings Northcote

11 a.m.—Rev. J. T. Dugleby, M.M.
 7 p.m.—Rev. F. J. Jennings.
 Prince of Wales Park

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 St. George's Road

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 7 p.m.—Babies' Home Service.
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 3 p.m.—Bible School.
 7 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
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 Full information obtainable from W. E. FINDLAY, Secretary, 35 Normanby Ave., Thornbury.

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 Church Parade—August 23.
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Conducted by the Preston and Northcote Amateur Athletic Club.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1931.

Commencing at the Preston Cricket Ground at 1.30 p.m. and travelling through Northcote and Preston districts and beyond; the first runner to finish on the Preston Park at about 4.15 p.m.

EXHIBITION FIELD GAMES
 Polo, Vaulting, Jumping, Javelin Throwing, etc., by leading Victorian Champions during the absence of the competitors from the ground. (Further reference in this issue).

GRAND MARATHON PARTY DANCE
 In the Preston Town Halls in the Evening. Competitions, novelties, carnival items and old time dancing in Old Hall. Novelties, etc., and modern dancing in New Town Hall. Invitations (payable at door) obtainable from D. McEwen, 21 Northernhay street, Regent, or at ground on day of race.
 C. G. THORNE, Hon. Gen. Secretary.

Queen Victoria Hospital—Thornbury Branch Red Cross Auxiliary.
 Under the patronage of the Mayor & Mayoress of Northcote, and the Hon. H. H. Olney, M.L.C. and Mrs. Olney.

FIRST ANNUAL BALL
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 Good Prizes for Best Sustained Characters (Ladies and Gents) and Most Original (Ladies and Gents)
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TICKETS 6/6
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